



Community Outreach Newsletter

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GULFSIDE REIMAGINED:

A NEW VISION, ROOTED IN FAITH



On September 17th and 18th, Gulfside Assembly conducted its Fall Board Meeting. We were happy to welcome four new board members, Rev. Eugene Boger, Evelyn Parker, PhD, Valencia Rene Perry, and Alice Jackson Wright, JD. They bring to the board a diversity of ages and skill sets that will enhance the work of the board.



Isaiah 43:19

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland”.

We were also joined by the Rev. Charles Allen, president and CEO of Lakeside Chautauqua in Lakeside, Ohio, which inspired Bishop Robert E. Jones to establish Gulfside more than 100 years ago. During his visit, Rev. Allen toured Gulfside’s properties and learned about our programs, opportunities, and challenges. He said that, despite the challenges, Gulfside has tremendous opportunities if we are willing to reimagine its future. He praised our community service, which distinguishes Gulfside within the Chautauqua movement, and shared ideas for strengthening the organization. He also offered to help us plan, achieve financial stability, and rebuild our property.

Rev. Allen reminded us that the faith Bishop Jones demonstrated more than 100 years ago is the same steadfast faith we need today. Even as the world changes around us, our faith must remain firm.

With that same steadfast faith, we look forward to shaping an exciting future for our beloved Gulfside.



Gulfside Assembly's monthly GOALS Interagency Meetings bring nonprofit and community organizations together to connect, collaborate, and share resources. By supporting and encouraging one another, agencies are better equipped to respond to the needs of individuals and families.

COLLABORATION BECOMES ACTION

Together, we turn connections into resources, resources into opportunities, and opportunities into meaningful change for individuals, families, and our community. These partnerships recognize and value the dedicated people who work every day to serve others.



EQUIPPING YOUTH WITH SKILLS FOR LIFE

Hands on Learning

This month, Gulfside Assembly's Life Skills Training brought hands-on learning to youth at the Hancock County Boys & Girls Club. Participants learned important automobile safety practices, including how to safely change a tire, while gaining experience with tools they had never used before.



More than Learning

For these young people, it was more than learning how to change a tire—it was an opportunity to build confidence, develop problem-solving skills, and discover that they are capable of doing new things.



Your Support Helps

Your support helps Gulfside Assembly create meaningful opportunities like this—equipping young people with practical skills, confidence, and knowledge they can carry with them throughout life.



EVENT DATE: October 3, 2026

TIME: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

FREE LIFE SKILLS SIMULATION PROGRAM

Equipping young people with the knowledge and mindset to make wise, long-term decisions about their future.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- + Financial Planning Skills
- + Decision Making Skills
- + Goal Setting
- + Career Planning
- + Self-Reflection & Motivation

FREE- REGISTER NOW

For ages 14-20

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- Mail your donation to: Gulfside Assembly, PO Box 27, Waveland, MS 39576.
- Questions? Email cthompson@gulfsideassembly.org or call 504-710-4884.



Together, we can carry Gulfside's mission forward for generations to come.