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Paul's Ponderings...



The Gathering: An Alternative Worship Service

Just recently several relatively new members of our Chapel have asked me about this monthly, weeknight meal and worship service that we call *The Gathering*. My response to this question has always been, "Come and join us and you'll have a first-hand experience and then you can tell others and invite them to join us as well." But, because this question has come up so often lately, I want to share with all of you a bit of Chapel history that might shed light on the goal and purpose of *The Gathering* so that you too will want to "join us and have a first-hand experience" of the love we have for God and for each other.

In 2016 the Worship Team began a discussion of the idea of a more informal and relaxed time of worship. New and exciting suggestions began to fly around the room and shortly the Team

had considered time and place, music, worship style, and the possibility of adding a fellowship meal to the service. From this discussion came a proposal to experiment with four, monthly, Thursday evening programs with diverse menus, music, and worship themes. These four experimental services were concluded by the Fall of 2016 and because of the perceived success of *The Gathering* the Worship Team asked the Board's approval to continue these monthly services throughout 2017.

For the next three years Edward, Tamara, and I have worked with the Worship Team to develop and hone *The Gathering* into an experience that meets the ever-changing worship and fellowship needs of our Chapel family. The hallmark of *The Gathering* has been its diversity of program themes and styles. We've experimented with dance and old-time gospel music.

The Gathering

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We've explored the depth of Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday, and Blue Christmas and the joys of play, and being led by our children and youth. We've meditated at stations of introspection, we've camped out, and we've grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. We've celebrated women, we've been fed by our men, and we've been nourished by the bread and the cup.

Let me just give you an example of *The Gathering* by highlighting our most recent one in September. The theme was the sacredness of play. We were reminded that the founding fathers and mothers of our church chose to worship at 9:00 so that they could quickly move to play a round of golf. Through this worship and playful time of fellowship, friendships were made and people grew closer to God and to each other and our Chapel was born. We explored the words of scripture that tells us that we are to enter the kingdom of God as little children, full of joy and wonder and playful exuberance. So, we opened the service with opportunities to play ping pong and air hockey and corn hole and after working up an appetite we gathered around the table to enjoy God's gift of good food and good company. We ended the evening with a short meditation on play and then the choir led us in the Eucharist, the great sacrament of the church that begins with the Prayer of Thanksgiving that reminds us that play and thanksgiving always go hand in hand as play never isolates us but always brings us together.

From the very beginning the original goals of *The Gathering* have remained constant: 1) To provide an informal time of fellowship and worship for our Chapel family and friends 2) To provide an alternative day and time of worship for those seniors among us who find the early 9:00 worship on Sunday mornings just too hard to navigate 3) And, to provide a welcoming and inviting service that our members would take advantage of by feeling free to bring their neighbors and friends to join in.

Now, three years down the road it is time for our Worship Team to once again reevaluate *The Gathering* to see if it does indeed continue to meet the needs of our Chapel family. Perhaps you would like to tell a member of the Worship Team why this alternative worship service is important to you. Perhaps, you would like to make suggestions as to how we might make this service more convenient or meaningful for you. Perhaps, you have ideas for a completely new second worship service. Perhaps, your ideas will move us toward a new and amazing service that will address the three stated goals even better.

God is doing a marvelous thing here at the Chapel through programs like *The Gathering* and as a congregation we must welcome change and then we must feel free to reevaluate the changes we have made with an eye toward continued improvement in our service to God. With that in mind, I invite you to have a conversation with a member of your Worship Team before their next meeting on October 29.

Homecoming Weekend Celebrations

Homecoming Weekend Celebration - 2019

It was a weekend full of activities, food, fellowship, and worship at the Chapel for Homecoming 2019. The 40 Love Tennis Tournament directed by Edward and Tamara Lee started on Friday and play was throughout the weekend. Over twenty-five tennis players from our area enjoyed the three day tournament with a cook out, awards for the winners, and a great wine and cheese celebration. The golf tournament at Beacon Ridge Country Club directed by Bill Baker was also a success with sixteen players who enjoyed a morning of golf and lunch together. Congratulations to our own Owen Baker who won the putting contest. There was also a Ping Pong Tournament sponsored by our Senior High Youth Group that finished out the weekend and Dan Stoltz and Pastor Paul took the honors. The proceeds from these

tournaments totaled over \$1,500.00 and the profits went to our Mission Team to help fund its various ministries.

The highlight of the weekend was worship on Sunday morning followed by a scrumptious meal provided by Shirley Percival and all her helpers with a time of reflection on the rich history of the Chapel. In worship we welcomed members from the past, and visitors, and those who fill our pews each Sunday. The choir was supplemented by additional singers from years ago and sang "Almighty, Unchangeable God" to the glory of God.

Homecoming is a weekend of renewing old friendships, having fun together, and remembering that God is the center of our lives and our purpose here at the Chapel as we continue to Grow Into God's Call...Together.



News From Your Mission Team

The Mission Team is busy preparing for the Angel Tree. On September 12, Vickie Bedder, Brenda Massimo, Tracey Olsen, Laura Beth Urie and Joyce Singletary joined with other volunteers from Moore County to interview applicants with Christmas for Moore. I am certain that we all left counting our blessings and thanking God for all that we have and take for granted. What a blessing to meet those

that have so little but are so humble and grateful. The majority did not ask for anything frivolous but rather requested everyday necessities. Some mothers had to be coaxed to even ask for anything for themselves as their main concern was their children.

Out of these applicants, the Chapel will be assigned 10 families with no more than 50 individuals in total. Once we receive our families, we will

begin the process of sorting by number and hanging them on the Angel Tree that will be in Fellowship Hall. Gift cards will be purchased from Food Lion and the amount will depend on the size of the family. This will be our last big project for the year.

*Respectively submitted,
Brenda Massimo*

Thousand Eyes



Thousand Eyes Wide Open

On Sunday afternoon, September 8, eighty-one people from our Chapel and the surrounding community met in the fellowship hall to increase our awareness of the problem of human trafficking and how each of us might help defeat this evil by learning how to recognize the signs of human trafficking and understanding how and to whom to make a report. This program was presented by Ms. Jan Mullis of Friend to Friend and sponsored by our Senior High Youth, our Interfaith Cooperation

Team, and our Mission Team.

A presentation was also made by Ms. Kim Nixon of Changing Destinies Ministry that has the ambitious goal of providing a shelter for those who have been rescued from human trafficking to provide them with the physical and emotional support that they will need to create a new life for themselves.

Everyone who attended was dismayed by the prevalence of human trafficking in our area but encouraged by the fact that they now had tools to address the problem and a local ministry to support that had the potential to bring healing to its victims.

Look for follow-up programs in the future on this same topic to be sponsored by the Chapel.



In Worship

October 6 is World Communion Sunday and we will join with our brothers and sisters all over the world as a sign of oneness and Christian unity as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Pastor Paul will continue his six-part sermon se-

ries on The Parables of Jesus as we explore the Parable of the Mustard Seed. This sermon series on the parables will conclude with the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard on October 13th and the Parable of the Widow and the

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Worship Team Members

Edward Lee - Director of Music
 Tamara Lee - Organist/Pianist
 Marilyn Holzerland - Sanctuary Team
 Dan Stoltz - Sanctuary Audio Team

Bill Baker - Audiovisuals
 Harlan McCaskill - Ex Officio,
 Acting President of the Board
 Paul James - Pastor

Team Leader: Dot Macdonald

Class of 2019

Brenda Massimo
 Shirley Percival
 Jade Baker

Class of 2020

Bart Reuter
 Harlan McCaskill
 Dot Macdonald

Class of 2021

Peggy Olson
 Alice McPheeters
 Cathy Norman



Finance Team

Tax free donations to the Chapel

IRA Minimum Distributions. If you’re age 70 1/2 or older, you must take a minimum distribution (4%) from your IRA each year and pay income tax on the amount of your withdrawal. However, you can make a “tax-free” charitable contribution from your IRA to the Chapel. The money must be sent directly from your IRA account to the chapel to qualify.

For a retiree in the 24 percent tax bracket, an IRE charitable contribution of \$5,000 could reduce your income tax bill by \$1,200. Even a \$1,000 would save you \$240 in taxes. Questions? Call Dick Van Horne at 910-673-3123 or email him at rvanhorne@embarqmail.com.

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Lunch Bunch

All Single Seniors Are Invited To Attend Lunch At The Seven Lakes Chapel In The Pines Joralemon Fellowship Hall On October 9th At Noon. There Is No Cost. Reservations Would Be Appreciated. Transporta-

tion Will Be Provided If Needed. Following Lunch Edward And Tamara Lee, Of The Seven Lakes Chapel In The Pines Will Entertain Us With Beautiful Music And Lead In A Sing Along.

Reservation For Lunch And If Transportation Is Needed Please Call The Chapel Office 400-5188



To Make A

Chapel Choir

On Sunday, September 29, the Chapel in the Pines invited former choir members back as part of our third Homecoming, to offer two anthems. The Call to Worship, "Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place," was written by Gordon Young, who composed over 800 songs for organ and choir, and received eighteen consecutive annual composition awards from ASCAP, the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. The lyrics begin, "Let Heavenly music fill this place, and all the harmonies of Heaven be heard..." which is

our prayer each time we sing.

The Anthem, "Almighty, Unchangeable God," is by Texan composer Cindy Berry. Berry began taking piano lessons from her church organist when she was six years old, and, as a hobby, began composing original music as a teenager. She felt God's call on her work as a composer in 1983, and since then has devoted her time and talents to writing choral anthems for adults and children, as well as arranging piano music.

It is fun work to make a joyful noise together. If you like to sing please consider joining us for Sunday worship. We practice on Wednesday afternoons at 5:15-6:00 pm and sing approximately twice per month. If you'd like to just join the choir for a season, now is the perfect time as we are beginning practice for our annual Christmas Cantata, also Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00. The Cantata is scheduled for Saturday night, December 21 at 5:00 pm.



The Gathering

**Saturday October 19th
5:00 PM**

The Gathering for October will be on **Saturday afternoon, October 19 at the**

Seven Lakes Cemetery where we will join with the campers in celebration of All Hallow's Eve with a **cook out of hot dogs and hamburg-**

ers. We will begin the worship service at 5:00 pm. Bring a chair and join in the festivities.

October Volunteers

Acolyte Schedule

October 6th Rowan Collins
 October 13th Luke Bryan
 October 20th Owen Baker
 October 27th Eric Bishop

Flower Schedule

October 6th Bart & Peggy Reuter
 October 13th Sue & Dick Van Horne
 October 20th
 October 27th Wendy Tetreault

Usher/Greeter Schedule

October 6th Joyce Singletary, Cathy & George Norman, Pat Price
 October 13th Dot Macdonald, Chris & Jim Beck, Bob Tourt
 October 20th Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman, Carole Faas, Lore Olsen
 October 27th Shirley Percival, Sue & Mike Barry, Bud Holzerland

Office Assistants

October 4th Wendy Tetreault
 October 11th Dot Riggins
 October 18th Wendy Tetreault
 October 25th Shirley Percival/Dot Riggins
 (Sherry School Field Trip NC Zoo)
 October 28th Wendy Tetreault (Sherry – UNC
 endoscopy surgery)

Coffee Hour Hosts

October 6th Pastor Paul James
 October 13th Joyce Singletary
 October 20th
 October 27th



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October Birthdays

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| 10-5 Dave Neilson's Birthday | 10-20 Dan Stoltz's Birthday (1964) |
| 10-7 Gisela Danielson's Birthday | 10-22 Tim Mabe's Birthday (1956) |
| 10-7 Drew Augustyniak's Birthday | 10-24 TJ Albright's Birthday (2011) |
| 10-10 Jim Beck's Birthday | 10-28-60 Sandy Cifranic's Birthday |
| 10-16 Marge Blake's Birthday (1926) | 10-29 Peggy Olson |
| 10-17 Nancy Geddes' Birthday | 10-30 Johanna Moran's Birthday |



October Anniversaries

- 10-7 Hal & Marge Blake's Anniversary (1950)
- 10-10 Toby & Sherry Albright's Anniversary (2015)
- 10-13 Laura Beth & Steve Urie's Anniversary (1979)
- 10-24 Bob & Pat Donaldson's Anniversary

