



Catch the Wave at Bayshore PC

Tidings

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**May this year be filled with faith and dreams,
much fun and adventurous schemes.**

**I hope you read some fine books
and relish the results of a wonderful cook.**

**Don't forget to make some art
and surely love someone with all your heart!**

**Be filled with music deep in your soul
keeping a joyous melody your goal.**

**Serve others in humble love
being an instrument of God above!**

L. Peach

Bayshore Forum (Formly Adult Sunday School) – Come and see our New Format –
New Material - New Contributors - at 9:30 AM. A time of discussion. You may contribute
or just absorb. You may suggest topics of interest to you. Come and be enriched!



Our Pastor



“Happy New Year!” “Happy New Year!” –How often we hear this phrase and how often we say it to family and friends. But what can we do, what must we do, to insure a year that is stronger and more meaningful than any year thus far in our lives? How can this one be the very best of all no matter what occurs? No matter what circumstances we find ourselves in?

We have discussed previously the need for quiet and reflection. Let’s think about that again for a moment as we begin this new year. In our worried, over -filled lives, it is clear that we are usually surrounded by so much outer noise that it is hard to truly hear our God when he is speaking to us. We have often become deaf, unable to know when God calls us and unable to understand in which direction he leads us.

We must discipline ourselves to listen for God’s voice. The prophet Elij did not encounter God in the mighty wind or in the earthquake or in the fire, but in the small voice (1 Kings 19:9-13). It is only through the practice of a spiritual discipline that we become attentive to that small voice and willing to respond when we hear it. It is that discipline which I pray each of us will try to make a part of our daily lives in the year to come! A spiritual life without discipline is impossible. Discipline is the other wise of discipleship. The practice of a spiritual discipline makes us more sensitive to the small, gentle voice of God!

When we fail to listen for God our lives become absurd. In the word “absurd” we find the Latin word “surdus”, which means deaf. A spiritual life requires discipline because we need to learn to listen to God, who constantly speaks but whom we seldom hear.

When, however, we learn to listen, our lives become obedient lives. The word “obedient” comes from the Latin word “audire”, which means “listening.” A spiritual discipline is necessary in order to move slowly from an absurd to an obedient life, from a life filled with noisy worries to a life in which there is some free inner space where we can listen to our God and follow His guidance.

In the months ahead in Tidings, we will discuss and consider some aspects of a disciplined spiritual life as we journey together through 2018 with the goal of enriching and deepening our spiritual lives individually and as a worshipping congregation here at Bayshore Presbyterian.

Happy New Year with love from Pastor Celie.

Pastor Celie

Our Church



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service



Thank you so very much for the lovely Christmas presents. Amazing handmade bags by Peggy G. filled with wonderful taste treats and pretties. Celie, Carolyn and Linda love and appreciate your thoughtful gifts!!



Happy February Birthday

Marlene S. 2/3

Dick G. 2/21

Henry G. 2/22

Calendar

- 1/20 Men's Breakfast at Village Inn
- 1/20 & 1/27 Gasparilla Parade parking on BPC lot
- 1/21 Annual Meeting after worship
- 2/6 Session at 6 PM
- 2/13 Shrove Tuesday
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday - Valentines Day