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Paul's Ponderings...



Kingdom Stewardship

All of us are familiar with the fact that the Stewardship Season at the Chapel is just around the corner. In late Summer and early Fall the thoughts of our leaders turn to setting goals for the upcoming new year which includes discussions about developing a workable and realistic budget so that our church can meet its financial obligations. But, if we limit our stewardship thoughts to our finances alone, we might just be missing out on God's plans for our lives and for the life of our church.

Reverend Doctor Tony Evans says it this way, "Let (God) influence what you do, who you do it with, what you watch, how you spend your time, and what you say. That's the true definition of stewardship. If it were only about money, it would be easy. But stewardship has to do with every single area of your life, even your thoughts."

Yes, we talk about giving our time, talents, and treasure during Stewardship Season but without the sharing of enough "treasure" there simply won't be a church where we might also give of our time and our talents. So, those of us who have been in the church for most of our lives have come to associate Stewardship

Season with pledge cards, the concept of tithing, and alternating between the joy of being able to give generously or the guilt of not being able to do as much as we would ideally like to do.

This year during Stewardship Season let's broaden our perspective on stewardship. Let's be honest about the need to give of our resources to further the ministries of this Chapel that we all love so much, but let's also consider that the concept of stewardship should be foremost in all areas of our lives. Let's consider that this holistic approach to stewardship is that for which we were created by God and it's what will ultimately bring all of us the deepest sense of purpose, fulfillment, and blessing. Stewardship, in its broadest, practical, and most spiritual meaning should call us to devote all we are and all we possess toward growing God's kingdom on earth. So, let's call this new idea of stewardship "Kingdom Stewardship".

The kick off for this new adventure into Kingdom Stewardship will be on August 13 when your Board of Directors will host a "Time and Talent Fair" following worship. Tables will be set up and staffed by all the Teams and working groups of the Chapel to

make sure that you have an opportunity to hear about their important ministries. This "Time and Talent Fair" will give you a chance to ask questions and find out where you might volunteer your precious time and particular talents to help build God's kingdom through the opportunities provided to you by your church. The goal is to find out what ministries you are passionate about and then introduce you to others who share your interests and abilities in building God's kingdom.

Also on Sunday, August 13 I will begin a four-part sermon series on Kingdom Stewardship which will be enhanced by a four-session Bible study on the same topic. The Bible study will begin on Thursday, August 17th, at 4:00 and conclude on Thursday, September 7th. This Bible study will be based on the writings of Reverend Doctor Tony Evans who asks, "What are true riches? True riches come from the presence of God in your life bringing joy, peace, content-

ment, and hope. True riches come from passing God's blessings on to others. True riches come from living the life God meant you to live...as the hands and feet of Jesus."

Look for more information about becoming a part of the Kingdom Stewardship Bible Study coming your way soon. I look forward to this new adventure into the meaning of stewardship with all of you in worship and through the Kingdom Stewardship Bible Study.

A final word from Reverend Evans concerning stewardship, "You are the manager, not the owner, of all that God has entrusted to you...The secret to the good life is in aligning yourself under the purposes of God. This is the only pathway to unleashing your fullest potential...and finding true blessing and true riches."

Peace, Pastor Paul



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Mary Faas, Olivia Mcdonald, Lerici Racine, Joe Currie, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Nell Ostby, Bob Macdonald, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Elsie Keeshen, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley,

Abbe Wells, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Kate Halus, Nancy Campbell, Jean Schmidt, Watts Auman, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Cynthia Fetty, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Allisha Watts, 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, Glenda Clendenin, Jon Tichenor, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Cathy Grubbs, Phillip Thingstad, Jane and Jeff Lowe, the family of Lore Olsen and the family of Ed True.



President's Corner

August is a new month when we prepare for our schools to open again in a few weeks. The Day Care at The Chapel will soon be in full swing and we will have little ones down stairs once again.



I am pleased to say that our membership is growing. Our in sanctuary attendance is up to nearly 100 worshipers each week and we have a large number of guests each week. I want to welcome Stephen and Ruth Kline as our newest members. Please make an effort to meet them on Sundays and at fellowship.

Our online service is allowing those that are unable to attend to share in our service and join with the community when they are away from home while also allowing those that have moved away but still love the Chapel to also join.

The Gathering was once again a great success with a large turnout, and we hope that continues at our next gathering on August 10^{th.}

The new 2023 Chapel Photo Directory will be shot on September 19 & 20 in the Fellowship Hall. You will be notified very soon to set an appointment for your pictures. I encourage you to call Susan, in the office, and schedule your appointment NOW, DO NOT WAIT.

The Sandhills SDA Church uses then Chapel for their Saturday services each week. They are trying to raise money for their building fund and have joined with Petro's Chili and Chips for a fundraiser. If you go to Petro's on August 9th between 11:00 am - 7:30 pm and tell them you are supporting the Sandhills SDA, Petro's will donate 30% of your purchase to Sandhills SDA building fund.

As I mentioned last month we are adding four new columbarium's at the Chapel Cemetery for a total of 192 new niches. The first installation will be coming soon.

The new roof project was a success, and we now have a new black metal roof that will keep our building safe for then next 40 years. We want to thank every-



one that donated to the roof fund and made the beautiful roof happen. If you have pledged to the fund and have not completed your pledge please continue to make your payment but be sure to designate it to the roof.





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 week of August 13th – 19th we will have Stewardship week. Beginning on Sunday August 13th after our normal service we will have the Time & Talent Fair in the Fellowship Hall during our normal fellowship hour. We will an open house where each team will have a table and 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. Please plan on attending and finding the areas that you feel passionate about. We need your help, your time and your talents to make our Chapel a better place to serve and share gods message.

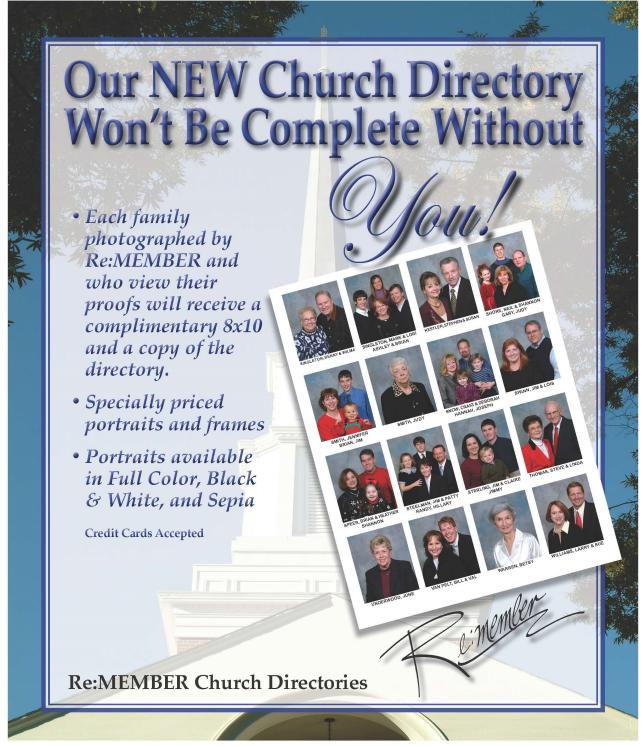
New Music Director

Once again I want to officially announce that we have hired our new Music Director, Kristen Thompson. As you have heard over the past several weeks Kristen has provided outstanding music during the services, and we are so happy to have her each week. I want to take a moment to thank Phyliss Alexander for the wonderful organ music she has provided, and I want to say we are sad that she has had to leave us. Thank you Phyliss, we will miss you.

Continue to have a great summer and keep as cool as you can.

George Norman - President





SIGN-UP DATES:



PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 20, 2023



Team Updates

Worship Team

The Gathering 2023 is a huge success. We have more people in attendance than ever before. THAT is a wonderful thing, and a blessing to have so many people showing up. It makes me feel great to have so many people benefitting from this.





It is that time of year again when we continue our search for volunteers for the Chapel in the Pines, our parishioners, and sometimes our surrounding communities. Everyone, please think about volunteering to help out. Our motto is "Many Hands Make Little Work".

If everyone pulls together, there really is less to do. And the feeling you get from helping someone in need is a great feeling. We never really know when it might be our turn to be the recipient of a little assistance. Volunteering to do even just one thing makes a difference. If you have the heart and desire to help out members of our chapel family, please sign up.

Stewardship season is upon us, and we will have the sign up sheets readily available for those ready, willing and able to participate.

Leslie While.

Finance Team

The Finance Team met in late July to review our 6 month financials and work on the 2024 Chapel budget for submission to the Board.





The installation of the new metal roof on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall is complete. In conjunction with our Men's Fellowship, volunteers will be bleaching and power-washing the gutters areas around the entire building.

Cemetery Team

We have had 1 interment at the Chapel's Columbarium.

We sold 1 Plot at the Cemetery and a double Headstone. We have had 3 burials at the Cemetery in Section D.

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

Mike Barry Cemetery Team Chair





Mission Team

The wheelbarrow project started with a bang! We made our first deposit. Laura Beth was nice enough to take the coins to the NCSECU to put in the coin machine. You wouldn't believe how many coins we had! Thanks to all of our wonderful congregants and guests of the Chapel for adding to our mission. We will share the total collected affine to our mission.



adding to our mission. We will share the total collected after everyone guesses the amount. Just keep your guess in your head and see how close you are. We will announce the total in Chapel soon. Thanks so much to Tim and RJ Peppe for sorting our coins, making the deposit easier for us.



We have decided to bring out Big Blue (the wheelbarrow) every quarter instead of each Sunday. Please begin saving your coins for our next time which will be **Sunday, October 15**th. We will be doing this each quarter. Please mark your calendar for this important date.

We have T-shirts sales through Jubilee Printing. Here's the link to place your order. https://chapelinthepinessummer2023.itemorder.com/

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, September 10th.

Bunco T-shirts are also available for sale! Place your order today on the same website.

All proceeds go to the Mission Team and as always it is wonderful partnering with Jubilee Printing, a local Seven Lakes Company.

Bunco will be cancelled for August and will resume in September. If you know now that you can't play on September 12th, PLEASE email Laura Beth Urie at laura.urie@yahoo.com or text her at 910-610-3380.

We placed an order for the Chapel in the Pines shelf sitters from the Cat's Meow Village in Wooster, Ohio. More to follow after we receive them. Prices pending due to increased production costs and shipping.

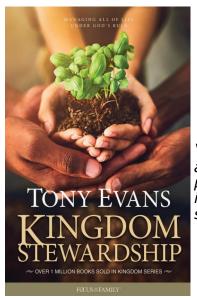


We will also be hosting a garage sale. It will not be like the Rummage Sale of the past. We will be selling tables for \$25 each. We have not determined a date as of yet. We can offer this to the friends and family of the Chapel and community members. This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall or outside depending on the weather.



Homecoming is September 24th. The Mission Team will host Bunco on Saturday, September 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. This will be open to anyone who would like to play. Details to follow. Spread the word!





Kingdom Stewardship; A Bible Study in Four Parts

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-Reverend Doctor Tony Evans

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Our study will meet on four consecutive Thursday afternoons at 4:00 pm beginning on August 17:

August 17 The Covenant August 31 The Priority August 24 The Spheres September 7The Strategy

Each lesson is self-contained so it is not essential that you attend every session. There is no book to purchase. We will enjoy a short DVD presentation by the author of *Kingdom Stewardship*, focus on the biblical basis for his comments, followed by a time of discussion. Each session should last about 60 minutes.

Please sign up for this study by Monday, August 14, by calling or emailing Susan in the Chapel office or by filling out this form and dropping it in the offering plate. [(910) 400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com]

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Kingdom Stewardship is the divinely authorized responsibility for believers to faithfully oversee the protection and expansion of the assets of time, talents, and treasures that God has entrusted to us.



Birthdays/Anniversaries



Sunday—August 6 Friday-August 11 Friday-August 11 Saturday-August 12 **Tuesday-August 15**

Bill Moses Laura Beth Urie Jade Baker Donna Cantwell Sandy Carr

Thursday-August 15 Tuesday-August 17 Thursday-August 22 Thursday-August 22 Thursday-August 31

Lee Connelly Steven Welch **Butch Allen** Frank Carney **Bart Reuter**







Dan & Asa Stoltz **Sunday-August 6** Bill & JoHanna Moran Wednesday-August 16 Bob & Joan Tourt Wednesday-August 16

Donna & Richard Cantwell Friday-August 25

Dave & Sandy Carr

Friday-August 4







Usher Schedule - August 2023

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

<u>August</u>

- 6 Sun 9 am Thalia Beam, Gisela Danielson, Carole Faas, Jim Beck
- 10 Thu 5:30 Gathering Lee Connelly, Leslie While
- 13 Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Tim & RJ Peppe
- 20 Sun 9 am Bart & Peggy Reuter, Dick & Sue Van Horne
- 27 Sun 9 am Jimmy & Marilyn McCaskill, Wendy Tetreault, Joyce Singletary

Sanctuary Preparation

August

- 6 Sun 9 am Alice McPheeters, Leslie While
- 10 Thu 5:30 Gathering Sancy Cifranic, Kathy Hilton
- 13 Sun 9 am Lee Connelly, Mary Snead
- 20 Sun 9 am Daisy Kirit, Leslie While
- 27 Sun 9 am Alice McPheeters, Kathy Hilton



Coffee Fellowship



August

- 6 Bill & JoAn Moses
- 13 Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
- 20 Tracey Olsen & Frank Carney
- 27 Volunteer Needed

<u>September</u>

- 3 Katy Swain & Stacey Golzio
- 10
- **17**
- 24 Homecoming Sunday!

To volunteer contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams by calling 910-400-5188 or emailing citp10@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.

August	
8-6	Bill & JoAn Moses
8-13	Bob & Joan Tourt
8-20	Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
8-27	Volunteer Needed
September	
9-3	Julie James
9-10	Marilyn McCaskill
9-17	Volunteer Needed
9-24	Jon & Dorene Tichenor

Back Pack Pals—Stop Summer Hunger

-We Need Your Help-

Kids are Out of School and the Need is Greater than Ever.

During the summer, this program converts to Stop Summer Hunger due to the complexities of being able to deliver food to all of the kids in need. With the Stop Summer Hunger program, all of the donations are given to The Boys and Girls Club and all of the Youth Church Camps throughout Moore County for delivery to the kids in need.

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



The Gathering—August 10, 2023 Knives to Forks

Following from our last Gathering where we learned of the latest, cutting edge biblical scholarship concerning the story of Mary and Martha, this time I want to do the same for the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand. It's a totally new perspective offered by Reverend Doctor Kevin M. Young whose doctorate is in Early Christian and Ancient Faith Formation. Kevin reinterprets this story through the lens of First Century Roman/Jewish Conflict History to give us all a new understanding.

A fried chicken dinner with dessert begins at 5:30 with a service to follow that will include Holy Communion. Please make reservations no later than noon on Tuesday, August 8th.



Saturday, August 12, 2023

@ 8:00 a.m.

Men's Fellowship



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

Email: citp10@7lakeschapel.com



The Chapel Online Store Now Open

and once again provided by our very own local JuBilee Printing here in Seven Lakes.

Please shop the online store for all of your favorite "2023 Chapel Gear."

Only available for a limited time. So shop early.

All proceeds go to help fund our Mission Team Projects.

New this year - **Bunco** T-Shirts! Many great colors to choose from!









Finance/Long Rang Planning

Communion

Ushers/Greeters

Personnel Team

Nominating Team



Liturgist Team





Worship Team

Building & Grounds Team



Stewardship Team

Church Growth Leadership Team





Cemetery









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