



Catch the Wave at Bayshore PC

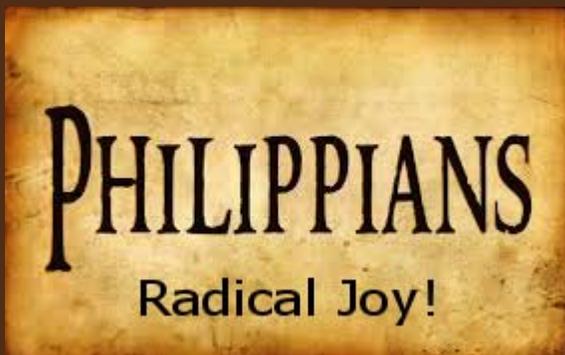
Tidings

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Don't miss our new series on
the book of....



September

"The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
the air is full
Of smells to feel-
Ripe fruit, old footballs,
Burning brush,
New books erasers,
Chalk, and such.
The bee, his hive,
Well-honeyed hum,
and mother cuts
Chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean
with suds, the days
Are polished with
A morning haze."
John Updike

September: it was the most beautiful of words, he'd always
felt, evoking orange-flowers, swallows, and regret.
Alexander Theroux



OUR
PASTOR

Psalm 107:29-32

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea (a) were hushed.

30 They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for mankind.

32 Let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people and praise Him in the council of the elders.

This month of September has surely been one of storms – both in our personal lives and in the will of Mother Nature! On a personal level, Ted and I were rocked with the news that he needed immediate triple bypass surgery. We were further rocked by the news that Bayshore’s Administrator, Linda Peach, had suffered two heart attacks the same week as Ted’s surgery. Then Mother Nature threw a blast at the State of Texas and we saw devastation like we believed we had never seen before and would never see again. Then Irma comes along and delivers equal, if not more severe, destruction to the State of Florida!

For many, nerves were frazzled and you felt tense and overly alert awaiting the unknown. Emotions vacillated between fear of an unknown future and the need and requirement to press on with the tasks of your daily lives. This was all followed by the necessity to prepare for the coming storm. You watched hours of television as you tracked the storm’s progress. You stood in lines for gas. You stared at empty grocery shelves where once there had been plentiful water and canned soup. You searched for those flashlights that you just couldn’t quite remember where they were. Then their batteries were dead!

As it was forecast that the eye of the storm would be over Tampa Bay, the next issue for you to confront was to evacuate or to stay put. For those in “Zone A” in Tampa it was no longer a choice! It evidently took several days, but eventually all the residents at Howell Park next door to our church, were successfully evacuated. Ted and I evacuated to my college roommate’s home in Gainesville Georgia. The first day we travelled from Tampa to Warner-Robins, Georgia. That trip is normally a five hour trip. However, that day due to the unbelievably heavy traffic, it took ten hours. We returned the following Tuesday and a trip that normally takes 8-9 hours, took us 16 hours. We left Gainesville, Georgia at 9:30 a.m. and arrived in Tampa at 1:30 a.m. the next morning. We were exhausted but oh so grateful to be safely home!

My prayer for each of us is that as we weathered this storm that we were aware that God was with us. I pray that God gave you his peace which surpassed your understanding. As the storm battered, were you able to stay centered on Christ? I am sure that you were able to do whatever needed to be done, but I pray that you accomplished that with confidence in our God and without undue fear.

May we have learned from this storm that we need in times of difficulty, to simply say to ourselves, “I know God’s peace. Be still.” Breathe, relax and even sing praise. God is in this life, and all its turmoil. As we go from this point, I pray that each of you will remain confident and calm in the days ahead. We will pray as a congregation, and individually, for those who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Irma. We will continue our prayers for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We will answer the call of God to bring compassionate assistance to those in need. Please contact Debi Pridgen with any concerns or ideas you may have as to how Bayshore Presbyterian may best aid those in need. We also need to consider how we can perhaps be better prepared to help others in future disasters. May God’s strength and peace continue to be with each of you!

In Christ’s Love,

Celie

Our Church



A very interesting phenomenon was the receding water from Tampa Bay.

You think they found any ole Pirates at the bottom? "Gordon"



Irma's eye was centered over Lakeland, Linda's home. The church had some debris and a little water in community room area. BPC was blessed to have very minimal damage.



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Calendar

9/26 Worship Committee at 5:30 PM
10/1 Peace and Global Witness offering
10/8 2nd Sunday Lunch
10/10 Session 7 PM



From BPC

October

Ted W. 10/19
David G. 10/20
Margaret Z. 10/31