



## **"FLOWING IN THE SPIRIT"**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR  
MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK  
AND SHUT-IN**



*Don't be afraid, for I am with you.  
Don't be discouraged, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and help  
you. I will hold you up with my  
victorious right hand  
(Isiah 41:10 NLT)*

### **QUARTERLY SCRIPTURE**

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." – Matthew 28:5-7

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### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR — Rev. GILLARD S. GLOVER**

On Good Friday, a coalition of governmental and religious oppressors did all they could do to put Jesus down and keep Jesus down... After ensuring that he was dead; Roman guards gave his lifeless body to Joseph Arimathea. Joseph, probably with the help of the women in this text, washed the body, wrapped it in a white cloth and placed Jesus in a tomb that had been hewn from a rock. The women saw where Jesus had been put down. The women saw the posted guards. The women saw the massive stone. The women saw the Emperor's seal. They heard Jesus' prediction about getting up after being put down, but they really didn't believe anyone from their community could get up after powerful people put them down. So, they went to the tomb expecting to find Jesus where he had been put down. Isn't that so typical. Persons in the marginalized community rarely expect those who have been put down by powerful people to get up. When they kick you out of school, they expect you to remain out of school. If they put you in jail, they expect you to stay in jail. When they make it impossible for you to vote, they expect you not to vote. So, they show up after you've been put down expecting you to be where the enemy put you.

They put my Jesus down in a cold and lifeless place and expected him to stay there. But He shook off the grave clothes and slipped through the clutches of death. Just because they put you down does not mean you have to stay down. After Jesus got up, you don't have to remain in the place where they put you down. You can leave that place. You can move beyond their definitions. You can move beyond their descriptions. You can move beyond the place they determined to put you down. Don't accept their determinations about where you belong, move beyond their determination and leave the place where they put you down. Someone from the community will tell them: he's not here! He left that place! He moved on! He would not accept the future you laid out for him. He pressed on beyond your definitions and designations. That's what Jesus did. Will you press on?

Yours in Community Transformation,  
Rev. Gillard S. Glover



This year we celebrate Easter on Sunday, March 31, 2024, and one of the most joyful sentences a Christian can say on Easter morning is "He is Risen!" It is Resurrection Sunday and one of our most important days in the Christian faith commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead following his crucifixion by the Romans on Calvary according to the New Testament.

Easter also marks the end of Lent (40 days of fasting, prayer, and penance) that began on Ash Wednesday. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and lasts 7 days. During Holy Week many churches celebrate the last supper on the evening of Maundy Thursday and conduct worship services on Good Friday as a remembrance of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus Christ into Holy Saturday.

For some Christians, the phrase, He is Risen, is nothing more than a greeting. But for those that study God's word, it is a confirming statement of the resurrection of Christ, the Lord. By saying those three words, we are reminded that our eternal life is certain. It is because God raised our savior Jesus Christ from the dead to wipe away our sins that we can declare, "He is Risen." And that is certainly worth celebrating! Amen!

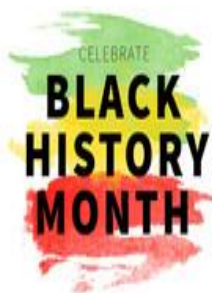
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## ***Maundy Thursday***

**Reverend Wendell Webster**  
**Guest Preacher**  
**4:00 pm Worship Service**  
**Seder Meal following Service**  
**(Call Church to Reserve Seating**  
**For Seder Meal)**



***CELEBRATING US!***  
***OUR HISTORY, OUR HERITAGE, OUR CULTURE!***



## ***Men's Ministry Fish Fry***

(In support of Feed our Children)

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**Noon – 3:00 PM**



**Fried Fish – Whiting**

**Includes Sides & Soft Drink or Water**

**Donation: \$15.00**

**Pick Up Only at**

**FIRST CHURCH OF PALM COAST**

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## ***Gospel Cafe***



**When: Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Where: First A.M.E. Church of Palm Coast  
91 Old Kings Road**

**Entertainment: Daniel "Saxman" Fuqua**

**Buffet Cuisine provided by Sylvain Caribbean  
Restaurant**

**Menu:**

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|----------------|---------------------|
| - Jerk Chicken | - Bourbon Chicken   |
| - Rice & Peas  | - Cabbage & Carrots |
| - Mac & Cheese | - Sweet Plantains   |

**Price: \$40.00 per person**



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Men's Ministry Fish Fry	March 23, 2024
Palm Sunday	March 24, 2024 8:00 am & 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday Worship Service Rev. Wendell Webster, Guest Preacher Seder meal to follow worship service	March 28, 2024 at 4:00 pm (Call Church to reserve seating)
7 Last Utterances of Christ	March 29, 2024 ***
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024 8:00 am & 11:00 am
Quarterly Conference	April 2, 2024 4:00 pm
Gospel Café	April 27, 2024
Mother's Day	May, 12, 2024
Men's Bible Study	Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Church School	Every Friday at 2:00 pm **
Steward Board Meeting	Thursday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1:00 pm
Trustee Board Meeting	Thursday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 2:00 pm
*via Conference Call      **via Zoom      *** online	



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Sermons:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWG0AkbZso1b\\_WoxTZcbDA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWG0AkbZso1b_WoxTZcbDA)

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