

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024



Church family,

I am excited about the outward reach of Magnolia UMC in this community as witness to the grace and love of Jesus Christ. I want to share with you two new ministries that will begin soon. Beginning October 8th, Magnolia will host a new ministry called “Caring Connections” for children with special needs and their caregivers. It will provide a monthly opportunity for play, music, crafts, and refreshments for the children (ages 6 months through 6 years) and a time of respite and fellowship for the caregivers. On October 26th at 10:00 a.m., our church and FPC will sponsor “Partners in Grace Cancer Support Group.” The group will meet each month and provide an opportunity for those impacted by cancer and their caregivers to develop community and support for their journey.

There will be more opportunities for ministry in the weeks to come. Seek out your place of service!

I'll see you Sunday!

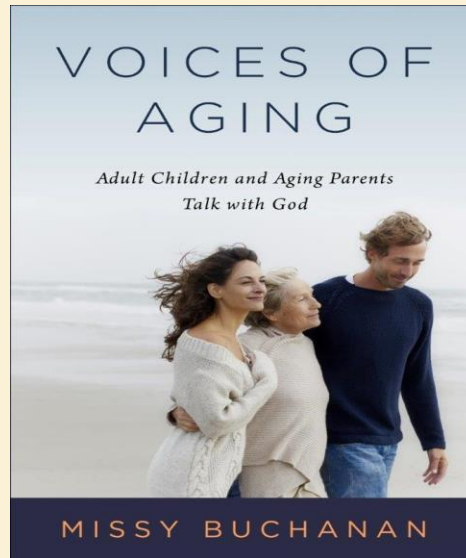
Pastor Todd



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

We look forward to seeing everyone at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores (FPC) at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings for the morning are Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-10, 14-17; and Luke 19:1-10. The title of the sermon is "Time to Come Down."

The Magnolia UMC t-shirts and polos have arrived! They will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. As a reminder, the cost is \$20. *If you didn't order a shirt there are several still available in a variety of sizes. Please see Pastor Todd or Esther if you'd like to purchase a shirt.*



David McLean and Kathy Lindsey are facilitating a study of Missy Buchanan's book, *Voices of Aging – Adult Children and Aging Parents Talk to God* each Wednesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study will last five weeks and conclude on October 2nd.



It's finally time for our monthly fellowship meals to begin again! On September 18th at 5:00 p.m., we'll have burgers coming off the grill for our fall kick-off meal. In addition to the good food, we'll be playing bingo. Bingo cards can be secured with a \$5.00 donation. All winnings will be donated to one of three local charities/ministries. (Bright Bridge Ministries, Family Promise, or Safe Harbor Animal Coalition)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer is central to our relationship with God and each other. If you have a prayer request concerning yourself or an immediate family member, please send an email to pastor@magnolia-umc.org. Your request will be published in the order of worship each week and we'll be praying as a congregation for each person. If you have a prayer request that needs to remain private, please reach out to Pastor Todd (251-522-3936).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Each week, we collect food and take it to the *Blessing Boxes*. Please be in prayer about how you want to support this ministry. You can bring food, help distribute food, give funds so food can be bought, and everyone can pray for those receiving support through the *Blessing Boxes*. We will have a container to collect canned goods and dry goods in the Narthex every week.

THE SCHEDULE – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Snacks (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School

Tuesday, September 10

7:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (Duck's Diner – Orange Beach)

Wednesday, September 11

10:00 a.m. – Voices of Aging (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 p.m. - Magnolia Singers Rehearsal

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If there is something you need or if you have a question or comment, please reach out to Pastor Todd Dowdy at pastor@magnolia-umc.org or call the church office at 251-522-3936.

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*You are welcome here. No matter where you have been.
No matter what you have done or left undone.
You are welcome in love and grace.
May you find rest and renewal.
May you find hope and love and peace.
This is what God offers to us all.*