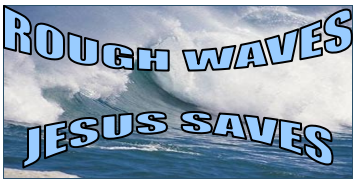


Welcome to the June 1, 2018 edition of the Bayshore Gardens Community Church Beacon! We are pleased to continue to provide updates on the life and ministry of the church. Also, we invite you to join us in worship this Sunday! Finally, we encourage you to personally bring a friend to experience God!

During the past month (May) we prayed for these folks who had particular concerns: Shirley Brown, Debbie Fahey, Barbara Henning, Pastor Dan Herlein, Kathy Palk's mother Mimi, Pat Palmer [see note below], Earl Shoemaker, Jeffrey Williams and our Shut-Ins: Fred Geldmaker, Muriel Johnson, Ken and Marcia Russell and Evelyn Tolsma.



We wish to extend our love and sympathy to Jeanie Smith, and her family in the death of her mother, Pat Palmer. Pat went home to our Lord on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Cards may be sent to: Jeanie at 2707 Tulane Avenue, Bradenton, Florida 34207-5058. May God's love flow over you and His compassionate heart fill yours with peace.



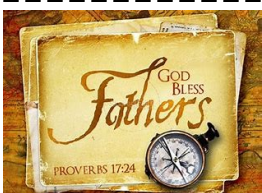
VACATION BIBLE CAMP BEGINS JUNE 4 AND RUNS THROUGH JUNE 8.

Each evening we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM with an ending at 8 PM. Our theme this year is Rough Waves - Jesus Saves.

Stories we will share are: 1. Noah and the Ark; 2. Moses and the Red Sea; 3. Jonah and the Big Fish; 4. Jesus calls the Disciples; 5. Jesus Walks on Water / review of what they have learned.

Creative crafts, games, and tasty snacks along with special surprise treats to eat each evening. What Fun!!

Please pray for the children who will attend, the staff and all the volunteers who will share their "Love of God and their Love of Others".



**WHAT IS A DAD?** A Dad Is Someone Who Wants To Catch You Before You Fall But Instead Picks You Up, Brushes You Off, And Lets You Try Again. A Dad Is Someone Who Wants To Keep You From Making Mistakes But Instead Lets You Find Your Own Way, Even Though His Heart Breaks In Silence When You Get Hurt. A Dad Is Someone Who Holds You When You Cry, Scolds You When You Break The Rules. Shines With Pride When You Succeed, And Has Faith In You Even When You Fail. **THAT'S A SUPER DAD!**

Dear friends of Bayshore Gardens Community Church-

Greetings to you in the name of our wonderful and risen savior Jesus Christ! I have really enjoyed our time together over the last two weeks in this current series, and I look forward to this Sunday. Here is the "Readers Digest" version of where we have been and where we are going in our current sermon series.

**WORSHIP.** To worship God is a lifestyle decision, not a box that we check once each week. The most beneficial attitude of approaching worship is hunger for the presence of God, not a consumer approach to being entertained. The best indicator that we have worshipped is whether or not we are being transformed by God and growing (or to use a scary word, changing). So, come hungry this Sunday for more of God!

**WELCOME.** We all fit into the "lost son" category of the parable of the lost son, whether it is the younger son or the older son. The one thing they both have in common is that their misguided paths to life both leave them lost. So the parable and its application are both centered on the extravagant love of the Father and our response more so than which child is better or worse. Regardless, we have a Father who comes running to welcome us with an open embrace. And the best indicator that we have been affected by that welcome might very well be how welcoming we are to all of the other lost sons and daughters we encounter on our faith journey. We agreed to be welcoming in a few ways, one of which was to bring people to church this Sunday.

**WE.** There is a saying: "No Man Is an Island." In terms of faith, it is true that there is no such (biblical) thing as a "lone wolf" Christian. *(Full disclosure: this has been and is an area where I struggle.)* But what ought Christian community and those relationships really look like in today's world? Because, it's easy to refrain from opening up our true selves. It's easy to refrain from asking for help. It's easy for us to judge and distance ourselves from someone who struggles. What guidance does Jesus have for us on this?

Here are a few housekeeping items:

June is an exciting month for the Sedlaks. Both of the Sedlak children have birthdays, plus its Fathers Day! Although, with kids as awesome as mine there are lots of days that feel like Fathers' Day.

"Coffee with the Pastor" is also taking a hiatus for the summer. This has been a really wonderful time of getting to know many of you, while discussing important topics of the faith. I look forward to regrouping and continuing our fruitful discussions in the fall.

Vacation Bible Camp starts on Monday June 4! Please join me in praying for the children and volunteers! Thank you to those who are serving in this fun ministry!

That's all for now y'all! See you on Sunday!

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**Pastor Dustin**

Amount Needed for May's Monthly Budget	Amount Received for May's Monthly Budget
\$ 3,648.68 x 5 Sundays = \$ 14,594.72	\$ 11,403.00 General Budget

**Please remember that our expenses continue even when you cannot be here.**

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