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3 New courses:
sign up now to reserve your seat.

New activities: read more about them here:

Winter events to enrich your stay in Gulf Shores, Alabama in 2010

Join us for 3 Outstanding Courses at GSFPC

You are here in Gulf Shores, now enrich your life with three outstanding courses. All are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Call or email the church to register.

"How to Look at Art" will permanently change what you think about, what you see, and how you experience paintings. Paul Welch, an accomplished artist and the former director of the Art department at Northwestern Michigan College has both an artists' and a professor's experience, and combines both with a relaxed, engaging presentation style. The course meets on Mondays for 8 weeks, starting Jan 4 through Feb. 22 from 10:30-11:45 and is free.

"The Wisdom Books of the Old Testament: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job" is an exciting look at often neglected but powerful books of the Bible. "Wisdom literature" looks at the world with a specific perspective on life, on God, on suffering and on the meaning of life. Toby Gurley, of Fairhope is the teacher. He is a graduate of "the Academy for Equipping the Saints" course and enjoys a reputation for engaging, effective, and challenging teaching. You will not want to miss it. The course meets on Wednesdays for 8 weeks, from Jan.6 through Feb. 24.

"First Corinthians as its first readers read it" will change the way you look at First Corinthians, at Paul, and maybe at the New Testament. Taught by Steven Kurtz who taught Bible for over a decade in Croatia, this

course will set the whole discussion in the context of the first century Hellenized Roman world, enabling us to understand the issues and appreciate the solutions offered. We will meet on Thursdays at 10:00 for 20 weeks starting Jan.7.

Courses to attend:

Mon. 10:30 How to Look at Art

Wed. 10:30 The Wisdom books of the Old Testament

Thursday 10:00 First Corinthians as its first readers read it

Winter in Gulf Shores:
make the most of it!

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DON'T MISS THE 2ND ANNUAL

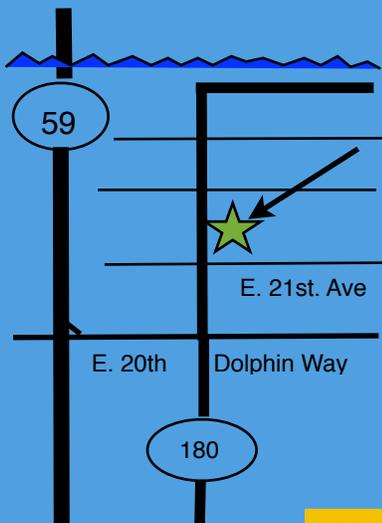
Mission Festival/Service Fair: Jan 23rd, 11:00-2:00

Benefits the Baldwin Co. Sheriff's Boy's Ranch

Featuring slow roasted Boston Butts, BBQ sandwiches, music by the Jubilee Pickers. Contact the church to reserve whole butts.

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Prayer Shawl knitting ministry
is open to everyone!
Every Tuesday morning from
9:30 to 10:30



Tutors

for
our after school Tutoring
Program: we need you

- elementary age kids
- Tues. & Thurs. afternoons
- contact us for details

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Men Only: M.C.D. Group

every Fri. 7:00-8:00 a.m. starts Jan. 8th

Only **Men**, Only **Coffee & Donuts**. No

program, no lesson, just conversation - free - no strings
attached.

LOVING GOD,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

snow bird
friendly

And there is more: keep checking with us!

2 Saturday Seminars that you will want to attend:

Back by popular demand, these two seminars have been popular with many. They solve a problem we all have: we always look at the individual pieces of the Bible, verses, paragraphs, even books, and lose sight of the whole picture. We look at the trees and miss the forest.

The solution is to see how it all fits together; the large picture; the big story that makes sense of all the smaller stories.

Plus, we often approach the Bible, especially the Old Testament, as if it was hanging in mid-air, disconnected from world history, floating in a world all its own. Nothing could be further from the truth. In

fact, knowing something about the big picture of the "Ancient Near East" actually makes Abraham, Moses and David spring to life in brand new ways.

The New Testament is somewhat in better shape in our minds, but still, from the world of the Maccabees to Masada, we only glimpse in fleeting ways the setting that helps make sense of Jesus, Judas, Pontius Pilate, Paul, and the house churches of the New Testament period.

Anyway, it really does all make perfect sense - not that it's easy - but seeing the entire landscape laid out in one setting each, for both Testaments, helps regain perspective.

These seminars both meet on Saturdays for one hour starting at 10:00 a.m. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.

Red Cross Blood Drive here Jan. 27 8:00-noon

They are free, but seating is limited. Contact the church to reserve your seat.
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Saturday Seminars

The Whole Old Testament in One
Hour **Feb. 13**

The Whole New Testament in One
Hour **Feb. 20**

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Do you have a good place
to worship yet?

Join us

We offer 2 Worship Services each Sunday morning:
Contemporary Worship (relaxed style, upbeat music) 8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship (formal - but not crazy-formal) 10:45 a.m.

Child care is always provided - bring the kids and the grand-kids!

We are a welcoming church: you have a place here.

We are experts in turning strangers into friends