

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

OUR ASSEMBLIES

Sunday:
Bible Classes 9:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Tuesday: (Sept-May)
Ladies Class 10:00 AM
Men's Class 10:00 AM

Wednesday:
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

OUR CHIEF SHEPHERD, BISHOP, OVERSEER, HEAD & SAVIOR

Jesus Christ

OUR CREED

The Holy Bible

OUR ELDERS

Buster Herren
Frank Hughes

OUR DEACONS

Jim Davis (*Attendance*)
Charles DeLoach (*Youth*)
Emera Lang (*Visitation*)
Jon Hackett (*Missions, Involvement*)
Don Tassin (*Ushers, Wed Devo*)
Brian Lamar (*Fellowship*)
David High (*Handyman, Transportation*)
Michael Hahn (*Benevolence*)
Larry Rideout (*Technology*)
Lex Moore (*Greeters*)
Barry Shackelford (*Men's Service*)
Ken Wilkerson (*Building & Grounds*)

OUR MINISTERS

Ray Reynolds (*Pulpit*)
Jon Hackett (*Youth*)
ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY

OUR STAFF

Charlene Quick
Helen Chandler
Carol Hoeft
Angel Lamar
Megan Retherford
Roger Quick
Veronica DeLoach

OUR TREASURER

Matt Fetner

LADS TO LEADERS

Stephen Harrison

OUR MISSION WORK

Foreign Missions
Costa Rican Missions
Cuba Missions (37 churches)
Kenyan Missions
Stateside & Local Missions
Agape, The Barefoot Project
Cindy H. Warren (Summerdale)
Child Haven Children's Home
Church of Christ Disaster Relief
Edelto Villa (Union City, NJ)
G.U.L.F. Youth Experience
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Heritage Christian University
HCU (Gulf Shores extension)
Lads to Leaders (Orlando, FL)
N. Ala. Christian Children's Home
Ron Tollette (Summerville, GA)
Snook Christian Academy
T.I.T.U.S. Camp (Florence, AL)
Vision Of Hope Ministries
Our Homes, Businesses & Schools



Sunday Morning Worship

Song Leader

Frank Hughes

736 – Seek Ye First

Welcome & Opening Prayer

David High

Reading: Ruth 1:15-18

Marshall Humphries

490 – To Canaan's Land

714 – I Will Call Upon the Lord

636 – Redeemed

170 – Ten Thousand Angels

"Three Crosses – What Do They Mean?"

MINISTER: Chris Pinney

553 – Do You Know My Jesus?

143 – Low in the Grave He Lay

Lord's Supper

737 – Thank You, Lord

Offering

436 – One Step at a Time

Closing Prayer

Jim Davis

Serving on the Lord's Table:

Gary Nading, Harold Hannah,

Devin Spivey, Colton Lamar,

David High, Peyton Osborn,

Luke Reynolds, Gabe Booker

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements-David High

Song Leader-Don Tassin

Opening Prayer-David Chandler

"What, Me Worry???"

SPEAKER: Chris Pinney

Closing Prayer-Devin Spivey

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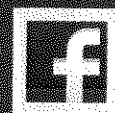
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COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

Here are the individuals from this congregation that will be participating in this years Costa Rica Mission Trip. Each person MUST raise \$1500.00 for the trip by the end of May. If you are able to help financially please see one of the following people, contact Jon Hackett, or the church office.

- Tyler Barnett
- Mark Clearwater
- Alexis DeLoach
- Tara Denney
- Teresa Denney
- Catherine Hackett
- Emily Hackett
- Jon Hackett (Leader)
- Rachel Hackett
- Jasmine Mitchell
- Peyton Osborn
- Sonja Osborn
- Zora Osborn



April 13-16, 2017

L2L CONVENTION

Orlando, FL



GRADUATION SUNDAY

WHO?

Damian Heaton
Jasmine Mitchell
Kyle Melton
Luke Reynolds

WHEN?

May 7, 2017

WHERE?

Baskets For Gifts Will
Be In The Foyer

Reynolds Rap *An Honest & Historical View of Easter (cont'd)*

Why do we have Easter eggs and Easter bunnies? The tradition of "Easter Eggs" is a custom borrowed from the Jews, who borrowed it from the pagans to enhance the Passover celebration. How is that? Let me explain. During the festival of Eostre (or Eastre), rabbits were worshipped to signify fruitfulness and fertility. Eggs, which also represented fertility, were colored like the rays of the sun to signify the northern lights (aurora borealis) or they were colored with the colors of spring. The pagan practice was to roast or boil the eggs first and then exchanged them as gifts. Tradition actually says that pagans who converted to Christianity, began coloring their eggs red to symbolize the blood of Jesus. Another tradition states that Simon of Cyrene was an egg merchant. It is believed that he was on his way with a load of eggs to sell when he was compelled to bear the cross of Christ. Supposedly he hid his eggs while carrying the cross and when he returned for them, he found them with an array of different colors.

What about the Easter lilies and Dogwood blossoms? Lilies are the traditional flower of Easter because they resemble a trumpet, which heralded the resurrection of Christ from heaven and a reminder of the fact that Jesus will one day return from Heaven with the sound of trumpets and the voice of the Archangel. Lilies are mentioned 19 times in the Bible, but none are in connection to the cross or the resurrection. Jesus did speak of lilies and the Song of Solomon (often seen as a representation of Christ and the church) has more references than any other book. As for the dogwood bloom, it does contain a symbol of the cross. Legends have circulated for centuries that the dogwood tree was used for the cross and that it was cursed by God. This is why some believe it is now a small, twisted tree. However, it must probably had that form and shape before the time of Jesus.

Why do churches have special services on Easter? Many congregations traditionally have "Sunrise Services." These traditions are easily equated with the fact that the Bible states that it was "very early in the morning...at the rising of the sun" when the women came to the tomb (**Mark 16:2**). Even though the various days and feasts (mentioned above) may or may not be celebrated in conjunction with a "Sunrise Service" now you know the reasoning behind this tradition. There are no instructions or restrictions regarding any annual holy day in recognition of the resurrection or any other annual holy day. The only true observance and memorial I can find is the weekly observance of the death, the burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ which is commemorated in the Lord's Supper or communion (**Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:11-31, Luke 22:7-23, 31-34, John 13:1-17:26, Acts 2:42, 20:7, I Corinthians 11:17-34, 16:1-2, Revelation 1:10**). Our weekly worship is to be taken seriously and solemnly (**John 4:24**). To be continued next week.....

THOSE BLESSED TO SERVE THE CHURCH FAMILY

Wednesday Night Devo Schedule

4-19 Stephen Harrison (Song), Matt Fetner (Announcements & Prayer), Tom Covington (Devo)
 4-26 Jerry Allison (Song), Buster Herren (Announcements & Prayer), Bob Stoddert (Devo)

April Greeters = Roger Quick (North), Beth Betts/Mildred Barnett (South), The Hahns (Front)

April Food Group

Charlene Quick (Leader) and Joyce Doughty (Co-leader)

April Leader of the Lord's Table = Gary Nading

* Please let him know if you are unable to serve and need a replacement.

Want to help out on Sunday? See Barry Shackelford. Want to help out on Wednesday? See Don Tassin.

RECORDS FOR THE WEEK

Bible Classes	127
Sunday Morning	303
Sunday Evening	98
Wednesday	75
Contribution	\$ 14,933
YTD Contribution	\$ 149,308
Building Fund Contribution	\$ -0-

MEMORY VERSE

"The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here. He has risen from the dead as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was.""

Matthew 28:5-6 (NCV)

Bible Wordsearch

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Rev. 7:10-17

White Robes

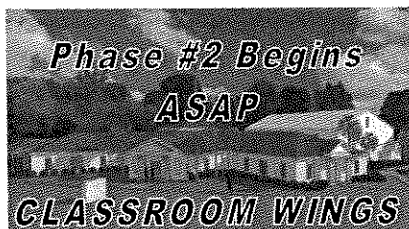
AMEN	BELONGS
ANGELS	CENTER
BEAT	HUNGER
BLOOD	POWER
ELDERS	ROBES
EYES	SALVATION
FACES	SAYING
FELL	SERVE
GLORY	SHEPHERD
GOD	SPREAD
GREAT	SPRINGS
HONOR	STANDING
LAMB	STRENGTH
LEAD	TEMPLE
LIVING	THANKS
LOUD	THIRST
NEVER	THRONE
NIGHT	VOICE
PRAISE	WASHED
TEAR	WATER
TENT	WHITE
WIPE	WISDOM

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 8

MORE PUZZLES AT:
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Building Fund For Phase #2

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WE ARE DEBT FREE!!!
 PRAISE THE LORD!!!

GULF SHORES FAMILY NOTES

Have announcements? Please e-mail them to gscoc@juno.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASSES FOR THE WINTER QUARTER

Sunday Morning

Adults—"The Gospel of Mark" with Frank Hughes (Aud)
 Adults—"The Gospel of John" w/ Buster Herren (Fish Bowl)
 Young Adults—"Numbers" with Ray Reynolds (Gym)
 7-12 Grades—"Current Issues" with Jon Hackett (Teen Rm)

Wednesday

Adults—"A Heart for Ministry" w/ Ray Reynolds (Aud)
 Young Adults—"The Gospel of John" Buster Herren (FB)
 7-12 Grades—"Current Issues" with Jon Hackett (Gym)

CUBA NEEDS: ADULT/CHILDREN VITAMINS

ADDITIONAL CUBA PREACHERS

\$25-\$35 a month to add 15 new preachers (now unpaid) or even a one-time contribution is greatly appreciated.

CROWLEY'S RIDGE CHOIR

TODAY, April 16, 5PM. Give them your support.

SENIOR/SNOWBIRD LUNCHEON

April 20, noon here at the church. Cost is \$6.00

GRADUATION SUNDAY—MAY 7

Damian Heaton, Kyle Melton, Jasmine Mitchell and Luke Reynolds are our graduates this year.
GRADS—GET JON THE PICTURES HE NEEDS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JUNE 11-14

Our theme is "Trailblazers for the Faith." We will have a meeting on April 30, 5pm for anyone wanting to help.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP 2017

June 21-30. Donations accepted to help those going.

SYMPATHY

To the Family of Aletta Reynolds, Ray's grandmother, who passed last Sunday after a lengthy illness.

YOUTH NEWS

May 28-June 2—Gulf Coast Bible Camp—Baldwin Co.
 Week—Brochures and applications in the foyer.
 April 30—Vacation Bible School Meeting @ 5:00pm
 June 21-30—Costa Rica Mission Trip

NURSERY: Kelly Butler

VISITORS: PLEASE SIGN REGISTER BOOKS NEAR EACH DOOR. THANK YOU!!!

NOTIFY THE OFFICE TO BORROW CHURCH ITEMS LOST ITEMS??—SEE THE CHURCH OFFICE

UPDATES FOR PRAYER LIST

Ken Wilkerson, gallbladder issues
 Barbara Wilkerson, virus issues
 Patty Way, out of hospital from pneumonia.
 Rebecca Guinn, vertigo issues
 Patricia Galloway, fractured tibia bone
 Wannah Thompson, health issues
 Eleanor Lockwood, health issues
 Joe McClusky, health issues
 DeWitt Marcum, pancreas surgery went well
 Austin Sellers, waiting treatments
 Janice Sellers, health issues
 John Gill, eye issues
 Terri Cason, health issues
 Dennis McClanahan, still having heart issues
 Carole Gerety, health issues.
 Tony Crumbley at Wm. F. Green-Room 136
 Cindy Melton, health issues
 Roy Ayers, health issues, no visitors right now
 Ken Morris, health issues

Joshua Cross, F. Dorr's g'son, in UAB for lung treatment.
 Lou Rigsby, eye surgery issues
 Bailey Jessop, 12 yr old fr. of Shelton Allen, has osteosarcoma
 Eric Myers, friend of the Allens, brain cancer
 Janice Ortman, regular visitor, mass on right kidney.
 Bill Booth, Angel's gpa, 93, tube put in lung for drainage.
 Gerald Mancill, home and on hospice.
 Mattie Mae Boatwright, Tommy's mom, various health issues
 Nina Sawyer, Wannah's sister, not doing well, had MRI
 Gwen Jones, sister of JV Lamar, in hospital, var. health issues
 Jennifer Nelson, daughter of Sandy Lamar, stroke/hlth issues
 LeAnn Anderson, Nading's dtr, tumor is shrinking.
 Mark Barczykowski, Quick's nephew, foot surgery recovery
 Judy Huie, Rosa Willis' sister, lung cancer.
 Ida Killough, Janice Sellers' sister, possible liver cancer
 Katie Hamrick, Angel Lamar's cousin, liver issues
 Toby Wilson, friend of the Lamars, lymphoma
 Sonya Shafer, Quick's granddaughter, health issues
 Andrew Park, Theresa Hale's cousin, tumor returned
 Marcell Pontiff, health issues (friend of B. Lamar)
 Pam Barcus, gall bladder issues, COPD
 Elizabeth Conway, heart issues
 Yvonne Reynolds, Ray's step-grandma, dementia
 Don Brewer, health issues
 Lynn Clark, cousin of the Chandlers, cancer
 Military—Nick Galek, Alyssa North

CHECK THIS PRAYER LIST—IF THEIR CONDITION HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE