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Paul's Ponderings..



Stewardship

After a recent congregational survey it was noted that our Chapel's fifth most agreed upon Core Value is...

Together we faithfully share our time, talents and treasure to further the mission of our Chapel.

Time is a very precious gift from God. Each of us has been given enough time to accomplish God's purpose for us on this planet. Some of us feel we don't have enough time for all the things we want to do and all the things God is calling us to do. Yet, everyone is given the same amount of time each day. The question is: How do we choose to use our time? During Stewardship Season we are encouraged to use our time to further the mission of our Chapel.

The Chapel Mission Statement: To serve our community by preaching, teaching, and living the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our talents are very precious gifts from God. All of us have been blessed with various talents, whether we are aware of them or not and whether we have worked to develop our talents or not. Of course, it is usually not possible to develop all of our God-given talents. Ideally, we can and should develop some of them and use them wisely to faithfully serve God, our Chapel family, and the people of our community.

We may think that we have earned and actually own the treasure we have acquired but even that is a precious gift from God. While the Bible has about five hundred verses on prayer and fewer than five hundred verses on faith, there are over two thousand five hundred biblical verses that deal with money and possessions. Without apology, our Lord Jesus said more about money than he did about any other subject, including Heaven and Hell combined. Why do you think there is such a biblical emphasis on the stewardship of our financial resources? Perhaps it is because the world tells us to find our happiness and peace through wealth but scripture challenges us to find the desire of our hearts in the Lord and to be content with the treasure God has entrusted to us.

Being encouraged to give of our time, our talents, and our treasure to faithfully further the mission of our Chapel is a common Stewardship theme...one that we joyfully embrace or maybe stoically endure each Fall. However, there is an even more important word in our Core Value statement on Stewardship than this overused trio and that is the word... together.

As individuals we only have so much time to give to the ministries of the Chapel. Each of us has talents but none of us, by ourselves, has all the talents needed to shepherd our Chapel through an entire year. All of us are building, creating, or sitting on some amount of financial resources but none of us can single-handedly fund all our Chapel's efforts to serve the needs of the people of this community. But, together... faithfully sharing our time, talents, and treasure, we can preach and

teach and live the good news of the love of Christ with all who can be blessed by God through our efforts and selfsacrifices.

This concept of the power and strength of "togetherness" was recognized six years ago when the vision statement that was to guide us as we boldly sought to move our Chapel into the future was adopted by the congregation:

Growing into God's Call...Together!

Only by combining all our time, talents, and treasure can we be the church in this place, share our love for God, and be the light of Jesus to our community. What is most certain is that it will take all of us working together, giving together, and praying together.

Come said the leaves to the wind one day, Come o'er the meadows and we will play.

Put on your dresses

For summer is gone and the days grow cold.

George Eliot



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Pat Kibbie, Sally Bagdan, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt, Heather Tuft, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Patty & Jack Madden, Mary Faas, George Depuy, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Phyllis Mahin, Kathy Steele, Rob D'Amatto, Pricilla Johnson, Maria Karous, Jim Milliman, Bruce Lowe, Pamela Kos, Nathan Ritter, Derrick Marshall, George Hoffman, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Reverend Elizabeth Forester, Ronnie Graham, Mike Augustyniak and

Drew's Family, Tom Dillon, Janet Hegeman, Julie Grgurevich, Wes Dunham, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Larry Cagle, Tom Wetsel, Carla Amburgy and family, Katherine Grace, Victoria Fearon, Katy Swain, Dot Cantwell, Sabrina Levine, Erica Szenczewski, Brenda Tubaugh, Chandler Stewart, Larry Yates, Lou Mathews, Evangeline Caliandro, Mike Karnish, Laurie Stevens, Clark Trivett, and the people of the Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Mary Tuft, Bud Holzerland, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Glenda Clendenin, Meta Evans, Nancee Letter, Joan Tourt, Dorene Tichenor, Charles Hinson, Jean Lawrence, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Mike Barry, Carole Faas, Bill and Blue Baker.



President's Corner

Welcome to Stewardship Season.



This is that time of the year when we ask each of you in our Chapel Community to think of what TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES you have available to share in God's work through the Chapel.

Your TIME is a valuable commodity that burns away every minute. How we use those minutes is what is important. There are many jobs, tasks and services involved in operating the Chapel. Each takes minutes used to complete them. With a limited staff we rely on the Chapel Community to fill all the needs required to conduct Gods work. The minutes that each of you can share with the Chapel combined together allow us to manage our beautiful Chapel in the light of God.

Our request is for you to take out your calendar, look at your TIME, 30, 60, 120 minutes a week or month, whatever you can share, it all adds up. Be a part of the Chapel's life by sharing a little of your TIME.

Now that you have determined the TIME you have available, think about the TALENTS God has bestowed on you throughout your life. Some of which you may not have used in a while, but you always have them available. They could be valuable in Gods work through the Chapel. There are many tasks and Teams all working for the glory of God. As we send out the TIME and TALENT SHEETS this week, please review all the Teams and what their functions are. Choose those that you are most passionate about and those where your TALENTS can be most beneficial doing God's work through the Chapel.

TREASURE is the foundation required to continue Gods work through the Chapel. We are a small Community, providing an incredible service bringing God's Love and Message forward each week. We also are spreading God's love through Chapel Ministries and local community support. Our budget is not large. It does require each of our attention, so we are able to continue to provide, what we have all agreed as our Number 1 Core Value, "We enjoy interdenominational worship with quality preaching and music." In addition, our facilities are beginning to need some upgrades, a new roof and other items as required.

The TREASURES God has bestowed on us have been gathered as fruits from the TAL-ENTS God gave us, using the TIME we have had to be successful under God's guidance.



As the PLEDGE Card arrives, please look deep in your heart, PLEDGE your TREASURE so that we can continue Gods Ministries and bring more new members into our Chapel Community.

The Gathering. On September 8th we will be having our Gathering. That evening we will have Subway sandwiches, Salad and Cookies. Our program will be "The Chapel, Today and Future!" We will discuss the 2023 budget, talk about Chapel growth and hopefully



you will gain a clearer understanding of what the board is working toward in 2023. Please call or email the office by end of business Tuesday September 6^{th} to reserve your seat at the table.

Stewardship season is a time of excitement for the future and reflection on our past. Please do both as you consider your commitment to Gods work through the Chapel.



Team Updates

Finance Team

Stewardship Season has arrived at the Chapel in the Pines. As you consider your 2023 pledge, here are 3 ideas for making gifting easier.

Bill Pay

One quick and easy way to donate electronically is by using the "Bill Pay" feature on your bank's website. This service is normally provided free of charge through your bank. 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) from you IRA. 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 was \$20,000 and your tax rate is 24%, you owe income tax of \$4,800 to the government. Donate all or part of that \$20,000 to the Chapel and it's tax free. To be tax-free, your minimum distribution must not touch your hands. It must be sent directly from your IRA account to the Chapel's bank account.

Life Insurance

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

Cemetery Team

The cemetery team reports no burials, interments or sales for the month of August.





Mission Team



We continue to work on helping those in our community.

We are exploring new options for a fund raiser. We have not scheduled anything yet.

Fran's Friends has become a wonderful social event for the women of the chapel. We will meet the FIRST Thursday of each month beginning in September. We felt the third Thursday occasionally conflicted with the Chapel Gathering. Please mark your calendar.



Remember, the Winery has many **Non-Alcoholic** options for purchase as well. Please bring a snack to share if you can. Something simple and **NOT** necessary. The fellowship is the focus!



Choir Schedule Fall/Winter 2022



September

September 18 Pledge Sunday

September 25 Homecoming Sunday

October

October 2 World Communion Sunday

Holy Communion October 23

Annual Congregational Meeting November

November 6 All Saints Day Holy Communion

November 20 Christ the King Sunday Chapel 46th Anniversary

December 1 (Thursday) A Service from Darkness to Light

The Third Sunday of Advent/Joy Holy Communion

December 24 Carols, Candles, and Communion

Christmas Cantata

Note: For those just joining us for the Cantata—practice for the Cantata

starts at 6:30 pm



December

December 11



December 18



Usher Schedule September—November 2022

Offertory - after you hand the plates back to Paul and he turns toward the alter, just turn and go to your seats.



<u>September</u>

- Sun 9 am Talia Beam, Dot Macdonald, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
- Thu 5:30 pm Gathering Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman
- Sun 9 am Shirley Percival, Bob Tourt, Wendy Tetreault, Dot Macdonald
- 18** Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Carol Faas, Joyce Singletary
- 25** Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Sue & Dick VanHorne

October

- 2** Sun 9 am Carole Faas, Lee Connelly, RJ & Tim Peppe
- Sun 9 am Bob Tourt, Sue & Dick VanHorne, Shirley Percival
- Thu 5:30 pm Gathering Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman 13
- Sun 9 am Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman, Wendy Tetreault, Thalia Beam
- 23** Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Joyce Singletary, Lee Connelly
- Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Wendy Tetreault, Jim Beck

November

- 6** Sun 9 am Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman, Sue & Dick VanHorne
- Sun 9 am Bob Tourt, Thalia Beam, George & Cathy Norman
- 20** Sun 9 am Joyce Singletary, Gisela Danielson, RJ & Tim Peppe
- Sun 9 am Jim Beck, Bob Tourt, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill

**indicates choir performing







Opportunities for volunteers to host coffee hour in September.

Please sign up on bulletin board outside the church office or call us at (910) 400-5188 to let us know which Sunday you'd like to host.

SEPTEMBER



9-4	Marilyn McCaskill & Mama Dot
9-11	Volunteer Needed
9-18	Volunteer Needed
9-25	HOMECOMING SUNDAY!





Flower Sign-Up

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

September	
9-4	Julie James
9-11	Jon Tichenor
9-18	Marilyn McCaskill
9-25	Bart & Peggy Reuter
October	
10-2	Volunteer Needed
10-9	Volunteer Needed
10-16	Volunteer Needed
10-23	Wendy Tetreault
10-30	Johanna Moran
November	
11-6	Shirley Percival
11-13	Volunteer Needed
11-20	Sue Barry
11-27	Volunteer Needed









- 9-5 Thalia Beam & Ed Burke
- 9-6 Bill & Blue Baker
- 9-9 Jackie & Jerry Simpson
- 9-21 Mike & Sue Barry
- 9-29 Bart & Peggy Reuter







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9-7 Jon Tichenor

9-7 Rev. Paul James

9-10 Sophie Collins

9-15 Pat Donaldson

9-17 Owen Baker

9-19 RJ Peppe

9-19 Joyce Singletarry

9-28 Ralph Olsen







Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

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

Backpack Pals

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



Mathew 25:40

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





ANNOUNCING 2022-FALL FOOD DRIVE

This past year has seen an increase in requests from our Social Worker's in Moore County Schools. There were over **300 At-risk Students** at the close of school in June.

The **Need for Food** is growing. Listed below are the items requested in this years **Food Drive**:

THEY NEED-FOOD <u>Drop Box Located - Side Narthex</u>



Lance Crackers

Protein Bars

Fruit Cups

Breakfast Bars

Mac & Cheese

Capri Juice

Individual Microwavable Cups of Noodles





Sunday-September 18

Schedule of **Upcoming Events**

Sunday-September 4 9:00 am The Second Sunday in Kingdomtide and

Third in Stewardship Season

Chapel Choir Practice Wednesday-September 7 5:30 pm Wednesday September 7-Wednesday September 9 Office Closed

Thursday-September 8 5:30 pm The Gathering— Stewardship Presentation

Mission Team Meeting Friday-September 9 10:00 am

The Third Sunday in Kingdomtide and Sunday-September 11 9:00 am

Fourth in Stewardship Season

Chapel Board Meeting Following Service

Worship Team Meeting **Tuesday-September 13** 5:30 pm Wednesday-September 14 10:00 am—1:00 pm Ukrainė Prayer Vigil Wednesday-September 14 5:30 pm Chapel Choir Practice

> 9:00 am Fifth Sunday in Kingdomtide—Choir

Chapel Pledge Sunday Chapel Choir Practice 5:30 pm

Wednesday-September 21 **Chapel Homecoming Golf Tournament!** Saturday-September 24 **Sunday-September 25**

The Fifth Sunday in Kingdomtide—Choir 9:00 am

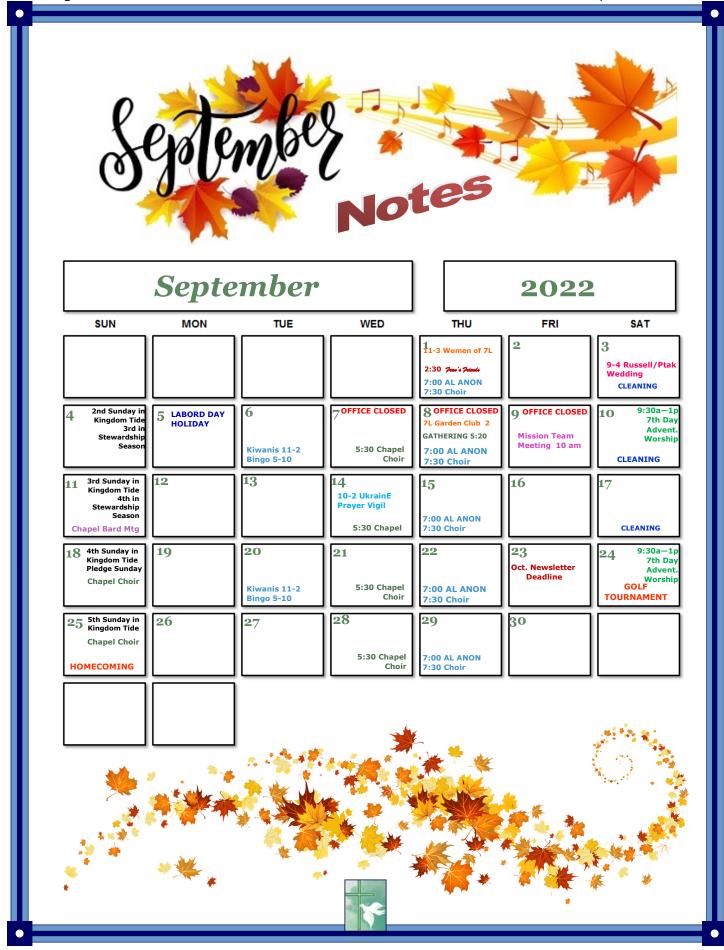
Chapel Homecoming Sunday!

Sunday, September 18th Pledge Sunday

Pledge Sunday is September 18, 2022. Pledge Cards and Time and Talent packets will be available for pickup on Sunday, September 4th. Please remember to pickup your packet either before or after the service. Packets not picked up will be mailed.

Please remember to bring your Pledge Card and your Time and Talent sheet to church with you on the 18th. If you are unable to bring your Pledge Card or your Time and Talent sheet, please remember to mail them to the church no later than the 25th of September.





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