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# CHAPEL

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#### Paul's Ponderings...

#### Epiphany; The Revelation of the Magi

Epiphany, while many know it as the day marking the twelve days after Christmas and the time to take down the Christmas tree and decorations, it is actually a day with significant religious meaning.

Epiphany means "appearance, manifestation, or revelation." Western Christianity observes this day, January 6th as the revelation of Christ to the gentiles using the story of the Magi visiting Jesus, which points to the fact that God's gift of the Good News of Christ's coming is not only for the Jews but is for everyone.

During the second century Christians began to observe the seasons of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Lent was the time set aside for repentance and training new converts to Christianity, Easter observed Christ's death and celebrated his resurrection, and Pentecost was when the church focused triumph and victorv through the coming of the Holy Spirit. It wasn't until the third century that church leaders established Epiphany and

only in the fourth century did Christian leaders begin to recognize Advent and Christmas as important to the Christian calendar.

Since epiphany means "manifestation" early celebrations honored any of the four manifestations of Christ...his birth, the adoration of the Magi, Jesus' baptism, and/or the first miracle at Cana where Jesus turned water into wine. These four manifestations revealed God to mankind. At his birth the angels and the shepherds bore witness to his coming. The visit of the Magi revealed Jesus to the gentiles and therefore to all people. The Holy Spirit descended at Jesus' baptism and God declared Jesus' true identity as the Son of God. And, the first miracle at the wedding in Cana revealed Jesus' divinity and lordship over nature.

Celebrations of Epiphany evolved over time. During the Middle Ages celebrations focused on the Magi's journey and in Italy services on Epiphany included processions and carnivals. In some Spanish speaking countries the three

kings, not Santa Claus delivers gifts to the children. On Twelfth Night, as it is know in some countries, children would leave a shoe and a bit of straw on their doorstep and in the morning find their shoe full of gifts and the straw had magically disappeared. In other countries a trinket is hidden in a special "King's Cake" and whoever finds the trinket is "Queen or King" for the day.

Regardless of the country, or language, or type of celebration Epiphany is the day that we Christians declare that God has been revealed to us through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the God/Man Jesus, the Christ.

Here at the Chapel we will celebrate the adoration of Christ by the Magi in worship on Sunday morning, January 7th. To be followed by the story of the Baptism of Jesus on January 14th. And, finally, during Lent we will acknowledge Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana.

Epiphany - the revelation that God is with us, for us...with and for all of us... and that God has blessed us by revealing God's-self in the birth, baptism, and miracles of Jesus.

#### A Prayer for Epiphany:

Lord Jesus, thank you for revealing yourself to us.

We shout with joy and worship you with gladness. We come before you with joyful songs and join with the angels when they sing,

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth."

As we continue into the new year, we ask that we might constantly remember your divinity so that we might reveal your identity to others.

Let our hearts be set on you as through the Holy Spirit you reveal more and more of yourself to us.

In the hope of your final revelation to come we pray...

Amen.





#### **Prayers for Chapel Friends:**



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Lerici Racine, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Bob Macdonald, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Cynthia Fetty, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman,

Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Chandler Stewart, Drew Carr and family, Ann Rorie, Sharon Hacker, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Mary Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Nancy Cecchini, Mary Herold, Mary White, Mary Faas, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Phyllis, Mahin and the family of Jack Sealy.

#### **Prayers for Chapel Family:**

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Carol Caggiano, Kathy Hilton, Dick Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Tamara Lee, Kristen Thompson, Katy Swain, Bill and JoAn Moses on the death of their son-in-law, Ron.



Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year

For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame

So that in our time,

Many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen



# President's Corner



Hello. My name is Jon Tichenor and I am happy to say that I will be the President of the Board of Directors for the Chapel in the Pines for this year.

For those people with whom I haven't had the pleasure of speaking, please let me introduce myself. My wife Dorene and I moved to Seven Lakes South after spending all our lives in the Hudson Valley of New York State back in October of 2018. I spent 43 years as a programmer working for four different companies while in New York.

I am looking forward to working with the rest of the Board and Pastor Paul this year to insure that the Chapel correctly determines God's will for the Chapel and then putting his will into action.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and will have a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year.

I fully realize that in following George Norman as Board President I have very big shoes to fill to maintain his high standards. I would ask everyone for assistance in meeting this goal.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions that should be brought to the attention of the Board, please don't hesitate to contact me.



#### Team Updates

#### Mission Team

Our next Mission Team meeting is Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your calendar so we can look at activities for the next year.





We enjoyed our annual Wrapping Party getting all the gifts wrapped to give to our sponsored families! Thank you so much for helping us and a big thank you if you also adopted a family. We look forward to new projects in the coming year!

Fran's Friends continues to bring the ladies of the Chapel together for wonderful fellowship. As we say, you DO NOT have to drink wine! They have plenty of NON-ALCOHOLIC choices or just bring your own. Snacks are always fun to share, but certainly not required. Please mark your calendars for the FIRST Thursday of every month at 3PM. It's a great way to meet new people and establish new friendships moving forward. Hope to see you on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the Sandhills Winery.



We continue to sell Chapel in the Pines vinyl decals and Chapel in the Pines Shelf Sitters. We are asking for a \$5 donation per decal and \$20 for the Self Sitters. All donations go to the Mission Team. See Susan in the office to purchase.

Bunco will take place on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar. We play on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have friends that would be interested in subbing, please tell Laura Beth or Tracey and they will add them to the roster.





Bedding Drive to benefit our local Sleep in Heavenly Peace Chapter. This is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need throughout Moore County. Bring any new twin-size sheet set, comforters, bed-in-a-bag and pillows to the Chapel any time during the month of January and we will take the items to our local chapter.



#### Mission Team Wrap Up—Dates to Remember:

Fran's Friends: Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM

Bunco: Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @6PM

Mission Team Meeting: Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM-Fellowship Hall.



#### Coffee Fellowship



#### **January**

- 1-7 Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
- **1-14** Mary Snead
- 1-21 Volunteer Needed
- 1-28 Volunteer Needed

#### <u>February</u>

- 4 Bruce & Vickie Bedder
- **11** Stacy & Kathy Golzio
- 18 Volunteer Needed
- 25 Volunteer Needed

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.



#### Cemetery Team

We had a casket burial, on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, of Jackie L. Sealey, son of Phylis Mahin.

We had a Wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery on December 16<sup>th</sup>, put on by the Vietnam Veterans Post 966, which was attended by over 100 loved ones of the veterans that are calling the Seven Lakes Cemetery their final resting place. We have 85 Veterans buried in our Cemetery.

We will be offering a military DISCOUNT on all NICHES and GRAVE PLOTS.

We have been unable to get our irrigation system to function because of its age and the use of thin wall piping that keeps breaking. So, we are looking at trenching a new line from the irrigation shack to the center of the Cemetery and Section I for two water spigots to water the Cemetery. This will be happening in early January, if weather permits.



Mike Barry

#### Building & Grounds Team

Ed burke and Jim Beck have been busy with repairs of the ceiling in the narthex and they repaired the one of the long communion table. Lighting in the choir loft has also been repaired.

#### Worship Team

A special word of Thanks to all on our Worship Team for helping make our worship experiences memorable and possible. Much appreciation and recognition given to their dedication and attention to details each week and on the many occasions for which they have lovingly prepared and served meals.



Sandy Cifranic, Team Leader

Alice McPheeters Mary Snead

Marilyn McCaskill Kathy Hilton

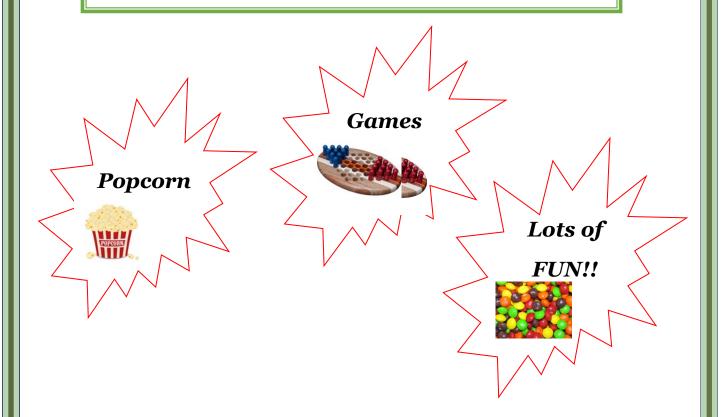
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# GAME FEST

Saturday - Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

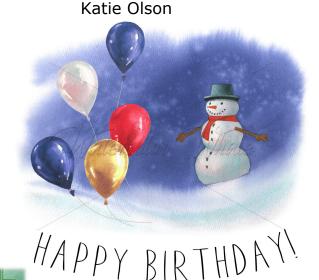


PLAYERS come Compete! - Not a Player?
Come & Cheer the others on and enjoy some Popcorn!



Monday, January 1
Laurie Faig
Wednesday, January 10
Jon Tichenor
Wednesday, January 10
Bob Tourt
Saturday, January 13
Kiona Baker
Sunday, January 14
Alice McPheeters
Tuesday, January 16
John Caggiano

Wednesday, January 17
Ginny Horchler
Monday, January 22
Mary Tuft
Wednesday, January24
Joan (Pixie) Carroll
Thursday, January 25
Ken Geddes
Saturday, January 27
Jason Collins
Sunday, January 28



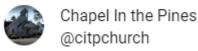


You can find our Chapel Services Online?

Our Chapel Services are on YouTube?

If you miss a Sunday Service, OR, if you are out of town you can simply go to our

Chapel in the Pines website www.7lakeschapel.com and click on the *Sunday Services Live* tab. There you will find previous services, as well as, the current Sunday service. The bulletins for each Sunday are also available on or website and easy to locate. Bulletins are listed beside each of the services.



You can also find us on our **YouTube** Channel **Chapel in the Pines @citpchurch**. On our YouTube channel you will also be able to see past services, as well as, the scheduled date and time for the next service.





### Upcoming Events

Thursday-January 4	3:00 pm	Fran's Friends
Sunday-January 7	9:00 am	Epiphany
Monday-January 8	4:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Tuesday-January 9	6:30 pm	Ladies Bunco-4-Missions
Wednesday-January 10	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Friday-January 12	10;00 am	Mission Team
Saturday-January 13	7:45 am	CITP Men's Fellowship
Sunday-January 14	9:00 am	The Second Sunday after Epiphany
Wednesday-January 17	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Saturday-January 20	2:00-5:00 pm	GAME FEST
Sunday-January 21	9:00 am	The Third Sunday after Epiphany
Wednesday-January 24	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-January 28	9:00 am	The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



#### Usher Schedule January 2024—February 2024

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, the usher list is below.

#### <u>January</u>

7	Sun 9 am	Joyce Singletary, Tim & RJ Peppe, Gisela Danielson
14	Sun 9 am	George & Cathy Normans, Kathy Reszka, Gordon Zeller
21	Sun 9 am	Lee Connelly, Carole Faas, Joyce Singletary, Leslie While
28	Sun 9 am	Tim & RJ Peppe, Bart & Peggy Reuter

#### **February**

4	Sun 9 am	George & Cathy Norman, Kathy Reszka, Gordon Zeller
11	Sun 9 am	Lee Connelly, Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary
14	Wed 5 pm	Ash - Lee Connelly, Leslie While
18	Sun 9 am	George & Cathy Norman, Tim & RJ Peppe
25	Sun 9 am	Bart & Peggy Reuter, Kathy Reszka, Gordon Zeller





If you are interested in volunteering to provide flowers for the chapel, you may call **910-400-5188** or e-mail <a href="mailto:cit10@7lakeschapel.com">cit10@7lakeschapel.com</a> to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

January	
1-7	Alicia DeLong & Steven Welch
1-14	Volunteer Needed
1-21	Volunteer Needed
1-28	Volunteer Needed

# **Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs**

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

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











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