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Paul's Ponderings...



During the Easter Season liturgical churches like ours hear passages read from the Revelation of John...a most difficult book. The genre is that of apocalyptic literature, a form of biblical narrative based on mystical visions that most often address issues of divine justice. To the great amusement of Jewish scholars who actually understood apocalyptic literature and realized that it was not to be read as predicting future events, many Christian thinkers whipped up a frenzy around the possibility that we might be raptured any minute. Needless to say that this false understanding was magnified in our lifetimes by Hal Lindsey's Late Great Planet Earth as well as the monumentally misguided Left Behind series.

Before all that, theologians and Christian scholars had already come to understand that Revelation had nothing to do with predicting how the world would end. Instead, John's apocalypse was to function as a comforting text for a persecuted church. This book revealed the evils of the Roman Empire and assured Christians that a just and triumphant God would overcome all their pain and suffering. Revelation was, essentially, an extended metaphor of Christ's victory over a sinful world and was never meant to be taken literally.

The Book of Revelation is built around one key metaphor that the Roman Empire is a murderous Beast. The empire was born of violence and all it knows is war. So, don't collaborate with the empire...resist...do not

surrender...keep the faith. Revelation depicts the Roman earthly empire at war with the heavenly empire and the violence of divine retribution. Revelation describes God's empire with a throne room and an Emperor Christ leading an imperial, angelic army bent on revenge. God is said to defend the faithful in the exact same way that Caesar defends his empire, and this is where the metaphor breaks down.

One of my favorite theologians, John Dominic Crossan writes, "John's vision is repeated in ever differing images, but with this underlying and reciprocal logic: in the imminent future Christ will slaughter Romans because in the immediate past Rome slaughtered Christians."

Church historian, Diana Butler-Bass says, "This imperial Christ was then interpreted to be literal and Christians responded with crusades and colonization, so the misinterpretation of the Book of Revelation has been the source of enormous violence, suffering, and injustice. Sadly, taking Revelation literally has proved one thing; all empires - including Christian ones - are empires of grief, awash in blood and tears."

Yet, a further reading into John's Revelation shows that the author at some point begins to have misgivings about extending the imperial metaphor to Christ and tries to soften the message with a couple of alternative metaphors. Suddenly, this violent "Christ-Caesar" is depicted as a vulnerable lamb who welcomes all

and provides shelter for the persecuted. And, the conquering warrior Christ is now no where to be found and is replaced by the new Jerusalem, said to be "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." This is a bridal procession and a powerful image of love, joy, and new life. Revelation is a tale of cosmic slaughter that oddly ends with a wedding celebration.

The last chapters of Revelation are some of the most beautiful in all of

scripture...the wedding, the garden, and the river of life. But, extending the metaphor of empire to Jesus as a retaliatory warrior and reading that literally and future oriented was one of the worst theological missteps of all time.

My advice...read all the way to the end. Suffering is replaced by joy and love overcomes violence...and that is something to be celebrated.





Prayers for Chapel Friends:

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Pat Kibbie, Sally Bagdan, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt, Heather Tuft, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Patty & Jack Madden, Julie Grgurevich, Mary Faas, George Depuy, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcel-

los, Kathy Steele, Rob D'Amatto, Pricilla Johnson, Maria Karous, Jim Milliman, Mike Augustyniak and Drew's Family, Tom Dillon, Bruce Lowe, Pamela Kos, Nathan Ritter, Carla Amburgy and family, Derrick Marshall, George Hoffman, Daquaan Gadseen, Anthony Tuliano, Doug O'Brien, Vincent Bencivenga, Cynthia Peppe, Maggie Simmons, Reverend Elizabeth Forester, Ronnie Graham, Larry Cagle, Mary Ellen Jones and her brother Craig, Cathy Grubbs and Dave Westerman, Janet Hegeman, Tom Wetsel, Ellie Lyons, Wes Dunham, Katherine Grace, Victoria Fearon, Katy Swain, Dot Cantwell, and people of the Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Charles Hinson, Mary Tuft, Bud Holzerland, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Shirley Percival, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Jane Lowe, Meta Evans, Nancee Letter, Joan Tourt, Jeff Lowe, Dorene Tichenor, Phyllis Young, Carol Caggiano, Joanna Moran, Peggy Olson, Kathy Golzio and family.







President's Corner



Good Day,

First off, I want to thank the Mission Team and all the volunteers that participated over many months, sorting, pricing, and selling all the STUFF we sold at the Rummage Sale last month. The \$4,000 plus dollars will be well used to support the efforts of the Mission team. We were also able to donate all the unsold items to the Community Thrift Store on Hwy 5. They support a number of community organizations in the county. Great Job Mission Team.

May launched the boards preparation for developing a future growth plan for the Chapel. This effort covers many things including the continued effort to update our Teams, their structures, and job descriptions. Reviewing the Chapel By-Laws so that all the governing policies are current and up to date with the times. Once this project is completed the board will submit the updated By-laws to the community for your approval. We may call on some of you to assist in the project. If any of you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan in the office.

A critical part of this effort is to discover the "Core Values' of the Chapel. In order to move forward and grow, we must first identify the TOP THREE Core Values the Chapel currently exhibits. In other words, what are the three ministries/areas of interest/things the Chapel does well? Basically, who are we? Once we determine those three important Core Values, we can begin to expand our focus and grow. Think of it as a wagon wheel. You must first find the cog of the wheel (3 Core Values), before you can start expanding the wheel outward to move forward. Therefore, the Board will be presenting you with a brief survey (list) asking for your input in helping us identify these values. Your input is very much needed and appreciated.

We have expanded Susan's duties and hours so that she is able to manage the standard bookkeeping for the Chapel. When she is completely up to speed it will simplify the Chapel Treasures responsibility making it easier to enlist a new Chapel Treasure for a term starting in 2023. I want to take this opportunity to thank Sue Barry for her diligent effort managing the Chapel finances for the past two years. Thank you so much Sue.

We are approaching Stewardship Season, one of the most important seasons of the year for the Chapel. We are developing the Stewardship Team as a full-time team to operate all year not just a few months of the year. We are seeking volunteers for this team. Please contact Susan if you are interested so we can provide additional information.

The Nominating Committee is busy interviewing candidates for the open Chapel Board seats for the 2023 rotation. These are critical positions for new thoughts and ideas needed for sharing with the board. This next year will be exciting as we move into our official "Chapel Growth Program."

I want to thank Pastor Paul, all the board members, and every member of the Chapel for your participation in our Chapel community.

We know a lot of graduation, and family get togethers start happing this month as summer is here. If you are away, you can always join us online each Sunday via Zoom. When joining via Zoom look for the bulletin posted on the "Sunday Service via Zoom" page so that you can follow along during the service.

Have a great month, see you Sunday's either in person or via $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Zoom}}$.

George



Team Updates

Building & Grounds/Finance Teams

Work at the Chapel columbarium area to mitigate water seepage into the basement of the Fellowship Hall has been successful. After installing a third downspout, removing thirty feet of gutter "cover" and re-directing rainwater to the large drain near the Fellowship Hall entrance, Mike Barry reports that basement seepage has been reduced by 95%.



The Building/Grounds Team met on May 4th to review progress on recent projects and discuss Chapel needs in 2023. Attending the meeting were Bart Reuter, Tim & RJ Peppe, Mike Barry, George Norman and Dick Van Horne.

Cemetery Team

Sense we have the well working at the cemetery, we are looking at purchasing a skid of sod and fixing the bare areas of the cemetery.

We are also investigating the cost of a sister columbarium at the cemetery as a future growth project.



We have sold one Niche at the Chapel. We have one upcoming interment at the Cemetery Columbarium in May and one at the Chapel in June.

Work has been completed on the new Columbarium at the Chapel. All of the face stones are in and are silicone-cement sealed until they are occupied.

Mike Barry



Worship Team

Talia Beam will assume Drew Augustiniak's term on the Worship Team.

We held prayer vigil for the people of Ukraine with donations going to Samaritan's Purse and Mercy Chefs.

We had a covered plate lunch on March 27 to celebrate the return of in Chapel services.

Volunteers from the Worship Team helped prepare the Chapel for all Holy Week services.

The Worship Team has officially merged with the Chapel Preparation Team and a schedule has been prepared for preparing the Chapel for all services for the rest of the year.

The Worship hosted a Mothers Day coffee morning dedicated to all mothers.

We received the Board's approval for the return of the Chapel Choir for Sunday services.



Fínance Team



Through April 30, 2022, Chapel income stands at \$94,136 against expenses of \$72,066. The Chapel currently has total liquid assets of \$311,189, including a balance of \$65,228 in the Schwab Investment Account.



Summary of Rummage Sale May 21, 2022

- Thank you to everyone who helped us with our successful sale.
- ♦ Last October we made \$3,738.00
- This year we made \$4,049.00 which is an increase of \$311.00.
- ◆ Lydia Literal won the 50/50 Raffle of \$108.00.





Wanda Sweeney won the Garden Basket.









◆ Tambra Chamberlain represents Tambra Place in Moore County. It provides a safe, nurturing social learning environment for homeless and at-risk young women ages 18-24 in Moore County. We invited her to come during our half-price sale allowing her to take what she and her clients needed in their homes.





 Agencies supported by the Mission Team throughout the year are: Sandhills Food Bank, Habitat, Christmas 4 Moore, Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, West End Elementary, Ukraine Relief as well as other charitable donations on an as needed basis in Moore County.













Music Ministry

The Choir Spotlight falls on Marilyn McCaskill for the month of June. Thank you, Marilyn, for letting us get to know you better!

Where are you originally from? Asheboro, NC

How did you get to the Seven Lakes community, and/or, The Chapel in the Pines? I married Jimmy, from Candor, and after Johnathan graduated high school we moved to Seven Lakes. After about a year or two we started at the Chapel. We were originally members at Candor Presbyterian Church. That was eighteen or nineteen years ago.

What was your usual occupation? I have been a Certified Nursing Assistant in the CardioVascular Unit for almost thirty-one years.

What part(s) do you sing? Mostly soprano.

What was your first singing experience? Singing in the choir at my home church, Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church.

What other singing experience have you had, than church choir? When I was sixteen and seventeen years old, I sang in a quartet called The Redeemers. We sang in churches mostly.

What was your most meaningful singing experience? Singing in the quartet. We went to different denominations. Finding out about their church and their practices. (One scared me to death. I thought they were going to bring out the snakes! That was an experience I will never forget. There is more to this story, but it will take too long to explain.)

Why do you choose to sing in the Chapel Choir? I miss singing. I love the anthems.

What is the best part of being in a choir? The people, and listening to the different harmonies.

What is your favorite style of music?

I love the old quartets from the 60s - the original Chuck Wagon Gang, The Harvesters, The Happy Goodman Family. I love the old hymns and also the Classic Country from the 60s and

early 70s, and of course, beach music and Solid Gold Oldies.

What is your favorite song? It Is Well With My Soul

Do you play musical instruments? No.

What other activities do you enjoy? I bowl on a league. I enjoy getting outside, walking, picking up pinecones and sticks, etc.



If you are interested in volunteering to provide flowers for the chapel, please contact the office at 910-400-5188 or e-mail Susan at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

June	. Da	
6-5	Jon & Dorene Tichenor	
6-12	Tim & RJ Peppe	
6-19	Bud & Marilyn Holzerland	
6-26	Edward and Tamara Lee	
July		
7-3	Daisy Kirit	
7-10	Edward and Tamara Lee	
7-17	17 Wendy Te3treault	
7-24	Brad & Marilyn Hozerland	
7-31	Alicia & Steve DeLong	



If you would like to assist our teams, please feel free to volunteer by signing up for a Sunday using our signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. OR you can notify Susan by email at citp10@7lakeschapel.com or call 910-400-5188 to have your name placed on the list.



Keep it Fun!

Keep it Simple!

Fellowship is the Key!

Coffee (decaf and regular), juice, chocolate milk and simple snacks—muffins, cookies.

Come join us after the service for warm coffee and great conversation!









6-3 Sandi Keyser

6-16 Blue Baker

6-20 Karl Stark

6-22 Phillip Thingstaf

6-22 Jerry Simpson

6-26 Mimi Giannini

6-30 Vicki Bedder





Celebrating Anniversaries



- 6-7 Ray & Audrey Tourt
- 6-13 Bud & Marilyn Holzerland
- 6-15 Jim & Meta Evans
- 6-17 John & Carol Caggiano
- 6-17 Jon & Dorene Tichenor







Usher Schedule July—August

Offertory – after you hand the plates back to Paul and he turns to the alter, please return to your seats.

<u>June</u>

5 Sun 9 am Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman, Bob & Pat Dantzer

12 Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Bob Tourt, Wendy Tetreault

16 Thu 5:30 pm Gathering w/communion, Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman

19 Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary

26 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Jim Beck, Thalia Beam

<u>July</u>

3Sun 9 am Carole Faas, Lee Connelly, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill 10 Sun 9 am Dot Macdonald, Bob Tourt, Pat & Bob Dantzer 14Thu 5:30 pm Gathering/communion Gordon Zeller & Kathy Goodman

17 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Wendy Tetreault, Lee Connelly

24 Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Gisela Danielson, Carole Faas

31 Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Joyce Singletary, Thalia Beam



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Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

We Need Your Help—Please Donate as Often As You Can!

Mathew 25:40

Apple sauce cups

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

Backpack Pals

Juice Boxes, any flavor
Pop Tarts, any flavor
Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers









Schedule of Upcoming Events for June 2022

Sunday-June 5	9:00 am	Pentecost Sunday
Wednesday-June 8	5:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-June12	9:00 am	Trinity Sunday-Holy Communion
		Chapel Board Meeting following Service

Thursday-June1 16 5:30 pm The Gathering

Featuring Just a Lil Grace

Sunday-June 19	9:00 am	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday-June 26	9:00 am	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday-July 3	9:00 am	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday-July 10	9:00 am	5th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday-July 14	5:30 pm	The Gathering—Holy Communion
Sunday-July 17	9:00 am	6th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday-July 24	9:00 am	The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion

Sunday-July 31 9:00 am The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time







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Chapel Team Update

Nominating

Dot MacDonald—Team Leader

Class of 2022 - Jeff Lowe and Dot MacDonald Class of 2023 - Jim Beck and Shirley Percival

Class of 2024 - Marilyn Holzerland and Esther Robinson

Worship Team

Shirley Percival—Team Leader

Ex-Officio: Paul James, Pastor

George Norman Chapel President Edward Lee, Director of Music Tamara Lee, Organist/Pianist Dan Stoltz, Audio/Visual

Kathy Goodman, Usher/Greeters Needed—Nursery Volunteers

Class of 2022 - Shirley Percival, Carole Faas, Thalia Beam Class of 2023 - Harlan McCaskill, Chris Beck, Jon Tichenor Class of 2024 - Alicia DeLong, Alicia McPheeters, L.B. Urie

Personnel Team

Bill Baker and Frank Carney — Co-Team Leaders

Class of 2022 - Frank Carney and Jean Lawrence Class of 2023 - Kathy Golzio and Peggy Reuter Class of 2024 - Bill Baker and Lee Foreman

Mission Team

Tracey Olsen and Joyce Singletary — Co-Team Leaders

Cemetery/Columbarium Team

Mike Barry - Team Leader

Building and Grounds Team

Dick Van Horne and Mike Barry — Co-Team Leaders

Class of 2024 - Bill Baker and Lee Foreman

Finance and Long Range Planning Team

Dick Van Horne — Team Leaders

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

PERSONNEL



The Personnel Team is requesting input before **June 5th** for our annual review process on the quality and important work of: Edward Lee, Tamara Lee and Pastor Paul.





Summer Word Search

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baseball Independence shorts
beach Day swimsuit
camping July swimming
gardening June travel

heat picnic vacation

thunderstorms

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Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines

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Just a Lil Grace



Just A Lil Grace
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Please join us on June 16th 5:30 pm for The Gathering.

Just a Líl Grace in Concert at Seven Lakes
Chapel in the Pines.

Just A Li'l Grace is a Chatham County, NC based band focusing on acoustic gospel music. Members are Stacey Stuart , Doug Stuart , Lenward Camp and Eddie Ingram . Our goal is lifting up the name of Jesus Christ through music and testimony.

The Gathering—June 16 @ 5:30 pm