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## CHURCH INFORMATION

### SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Study Classes

8:45 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Worship—10 a.m.

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## THE BREEZE October 2023



October 29

5 - 7 p.m.



\*\* Trunk signup and assignments will be in the Fellowship Hall starting Oct. 8. There will also be a sign up sheet for you to bring a side dish to share.

\*\* We are asking you to decorate your trunk and give out candy to the kids in our community. Our goal is to have at least 20 cars lined up in the parking lot!

\*\* Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to this amazing evening of fellowship!

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# Conference Disaffiliation Response

Dear Gulfview Church:

The Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees has reviewed and denied Gulfview's request to continue in the disaffiliation process.

Gulfview will NOT be allowed to proceed to a vote on disaffiliation. Sadly, this outcome is not unexpected.

At the annual conference in June, the conference rewrote the rules necessary for disaffiliation with the express intent to make it more difficult for churches to remove themselves from the denomination.

Only one church in the conference has been permitted to proceed to a vote. As many as 50 have already been denied continuing the process.

At the start of the disaffiliation process, Alabama West Florida Bishop David Graves repeatedly said that "he wanted churches to be able to get to where they needed to go." That opportunity for Gulfview to go through the discernment process to determine that has been denied.

From the outset, my primary thought process has been that this decision is too big for the future of this church to be taken out of the hands of the congregation. Sadly, that is now the case.

Being in contact with other churches that have been denied the right to vote appear to be following three options: first, seek the church closure paragraph in 2549 that will go into effect in 2024 which is very restrictive, likely to cost more money, and still needs to be approved by the conference trustees; second, litigation, which is costly and time consuming; or third, groups of church members are leaving their churches and starting new congregations in their respective areas.

None of these options appear to be viable for Gulfview.

Churches from two United Methodist conferences in Oklahoma and North Georgia sued the church after their respective conference changed the rules mid-stream in the disaffiliation process. Both won in court. In North

Georgia, 185 churches that were denied the right to vote filed a class action suit and each one was granted the opportunity to vote. But our primary focus, as it has been, is to do God's will.

Our church is made up people with varying beliefs including denominations other than Methodist Church. We love each other. We serve together. We worship together. We help others together. We make disciples together. We lead people to Christ together.

There will be people that are happy with the decision by the conference. There will be people extremely upset. My prayer is that all of us trust God. We serve a mighty God, let God reign. Pray for your church.

God's spirit is here. God's work is being done. There are things out of our control. But serving God with "heart, mind, soul, body, soul, and strength" is not one of them. Don't forget, you control that.

In Christ,

Pastor Brad

## Church Council Meeting Summary

The Church Council met on Monday, Sep. 25, 2023. This is a summary.

- ◆ Membership up: 129
- ◆ Most Capital Improvements have been completed and the Pavilion will start soon. The pavilion name: **The Gathering Place at the Legacy Pavilion at Gulfview.**
- ◆ Children's Church has started and a new men's class is coming soon. A Children's Chair is needed to make the schedule and coordinate the volunteers.
- ◆ Evangelism is seeking mentors for the Ark and Community Bible Study leaders at local apartment complexes.
- ◆ New Guest cards are being developed for the pews.
- ◆ Volunteers needed to welcome guests before and after Worship Service.
- ◆ Nominations were approved for 2024. Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!!
- ◆ Responded to the Conference's denial to proceed in the disaffiliation process. No action was taken.

Next meeting: Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. to discuss 2024 Budget



Tailgate  
Dinner

Wednesday  
September 20



## UMM Meeting and Dinner



On Oct. 23 at 6 p.m, Debbie Timmons will be sharing with us about Kairos Prison Ministry International. Debbie has been a passionate volunteer with Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside in Alabama and in NW Florida as the Advisory Council Chair for Kairos Outside. She also serves as a National Trainer for Kairos Outside since 2013 developing their future leaders.



Our men's programs this year have included recognizing and responding to health issues by Don Hardy and Lonnie Mead, being more prepared in estate planning to help those we leave behind by Ron Larsen, and being informed about places for ministry at Project Hope by Zachary Hatfield and two students; the Panama City Rescue Mission by Ross Clemons; and this month's program on Kairos by Debbie Timmons. Men involved in prison ministry at Washington NW Reception Center and Annex will also have time to share.

**Please place this dinner on your schedule and come hear Debbie and learn more about this opportunity and how we can support it.**

## United Women in Faith

~ Submitted by Kathy Hardy

We have some busy months ahead of us, and the holidays will be upon us soon!

Oct. 8 is the kick-off of Operation Christmas Child for children in other countries. Kathi Hall will be the contact for this program and more information is in the article below.

Oct. is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. In honor and memory of members past and present, and our loved ones that may have had this illness, the United Women in Faith

will be hosting the Oct. Fellowship dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Please join us one and all in remembering those that may no longer be with us.

On Nov. 5 and 12, we will be collecting Thanksgiving food items to place in bags for some of the students at West Bay Elementary. There will be a location in the Fellowship Hall for donated items. We will have a list of items that we would like for the bags and monetary donations are also welcome! At our meeting on Nov. 13, we will assemble the bags for delivery

before Thanksgiving.

And now we are in Dec, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus: On Sunday, Dec. 3, we will have our annual Christmas Shoppe and Bake Sale after the service. Items go fast and the baked goods are always delicious! Our Third Annual "Mingle and Jingle" Christmas Luncheon will be Dec. 11. Invitations will be sent to all the women of the church. If there is a woman that you would like us to invite, please let me know.

## Operation Christmas Child

~ Submitted by Kathi Hall

The mission of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of all nations.

"Make disciples of all the nations." Matthew 28:19

Operation Christmas Child is a global program facilitated through hundreds of thousands of trained volunteers. Local believers in more than 100 countries deliver OCC shoebox gifts, present the Gospel, and then facilitate the follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

Gulfview has provided 100+ boxes for members to pick up and fill with gift items during the month of Oct.. Please visit the display board in the Fellowship Hall for gift ideas, and then get busy praying over the items you choose to include for a child.



Fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items are the main gifts to purchase. Our Seaside Stitches will be donating T-shirt dresses and T-shirts along with a large goodie box of "free" fillers.



Samaritan's Purse suggests we send \$10 for every box we pack and donate, so there will be a donation box at the display table. If you prefer to write a check directly to Samaritan's Purse, please make your check out to them and slip into the donation box. This \$10 donation covers the cost of Processing, Shipping, Specialized Transport to secondary delivery sites, the Greatest Gift Booklet and training done at local churches.

Good motto from a volunteer, "Since I am the giver, I will pay to deliver."

Do not tape boxes closed. You can use large rubber bands to secure over-packed boxes. Labels will be provided along with a list of gift suggestions and a do not include list of items.

# October 2023 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments 11:30a Choral Christmas practice	<b>2</b> 1p Seaside Stitchers	<b>3</b> 5:30p Choir Practice Room 100	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H. 9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments 11:30a Choral Christmas practice	<b>9</b> 1p <b>UWF Meeting</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30p Choir Practice Room 100	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H. 9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	<b>13</b> Church Office Closed	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments 11:30a Choral Christmas practice	<b>16</b> 1p Seaside Stitchers Room 200 3p <b>Welcome Bag</b> <b>Workshop</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30p Choir Practice Room 100	<b>18</b> 6p <b>Faith, Food &amp;</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> <b>Breast Cancer</b> <b>Awareness</b> <b>In Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H. 9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	<b>20</b> Church Office Closed	<b>21</b> 6:45a <b>Community</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>First UMC, PC</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments 11:30a Choral Christmas practice	<b>23</b> 1p Seaside Stitchers 6p <b>UMM Meeting/</b> <b>Dinner in F.H.</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30p Choir Practice Room 100	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H. 9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments 11:30a Choral Christmas practice 5p <b>TRUNK OR</b> <b>TREAT-GULFVIEW</b>	<b>30</b> 1p Seaside Stitchers	<b>31</b> 5:30p Choir Practice Room 100				

## BIRTHDAYS

3	Ann Anderson
7	Carol McGraw
9	Brenda Rees
11	Gayle Mead
15	Bonnie Brant
21	Reese Chapman
22	Ann Sellers
	Tom Hodson
26	Connie Lovingood
27	Debbie Timmons

## FINANCE REPORT

<b>Cash Flow Summary — Year to Date</b>	
In	\$205,440.97
Out	\$195,965.10

<b>Cash Flow Summary — August 2023</b>	
In	\$29,551.52
Out	\$24,828.52

## KAIROS - Visit Our Women

Here is a great opportunity for you to help Kairos Outside. Our women's weekend is Oct. 13-15. It's at Bethlehem Camp in Bonifay, FL, so it is easy for people to come make these women feel loved and welcomed by the church.

Please consider coming for one of these important events.

☞ Saturday night Walking in Love, arrive at 7:30 p.m., service begins at 8 p.m. Dining Hall.

☞ Sunday Closing arrive at 1:30 p.m., service begins at 2 p.m. Conference Center.

Bethlehem Family Camp  
3073 Co Rd 160  
Bonifay, FL 32425

(Enter through back entrance and park at the end opposite of entrance. Signs will posted.)

## ANNIVERSARIES

2	Bob & Sharon Hoffman
6	Michael & Monica Cullison
10	Arthur & Julia Stout
14	Wayne & Lori Williams
16	Pastor Brad & Jill Zimanek
21	Steve & Eve Berkebile
26	Milton & Judy Oglesby
28	Neil & Nancy Todd

## WELCOME BAGS WORKSHOP

Can you cut, press or stitch? Come join us make Welcome Bags for Gulfview's Sunday visitors. Meet in Room 200 Seaside Stitchers on Monday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m.