



April 29 Newsletter

The Family Church at the Family Beach

Church family,

This spring I have been at odds with a raccoon in my yard. It has done quite a bit of nightly mischief around my house by tearing down the bird feeders, destroying a squirrel feeder, messing up the compost, eating birds' eggs, knocking over and attempting (one time successfully) to get into garbage cans, and doing other destructive things. I love feeding the birds and watching the nests with subsequent little babies, but in order to try to get this raccoon to move back into the woods, I have taken down the feeders and anything that might attract birds to build nests other than in trees, and replaced garbage cans with metal ones. But still every night I hear this raccoon getting into things, trying to find food. I have nothing for it, but it just won't give up!

Its persistence started me thinking about my relationship with God. There are times of plenty in all of our lives, and times of being in the proverbial dry land. That is not the time to give up or to be consumed with fear, worry, anxiety or discouragement! The Bible promises that those who know His name and trust in Him are not forsaken by Him (Psalm 9:10). It also promises that those who seek God with all their hearts will find Him (Proverbs 8:17). He rewards those that seek Him (Hebrews 11:6), and the Lord is good to those who seek Him and wait for Him (Lamentations 3:25).

May our prayer be like David's when he was in the Desert of Judah. "O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." The birds are still nearby in the woods behind my house. They still sing their glorious songs in spite of finding no food at my house. That is what I want to do—to keep singing in the desert places of life. As Habakkuk 3 says, though there are no figs, grapes, olive crops, productive land, no sheep or cattle, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength!

Worship Leader,
Kathleen Gambrell

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Inside Service
- Sunday School
- 10:30 AM: Inside Service
- Sunday School

Sunday Evenings

- 4:00 PM: Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM: Adult Equipping Classes
- Good News Club (Pre-school-5th grade)
- Student Ministry (6th-12th grade)

Tuesdays

- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, May 6: National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 7

- 6:00 PM: Family Fellowship Night

Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day

No Evening Services

Sunday, May 16

- 11:45 AM: Discover FBC (for New and Prospective Members)
- 6:00 PM: Prayer Night

Sunday, May 23

- Observance of the Lord's Supper
- 6:00 PM: Spring Family Night

Sunday, May 30:

No Evening Services



St. Gabriel Devotional

We are beginning a devotional at St. Gabriel assisted living/memory care starting May 11 at 3:00 PM. This will continue on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Martha Bullard if you are interested in serving in this ministry. She needs devotional speakers, pianists, singers, and anyone who has a heart for the homebound.

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People
What Is The Church?; Luke 9:1-17

- I. The Message Of Our Mission (1-6)
- II. The Cost Of Our Mission (7-9)
- III. The Power Of Our Mission (10-17)



Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School
The Incredible Race
June 21-25: 6-8 PM

2021-2022 Budget Requests

It is time for committees, coordinators, and ministry teams to prepare their budget requests for the 2021-2022 budget. Please submit a written detail request to the Finance Committee by June 20. **Same as last year is not a budget request.**