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Paul's Ponderings...



The Season of Easter

The Bible offers us all kinds of resurrection stories. In every gospel the women go to the tomb and find angels in white, but after that all the accounts diverge. Matthew's story begins with an earthquake and ends with the disciples worshipping at the feet of Jesus. Mark reports that the women were so frightened by the empty tomb that they told no one what they had experienced and ends with the disciples just as terrified so that they don't know what to do next. In Luke the women are excited to report what they saw but the disciples don't believe them. And, John's version reminds me of the Keystone Cops with several disciples running helter-skelter to the tomb to see for themselves.

Later, Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus is alive until he touches his wounds. Peter sees Christ across the Sea of Galilee cooking a meal on the beach. Other random disciples encounter the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus but don't recognize him until they share a meal and Jesus disappears.

Seems like a heck of a way to start a religion. Wouldn't it have been better if the Bible had gotten the story straight. Wouldn't it be more convincing if there was one accepted version...one standard account on which we could all hang our hats.

In fact the thin thread of agreement over the resurrection isn't even found in the gospels. Rather, it is told to us by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians written about twenty years after Jesus' death.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 1 Corinthians.

That's pretty much the extent of the agreement: died...buried... raised on the third day... appeared.

This makes me wonder if the Bible ever intended to present one unified version of the resurrection. I think that the Bible is telling us that resurrection is much too important to be contained in one simple version. Diana Butler

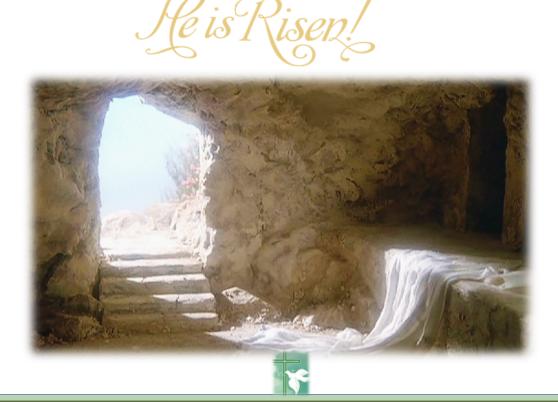
Bass writes, "The resurrection is not one thing. It is a prismatic mystery. It is an...experience of the beyond breaking in, the reality of love and life and justice and joy no matter the power of death. One story, a single angle of vision, can't begin to explain or communicate it."

Far too long, Christians have thought of the resurrection as a puzzle to be solved. Theologians and church leaders have sought to harmonize the accounts into a single narrative, privileged one story above the others, and attempted to create creedal conformity. Some tried to prove the resurrection scientifically and through historical evidence. But, what if the quest for uniformity is a mistake? What if the diversity of these accounts is actually a gift.

I believe that those people who need to know for sure exactly what happened on Easter morning and after are missing the point. They are spending too much time trying to figure it out, literally and historically, and not enough time enjoying the truth that through the resurrection, God in Christ is loose in the world. Nothing can contain Christ...not even death. And, perhaps if we think less about "How did it really happen?" and think much more about "What does it mean to us today?" then we might be surprised to see the resurrected Christ all around us.

Whatever happened on that morning a long time ago, it keeps happening...to me and to millions of others in thousands of ways in a multitude of times and places. I'm less worried about what happened then than how we experience the living Christ each day of our lives and how we practice living in the light of the resurrection.

That's why I'm so glad that Easter is not a day but a fifty-day season of the church. This year it begins on April 1st and continues until May 19th when we will celebrate the day of Pentecost. It's fifty days for us to contemplate the gift that God offers us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and how our lives might reflect that kind of wondrous love to others.



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, 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, 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, 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, Nell Otsby, Bill Conclin, Debbie Franklin, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Leah Tourt Cicero, Paul Infuso, Bill and Bev Myers, Kate Halus, Patricia Lewin, Linda Stowe, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, Joe and Laura Klimasz, David Tourt, and Tom and Megan Klein.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Katy Swain, Pat Griffin, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Meta Evans, Johanna Moran, Shirley Percival, Bob Dantzer, Charles Hinson, Sue Barry, Bill and JoAn Moses, John Shaughnessy, and the family of Vickie Bedder on the loss of her mother Meta Evans.

An April Day

On such a day as this I think,

On such as day as this,

When earth and sky and nature's whole

Are clad in April's bliss;

And balmy zephyrs gently waft

Upon your cheek a kiss;

Sufficient is it just to live

On such a day as this.

Joseph Seamon Cotter



President's Corner

By now, as they say, "Spring has Sprung." I hope that all your plants, shrubs, or trees that normally blossom during this time of year are all showing their Springtime best.



After the last couple of days of cooler temperatures in the morning, let us all pray together that this year we can have a week or two of Springtime weather rather than rushing to Summertime heat and humidity all too soon.

The new members of the Board of Directors are rapidly becoming integral members of the Board and are performing very well.

During the last meeting of the Board, we decided to have a special working meeting in early April to finally iron out all the duties and responsibilities of the various teams currently in operation at the Chapel in the Pines. While the appropriate documents already exist, several of the documents need to be updated to reflect current situations.

As you have seen in recent emails from the Chapel, we are always looking for additional volunteers to fill opportunities to help the Chapel do God's work in the community.

Additional Ushers/Greeters would be wonderful. Ushers and Greeters are essential to the smooth operation of every service.

We can also use volunteers to be with younger children in the Nursery during the service. We have set it up so that people in the Nursery can hear the Service easily while watching the children. If you like to be with younger children for a finite amount of time and then send them home with their parents, here is your opportunity to do just that.

If by chance you entered a team that you would be willing to join and no one contacted you, please do not hesitate to select one team that is your number one preference and contact them about joining.

If you like reading and working with books, we need people to manage the Chapel Library. We need to have the books organized in a meaningful way. For those of our membership that fill out the March Madness brackets, I hope that you have more winners than losers.

Please allow me to wish everyone that has a birthday or anniversary in April my best wishes.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions that would like me to bring to the attention of the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jon Tichenor tichenorjon@gmail.com





CITP Men's Fellowship

Seven members of the CITP Men's fellowship met on March 9th at 8AM at Southside Grill for Breakfast and fellowship. George Norman gave the opening prayer and devotion, reminding us that the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith and that without that sacrifice, we would have no hope of salvation in this life or the future.

Under old business, an agreement was made to move forward with a "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" project to entertain a "Bed Build" on our chapel property on what has since been scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. Details to follow. If the

funds are available, up to 20 beds will be manufactured by volunteers.

On Friday March 15th, 3 of our fellowship men worked with Tom Bourne to deliver and assemble 2 twins and a bunk bed set for a family in Jackson Springs. The pictures below show the excitement of the 4 children as they saw their assembled beds for the first time. Linen and blankets used were from donations from CITP. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a Christian mission that manufactures and places beds in homes for underprivileged children in Moore County.

As our fellowship moves forward with this and additional service opportunities, we hope that more men from CITP will join with us. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8 AM for breakfast and fellowship at Southside Grill located at Seven Lakes Golf Club.

Bruce Keyser





Team Updates

Mission Team

We met on Friday, March 8th at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. Deb Rush conducted the meeting. We continue playing Bunco each month, enjoying each other's friendship. If you would like to be a substitute player, please contact Laura Beth or Tracey.





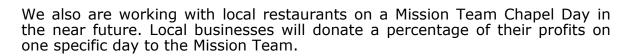
We collected quite a few linens to donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The Men's group will be volunteering their time and talent helping build beds.





As we know, Missions starts at home and our Mission Team is taking this to heart. You may have noticed that the Mission Team volunteered for flowers during our morning worship and for fellowship after Chapel. Each time a member from the team volunteered their time and talent to provide the flowers for the service or the refreshments for fellowship following the service. The Mission Team would like to thank each of these volunteers for their generosity.

We are looking into selling Mother's Day flowers as a small fund raiser with more information to follow.



If you are interested in joining the Mission Team, please join us at our next meeting on April 12th at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall.









We now have **Online Giving**?

Simply type the following in your browser:

sevenlakeschapelinthepines.breezechms.com/give/online

The following screen will open, allowing you the opportunity to give using a Credit Card, Debit Card or using an ACH Transfer Bank Transfer.

You may set it up as a One time payment, Weekly payment, Every Two Weeks payment, Monthly payment or a Yearly Contribution.

What about **TEXT Giving?**

Using your mobile phone simply text **910-788-3988**

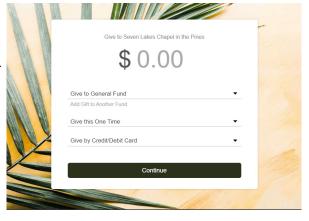
Once you text to this number, simply text

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 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."

Call Chapel Administrator for more information or assistance (910) 400-5188.



Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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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?

Nursery Volunteers

A vital ministry in any church is the Nursery, allowing parents of young children and of visiting families the opportunity to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Please consider volunteering in the Nursery on Sunday mornings or for special services.



Won't you volunteer to serve in our Nursery?



Church Library

Volunteers are also needed to help organize our Church Library located downstairs. Please consider volunteering to help organize our Church Library.

Won't you volunteer in our Church Library?

Should any of these opportunities sound of interest, please drop a note in our collection plat of give Susan a call in the Chapel office this week. (910) 400-5188.



RUTH PAULEY LECTURE SERIES NASA & the Cosmos

On Thursday, April5, 2024, at 7 p.m. the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series will present the fifth in its 36th consecutive season of free lectures from renowned thinkers, statesmen, and arts and entertainment figures. This lecture will feature Dr. Anne E. Weiss on the topic "Explore NASA: Sailing the New Cosmic Sea to Reveal the Unknown for the Benefit of Humanity."

Dr. Weiss is a NASA STEM Engagement & Educator Professional Development Collaborative (EPDC) Specialist at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia – the nation's first aeronautic laboratory. She earned a B.S in Vertebrate Physiology from Pennsylvania State University, a M.D. in Physiology from Arizona State University, and her Ph.D in Higher Education Administration also from Pennsylvania State University.

In her quest to fulfill a lifelong dream of flying in space, Dr. Weiss originally trained as a neuroscientist, including research work at the U.S. Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. For the past 28 years she has merged her scientific training with her passion for education as a middle school, high school and undergraduate science educator. Since 2010, she has also contributed to various NASA STEM Engagement (Education) projects, including the NASA Educators Online Network, NASA/NSTA Teacher Learning Journeys, and NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project.

Now 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. 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.

The Ruth Pauley board is excited to announce that for this lecture and in collaboration with Dr. Weiss, the Series' Lyceum Scholars program and the program's participating

high schools, the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series will be awarding a scholarship for a high school student to attend NASA's Space Camp in "The Rocket City" of Huntsville, Alabama – a camp based on NASA astronaut training focused on teamwork and leadership skills. At her lecture, Dr. Weiss – herself a Space Camp alumna – will announce the winner of the scholarship competition and present the award.

Advance registration is required for Ruth Pauley Lectures. Get free tickets (no tax/no charge) by scanning the QR code on lecture posters, by visiting www.ruthpauley.org, or by using the following link: www/ticketmesandhills/organizations/ruth-pauley-lecture-series.

The lecture will begin at 7:00pm in Owens Auditorium at the Bradshaw





Monday, April 1
Julie James
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Ed Burke
Tuesday, April 9
Chris Beck
Saturday, April 13
JoAn Moses
Monday, April 15

Tracey Olsen

Saturday, April 20
Sue Van Horne
Sunday, April 21
Mary Greene
Tuesday, April 23
Nancy Racine
Friday, April 26
Mary Willetts
Sunday, April 28
Bruce Bedder









Monday, April 1 Bill & JoAn Moses

Friday, April 5
Dot & Bruce Macdonald

Monday, April 15 Fred & Phyllis Young

Saturday, April 20 Ruth & Steve Klein

Friday, April 26 Jason & Amie Col-







Upcoming Events



3:00 pm	Fran's Friends
9:00 am	Second Sunday of Easter
6:00 pm	Bunco 4 Missions
10:00 am	Mission Team
8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
9:00 am	Third Sunday of Easter
2:00-8:30 pm	Church Directory Pictures
12:30-6:30 pm	Church Directory Pictures
4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
9:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
9:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.

April

10th Anniversary Covered Dish

- 7 Volunteer Needed
- 14 Volunteer Needed
- 21 Volunteer Needed
- 28 Covered Dish—
 Paul's 10th Anniversary
 Celebration

<u>May</u>

- **5** Sandy & Dennis Cifranic
- **12** Kathy & Stacy Golzio
- 19 Volunteer Needed
- 26 Volunteer Needed

Usher Schedule April - May 2024

<u> April</u>

- 7 Sun 9 am Ruth Klein, Thalia Beam, Carole Fass, Lee Connelly
- 14 Sun 9 am Ruth Klein, Bruce Macdonald, Cathy/George Norman, Peggy Reuter
- 21 Sun 9 am Joyce Singletary, Rene Maness, Tracy Olsen, Frank Carney
- 28 Sun 9 am Lee Connelly, Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson, Jim Beck

May

- 5 Sun 9 am Tim and RJ Peppe, Joyce Singletary, Shirley Madison
- 12 Sun 9 am Peggy Reuter, Rene Maness, Bruce Macdonald, Lee Connelly
- 19 Sun 9 am Tracey Olson, Frank Carney, Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson
- 26 Sun 9 am Cathy/George Norman, Tim and RJ Peppe, Shirley Madison



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Flower Schedule

To volunteer please sign up on bulletin board outside church office. You may also call **910-400-5188** or e-mail <u>cit10@7lakeschapel.com</u> to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

April	
4-7	Jon & Dorene Tichenor
4-14	Bill & JoAn Moses
4-21	Alicia DeLong
4-28	Volunteer Needed
May	
5-5	Volunteer Needed
5-12	Rick Moss
5-19	Carole Faas
5-26	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 Cps





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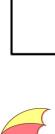
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2024

SAT

9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services

CLEANING

13 8:00 Men's **Fellowship**

12 Board Team Rpts

10 Mission Team

9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING

12 Meta Evans Memorial Service

and Reception

9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services 20

CLEANING

9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services 27

4 Third Sunday of Easter

CHAPEL DIRECTORY PICTURES 2-8:30

DIRECTORY PICTURES 12-6:30 CHAPEL

4:30 Chapel Choir

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21 Fourth Sunday

of Easter

Chapel Board Mtg

10 Ladies Bible Fellowship

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28 Fifth Sunday

of Easter

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1-3 Wmn of 7 Lks

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3:00 Fran's Friends 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir

Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10

**Note: OLA Choir

Our Ladies of The Americas

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Second Sunday of Easter

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9:00 Chapel Board

2-4 7 Lks Gdn Club 10 Ladies Bible Fellowship

7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir

Newsletter Article Deadline

*May

7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir

7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir

4:30 Chapel Choir







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