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Paul's Ponderings...



Mark's Big Secret

This is the year of the Gospel of Mark. My favorite gospel for sure. The author of the Gospel of Mark begins his story by introducing an odd, noisy, and perhaps a bit unbalanced character named John the Baptist, whose diet and clothing choices are a bit questionable. John is out in the wilderness shouting about sins and baptism and repentance, but Mark makes it clear that John is looking for someone else... someone greater... someone who the prophets predicted would transform the world.

When that someone else shows up, it turns out to be his cousin, Jesus. And, when John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan the heavens are ripped asunder, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and a voice announces that Jesus is God's Son, the Beloved, with whom God is well pleased. Then Jesus abruptly leaves John and goes into the wilderness to ponder what all this means and when he returns he begins to preach that the kingdom of God is at hand as he invites people to follow him.

Jesus then begins to travel from town to town teaching the crowds and performing many miraculous healings. Immediately (to use one of Mark's favorite words) the people begin to spread the word.

But, it is then that Mark records that Jesus says a very strange thing. Jesus says to the people, "Shhh! Don't tell anyone!" What? Why? Isn't this good news? Weren't they and aren't we suppose to proclaim it to the ends of the earth?

There are multiple theories about what scholars call "The Messianic Secret" but theologians have never reached a consensus and whatever Mark had in mind is still a mystery. Now, this is where contemporary people like us might begin to feel uncomfortable. We love mysteries but only if we have a chance of solving them and coming to some sort of conclusive understanding.

Too often Christians think of "mystery" as what scholars call an "investigative mystery"...in other words, getting to know Jesus is like an Agatha Christie movie or a game of Clue. If you organize scattered facts, interview the proper witnesses, and discern hidden motives you can solve the mystery. However, Mark is not inviting you to discover if Miss Scarlett did it in the library with a knife. Mark isn't asking you to understand why Jesus tried to keep his identity a secret. No, the mystery of which Mark speaks is a revelational mystery, not an investigative mystery.

A pair of theologians, Steven Boyer and Christopher Hall write, "The whole fascination of a detective story lies in trying to solve the puzzle, and when one knows the solution the mystery is dissolved...it is no longer a mystery... But, the fascination of many of the New Testament mysteries lies in their peculiar character even after they have been revealed...A revelational mystery excites wonder, awe, amazement, astonishment...This is the way a revelational mystery works; we know and yet the mystery remains."

The path of undisclosed secrets and revelatory mystery is one of humility. We must have the humility to admit that we don't grasp what is really happening and what it really means. Church historian Diana Butler Bass says, "Following Jesus is a life of knowing and unknowing, of encountering a hidden God and God revealed...". Or, as the Apostle Paul writes, "Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." (1 Corinthians 13:12) For Paul and the author of the Gospel of

Mark the beauty of a revelatory mystery is that what is disclosed is still mysterious.

A case could be made that one of the things that draw us to the Gospel of Mark is that it is the gospel of revelatory mystery. Mark's story revolves around what is known...a prophet, the coming of God's kingdom, the healing power of the Holy Spirit, a Beloved One who died as a traitor to Rome yet escaped death. But, Mark tells the story in a way that draws us in anew. The old, old story of Mark unfolds in an original way that draws forth wonder, awe, amazement, and astonishment.

We know the story...yet the mystery remains.

Shhhhhhh! Don't tell!

(For this "Ponderings" I am indebted to the writings of Dr. Stephen Boyer and Dr. Christopher Hall, both of Eastern University, St. David's, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Diana Butler Bass, author, church historian, and public theologian, of Alexandria, Virginia.)



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Lerici Racine, 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, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Drew Carr and family, Ann Rorie, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Marie Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Mary Herold, Nancy Cecchini, Mary White, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Mary Faas, Paul Infuso, Nell Otsby, Bill Conclin, Debbie Franklin, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Bill and Bev Myers, Leah Tourt Cicero, and Joe and Laura Klimas.





Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Charles Hinson, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Carol Caggiano, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Kristen Thompson, Katy Swain, Pat Griffin, Sandy Cifranic, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Meta Evans, Johanna Moran, Shirley Percival Bob Dantzer, Meta Evans, The family of Tamara Lee; Edward, Kinsey, Rebekah, and Anna.

President's Corner



I hope that you all are really enjoying God's springtime miracles of rebirth and new flower blossoms. After the chilly weather we all endured earlier this season, we can certainly look forward to higher average daily temperatures. Of course, being in North Carolina, it will not be too long before cooler temperatures would be appreciated as we all walk quickly from an air-conditioned store to the air-conditioned car.

Thanks to the congregational meeting held last week, we now have two additional members of the Board of Directors. Ruth Klein and Wayne Garland have now officially joined the Board.

Also, last week, we were able to fill all the required Board of Directors positions. I am the President of the Board for this year. Wayne Garland accepted the position of First Vice President. Ruth Klein accepted the position of Second Vice President. Ed Burke is the Secretary. Tracey Olsen accepted the position of Assistant Secretary. Jim Beck is the Treasurer. Peggy Reuter accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer. Bob Donaldson and Dot Macdonald are both members at large.

I would like to give my personal thanks to everyone who has recently increased their financial donations to the Chapel in the Pines. As I tell my wife, all contributions are cheerfully accepted. For those few people who might have procrastinated in donating last year, please do not hesitate to resume your donations this year. As an additional benefit beyond supporting the Chapel, you can start increasing the amount of tax-deductibles for the 2024 tax year now.

Please allow me to wish everyone that has a birthday or anniversary in March my best wishes. I also would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Saint Patrick's Day.



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

Jon Tichenor
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Team Updates

Nominating Team



At our first meeting of the year, Alice McPheeters, Esther Robinson, Leslie While and Tracey Olsen met to discuss the need for 2 Chapel in the Pines Board of Director vacancies. We presented the 2 candidates' names to the Board of Directors on January 21, 2024 during the first Board meeting of the year. We will meet in early June to discuss any future vacancies.

Mission Team

We met on January 12, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. Lydia Litteral and Debra Rush led the group while discussing future projects for the upcoming year. The linen drive continues to big a big success helping children in need through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Non-Profit in Moore County. Bunco continues to be a time of enjoyment and fellowship for the ladies of the Chapel and for a few other women from our community. Fran's Friends is also a lot of fun for those that attend. Remember, the first Thursday of the month at the Sandhills Winery at 3PM. If you have a friend who may enjoy this fellowship, please



Team Updates

Building & Grounds Team



As a temporary security fix, we had a dead bolt installed on the Chapel front doors until we can figure out how to have crash bars installed. We had a consultation inspection by the Fire Martial and he stated that the Chapel part of the building is grandfathered so we do not need to install crash bars in that area.

During our consultation, he also pointed out that all of our emergency lighting is not working. He suggested that it would be more beneficial to us to replace all the emergency lighting and Exit signs with LED than to replace all the lead-acid batteries that would be needed. He is correct, and I will be presenting the proposal to the Board at their next meeting. The Board passed the proposal.

We have also have had a Fire Alarm inspection, a Fire Sprinkler System and Back-flow Valve inspection, and a Fire Extinguisher inspection. We passed all four with flying colors.

We are planning on installing outer sweeps on two lower level doors to prevent water leakage.

We have solved our plumbing problems. We need to clean an internal filter on the septic tank on a time table that we will full fill our situation.

Cemetery Team

We have not sold anything at the Cemetery or the Chapel since August of 2023 except a headstone.

We are four interments behind, one at the Cemetery and three at the Chapel. We are waiting on the families.

Things have been very slow. I am expecting delivery of a headstone very soon from the V. A. for Mr. Nickerson.

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 to Section I for two water spigots to water the Cemetery. This will be happening in late February, if weather permits.



Mike Barry, Cemetery Team Chair

Team Updates

Worship Team

The Worship Team would like to welcome Dennis Cifranic and Bruce Keyser to the team. Both have had a positive impact and been immensely helpful. Our team and our Chapel appreciate the talents they bring to our community.



Spring and the time change are JUST around the corner and March offers a number of opportunities for worship:

Holy Communion-March 3rd
Spring Forward-March 10th
Palm Sunday-March 24th

Maundy Thursday-March 28th, 5 pm
Good Friday-March 29th, Noon
Easter Sunday-March 21st

Our Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 5 pm and will include Holy Communion followed by a covered dish of your family favorite soups, bread, butter, and desserts. As a reminder the Worship Team will provide beverages for the meal.

Easter Sunday will be a time of much celebration as we gather with spring flowers from our yards and gardens to decorate our cross in the side Chancel for Resurrection Sunday. Remember to get here a little early on this Sunday to allow for a little extra time.

Please note that there will be no Coffee Fellowship following the Easter Sunday service, allowing families to spend time with each other.

The Worship Team would like to thank our Chapel family for the help we receive. We appreciate having such a wonderful place to come together and worship.

Leslie While
 Worship Team



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CITP Men's Fellowship



The CITP Men's fellowship would like to invite all men of the church to join us for breakfast and fellowship the second Saturday of each month at the Seven Lakes golf club restaurant at 8 AM.



We desire to be an avenue for those in our church, or others, who need assistance with small projects, transportation or any other needs where a helping hand or two is needed. Please contact Susan at the office if you have such a need.



Did You Know?

We now have **Online Giving**? Simply type in your web browser:

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You may also set it up as a one time payment, weekly payment, every two weeks payment, monthly payment or a yearly contribution.

We also now have **TEXT Giving** using your mobile phone by simply texting **910-788-3988**

Once you text to this number, simply text the amount you wish to donate (ie. 10 for \$10.00). You will then be directed to the giving page and allowed to choose the method of giving—Credit Card, Debit Card or ACH Transfer.

You may also set it up as a one time payment, weekly payment, every two weeks payment, monthly payment or a yearly contribution.

Afterwards simply text **Give** to 910-788-3988. You will be asked how much you would like to give. Type in the amount of your donation. You will then get a message that a receipt for your donation has been emailed to your account, if this was a mistake simply type "refund."

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**Palm Sunday****Sunday, March 24, 2024****9 :00 am**

To begin Holy Week the Chapel Chancel Choir will present their Easter Cantata, *The Colors of Grace*. As we respond to this inspiring and meaningful music we will be joining those who line the streets of Jerusalem waving their palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Maundy Thursday**Thursday, March 28, 2024****5:00 pm**

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:00 and remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, the final instructions he gave to them before his death, and like them we will celebrate Holy Communion. Following the service we will come together in the fellowship hall for a covered-dish soup, bread, and dessert supper.

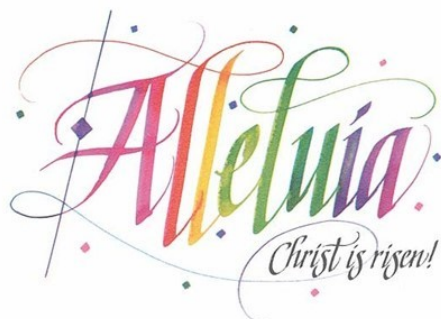
**Good Friday****Friday, March 29, 2024****12:00 Noon**

We will join those who are witnessing the crucifixion of Jesus as we retell the story of Good Friday through scripture and song. This service will include the Stripping of the Church as darkness comes over the land and we hear Jesus say, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Easter Sunday**Sunday, March 31, 2024****9:00 am**

What a blessing it will be for all of us to join together and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. The service will include the Reappointing of the Church and the observance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Don't forget to bring your Spring flower cuttings to adorn the cross and to greet one another with the words, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

All Holy Week Services will be in-sanctuary and online



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Wednesday-April 17, 2024



Sunday, March 10

Rowan Collins

Monday, March 18

Leslie White

Thursday, March 21

Helen Scholl

Thursday, March 21

Alicia DeLong

Monday, March 25

Sue Barry

Wednesday, March 27

Jeff Lowe

Thursday, March 28

Dennis Cifranic

Tuesday, March 19

Bob & Pat Dantzer

Friday, March 29

Tim & RJ Peppe

Happy Anniversary



Coffee Fellowship



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.

March

3 Mission Team

10 Sue Dell'Acqua

17 ***Volunteer Needed***

24 ***Volunteer Needed***

31 ***Easter Sunday No Coffee Fellowship***

April

7 ***Volunteer Needed***

14 ***Volunteer Needed***

21 ***Volunteer Needed***

28 ***Covered Dish—Paul's 10th Anniversary Celebration***





Upcoming Events

Sunday-March 3	9:00 am	Third Sunday of Lent Change 4 Change Worship Team
Monday-March 4	4:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday-March 6	3:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Wednesday-March 6	4:30 pm	Fran's Friends
Thursday-March 7	3:00 pm	Mission Team
Friday-March 8	10:00 am	Men's Fellowship
Saturday-March 9	7:45 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday-March 10	9:00 am	Bunco 4 Missions
Tuesday-March 12	6:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday-March 13	3:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Wednesday-March 13	4:30 pm	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday-March 17	9:00 am	Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday-March 20	3:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Wednesday-March 20	4:30 pm	Palm Sunday
Sunday-March 24	9:00 am	Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday-March 27	3:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Wednesday-March 27	4:30 pm	Maundy Thursday
Thursday-March 28	5:00 pm	Good Friday
Friday-March 29	12:00 pm	Easter Sunday
Sunday-March 31	9:00 am	



Usher Schedule - March 2024

March

Third Sunday in Lent

3 Sun 9 am Carole Faas, Lee Connelly, Cathy Norman, Joyce Singletary

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10 Sun 9 am Tim & RJ Peppes, Bart & Peggy Reuter

Fifth Sunday in Lent

17 Sun 9 am Gisela Danielson, Lee Connelly, George Norman, Wayne Garland

Palm Sunday

24 Sun 9 am Tim & RJ Peppes, Joyce Singletary, Jim Beck

Maundy Thursday

28 Thur 5 pm Leslie While, Joyce Singletary, Renee Maness, Wayne Garland

Good Friday

29 Fri noon Gisela Danielson, Leslie While, Wayne Garland, Renee Maness

Easter Sunday

31 Sun 9 am Bart & Peggy Reuter, Joyce Singletary, Cathy Norman



Usher/Greeters

Our thanks to Kathy Reszka for her years of service to God by coordinating and training a most important group of volunteers...the Usher/Greeters. As Kathy retires from this position and our Board seeks new leadership, it creates an opportunity for more of us to consider becoming a part of this essential ministry.

Our Usher/Greeters create the first welcoming impression of our Chapel to the many visitors who walk through our doors, they offer hugs and handshakes to all our regular returning members, and they are essential to the smooth running of our worship services. From guiding folks with young children to the nursery, to offering bulletins, to the passing of the Welcome Pads and the collection of all our tithes and offerings, worship would simply not be the same without them.

Won't you volunteer to serve as an Usher/Greeter?



If so, just drop a note in the collection plate or give Susan a call in the Chapel office this week. **(910) 400-5188**





Flower Schedule

To volunteer please sign up on bulletin board outside church office. You may also call

910-400-5188 or e-mail cit10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

March	
3-3	Mission Team
3-10	Volunteer Needed
3-17	Moss Family
3-24	Sandy Cifranic
3-31	Paul James
April	
4-4	Jon & Dorene Tichenor
4-11	Bill & JoAn Moses
4-18	Volunteer Needed
4-25	Volunteer Needed

Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

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Pop Tarts, any flavor
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Protein Bars, all flavors
Fruit Cups
Apple Sauce Cps



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March



2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Third Sunday of Lent Change 4 Change 	4 4 Worship Team	5 Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10	6 3:00 Lenten Bible Study 4:30 Chapel Choir	7 1-3 Wmn of 7 Lks 3:00 Joan's Friends 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	8 Board Team Rpts 10 Mission Team Meeting	9 8:00 Men's Fellowship 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
10 Fourth Sunday of Lent Spring Forward 	11	12 BUNCO 4-6 6:00 p.m. 	13 3:00 Lenten Bible Study 4:30 Chapel Choir	14 Ladies Bible Fellowship 2-4 7 Lks Gdn Club 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	15	16 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
17 Fifth Sunday of Lent Chapel Board Mtg	18	19 1st Day of Spring Kiwanis Bingo 6-10 	20 3:00 Lenten Bible Study 4:30 Chapel Choir	21 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	22 *April Newsletter Article Deadline	23 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
24 Palm Sunday 	25	26	27 3:00 Lenten Bible Study 4:30 Chapel Choir	28 5 Maundy Thursday 10 Ladies Bible Fellowship 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	29 12 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday 						



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Thursday, March 21 - 7:00 PM


Joseph Blocher | "America and the Right to Possess Firearms: The Past, Present, and Future of the Second Amendment."

Wednesday, April 24 - 7:00 PM

Dr. Anne E. Weiss | "Explore NASA: Sailing the New Cosmic Sea to Reveal the Unknown for the Benefit of Humanity."




Joseph Blocher
Lanty L. Smith '67
Distinguished Professor of Law at Duke Law School and co-founder of the Duke Center for Firearms Law.



Dr. Anne E. Weiss
NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) Education Specialist & Team Lead at NASA's Langley Research Center.

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More than 50 years after the Eagle landed at Tranquility Base, Dr. Weiss will discuss NASA's preparation to send the Artemis II crew further than ever before into space aiming to establish a permanent base of operations at the Moon's South Pole and in lunar orbit. This foundational outpost, on the shores of a vast cosmic sea, will allow humans eventually to follow the trailblazing robotic missions that explore our Solar System and beyond, some of which look back nearly to the beginning of the Universe itself.