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Paul's Ponderings...

Ordinary Time

So much of life is spent doing ordinary, everyday things and looking back, it's sometimes hard to remember the things we accomplished or the experiences we had because life was just so ordinary. Oliver Sacks, neurologist, writer, and poet, said it this way. "When we see in everyday life things that are petty, ordinary, and banal we generally fail to remember them, because the mind is not being stirred by anything novel or marvelous. But if we see or hear something exceptionally base, dishonorable, unusual, great, unbelievable, or ridiculous, (those things) we are likely to remember for a long time...Ordinary things easily slip from the memory while the striking and novel stay longer in the mind."

The season after Pentecost is known as "Ordinary Time". Church historian, Diana Butler Bass, says, "It's pretty strange how the Christian story moves from resurrection of Jesus, to fire from heaven and speaking in tongues, through mystical appearances to...Ordinary Time. Nothing novel or marvelous. Just the regular rhythms of life."

On Sunday, June 11th, as Ordinary Time was gearing up, we heard two scriptures in worship. God asks Abram to leave his

home and follow him to a new land and Jesus asks Matthew, a tax collector to follow him. Both stories are about following God as an act of faith. But, Diana points out that, "...following also involves some pretty regular things...packing up, venturing out, pitching a tent, sharing a meal with friends."

The months of Ordinary Time are an invitation to take all that we have learned about our triune God during Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost and put it into practice in our everyday, ordinary lives. It's when we begin to see that our ordinary, day-in-and-day-out lives are where we walk our spiritual journey with God. Ordinary Time is when we find joy in our service to God, peace in our worship and praise, enlightenment in our Bible reading and study, joy in our singing, closeness to God in our prayer and meditation, and a growing love between all our Chapel friends and family. And, Ordinary Time is when we feel the courage and confidence to



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witness to all these things to others who we meet in our ordinary, everyday lives.

For all the amazing celebrations of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, it's in Ordinary Time that all of us who are following Jesus are to be the most alive, the most engaged, and the most fulfilled in our daily journeys of following Jesus and yielding to the leadings of the Holy Spirit. It's during Ordinary Time that our love for God and for one another should be most evident to those around us.

No doubt, Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. In fact it is filled with the extraordinary. In fact it's the time when Abram followed God and became the Father of a great nation and Matthew followed Jesus into a whole new life. Following God in the midst of the ordinary is to discover the extraordinary all around us...to find the

wonder and magic and spirituality that fills our everyday lives.

This year for us at the Chapel in the Pines, Ordinary Time holds such promise for our individual and corporate spiritual growth and the growth of our church. And, when these things come about, I promise, they won't be remembered as "petty, ordinary, and banal". No, they will be celebrated for years to come.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



Prayers for Chapel Friends:

Prayer



Requests

Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuli-
ano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Ste-
vens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Mary Faas, Olivia Mcdon-
ald, Lerici Racine, Joe Currie, Kevin Carter, Sharon Thomas, Neida
Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley,
Scott Olson, Norma McKeithan, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy
Hess, Nell Ostby, Bob Macdonald, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Elsie
Keeshen, Michelle Kraus, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Abbe Wells,
Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Kate Halus, Nancy Campbell, Jean Schmidt, Watts Auman,
Ed Barry, the people of Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria, and the people devastated by
wind, rain, hail, and tornados in the South.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Nancee Letter, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Mary Tuft, Charles
Hinson, Tamara Lee, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Esther Robinson,
Glenda Clendenin, Jon Tichenor, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Lore Olsen, John Mo-
ses, Cathy Grubbs, Jane and Jeff Lowe.



President's Corner



Happy 4th of July

Once again we celebrate the birth of our country. I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday.

As July begins we are halfway through our year, and we have a lot to be happy for.

Our membership is growing, and we have a large number of guests each week.

Our online services are working and gathering more people when they are away from home or those that have moved away but still love the Chapel.

We have made many improvements this year. We repaired the water issue in the courtyard, we replaced the windows in the Bell Tower, so now we can see the Chapel Bell clearly. This week the new black metal roof is being installed and will be completed next week.

In the Chapel Cemetery we are adding four new columbarium's that are being built now and will be installed soon.

It has been a very productive year. We appreciate all your financial support for these projects, especially for the roof. We are less than \$4,000 from our goal.

Preschool at the Chapel

As you all know we have leased the Kids Zone and former Choir and Teen room to Preschool in the Pines LLC. A separate business unaffiliated with the Chapel. Alison McCloskey is the owner. They are now setup in those rooms, preparing for this next school year. As the landlord, the board requests that should you need to go into those rooms, you contact the Chapel Administrator prior to doing so. If you would like more information on the Preschool operation please contact the office for Alison's contact information. Thank you.

Stewardship Season

We are entering our traditional Stewardship season. Over the next three months we will be seeking your commitments of your time and talents as well as your pledges for 2024.



Stewardship is not just a once a year activity. The interest and commitment you provide to us as leaders provide a pool of resources that we can draw from for a wide variety of projects we need to conduct throughout our church year. These projects are critical to our success in broadening our teaching of God's Word and building the fellowship in the Chapel. The board asks that you open your hearts and talent bag and pull out those skills that we can use for the betterment of the Chapel for all of us.

The first week of August we will have Stewardship week. We will be sharing thoughts and messages about Stewardship each day. On August 6th we will have Stewardship Sunday where during Fellowship, after our service, we will have an open house for each team to share one on one with you what their team mission is so you can better understand if that is a team you would like to volunteer for. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

New Music Director

I am pleased to officially announce that we have hired our new Music Director, Kristen Thompson. She will be starting July 1st and will be working with Pastor Paul, the Choir and Phyllis Alexander to provide music programs for our services well into the future.

Please welcome Kristen when you see her in church or around the Chapel.

Have a great summer and keep as cool as you can.

George Norman - President





The Gathering

**July 13, 2023 at
5:30 p.m. EDT**

Celebrating the Feast of Mary Magdalene

At our July Gathering we will be celebrating The Feast of Mary Magdalene and we will hear a story about a woman, just down the street at Duke Divinity School. Who, while studying for her PhD, made a

discovery that has shocked biblical scholars all over the world because it brings into question the identities of two of our favorite biblical characters...Mary and Martha. (Luke 10:38-42 and John 11) It's an intriguing story...a story with many of the components of a who-done-it mystery...one that I am sure will soon be a book and then perhaps even adapted into a movie. It's a story that you will be able to say you heard first at The Gathering at the Chapel in the Pines.

The Worship Team will be providing a meal of pizza, salad, and dessert to begin the evening where we will hear the story of Doctor Elizabeth Schrader. All this is on Thursday, July 13th, at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. A donation of \$6.00 per person is suggested to cover the cost of the meal.

You will need to make your reservations by calling or emailing [(910) 400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com] Susan in the church office by 3:00 on July 10th. With the July 4th holiday in between, I wanted to give all of you a heads up to start making those reservations now.

We had 72 people, including many visitors, at our June Gathering and let's see if we can break that record in July. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors and include them when you make your reservations.

I am looking forward to spending this time together with all of you.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



Team Updates

Worship Team



Well, June's Gathering was absolutely wonderful, with burgers and dogs and all the fixings. The fellowship, the wonderful music, was a success. Many thanks to all who pitched in. It was a great evening.

I'd like to throw in a reminder to anyone who enjoys cooking and likes sharing their meals, please consider volunteering to help cook and deliver to those members in need. You can call Susan at the office and add your name to the Time and Talent Sheets.

Leslie White

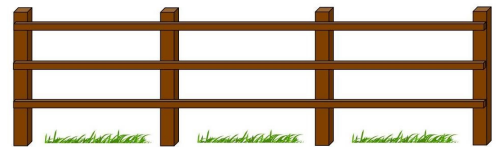
Building & Grounds Team



Metal roof installation began by June 27th. Thanks to all who donated to the project.

There is a need to replace 2 fenced enclosures in the upper parking lot. The treated lumber has rotted over the years. We have an estimate of \$500 for materials and the Building & Grounds Team will donate the labor, with some help from the Men's Fellowship. Work should be completed by the 4th of July.

Dick Van Horne



Cemetery Team

We sold 2 Niches at the Cemetery and have had 2 interments at the Chapel's Columbarium's.

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We sold 2 Plots at the Cemetery and a double Headstone. We have had 2 burials at the Cemetery, one in Section I and our first one in Section D.

Custom Monuments Company is still working on our new columbarium's and is looking at delivery in July of one or more units.

Mike Barry
Cemetery Team Chair





Mission Team

June started out with a Bang! We had Camp Bunco to teach those who have never played a crash course with this fun, easy game! Our first official Bunco began on Tuesday, June 13th at 6PM. Chris Beck was the big winner with most games won! She was kind enough to donate her winnings back to the Mission Team. As we say, it's not about the game, but about the fellowship this offers. We are meeting a lot of new people and some have recently moved to Seven Lakes. We are such a melting pot! We made about \$200 to put towards the Mission Account. We look forward to playing on Tuesday, July 11th at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall.



We will be offering Bunco T-shirts once a design is chosen.

Change for "Change"



Our wheelbarrow, Change for Change has been a lot of fun too!

We haven't counted the change yet, but we will be anxious to know how much a wheel barrow can hold! Tim Peppe has offered to count all of our change! How nice is that!! It will save us a trip to the bank's coin machine too. It certainly takes a village!

The Mission Team will be bringing back our beloved Chapel in the Pines T-shirts very soon. Keep your eyes posted for this.



SPRING RETREAT



We are investigating the possibility of have a women's retreat in the spring. Denise (Reverend) DuLion will be our spiritual leader. Lots to look at and to consider moving forward.

Our next Mission Team meeting is on Friday, July 14th at 10AM in Fellowship Hall.





Upcoming Events

Sunday-July 2 9:00 am Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday-July 4



Happy Independence Day!

Thursday-July 6

3:00 pm

Fran's Friends



Saturday-July 8

8:00 am

Men's Fellowship

Sunday-July 9

9:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday-July 11

6:30 pm

Bunco for Missions



Thursday-July 13



5:30 pm

The Gathering-Holy Communion

Sunday-July 16

9:00 am



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Blueberry Sunday

Chapel Board Meeting

Sunday-July 23

9:00 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion





Birthdays/Anniversaries



Monday—July 3	John Golzio
Monday-July 10	Esther Robinson
Tuesday-July 11	Audrey Tourt
Thursday-July 13	Meta Evans
Tuesday-July 18	Elvia Guadalupe
Tuesday-July 18	Carole Faas
Thursday-July 20	Jean Lawrence
Friday-July 21	Daisy Kirit
Saturday-July 22	Bud Holzerland
Monday-July 24	Gordon Zeller
Monday-July 31	Marilyn Holzerland



Celebrating Anniversaries



happy anniversary

Friday-July 7	Jim & Chris Beck
Saturday-July 8	Jimmy & Marilyn McCaskill
Monday-July 10	Edward & Tamara Lee
Monday-July 10	Bruce & Sandy Keyser
Saturday-July 22	Philip & Angie Thingstad
Monday-July 31	Steve Welch & Alicia Delong



Usher Schedule

July—August 2023

Offertory – after you hand the plates back to Paul and he turns to the altar, just turn and go to your seat. If you need a sub, please refer to the usher list (available for pickup or upon request).

July

- 2 Sun 9 am Peppes, Beam, Beck
- 9 Sun 9 am Connelly, Danielson, Faas, While
- 13 Thu 5:30 Gathering – Goodman, Zeller
- 16 Sun 9 am McCaskills, Normans
- 23 Sun 9 am Connelly, Danielson, Reuters
- 30 Sun 9 am Singletary, Tetreault, Van Horne

August

- 6 Sun 9 am Beam, Danielson, Faas, Beck
- 10 Thu 5:30 Gathering – Connelly, While
- 13 Sun 9 am Normans, Peppes
- 20 Sun 9 am Reuters, Van Horne
- 27 Sun 9 am McCaskills, Tetreault, Singletary



Coffee Fellowship

July

- 2 Mike & Sue Barry
- 9 Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
Elvia Guadalupe
- 16 **Volunteer Needed**
- 23 Kathy & Stacey Golzio
- 30 **Volunteer Needed**

August

- 6 Bill & JoAn Moses
- 13 Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
- 20 **Volunteer Needed**
- 27 **Volunteer Needed**



To volunteer contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams by calling 910-400-5188 or emailing ctip10@7lakeschapel.com. You can also sign up at the podium just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall.





Flower Schedule

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.

July	
7-2	Kathy Hilton
7-9	Tracey Olsen & Frank Carney
7-16	Jon & Dorene Tichenor
7-23	Wendy Tetreault
7-30	Paul & Julie James
August	
8-6	Bill & JoAn Moses
8-13	Bob & Joan Tourt
8-20	Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
8-27	Volunteer Needed

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



Saturday
July 8, 2023
@ 8:00 a.m.



Chapel men please join us on Saturday morning for breakfast and fellowship. Please make reservations by noon on Thursday, July 6th by calling the church office at (910) 400-5188 or

Email: citp10@7lakeschapel.com



Blueberry Sunday
July 16, 2023

You are invited to bring your favorite Blueberry Desert for Coffee Fellowship as we celebrate all that this season has to offer.



Tuesday
July 11, 2023



Ladies, please join us for fun and fellowship as we raise money to support local missions programs. Donations of \$10.00 to play with \$5.00 to be used for prizes and \$5.00 to be designated for Missions.

Popcorn supplied for game night.

Please bring your favorite popcorn companion drink.





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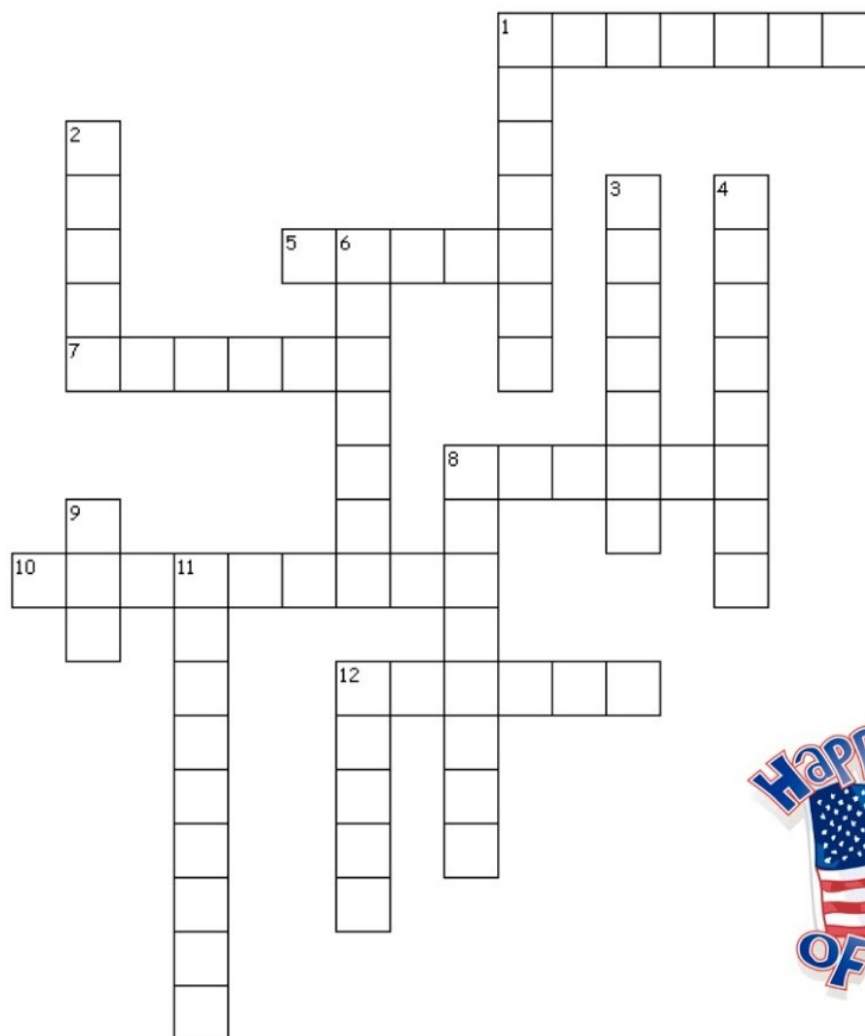
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Fourth of July Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. This is the one founding father to sign the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July.
5. This is the place where most of the fireworks are imported from.
7. Only one founding father signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. The rest of them signed in this month.
8. The stars of the original American flag were in this shape to symbolize equality.
10. This person is credited with writing the Declaration of Independence.
12. This animal was the suggested patriotic bird by Ben Franklin.

Down






1. This is the university that 7 of the Declaration of Independence signers attended.
2. This daughter of a past president is born on the Fourth of July and will be turning nineteen this year.
3. This is an activity that many friends and family members get together for on the Fourth of July.
4. The Liberty Bell is tapped this many times on the Fourth to represent the original number of colonies.
6. An estimated 150 million of these will be eaten on the Fourth of July.
8. This is the group responsible for making the Fourth of July a federal holiday.
9. This person is credited with writing "The Star Spangled Banner."
11. These light up the night sky on the Fourth of July.
12. This is the number of presidents who died on the Fourth of July.



JULY



2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>**Note: OLA Choir Our Ladies of The Americas</p>					<p>1 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING</p>
<p>2 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>4  Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 2:30 <i>John's Friends</i> 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir</p>	<p>7 Board Team Rpts Mission Team Mtg 10:00 am</p>	<p>8 8:00 Men's Fellowship 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING</p>
<p>9 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>11  6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 The Gathering 5:30 Holy Communion 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING</p>
<p>16 7th Sunday after Pentecost Chapel Board Mtg Blueberry Sunday</p>	<p>18 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir</p>	<p>21 July Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	<p>22 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING</p>
<p>23 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>25  Re-Member Training Directory Kick-Off</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir</p>	<p>28 </p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>					





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