

ORANGE BEACH NEWS

ORANGE BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 1, 2016

Worship: Sunday 10:00 am

Fellowship: Sunday 11:00 am

All are welcome – please invite others!



From the pastor's desk:

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Philippians 2:14-16.

The stars in space have always been mind boggling to me. It's hard for me to wrap my mind around the distance to the stars, the vastness of space. Astronomers tell us that there are stars that we can see now that have long since burned out, but the light is just now visible in our sky - it's just taken that long for the light to travel. How is that? How can we see something that no longer exists?

Thinking about the stars, how God wants us to shine like the stars, one can see that even when we shine our brightest, that light may take a thousand years to reach someone. But we keep shining, because we have confidence that God will shine our light when and where he needs it. Shining for God is such an honor,

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such a responsibility, such a joy. The light from our stars shoots out in all directions - it's in our children, our relationships, the way we speak to people, the way we act in our everyday lives. It beams with white hot intensity when we pray, when we sing praises to the Lord, when we show others the face of Christ and tell others of the love he has for them. Every time we help the downtrodden, feed the hungry, share a smile, offer a listening ear, show compassion, or invite someone to come to church to meet your brothers and sisters in Christ, we send his light shining out into space, and it is our faith that lets us know that the light we shine will be seen long after we have come and gone. I love my family at OBPC - we shine and burn, we glow and sparkle, we twinkle like the stars, just as God would have us.

Speak boldly, share the love of Christ, and know that our stars' light will shine on for years to come.

Peace,

~Kim

Pentecost Sunday



We celebrated Pentecost on Sunday on May 15. There were decorations in the sanctuary representing both the fire and the doves of the Holy Spirit, and there were balloons at the end of the driveway to beckon people in for worship. There were lots of red outfits as we heard a message about the gift of the Holy Spirit. Looking forward to doing it again next year!! Other additions to worship services: a Litany for Mothers on Mother's Day and a Litany of Remembrance on Memorial

Day weekend. Also on Memorial Day weekend, Ed Freund sang "God Bless the USA" beautifully and brought tears to our eyes. Thank you, Ed!

Prayer Requests

Nancy Potter
Margaret Walker
Debbie Myers
Brenda Stricklin
Ron Hill
Bill West
Jack
Larry Hill

Myrna Cattlett
Wally Lindenmuth
Martha Heins
Jody Cantwell
Bill Grace
Lolly Shirk
Marion Collins

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

Lectionary Readings:

June 5:

- 1 Kings 17:8-24
- Psalm 146
- Galatians 1:11-24
- Luke 7:11-17

June 12:

- 1 Kings 21:1-21a
- Psalm 5:1-8
- Galatians 2:15-21
- Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19:

- 1 Kings 19:1-15a
- Psalm 42
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

June 26:

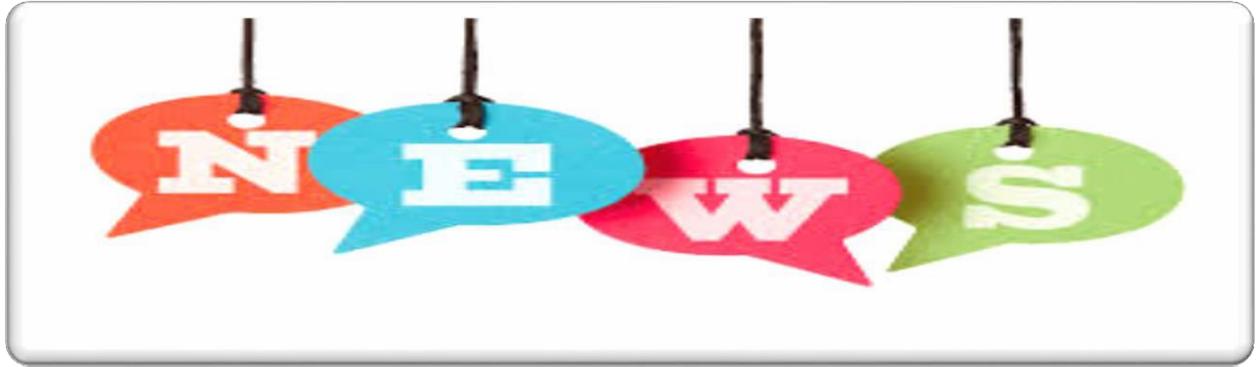
- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
- Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

Upcoming Event!!

June 5 join us in worship as we welcome the youth choir from First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa. They're going to be on the beach for a faith retreat and they have graciously offered to share their talents with us during worship. They'll be several songs during the service, and after church we'll throw them a potluck lunch – come one and all, and please – INVITE FRIENDS!

Seeking small groups!

Anyone who would like to participate in a small group, let's talk! Small groups are a great way to grow a church because it grows relationships. Coffee group? Bible study? Lunch/dinner group? Exercise, beach, knitting, reading, or fellowship group? Meet at the church? Meet at a house? A restaurant? There are no set rules for the perfect small group – just start one!



Website!

Be sure to check out the website for current information. The site is updated weekly with worship information, lectionary readings, upcoming events, and more. If you have anything you'd like added, please send it to: obpchurch@gulftel.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on June 6 at the Gulf Shores Activity Center on Clubhouse Drive from 10:00 to 3:00.

To schedule an appointment, you may call 800-733-2767 or Text BLOODAPP to 90999.

Father's Day Boston Butt Sale Family Promise of Baldwin County

Saturday June 18
9:00 am until noon
Tickets: \$35.00 per Boston butt

PRE-sale only – you must reserve your order prior to pick up

Please see Debbie Freund for tickets, or buy online:
www.familypromisebc.org

Family Promise is a homeless shelter program for homeless families with children. OBPC hosts families twice a year, for two weeks each time.

Winter Visitor News

This blank page is just waiting for some news from our winter family!

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.