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Paul's Ponderings The Chapel Chimes October 2021

In the September issue of The Chapel Chimes I shared with you my ponderings on the topic of "belonging" and how the relationships that we form through time with family, friends, and community produce a sense of belonging that has the ability to delay mental and physical decline which leads to happier and longer lives. If you would like to read or re-view that article you will find it on the Chapel website.

Exploring "belonging" reminded me of the writing of one of my favorite church historians, Diana Butler-Bass. She writes, "For the last few centuries, Western Christianity ordered faith in a particular way. Catholics and Protestants taught that belief came first, behavior came next, and finally belonging resulted... Believe, behave, belong." The first step in Christian discipleship is to believe in Christ Jesus, then to order our lives around his teachings, and finally to belong to a particular community of faith.

While I am still pondering "belonging" let me remind everyone that Jesus did not begin with the question of belief. Jesus' public ministry began when he called out, "Follow me" and his

friends and neighbors left their old lives to form a new community. Jesus did not begin with "belief" but with an invitation to new relationships based on love and service. Christianity began with "belonging" and moved to "behaving".

The early folks who followed Jesus were a community of practice. Dr. Butler-Bass writes, "Jesus' followers did not sit around a fire and listen to lectures on Christian theology. They listened to stories that taught them how to act toward one another, what to do in the world." And, so, they responded with "behavior" not "belief". They healed people, offered hospitality, prayed together, challenged traditional practices and rituals, ministered to the sick, comforted the grieving, fasted, and forgave.

Jesus began by calling people into a new community of belonging and when they responded he gave them something to do. At first, he demonstrated what he wanted them to do. Then he did it with them. Finally, he sent them out to do it themselves...telling them to proclaim God's reign and cure the sick. When the disciples returned from their first mission trip they realized that proclaiming the kingdom was not a matter of teaching doctrine...not a matter of belief... rather, the kingdom was a matter

of imitating Jesus' actions. It was a matter of "behaving".

I think that it is possible that Jesus wanted us to know that actions shape faith. Spiritual practices engender hope. Behavior opens the door to believing. Embedding yourself within a Christian community and doing what Christians do leads to believing what Christians believe. Doing what seems difficult or even impossible empowers us with the courage to envision a different world and believe that we can make a difference for God. Without community, without belonging...without practices, without behavior...faith is but an empty promise.

Belonging...behaving...and that leaves "believing" on which to ponder between now and November's Chapel Chimes.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



Chapel Prayers

***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)***

Prayers of the People Chapel Friends:

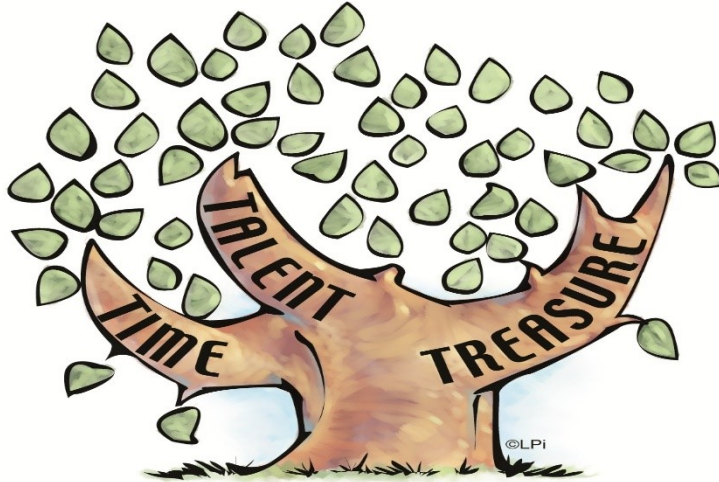


Pat Kibbie, Gardenia Flores, Juster Machovi, Jeanne Stephan, Sally Bagdan, Marjorie Gump, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt and Heather Tuft, Cathy Phillips, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Eddie and Annette McInnis, Patty and Jackie Madden, Jennifer Grgurevic, Cathy and Calvin Phillips, Mary Faas, George Depuy, Thomas Martin, Sandra and Robert Rickards, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Brenda Tubaugh, Bob Hamilton, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcellos, Dave Carney, Nancy Pierceall, Kathy Steele, Rob D'Amatto, Pricilla Johnson, Kaitlyn McInnis, Maria Karous, Ronald J. Beck, Katy and Colette Kelly, Jeannette Roper, Joe and Ashley McInnis and their newborn baby, Noah, Tyler Moses, Bruce Reyes-Chow, Jim Milliman, Lou Matthews, Carmen Chung, Mike Augustyniak, Bruce Lowe, Cynthia Fetty, Jeanette Reuter-Fromkin, and the Troxler Family.

Chapel Family:

Jane and Charles Hinson, Nancee Letter, Dorene Tichenor, Ralph Olsen, Mary Tuft, Pat Donaldson, Bud Holzerland, Phil and Angie Thingstad, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Shirley Percival, Glenda Clendenin, Mike Barry, R. J. Peppe, Tamara Lee, Jean Lawrence, Kathy Golzio, Jade Baker, and the Family of Pat Price.

Stewardship



The Life Blood Of The Chapel

For several weeks now we have presented thoughts, stories and express feeling on Stewardship you all of you. But what is Stewardship and what does it mean to you and to our Chapel community!

The dictionary definition is:

Stewardship - noun

stew·ard·ship | \ 'stü-ərd-,ship , 'styü-; 'st(y)urd- \

Definition of *Stewardship*

1: the office, duties, and obligations of a steward

2: the conducting, supervising, or managing of something *especially:* the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

In the Bible Stewardship is defined as, "**Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.**" The central essence of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God...

If we combine these two practical definitions and apply them to you and me as members of The Chapel community the definition takes on a practical definition like this:

It is each of our responsibility, as a daughter of son of God, to offer our time, use our talents and support financially God's work, as performed through the Chapel. We are to manage and oversee the works of The Chapel for the Glory of God as we spread the word for the betterment of our Chapel and local communities!



Now that is a lot of words but what do they really mean. As children of God and Stewards of the Chapel, it is our responsibility to lead and manage all that God has given, each of us, using our time and talents, while supporting our Chapel financially all for the Glory of God!

This week you all received your 2022 Time and Talent Declaration pages as well as your Pledge Card. It is time to sit and review your calendar to look at your available TIME. It is time to think of what talents we have to offer. We all have talents and we all of time. The real question is how much time you can offer to use your talents for the Glory of God.

Every minute you invest in service to the Chapel community, is a minute in the service of God. So how many minutes can you offer in the service of God.

Each of us has God given talents that we have used most of our lives, in our careers, family development and many of us in community and civic efforts. Many of you have already offered your talents to the Chapel. All of those efforts have been greatly appreciated.

But we call out again, for your help and guidance, as we enter a critical period in the future of the Chapel.

Over the next 12 months we will be embarking on a vigorous effort to grow our Chapel membership. This will require strong Stewardship by each of us, as leaders of the Chapel. Yes, each of us are Stewards in the Chapel community.

When we step out into the local community and introduce the Chapel to your neighbors and friends, we are Stewards of the Chapel, sharing a wonderful work of God, for the worship of God.

As Always, your Annual Pledge to the Chapel is important as well. We know that your giving is very personal, and we respect that each of us can give what we can for the support of God's work through the Chapel. We assure you that all that you give is fully appreciated and carefully used for God's missions and support of the Chapel.

Be bold, Give us your Time and Share your Talents, Pledge support for the Glory of God.

We would ask that you please complete your Time and Talent declarations and your Pledge Card this week and return them to the Chapel office or bring them with you to the in, sanctuary service on October 3rd.

Thank You, George Norman – Stewardship Committee



Mission Team (Submitted by Tracey Olsen)



Upcoming Dates

Friday, Oct. 1	Deadline to leave donations at the Chapel
Saturday, Oct. 2	9am Mission Team pricing items
Saturday, Oct. 16	9 am Back up date for pricing items
Thursday, Oct. 28	9 am Mission Team workday (bring your snacks/lunch)
Friday, Oct. 29	9 am Mission Team workday (Lunch provided, RSVP please)
Saturday, Oct. 30	8 am Rummage Sale
Saturday, Nov. 6	8 am Rain date for the Sale

We encourage anyone who is interested in helping us on Friday and/or Saturday for the Rummage Sale to join us! See times above...

Please call CITP if you plan on helping so we have a head count: 910-400-5188 or Tracey 704-604-7930 or Joyce 910-512-3237
Thank you for helping us help others!





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Christmas4Moore

Christmas Is Three Months Away...
But, We Need Your Help Now!

The Mission Team of the Chapel in the Pines is already at work with their partners, Christmas4Moore to provide Christmas gifts for families in need.

This year we will be asking our members who wish to participate in this ministry to adopt a family, purchase gifts, wrap and deliver the packages. However, the Mission Team will be willing to assist you with the shopping, or wrapping, or delivering if you request their help with any of these responsibilities. Or, if you would like, just write a check to the Chapel and earmark it for Christmas4More and let the Mission Team take care of everything.

There are small families with one to three people and larger families with four or more. You may choose the size family that you adopt according to the financial gift you are able to make. Or, you may want to join with another Chapel friend and go in together to adopt a large family or even multiple families.

Yes, we realize that it is only October and Christmas is not quite yet on everyone's radar but the Mission Team is asking for your help. To get an idea of how many families the Chapel might be able to adopt, would you please let us know right away if you are interested in adopting a family this Christmas. Depending on the response from all of you the Mission Team will commit to an appropriate number of families to adopt and then more details will be coming your way as we approach the Christmas season.

Please give Leslie a call at 400-5188 or email to citp10@7lakeschapel.com **by October 6** and let her know if you will be participating in this fun and much needed Christmas outreach project to bring the love of Christ into the homes of those in need this holiday season.

Music Team (Submitted by Tamara Lee)



On October 31, 1517, a monk named Martin Luther tacked a piece of paper to the front entrance of the local church in Wittenberg, Germany, triggering decades of argument and even war over the ideas he recorded on that piece of paper. Luther had hoped to prompt changes within the Roman Catholic Church, but was excommunicated from the church just four years later, and eventually fled Germany when a bounty was placed on his life. The ninety-five practices he condemned within the church sparked what is referred to in history as The Protestant Reformation, and was the beginning of the Protestant church throughout the world, in its many denominations and forms. Martin Luther was able to spread the ideas of his initial protest throughout Europe with a relatively recent invention, Johannes Gutenberg's movable type printing press. Also utilizing the "power of the press," Luther shared Bible teachings in brochures, and through hymns he composed to encourage believers who were suffering through atrocious persecutions.

One of Luther's best known and most powerful hymns is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Every historical era has its own struggles and hardships, but as The Preacher says in the book of Ecclesiastes, "Nothing is new under the sun." Listen to the inspiring words set to the tune of Ein' Feste Burg, and be reminded that, "God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJWYXDw165c>

<https://www.history.com/topics/reformation/reformation>



Seven Lakes Cemetery (submitted by Mike Barry)

Current Updates and Pricing Structure for Chapel and Seven Lakes Cemetery Columbaria and Seven Lakes Cemetery

Current Update

We have had one interment at the Cemetery's Columbarium, and two at the Chapel's Columbarium's in September. I have been contacted by two families that have niches in the Columbarium's at the Chapel because their loved ones have passed on, but they have no definite plans yet.

We are getting a bid from Seth Clark, who repaired the Cemetery fence, to repair the Gazebo for the upcoming Veteran's Memorial event in November. He is going to replace about 15 floor boards, repair the guard rail, and spray stain everything but the ceiling.

Mike Barry, Cemetery Team Chair

For the answers to all of your questions about the purchase of cemetery plots or columbaria niches, please contact Mike Barry, Chapel Cemetery Director at sevenlakescemetery@7lakeschapel.com or (910) 466-9100 or the Chapel Administrator, at (910) 400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com.





Building & Grounds Report

(Submitted by Dick Van Horne & Mike Barry)

We are going to have the sidewalk, in the center courtyard, that runs along the outside of the fellowship hall, raised back up and tilted away from the building. At the same time, the void underneath the sidewalk will be filled. All this will happen September 30, 2021, and the process has been approved by the Board. It comes with a warrantee from a very well known company and proven process. After that, we are going to reroute the two downspouts that descend in front of the offices.

All the outside light timers have been reset so that they come on when darkness approaches.

Finance Team Report

(Submitted by Dick Van Horne)



"Stewardship Season" has arrived at Chapel in the Pines. As you consider your 2022 pledge, here are some ideas for making gifting easier:

Online Giving: One quick and easy way to give electronically is by using the "Bill Pay" feature of your bank's website. This service is normally provided free of charge both to you (the bank's customer) and to the church. And when you give online using a recurring payment, you never have to worry about forgetting your checkbook or being out of town. Instead, your gift can be deducted automatically from your account without you ever having to manually write a check.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA: Once you reach age 72, you are required to take annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) from your retirement accounts. If you want to avoid paying income tax on your distribution, you can contribute to a charity, in this example, the **Chapel in the Pines**. Example: If your required minimum distribution is \$20,000 and your tax rate is 32%, you owe income tax of \$6,400 to the government. Donate \$20,000 to the Chapel and its tax-free.

Life Insurance: Every life insurance policy has a Death Benefit. The death benefit is received tax-free by the "primary" beneficiary. Insurance companies permit you to add a "contingent beneficiary" in case the primary beneficiary dies before the policyholder. As a policy holder, you can name Chapel in the Pines, as a beneficiary. Find your life insurance policy and look inside the very back of the policy. You will see a copy of your original application. On there, you will see the names or names of your beneficiaries. If they need updating or if you want to include the Chapel as a beneficiary, contact your agent or insurance company. Better yet, call me, **Dick Van Horne**, and I'll walk you through the process.

Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40

We Need Your Help!

Please Donate as Often As You Can!

Back Pack Pals Items Needed

Juice Boxes, any flavor—Pop Tarts, any flavor

Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers

Matthew 25:40 Items Needed

Capri sun Juices, any flavor—Pop Tarts, any flavor

Chef Boyardee Micro Cups, in yellow and red

Small water bottles—Protein Bars, all flavors

Fruit Cups—Apple sauce cups



Schedule of Upcoming Events for October 2021

World Communion Sunday

Pastor Away

Proper 23— Meeting of the Board of Directors

Mission Team - 10:00 a.m.

Proper 24— Annual Congregational

Proper 25

All Saints Sunday

October 3

October 3—10

October 10

October 15

October 17

October 24

October 31





October Flower Sign-Up

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to provide flowers for the chapel in September please contact the office at 400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

Date	Volunteer
October 3rd	Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
October 10th	
October 17th	Lee Foreman
October 24th	Wendy Tetreault
October 31st	



October Coffee and Fellowship

On October 17th the Mission Team will be hosting coffee and fellowship outdoors.

Thank You,
Shirley Percival

October Birthdays

Doug Forbes	October 3
Drew Augustyniak	October 7
Gisela Danielson	October 7
James Beck	October 10
Marge Blake	October 16
Nancy Geddes	October 17
Dan Stoltz	October 20
Ed True	October 21
Rhonda Hodges	October 24
Johanna Moran	October 30



October Anniversaries

Hal & Marge Blake	October 7
Steve & Laura Beth Urie	October 13
Bob & Pat Donaldson	October 24



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