

*Greetings from the "New" Galveston!*

Welcome to "Pastor Kelley's Korner"!

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## SEASIDE COMMUNITY NEWS...

**LOVE GOD  
LOVE THE FAMILY  
LOVE THE WORLD**

Philippians 4:8 says, *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."*

### ***DINNER ON THE GROUNDS ...***

That pesky third Sunday of the month is rolling around again. When you come to church on Sunday (October 20), bring along some of that great food you are so famous for. After worship we will set up some tables and share a meal together. Invite a friend!

### ***HALLOWEEN OUTREACH ...***

Once again you are invited to join us at Pastor Kelley's house on October 31<sup>st</sup> around 5:30 for our Halloween Outreach Party. We'll get some pizzas. We already have some Jesus movie DVD's to give away. We also will have some bikers who love Jesus who will be joining us and giving away biker New Testaments. Bring some candy to put with the DVD's so the kids will have a really memorable experience! And if you have never been, you will be amazed at how many children actual come by. It is an unbelievable opportunity God has given us to reach a lot of families.

### ***FALL FESTIVAL ...***

Thank you to all who helped out with the Fall Festival. Everything went really well. We had so many children this year! All of you who helped entertain the kids and talk with their parents really made this a big success. Oh! And the chili was fabulous, as usual.

### ***BIBLE STUDY HAPPENINGS ...***

***Home Group Bible Study*** happens on Thursday nights at PK's house, around 7 p.m.

***West End Community Bible Study (For ladies)*** on Friday mornings at Dianne Lami's house at 9:30.

***Ladies' Bible Study (same material as the one on Friday)*** on Wednesday evenings at the church at 6:30 p.m.

And don't forget the ***Men's Bible study*** on Wednesday evenings at 7 at Bob Matthews' house,

And the ***Holy Yoga*** group on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 at the Jamaica beach gym. See Stephanie for details on that one.

### ***MISSIONS MINUTES ...***

It is exciting to see Seaside getting excited about missions of all kinds. We already are connected with the Humphries family in Alaska. And we give a percentage of what people give to the church to the local Baptist association (*That means county-wide stuff like the block party trailer we always use and other assistance programs for local churches*). Plus we try to get involved in local mission needs as they come to our attention.

We also have another way we cooperate to do missions. The Baptist General Convention of Texas was among those who helped us out a lot after Hurricane Ike, and they were also active after Hurricane Harvey. In the last few years we have hosted the Texas Baptist Men in our retreat center for some of the training they do for feeding people in crisis areas. The BGCT also does such things as train chaplains, provide help for churches who are building, support colleges and seminaries and hospitals, pay salaries of missionaries overseas and in North America, provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for church staff members, and do specific missions projects in Texas and all over the world. Sounds pretty exciting, doesn't it?

### ***A WORD FROM THE HUMPHRIES' ...***

Here are a few words from Lauren ...

We have a very old broken down van that we are going to donate to a family in need but it needs to be fixed first. So I had the simple plan of driving it 5.3 miles to a shop who said they'd look at it for us. . . It's been two hours and I'm still 1.4 miles away! I've had to jump it twice, be pushed out of an intersection, and now Kenny has left work to try to tow me there. ☹️ Pray we get it there and get answers and a plan. I would love to be able to fix it for this family, but it's seeming very complicated right now.  
Keep praying for the Humphries Family!

### ***BAPTISM IN THE GULF ...***

Baptism opportunities are available to you year-round at Seaside! That's one of the benefits of living on a tropical Island Paradise, right? And our first baptisms of the year will be taking place at our Easter Sunrise Service on the beach.

If you are a believer and want to take your relationship with Jesus to the next level, you are invited to join in this amazing experience in the Gulf of Mexico any time! Please let me know as soon as you can either at church or by email ([pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org)) so we can get you on the docket.

### ***TEACHING ...***

**SEASIDE CHURCH**  
**13 October 2019**  
***"Born for his glory ..."***  
**1 Peter 1:1-2, 5:12-14**

*Show video of Letters to God*

Ah, Letters. They are truly a lost art, aren't they? Oh, for some of you younger people, a "letter" is an antique version of one of those hashtag thingies ... what do you call it?

See it started out as a letter, written on a piece of paper, placed in an envelope (*that's like a packet thing that you lick to make it sticky and that holds it closed while you*

*put a stamp on it and put it in the mailbox*). Then you wait a week or so for a mailman to deliver it to where it's supposed to go.

But letters took too much time, and somebody invented a thing called a computer that sat on your desk and was connected to a thing called the internet. Now you could just type in a much shorter and much quicker version of the letter called email.

But that took too much time, too, so somebody figured out a way to make a massive bulletin board on the internet. Then all you had to do was type in your thoughts and even add a picture or two. That was called posting to FaceBook.

But what if you didn't want everybody to see it? No problem. You had another option. You could connect just to the person you wanted to talk to. That was called texting.

Still too much? Then how about the wonderfully quicker and more streamlined combination of the two called twitter. One sentence is all you need. Not even a complete sentence, mind you. As long as you preface it with the pound sign. I have no idea why.

OK. So ... letters.

**When was the last time you actually wrote a letter?**

**Who was it to?**

We finished up The Book of Hosea last week, so today we are shifting gears all the way into the New Testament. And in case you haven't figured it out yet, we are going to work our way through one of the letters written there.

This one is named after a guy you might have heard of. Name of Peter. Today we get kind of an overview of what is to come, but first, let's pray.

**Father, help us as we try to get a handle on who this guy Peter was and who he was writing to and from where and what news he had to share and what important things he wanted to communicate. Sounds like we have a big job ahead of us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**What do you know about Peter?**

**READ 1 Peter 1:1-2**

**Peter's given name is Simon, but Jesus changes it. Why do you think that change is significant?**

Peter means "a stone" (John 1:35-42). The Aramaic equivalent of "Peter" is "Cephas," so Peter was a man with three names. Nearly fifty times in the New Testament, he is called "Simon"; and often he is called "Simon Peter." All the same guy.

Maybe the two names suggest a Christian's two natures: an old nature (*Simon*) that is prone to fail, and a new nature (*Peter*) that can give victory.

<<Clay in the shape of a person that folds over when I pick it up – The Simon nature  
The big rock by the altar – The Peter nature>>

As Simon, he is only another human piece of clay, but Jesus Christ makes a rock out of him!

### **Is it important to know for certain that this letter was written by the disciple Peter? Why?**

Who the author is helps us decide whether or not we can trust it to be from God.

### **What clues do we have to suggest Peter was the author?**

He identifies himself as "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ." Not a bad piece of "starter evidence"!

### **What evidence is there that Peter's authorship might be in question?**

Some people have questioned whether a common fisherman could have written this letter, especially since Peter and John are both called "unlearned and ignorant men" in Acts 4:13 - *When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled (unlearned), ordinary (ignorant) men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus*

### **How would you answer those questioners?**

- 1) The phrase just means "laymen without formal schooling." In other words, they are not professional religious leaders. Granted.
- 2) Remember Peter has just spent 3 years training under a pretty decent teacher! Boom!
- 3) Don't forget the Holy Spirit is now working in his life now. Mike drop!

Peter is a perfect illustration of the truth expressed in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31:  
*26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become*

*for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31  
Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."*

Now let's skip over to the back of the book. We need to find out who this letter was sent to! I know. Those of you who know "letters" know that this is all backwards. You're supposed to say Dear --- whoever" at the beginning and then sign it at the end. Peter reverses the order. Hey, it's HIS letter!

### **READ 1 PETER 5:12-14**

**Who are these people Peter mentions?**

**Silvanus** (*also called Silas in other places*).

He is one of the "chief men" in the early church (Acts 15:22) and a prophet (Acts 15:32).

**What does it mean that he is a prophet?**

He communicates God's messages to the congregations as he is directed by the Holy Spirit (see 1 Cor 14). Sometimes that meant he foretold future events. Most often it meant that he was gifted at forth-telling, proclaiming the gospel boldly and unashamedly, which was the primary responsibility of the prophet.

The Apostles and prophets worked together to start the church and then to lay the foundation of it (Eph 2:20).

**Do you think there are still apostles and prophets around today?**

Maybe not in exactly the same sense, but there are those who are gifted a church planters and missionaries, a very similar calling to the apostle. Similarly, there are those who are gifted at forth-telling, proclaiming the gospel boldly and unashamedly, just like those early prophets.

To say there are no more of these gifted people today is to limit God. Be careful.

**Who is Silvanus/Silas usually associated with in the New Testament?**

Originally he went with Paul as a replacement for Barnabas (Acts 15:36-41).

**What do we know about "my son Mark"? (1 Peter 5:13)**

1. His failure on the mission field helps to cause the rupture between Paul and Barnabas. In the end, Paul forgives and accepts Mark as a valued helper in the work (2 Tim 4:11).
2. Peter had led Mark to faith in Christ (That's what the "my son" designation means), so he certainly would maintain a concern for him.
3. It is very likely that one of the early assemblies/churches met in John Mark's home in Jerusalem. (*Acts 12:12 - When this had dawned on him, he went to the house*

of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying)

4. It's very possible that he is the "young man" in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:51-52 – *A young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him. But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked*).

Why else would he include such an obscure reference in the midst of the chaos of the arrest? What seems obscure to us would have been highly important to a young teenager forced to run through the streets back to his home ... naked!

### **Where is Peter when he writes this letter?**

#### **Why is it important to know that?**

Peter indicates that he writes this letter "at Babylon" (1 Peter 5:13), where there is an assembly of believers.

#### **So where is Babylon?**

(1) *Egyptian Babylon*, which is a military post

(2) *Mesopotamian Babylon* - Actually it would be modern day Iraq and Iran. But, there is no evidence either from church history or tradition that Peter went to ancient Babylon (even though it did have a large community of Jews).

(3) *Jerusalem*

(4) *Rome* - Here's the most likely one. "Babylon" is probably a code name for the city of Rome. It is not unusual for believers during these days to write or speak in code.

#### **Why would that be?**

Persecution!

Rome is called "Babylon" in Rev 17:5 and 18:10.

And we do have reason to believe that Peter ministered in Rome and was probably martyred there. (*Strong tradition*).

#### **Anybody know what the tradition says happened to Peter?**

He was crucified upside down because he said he wasn't worthy to die the same way as Jesus.

Now, granted Peter had a powerful presence, however, you can't give more to Peter than is due him. He probably didn't found the church in Rome, and probably wasn't seen as its first bishop (or pastor) until much later on in history.

**And the reason we can say that?**

Because of Paul, not Peter! It was Paul's policy not to minister where any other apostle had gone (Rom 15:20). So Paul would not have ministered in Rome if Peter had arrived there first.

Peter probably got to Rome after Paul was released from his first imprisonment, about the year 62 A.D.

First Peter was written about the year 63.

Paul is martyred about 64,

and perhaps that same year, or shortly after, Peter is martyred as well.

**How might *where* it is written affect the tone or message of the letter?**

*He is in jail or facing jail. The church is being persecuted. Tough circumstances!*

**How do our circumstances today influence what we share with others?****How has God used the "circumstance" of Seaside to make a difference in your life or someone else's you have seen?**

We can't just leave our time today with an introduction to a Peter letter. We have to finish with why Peter was writing the letter in the first place ... JESUS!

Here's the bottom line of what to do with Jesus ...

**A LOOK AT SALVATION ...**

You need to understand that God loves you more than you could ever know. He wants to be in a personal, love relationship with you. However, we most certainly have proven that we have a problem. The Bible calls it sin, and sin keeps us from having that relationship. Simply put, God will not tolerate sin. It has to do with his nature of perfect justice. And the problem worsens because there is nothing we can do to take care of it. Quite a dilemma.

But God is, after all, God. He knew we would have that problem, so because of his great love for us, he said, "I'll take care of it. I'll do what is necessary." And what was that? Somehow God became a man - Jesus. He lived a perfect life. He died. And he rose from the dead. And because of that perfect sacrifice he made, our problem with sin is taken care of. It is now possible once again for us to have a personal, love relationship with God, with Jesus.

But wait. Remember that he wants the relationship to be one of love. He proved his love for us when he took the biggest risk of all in creating us - he gave us the right to choose to love him back. It was the only way for love to have any real meaning. So now you must choose. Will you love God back?

The best way to understand it is to follow the relationship idea. How did you start every relationship you have ever had? By talking, right? It's the same with God. That's all prayer is, anyway – just talking to God. You can say something like this: *“Jesus, I know I sin and I'm sorry. I believe your life and death and resurrection takes care of that problem in me. Best I know how, I want to turn away from that and turn to you. Come into my life and take over. You be the Boss. I choose to love you back. Amen.”*

So did you pray it? Have *you* believed and confessed Jesus?

Your next step is to tell someone about it. It is an important enough decision that you need to be held accountable for it. That's what baptism does, by the way. It's a way to tell everyone that you have a new relationship with Jesus. And because it is a relationship, you will need to work at it.

Here are the discipleship basics according to Jesus:

1) Love God:

Read the Bible – learn his story (**Discipleship**). Who is this guy you are committing yourself to follow?

**Worship** – appreciate God for who he is. Pray – talk to him. Listen to him.

2) Love people:

Church – hang out with others who already know him (**Fellowship**).

Learn from them. Receive encouragement from them. Learn to worship from them and do it with them.

**Ministry** – find a place of service so you can try out this new life you are beginning. Get outside of yourself and do things for other people.

**Evangelism** – learn how to point people to Jesus. Build relationships with people who don't know Jesus.

### ***LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? ...***

Here's another opportunity for ministry ... If any of you Seasideers would be interested in doing some volunteer secretarial-type stuff (like making phone calls and entering new member information into our records and taking notes at discernment meetings), please let me know. Email me at [pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org) or let me know on Sunday.

### ***SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCES ...***

No better time than right now to get started in a regular *small group Bible study* experience. Here are the ones going right now at Seaside:

*Men's Bible Study* meets at the Matthews home on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Check with Bob Matthews for details.

*Home Group* happens on Thursday nights at PK's house, around 7 p.m. We will start back up on August 15<sup>th</sup>

*West End Community Bible Study (For ladies)* on Friday mornings at 9:30 at Dianne Lami's house.

*Ladies' Bible Study (same material as the one on Friday)* on Wednesday evenings at the church at 6:30. See Dianne for further details.

*Holy Yoga* meets at 9:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Jamaica Beach Gym. See Stephanie for details.

### ***FAMILY MINISTRIES ...***

God just keeps on bring kids our way, so we have a responsibility to touch them in ministry. Do you know of someone who is called to work with children and/or youth? Is it you?! Let me know where you have been called to serve and I'll help get you equipped to obey your Lord and follow your passion right here at Seaside!

### ***RETREAT CENTER INFO ...***

The Seaside Church Mission Outreach and Retreat Center at Jamaica Beach, on the West end of Galveston, has bunk/shower and kitchen facilities for groups of up to 60 available. This is a ministry of our church and operates on offerings only, in order to maintain the facility. Summers book up quickly, but we have the facility available all year. This is perfect for youth groups, camps, bible schools, special classes, and mission groups. This would also be a great place for a family reunion/retreat during Holidays and weekends throughout the year. Contact us now to reserve dates by email at [babandamber@gmail.com](mailto:babandamber@gmail.com) or [pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org).

### **COMING "STUFF" ...**

#### **OCTOBER ...**

1 - **NATIONAL NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT**

2 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

- Ladies' Bible Study at the church - 6:30 p.m.  
 Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.
- 3 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.
- 4 - ***West End Community Bible Study (For ladies)*** at Lami's house - 9:30 a.m.  
 Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 5 - ***JAMAICA BEACH CRAFT FAIR - 10 - 4 - Seaside serving food for missions***  
 AA - 7 p.m.
- 6 - ***WORSHIP*** - 10 a.m.
- 7 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 9 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym  
 Ladies' Bible Study at the church - 6:30 p.m.  
 Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.
- 10 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.
- 11 - ***West End Community Bible Study (For ladies)*** at Lami's house - 9:30 a.m.  
 Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 12 - ***FALL FESTIVAL*** at the church - 4-7 p.m.  
 AA - 7 p.m.
- 13 - ***WORSHIP*** - 10 a.m.
- 14 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 16 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym  
 Ladies' Bible Study at the church - 6:30 p.m.  
 Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.
- 17 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.
- 18 - ***West End Community Bible Study (For ladies)*** at Lami's house - 9:30 a.m.  
 Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 19 - AA - 7 p.m.
- 20 - ***WORSHIP*** - 10 a.m.
- DINNER ON THE GROUNDS***
- 21 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
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 Ladies' Bible Study at the church - 6:30 p.m.  
 Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.
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 Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.
- 31 - ***HALLOWEEN OUTREACH AT PK'S HOUSE*** - 5:30 p.m.

## **SEASIDE BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH ...**

### **OCTOBER ...**

- 2 – *Jace Mitchell*
- 3 – *McKenna Bell*  
*Megan Anderson*
- 4 – *Mackenzie Jeffries*
- 6 – *Karen Anderson*  
*James Thompson*  
*A.J. Wyrick*
- 7 – *Andrea Collins*  
*Linda Clinton*
- 12 – *Moriah Humphries*  
*Mauri McCall*
- 13 – *Amber Matthews*
- 16 – *Jeane Laughlin*
- 17 – *William Landry*
- 18 – *Lauren Dawson*
- 21 – *Matthew Landry*
- 22 – *Jennifer Miller*
- 27 – *Caitlyn Gunn*
- 28 – *Vic Pardo*
- 31 – *Barbara Rupertus*  
*Lanny Cline*  
*Louis Fox*  
*Katie Assad*

### **CHECK THIS OUT ...**

Confession is the admission that something one has done, said, or thought is wrong. It is very difficult for some people to admit that they are wrong and face the consequences. It is hard to admit to themselves they are wrong. It is harder to admit to God they are wrong. It is virtually impossible to admit to others they are wrong.

*From: New Christian's Handbook by Max Anders*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER:**

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**important things he wanted to communicate. Sounds like we have a big job ahead of us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

I love you, Family!

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