

ORANGE BEACH NEWS

ORANGE BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2016



Worship: Sunday 10:00 am

Fellowship: Sunday 11:00 am

Men's Coffee: Tuesdays 9:00 am

Bible study: Thursdays 9:00 am

All are welcome – please invite others!

From the pastor's desk:

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

“Encouraging one another.” I like that. These days I feel like we are spending too much time discouraging one another, dividing ourselves, fighting over politics, being fed by the media, and calling each other names. It's time to get back to the encouraging words. And it's time to read the words of Hebrews closely: “...not giving up meeting together...” Meeting together is an integral part of any community, especially a church community.

Last night Orange Beach held their community potluck dinner and I

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attended for the first time and had a wonderful time. I saw a few friends, and met several new ones. Because I didn't know too many people, I had the opportunity to sit back and observe the people. The community. There were handshakes and hugs, smiles and cheerful greetings. Everyone seemed so genuinely happy to see one another, to talk and reconnect and share a meal. Isn't that what church is all about? Aren't we happy to see not only our brothers and sisters in Christ, but God himself? Wouldn't it be great to see people greeting God in the sanctuary the same way we greet our friends in the community hall? To both reverently and cheerfully greet him, "Hey, there, God! Good to see you! I want to introduce you to my friend here. Can we pull up a chair and share a meal?"

The answer that question, by the way, is YES. You can gather around the Lord's Table and share a meal each and every time we celebrate Holy Communion. And if you think the community potluck has a lot to offer, wait until you see the banquet that has been prepared for you by a God who created the heavens and earth.

There is joy in gathering, in worship, in fellowship, and in study. We gather every Sunday at OBPC to worship not alone, but together. Voices raised in songs of praise, hearts joined in prayer, minds brought together to hear God's Word. We gather to study and encourage one another – we have men's coffee every Tuesday at 9:00 am and we'll be starting a Thursday morning Bible study in just a couple of weeks. I'm going to be reaching out to each and every member to visit, or share a meal, or just have a cup of coffee and some conversation so we can get to know one another. You, too, winter visitors – just as soon as you get here I'm going to want to get to know you!

We are called to be a body of believers. And a body of worshippers, studiers, and encouragers. All different parts of the body, joined together, and meeting together. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

~Kim

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Scheduling Note: Kim will be on vacation August 9-13.

Christian Service Center

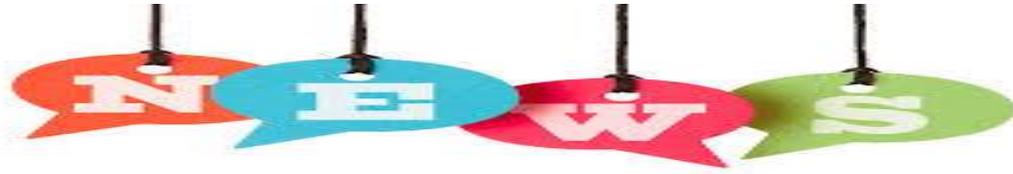


July was OBPC's designated month to collect food and monetary donations for the Christian Service Center in Gulf Shores. CSC serves families in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach with a variety of services, including offering

food. CSC is an organization run 100% by volunteers. They have no paid staff and no money is spent on advertising, which means your donation goes directly to helping others. They are "hand up" focused rather than "hand out" focused, so that while people's immediate needs are met, their long-term needs are addressed with the goal of attaining a permanent solution to their problem. They also provide counseling for clients who have continual needs and make referrals to other agencies.

OBPC collected for the entire month of July, and Esther Hellmich picked up the food and delivered it to the center. That's the trunk of her car in the picture above, and as you can see, it's full! Thank you, all, for your contributions to this ministry. Thank you, also, to Esther, for delivering it all! We also collected \$230.00 in monetary donations, which goes directly to CSC.

Reminder: Family Promise is our next outreach ministry, with families here Sept 4-18. Please be in prayer to discern how God is calling you to serve.



Giving

We will be taking a look at a Christian approach to estate planning this month. On August 28 everyone is invited to gather for a light breakfast and an honest conversation about funeral planning, estate planning, and practical ways to “release personal resources to benefit the work of Christ, while also meeting family and personal needs and expectations.” (Dr. Paul A. Radar, in a review of the book The Final Tithe.)

New Bible Study!

Pastor Kim will be leading an eight-week Bible study on the Book of Ephesians. The study will meet every Thursday at 9:00 am starting on August 25. This study is open to everyone and if you cannot attend all eight sessions, you are more than welcome to drop in as you have the availability. No books required.

Back to School!

School in Baldwin County starts on August 22 – the teachers will return to their classrooms the week prior. OBPC will be offering prayers for the teachers and students. Anyone who would like to write a prayer or a passage of Scripture on a card is welcome to do so. Pastor Kim will deliver these cards to Orange Beach Elementary School so that the teachers and support staff will know that we love and support them. Cards will be available before and after worship, or you can always mail one to our PO box. Kim will also invite the teachers to stop by on their way to the school that week for a cup of coffee and a prayer.

Website

OBPC has the same website address, but a whole new look! Thanks to Jessica Reid, we have an updated site. Please take a look if you haven't already – the site is www.orangebeachpresbyterian.org.

Also, if you are on Facebook, be sure to like our new page – there's a link from the website if you need help finding it.

Jessica Reid and Pastor Kim are the editors, and posting regularly, which reaches many. Yesterday one post about Sunday's sermon reached 312 people in 24 hours.

Best wishes to Jessica Reid as she starts a brand new adventure! With the completion of her Master's degree behind her, she will start a position with Price Waterhouse in Tampa, Florida this month. As much as we hate to see her go, we are all so excited to wish her much success. Congratulations, Jessica!

Prayer Requests

If you have any additions or updates to the prayer list, please email Pastor Kim at obpchurch@gulftel.com.



Nancy Potter

Margaret Walker

Debbie Myers

Brenda Stricklin

Ron Hill

Judy Rutledge

The Steigerwald Family

Myrna Cattlett

Terry Waldron

Martha Heins

Jody Cantwell

Bill Grace

Robin Brown

Jan Borman

Larry Hill

Wally Lindenmuth

Jim Grace

Marion Collins

Sam Pampel

The Goode Family

D.D. Dixon

Winter Visitor News

If you are one of our winter visitors, please feel free to email me any news, updates, birthdays, anniversaries, summer parties, travels, pictures, or anything else you'd like to share.