

# Growing in thanks Giving

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### Welcome to Shalimar UMC

We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us this week! Hearing assistance devices are available for the Sanctuary. Please see an usher to obtain these aids. Enjoy fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Family Life Center Gym between worship services.

### Our Vision

Christ-centered, multigenerational, family and community relevant ministries through worship, discipleship, and mission.

### Our Mission

#### REACH, TEACH, and SEND

We **REACH** out to our congregation, community, and the world to **TEACH** the word of God as provided in the Holy Scripture, and **SEND** our members and missionaries to be witnesses to God's grace and His promise of eternal life to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### Worship Services

#### Break Free

Our Saturday evening service begins at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center opening with a gathering and fellowship time at 5:30 pm. This transformational service involves modern music, multimedia, and a style of preaching that is practical and participatory.

#### Traditions

At 8:00 and 11:00 am Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary we celebrate through the rich traditions of our faith such as hymns led by organ and piano, seasonal vestments, and traditional Methodist liturgy. Our Chancel Choir leads the 11:00 service.

#### Connect

At 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary we engage in a four-fold service of gathering praise, service of the Word, Holy Communion with candle stations for prayer, and sending forth. The music is a blend of contemporary praise songs and upbeat hymns.

#### Freedom

At 11:07 Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center Gym we worship through modern music, multimedia, and a teaching style message in a non-traditional atmosphere. We come to God as we are to experience the freedom of not having to stay that way.

### Traditions Worship Service

Prelude	Glorify the Almighty	Joy Ringers		
Community Life and Celebrations		Rev. Faith Parry		
Hymn of Praise	We Gather Together	Hymn No. 131		
Affirmation of Faith		Hymn No. 881		
Gloria Patri		Hymn No. 70		
Morning Prayer		Rev. Brian Dale		
Music Message	Something Beautiful Raise Your Hands	*Gloryland **Chancel Choir		
Offertory Hymn	Great Is Thy Faithfulnes	s Hymn No. 140		
Offertory Prayer		Dr. Brad Bradford		
Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings Gloryland No More Sorrows Gloryland				
Doxology		Hymn No. 95		
**Children's Sermon		Kathy Curry		
Scripture Presentation, Lamentations 3:22-23				
Sermon		Dr. Philip McVay		
Hymn of Response and Consecration		Hymn No. 389		
Prayer of Consecration	Freely, Freely	Dr. Philip McVay		
Benediction		Dr. Philip McVay		
Closing Song	God Bless America			
Postlude	,	Mary Jo Horner and Joel Lane *8:00 Service **11:00 Service		

Children's Church for the 11:00 and 11:07 am services, meets in these FLC Rooms: PreK-104, Kinder-105, 1st & 2nd Gr-211, 3rd/4th/5th Gr-207



### Serving Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017

Acolytes Altar Care	Haylee Dubose, Sophee Dubose Sylvia Hill
Children's Church	PRE-K Audrey Masek, KINDER Amanda Negron
	1st & 2nd Grade Kris Deason, 3rd /4th/5th Grade Kathy Curry
Connection Table	9:00 Marjorie Robinson 10:30 Becky Carter
Flower Delivery	Marijo Strauss
Greeters	8:00 Russ & Polly Schambeau
	11:00 Nadine Winterberger, Lana Roberts
Pew Care	Martha Gorecki
Prayer Room	
Sorters	
	8:00 Mark Bethea, Keith Latimer, Patricia Payne, Brance Parker
	9:30 Yogi & Sandra Brown
	11:00 Chatt Johnson, Carol Johnson, Beth Russell, Tom West
Westwood Van Drive	r Phil Richter

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Visit us online: shalimar-umc.org

### Ministerial Staff

#### Dr. Philip McVay - Lead Pastor

Executive Pastor
Connection Pastor
Worship Pastor
Worship Ministries Associate
Preschool Director
Children's Director
Program Director
Youth Director

After Hours Emergency Pastoral Assistance: Dr. Philip McVay (850) 607-1133 Rev. Brian Dale (404) 597-6242 Rev. Faith Parry (850) 420-9888

### Text to Give 850-203-3057



### Altar Flowers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God.



Happy 16th birthday to Bryce Bethea! We love you and are blessed by you each day! ~Dad, Mom and Peyton

Flower bouquet and rose reservation book located in Narthex or contact the church office at 651-0721. Bouquets \$40 each / Roses \$4 each.





### Sunday, Nov. 19th | 12:30 pm | FLC Rm 106

### Lunch is our treat!

Join us for an informal gathering for those who want to see who they are, what we believe, and what your Next Step might be. Whether you're new to Shalimar UMC or you've been attending awhile.

### Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, Nov. 19th , 5:00 pm, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

### Philip's Focus

### "An Accidental Conversation"

We are asking our congregation to prayerfully consider their financial commitments for the year 2018. As we do, I would like to share a real story and an imaginary story. This story may be helpful as we consider our commitment for 2018.

In another church and another time, a very successful business man, who was also church treasurer, and I were talking about giving to the church. He asked me what I thought might increase our overall church giving to the Lord? He was really curious about my honest thoughts. We talked about several things and then I just moved into an accidental conversation.

Off the cuff I shared, "First of all, I have noticed people start giving a certain amount and get stuck on that same amount year after year. As a result, there is no real thought of tithing or growing toward tithing rather just a nice even amount." Later in the conversation, I said, "Some people become complacent and assume the church is glad to receive whatever they give. Secondly, some people always think someone else needs to hear the message of giving more than he/she and I have never understood this conclusion."

After we had talked a few more minutes, he completely surprised me. He looked me in the eye and said, "You know I have done those things. I have become comfortable giving the same amount and always thought someone else needed to grow in their giving." As he finished his comments he then said, "I'm able to give more and I am increasing my commitment this year!" He did. As he started giving more, others in the church did too. Many started moving to tithing and they were very happy and blessed in this decision.

This conversation in another church was accidental but seemed divinely appointed. This week I started imagining if someone from Shalimar came and we started talking about giving...what would I say? Well let's just imagine I do have the conversation with a successful man named Xavier.

Imagine, Xavier walks into my office and asks, "What should I give to Shalimar UMC this year?" I would probably say, "I'm glad you asked." Then he might say, "Do you get this question a lot?" I would then chuckle and say, "No, not much but since you asked..."

"First of all, we do not give just for the benefit of Shalimar UMC. We give to the Lord through the Church. Once we give, the Lord uses what we give in ways we can see and ways we cannot see; but we give to the Lord through the church." Wanting me to get to the point Xavier asks, "How much should I give then?" I would pick up one of the Bible's on my desk and start turning the pages to Malachi 3:8-10 and read, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." I would then say, "This is one passage in the Bible where the Lord says 'test me' and offers to open the doors of Heaven and offer an overflow of blessing."

Xavier is intrigued by the passage and asks, "What is a full tithe?" After taking a sip of coffee, I would say, "Tithing is the Biblical standard of the first 10% of all that God vear." blesses us with each Moving the chair bit he а savs. "How can I do that? For after all I have a mortgage, cars, bills, and debt?" I would pause a moment and then say, "Yes, tithers have those too. The 'HOW' is determined with trusting God that what you have is enough and when we give to God first, amazingly financial priorities are even more in order. Tithing will lead to better financial accountability not less. Not sure how to explain it, but tithing helps the overall financial picture and does not take away."

After a pause Xavier says, "My income is not that much. I cannot give like those who are better off than me." Again, I would also pause and say softly, "Thanks for sharing that concern. You know, tithing is not about a certain amount; it is giving 10% of what we actually make. A person who tithes \$3000 off of making \$30,000 a year tithes just as much as a person who gives \$30,000 off of \$300,000 a year. A tithe is not about the amount but a percentage."

Xavier gets quiet for a moment and to break the silence I say, "You did not ask but in God's view a 'widow's mite' given sacrificially is more valuable than a person blessed with wealth who gives a large gift that costs them virtually nothing in their overall financial abundance. God's economy is different."

Xavier then says, dropping his voice, "I need to go soon but I have one more question." Squirming in the chair a bit he hesitates like the question is awkward. I sense he wants to say something and I say, "Go ahead, what is your question?" "Well I'm just curious, "How much do you and Karen give to God through Shalimar UMC?"

"Oh, I see why you were hesitant; but thank you for asking and I don't mind. The answer is we seek to honor the Lord with all He has blessed us with in good financial times and challenging ones. We give over 10% of our combined income to the Lord through Shalimar. We tithe off of what she makes as a teacher and what I make as pastor."

As Xavier prepares to leave, he says he is going to give tithing some thought and prayer. As he is walking down the hall, I remember something I forgot to say earlier as I walk to catch him before he leaves. "Xavier, I forgot the most important part, tithing will help you grow closer to the Lord, bless you, and bless others... you will not regret it." Xavier leaves and ninety days later he makes it a point to speak to me and says, "I began tithing and I am blessed!" He also has a grin on his face.

This week we are asking everyone to prayerfully submit their giving to the Lord this year. As far as I know there is no one named Xavier in our congregation; but I do believe if we tithe to the Lord we will be blessed! Thank you for giving to the Lord!

Shalom, Philip



Dr. Philip McVay, Lead Pastor philip@shalimar-umc.org

## Sunday, November 19th

### 6:00 pm

Sponsored by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Christian Ministerial Association

**Community Thanksgiving Service** 

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13 NIV

Trinity United Methodist Church

403 Racetrack Road NW Ft. Walton Beach Gathered Together With Thankful Hearts

For all churches in the Greater Ft. Walton Beach Area

Our Own Pastor Philip McVay will be speaking

### SUNDAY, November 26TH

Decorating for Holidays Come deck the halls with us as we decorate the Sanctuary and Family Life Center after Sunday morning worship. A light lunch will be provided in the Family Life Center.

### NO Pastor's Class

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. Join us Wednesday, Nov. 29th as we begin the new sermon series *Advent Conspiracy*.

## Jingle Bell Beach performed by the SUMC Children's Choirs Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6 pm | Family Life Center

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Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am

### Teaturing the Chancel Choir & Orchestra



ALL worship services need volunteers to light the Advent wreath and share the Advent reading, during the season known Advent, the coming of Christmas (Dec. 2-Dec. Please call the church office, 651-0721 or email brad@shalimar-umc.org

#### TODAY'S SERMON NOTES:

Not in a group or class? Check these out! shalimar-umc.org/groups or pick up a Places to Grow flyer at the Connection Table in the FLC.

### This Week's Guide for Groups & Individuals

What are you thankful for this year? I read an article a couple of weeks ago talking about the importance in us showing gratitude. Gratitude has been scientifically proven to improve our lives physically and emotionally.

Thanksgiving is almost here. Many families have a tradition of sharing one thing each person is thankful for. Pastor Philip shared the other day that he makes it a spiritual practice to write down 100 or more things from the past year he's grateful for.

The words of Jeremiah in Lamentations 3:22-23 are of thankfulness. He is thankful for God's continued provision in his life. No matter what, every day God is with him. This week, take some time to sit down and think about how God has provided for you in the past week, month, and year and thank him for his continued provision.

Thoughts to Ponder:

- 1) What are things that God does to provide for me that I take for granted?
- 2) How can I take Jeremiah's words to heart?
- 3) What can I do to honor all that God has done in my life this past year?

Visit faithparry.com for more thoughts.

Faith Parry, Associate Pastor faith@shalimar-umc.org





Pastor Faith is starting a Life Group for couples with kids, the week after Thanksgiving. This will be for four weeks focusing on the Sermon Series, *Advent Conspiracy*. This group will meet in Faith's home. If you are interested please email faith@shalimar-umc.org for further information.

A SUMC Local Missions, Outreach Event

### December 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 12 pm

#### What is Santa's Workshop?

sharing God's Love

In lieu of an Angel Tree, we are sponsoring Santa's Workshop for children who are participants in our After School Program, SUMC Bus Ministry, and Faith Backpacks programs. We invite the community parents we serve to shop for affordable Christmas gifts for their children. The Family Life Center will be transformed into Santa's Workshop for the parents to shop and have gifts wrapped. Gifts will be priced for just a couple dollars so parents can afford to give Christmas to their children instead of gifts coming from strangers or an agency. Proceeds will go towards purchasing Christmas Day Meals for each family.

#### We need Donations!

Donations can be made by way of the Santa's Workshop Tree located in the Family Life Center and in the Sanctuary. What a great opportunity to teach children the gift of giving and sharing with the less fortunate.

#### **Donation Info**

Donation drop-off locations are the church office, Monday—Thursday, 8 am-4 pm and Friday, 8 am-12 pm or Sundays under the Santa Workshop trees. All donations need to be dropped-off before Wednesday, November 29th.

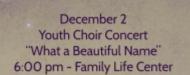
#### Volunteers

Volunteers are needed the day of the event for set up and as personal shoppers for the families.



For more info contact Lisa Burkett at lisa.burkett@cox.net





December 3 Hanging of the Greens 1st Day of Advent 8:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary

December 3 Youth Choir Concert "What a Beautiful Name" 9:30 am - Family Life Center 11:07 - Family Life Center

December 3 Children's Choir Christmas Musical "Jingle Bell Beach" 6:00 pm - Family Life Center

December 9 Santa's Workshop 9 am - 12 pm - Family Life Center December 10 Chancel Choir & Orchestra Concert "How Should a King Come?" 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary

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December 23 & 24 Regular Services Dec 23 6 pm - Family Life Center Dec 24 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary 11:07 am - Family Life Center

December 24 Christmas Eve Services All services include Holy Communion 3:00 pm - Led by Kidz Ministry - Sanctuary 5:00 pm - Featuring Youth Choir - Sanctuary 7:00 pm - Featuring Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 11:07 pm - Freedom Candlelight - Family Life Center





MILITARY FELLOWSHIP UPDATE CARE Packages for Deployed Troops this Christmas!

Thank you for the donation of Christmas cards! (No more needed)

SUMC is collecting care package items to send to the military. Local Blue Star Mothers will be assembling 350 care packages to support overseas troops this Christmas (in 60+ countries).

#### Collection bin in FLC entry hall. Donations needed by Dec 5th:

Travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wipes, hand sanitizer, Q-tips), lip balms, eye drops, sunblock. Individual servings of (powdered drink mixes/flavors that can be added to water, hot chocolate, packs of nuts, jerky, Slim Jims, cookies, granola bars, gum, Lifesavers), inflatable pillows, mesh laundry bags, writing material, games, movies, CDs, cards, foot powder, Dr Scholls Moleskin, Gel Sole inserts, band aids, insect repellant spray, disposable razors/men & women, tube socks, cheery hand towels.

POC: Deb Hutto or Kathie Sheperd



### Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is always available for your use. The code to enter is 4125. On Sunday mornings, after every service, someone will be in the Prayer Room to pray with you, if you would like. They will not bother you if you would like time to yourself. There are prayer shawls available for your use as well. A Prayer Box and Prayer Cards are available for you to leave a prayer request for the Pastors and/or Prayer Team to pray for you or a situation you would like lifted up. There have been great reports of use for this special place.



### Prayer Chain

To add someone to the prayer chain please email prayer@shalimar-umc.org or contact the SUMC church office at 651-0721. If you would like to receive the prayer requests through email, please call the church office, 651-0721 or email patbrantley@cox.net. A printed copy of our church family's prayer concerns is available each Sunday in the Narthex and FLC Lobby. If you'd like to start receiving the Prayer List via email, please select it on the Communication Card inside the Beacon.

### Prayer Ministry

Please contact the church office, 651-0721, if you are interested in becoming involved in one of the following Prayer Ministries.

- Prayer Group meets weekly to share praises and intercessory prayer for people listed on the Prayer list (both church and personal list).
- Prayer Room Attendant Volunteer to pray with those who come to the Prayer Room after each worship service on Sunday morning.
- Praying in the Prayer Room during each of the worship services on Sunday morning.
- Pray for special church functions and events.
- Participate on the Prayer Chain and Prayer Link (if you're not already.)



Pete Peter fpeters1@cox.net

Michelle Carmical carmical@cox.net





### Help Alert for the Homeless! Cold Night Shelter

On Saturday nights, SUMC operates the homeless cold night shelter at One Hopeful Place when weather gets below 40 degrees. We need volunteers during their sleeping hours: **11pm - 3am**. Light duty, but it requires staying awake! Coffee provided! Contact Bill Dubose, 357-2650



**December Monthly Meeting** 

The Tuesday Dec. 12th, **11:15 (note early start time)** meeting will feature the Shalimar UMC Preschool children presenting their Christmas Music Program followed by the group singing Christmas Carols. Lunch cost \$6.50, provided by the Chef. Call the church office for reservations by noon, Monday, Dec. 11th.

For additional information please contact Pastor Brian, 651-0721, Ollie Fay Flint, 651-2360, Betty Stewart, 243-5551, or Jon & Kathie Sheperd, 651-8008.

### Merge Young Adults

Michelle Carmical - Lead Facilitator | 850-217-0391 If Shalimar UMC Merge



Merge 1 College & Career (ages 18-23) Merge 2 Young Adult group (age 23-30 and beyond) Thursdays | 6:30–8:00 pm

BOTH MERGE GROUPS and all BIG events meet together at #10 2nd St (behind the church in the house with a UMC flame on the garage).



It's likely you have a giant in your life that is holding you captive, intimidating you, and stealing your joy. Adversaries like fear, rejection, comfort, anger, and addiction stake a claim and gain a foothold in your heart. In this seven-day reading plan, Louie Giglio examines the David and Goliath story to show how those giants can fall: by focusing on the size of our God, not the height of your giants, and by walking in the victory Jesus has already won.

### Attendance, Nov. 11 & 12

6:00 pm service	25	11:07 am service	220
8:00 am service	198	Livestream	53
9:30 am service	82	Blue Lake Emmaus	10
11:00 am service	277	TOTAL	865





Jonathan Lefler - Youth Director 307-689-6545 | youth@shalimar-umc.org





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**FUSION Shalimar UMC Youth** 

### NEW PARENT TEXTING LINE

Text @fusionsumc to #81010

### WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets weekly from 9:30-10:30 am in the Youth Room

### FEAST OF PLENTY | Nov. 19th | 6:30-8:00

A-M-Side dish N-Z-Dessert

NO Wednesday– Small Groups, Nov. 22nd

### NO FUSION - Sunday, Nov. 26th

MELTDOWN - Jan. 26-28, 2018

Now – Nov. 30th Late after Nov. 30

\$140 \$150

### one + ONE Singles

Please come join us every Monday night at 6:00 pm, at #10 Second St. for a lot of good fun, fellowship, and different activities. A monthly calendar with detailed activities is available at the FLC Connection Table. If you are 50+, single, and looking for a Christian environment, please come and join our group. Bring a friend. All are welcome from SUMC and the community.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

KIDZ CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: Jingle Bell Beach will be presented for all to see on Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come out and support the kids and spread the message of the birth of Jesus!

ROCKATHON: Friday, Dec. 8th from 6:00-9:00 pm in FLC Room 106, for all kids 3rd-5th grade only. Grab a flyer/registration form to get pledges. Must have \$25 in pledges to come to Rockathon. We will wear our PJ's, play games, make crafts, eat pizza, drink soda, and watch a Bible video story about the birth of Jesus! Bring a rocking chair if you have one! It's going to be a great night of ROCKin fun! All monies collected go to Shalimar Elementary School.

FISH FACTORY/CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY: A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS! Sunday, Dec. 10th 4:30-6:00 pm. Wear your PJ's and get ready for a birthday party for

Jesus! This event is completely FREE, and no gifts are necessary as Jesus is the gift this season!

KIDZ NITE OUT: Friday, Dec. 15th 6:00-10:00 pm. For all kids kinder-5th grade only. Makes a great night of shopping for parents or date nite! Cost: \$20 per child, siblings discounts available. Register by Friday noon Dec. 15th. Email, call, text, or use REMIND app. To Miss Susan.

All monies collected will go to the new playground here at SUMC!

BLUE LAKE WINTER RETREAT: 3rd-5th grades only. Dates: Fri., Feb. 2, 2018-Sun., Feb. 4, 2018. Register online at bluelakecamp.com, get a registration packet from KIDZ CHECK IN STATION, or see Miss Susan. Cost: \$115 per child before Dec. 15 after cost is \$125 per child. Deadline: Jan.10, 2018.

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Kids kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register at any time. \$35 Registration Fee. 3 days or less-\$30. 4 days or more-\$50. We will have ASC during Thanksgiving week on Monday, Nov. 20th through Wednesday, Nov. 22nd only. Cost for 3 days \$90 per child. We will have a field trip each day! Please provide a lunch & we will provide a snack.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30-10:30 am for 4 year olds-5th grade in courtyard rooms.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Kids 4 year olds-5th grade - 11/11:07 am Worship Services

#### SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: No programs on Sunday, Nov. 19th THANKSGIVING BREAK

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES: 6:00-8:00 pm for Kinder-5th grade. THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES ON WED. NOV. 22nd. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, Nov. 19th

#### Worship Times

Traditions Worship	8 & 11 am
Connect Service	9:30 am
Freedom Service	11:07 am

UMM Men's Breakfast	7:00 am
Freedom Band Rehearsal	8:00 am
Brk/Free Life Group	9:30 am
Sunday School for all ages	9:30 am
MERGE Young Adults	10:00 am
Little Buddies	10:45 am
Children's Church	.11/11:07 am
Next Steps	12:15 pm
Prayer & Fasting Class	1:00 pm
Grief Share	3:30 pm
Charge Conference	5:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm
Special Buddies	6:30 pm
Feast of Plenty	6:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 21st

> Wednesday, Nov. 22nd OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON NO ACTIVITIES

> > Thursday, Nov. 23rd NO ACTIVITIES OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Nov. 24th NO ACTIVITIES OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, Nov. 25th

Worship Time Break Free Service ......6:00 pm

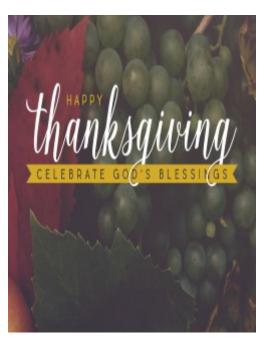
Break Free Band Rehearsal ..... 4:00 pm

After School Care Mon.–Wed. 7:30-5:30 pm

#### Monday, Nov. 20th

Threads of Love Group	2:00 pm
Connect Team Rehearsal	5:30 pm
Alanon II	6:00 pm
Lighthouse Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Monday Bible Study	6:00 pm
One + ONE Singles	6:00 pm
Emerald Coast Pops	7:15 pm





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