



Emerald Crossing
Vacation Bible School
June 22-26, 5-8:pm

Psalm 23, King David, Is God
real? Can we trust the Bible?

Stories, Crafts, Science experi-
ments, Games, food, and music!

Find out more on our Special
2026 VBS website :

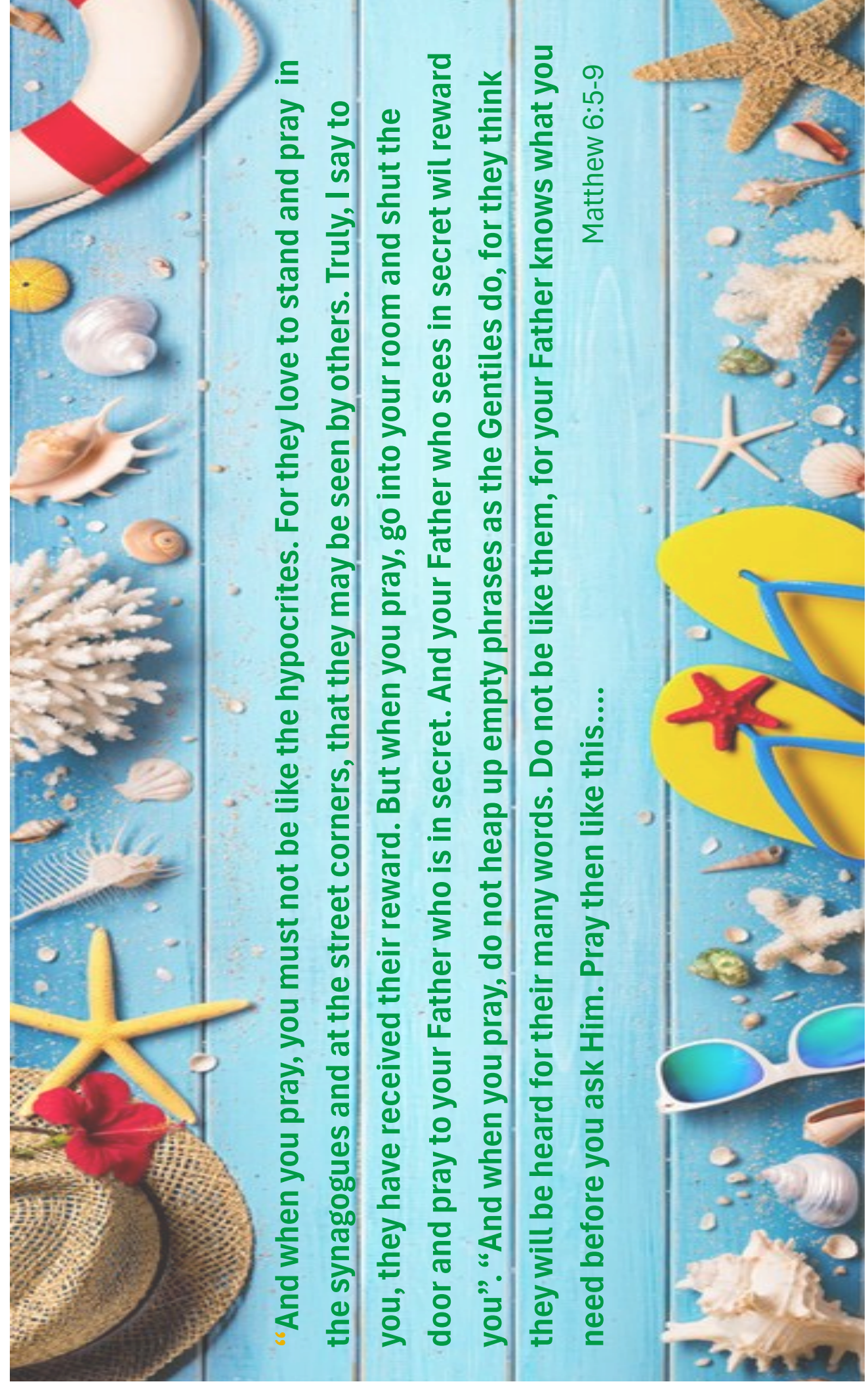
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“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you”. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray then like this....”

Matthew 6:5-9

Join our Sunday LIVESTREAM on YouTube [@greatswampbaptistchurch8998](https://www.youtube.com/@greatswampbaptistchurch8998)

BUT ... It would be best of all to see you here!

Thinking of Prayer as Jesus Taught

“Pray without ceasing” 1Thessalonians 5:17

Our thinking about prayer, whether right or wrong, is based on our own mental conception of it. The correct concept is to think of prayer as breath in our lungs and the blood from our hearts. Our blood flows and our breathing continues “without ceasing”; we are not even conscious of it, but it never stops. And we are not always conscious of Jesus keeping us in perfect oneness with God, but if we are obeying Him, He always is. Prayer is not an exercise, it is the life of the saint. Beware of anything that stops the offering up of prayer. “Pray without ceasing”—maintain the childlike habit of offering up prayer in your heart to God all the time.

Prayer
*A man stands tallest
 when he's on his knees*



Jesus never mentioned unanswered prayer. He had the unlimited certainty of knowing that prayer is always answered. Do we have, through the Spirit of God, that inexpressible certainty that Jesus had about prayer, or do we think of the times when it seemed that God did not answer our prayer? Jesus said, “Everyone who asks receives” (Matthew 7:8). Yet we say, “But....but....” God answers prayer in the best way—not just sometimes, but every time. However the evidence of the answer, in the area we want it, may not always immediately follow. Do we

From “My Utmost For His Highest”
 updated edition, 1992
 by Oswald Cambers

**Grandmothers Group / WOM at GSBC is
 celebrating 150 years**



With a road trip to Lesters! June 6th,
 @ 10:30am meet at Church for car-
 pooling

Contact Debbie Hale for questions (843) 368-5436

**Wednesday June 3rd
 @7:00 PM**



Deacon
Meeting

**Monday June 8th @
 6:00 PM**



**Operation
 Christmas Child**
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**It will be here before you know it We are gearing up
 for Christmas Shoeboxes!**

This year we are packing shoeboxes for girls and boys aged 10-14. We believe this focus will allow us to put together better quality gifts, and still keep up quantity.

May items needed:

- Wash cloths * SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS, yo-yo's
- Puzzles * paddleballs * playing cards *
- Any toy for 10-14 yr old.



**Today: Juliette
 & Mike W**
**Next Sunday:
 Mike D.**



Today's Deacon

Mack Pope

Phone: (843) 540-6636

**NEXT WEEK'S
 DEACON:
 Keith Gamo**



Church Staff

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Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
	\$3470.00	\$5103.90	(\$1633.90)

June 2026



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday: Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Birthdays in lt blue Anniversaries in purple Nursey Duty in green</p>	<p>See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thessalonians 5:15-18</p>					
<p>7 June & Nicole</p>	<p>1 Jonathan Malphrus</p>	<p>2 Patricial Malphrus</p>	<p>3 Mike & Jennifer Wall</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <div data-bbox="2657 614 3076 806"> <p>GSBC Grand-mother's Group 150 years! Lunch @ Lesters</p> </div>
<p>14 Tiki & Myra</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Wayne & Wanda Cooler Ayden Ingram Reid Ingram</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Sam & Chyleen Mock Donald & Gail Malphrus</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Margie Malphrus</p>
<p>21 Barbara & Chyleen</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Angela Cole Amanda Hodges</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Dennis Holland Natilie Amason</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Olivia Stanley</p>
<p>28 Sophia & Pat</p> <p>Mack Pope</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Emerald Crossing Vacation Bible School 5:30-8pm</p>			