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# CHAPEL CHIMES

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## Paul's Ponderings...

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### It's an Uprising!

Every year on Pentecost Sunday in liturgical churches like ours a very anxious church member (the one who couldn't get out of reading this particular Sunday) approaches the pulpit to present the traditional story of the birth of the church at the coming of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples from Acts, chapter two. Anxious, because shortly into this scripture they are faced with the names of a string of difficult to pronounce nationalities that goes something like this...

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the part of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs.

Rarely does a liturgist get through the list without stumbling. Congregants often sympathetically giggle. So, this year I simply left the string of nations out of our reading, although I am sure that Thalia would have been the exception and gotten the pronunciation of each one spot on. But, having made this deletion, I began to ponder, who these people are, why was it important to the author to list each one, and why were they there in the first place.

Why were they there? The text tells us that devout Jews were gathered in Jerusalem for a festival, Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks. This festival is held fifty days after Passover and celebrates both the wheat harvest and the giving of the Torah to Moses.

Who were they? They were devout Jews from across the ancient Mediterranean world. Most of these kingdoms had been conquered by Alexander the Great and incorporated into the Hellenistic world until recently, when they had been taken over and occupied by Roman troops. But, before all that, most of them had been significant powers in their own right and often at war with each other. They had all formerly been colonizers and now they had all been colonized...once, twice, perhaps three times or more.

Why was it important to list each nation? You see Acts 2 is more than the story of the birthday party of the early church, it is an anti-imperial story, a political dagger aimed at the Roman Empire, and a threat of a new provincial rebellion...an uprising that sought to be empowered by a risen Jesus and fueled with spiritual fire. You see later in the scripture (verses 34-36 and not in today's reading) this sermon ends with Peter recalling King David,

"The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." And, that my brothers and sisters is hardly a conventional birthday speech.

These hard to pronounce nations didn't see this occasion as just the birthday of the church...a nice day to be celebrated with Holy Spirit balloons and cake in the fellowship hall. No, according to church historian, Diana Butler Bass these conquered and occupied countries saw it as a "clarion call for empires to repent, the colonized to rise up, and for both to forge a new community in the fire and wind of the Spirit. The empire might have killed Jesus, but the struggle continued...and on this day, three thousand rose up in his place. Where Rome had one rebellious Jew, they now had thousands."

This was a grass roots uprising of people from many nations that must have threatened the Roman occupiers that witnessed it. The target was Rome, the oppressor who even oppressed former oppressors. Rome had built a world of war and woe for the vast majority of the nations listed in Acts 2. Pentecost birthed a community of God's peace constituted on an ancient day of gratitude for both wheat and the word... there couldn't possibly be a greater contrast.

The people who gathered in Jerusalem were not free. They did not have the protection of religious liberty. They made their journeys in the shadow of crucifixion, where one controversial rabbi of their own had been executed by Rome. And there were rumors of a missing body and strange appearances.

If we understand who was there and why, another miracle of Pentecost we hadn't considered comes into focus. All of these people who had been demeaned, enslaved, oppressed, and

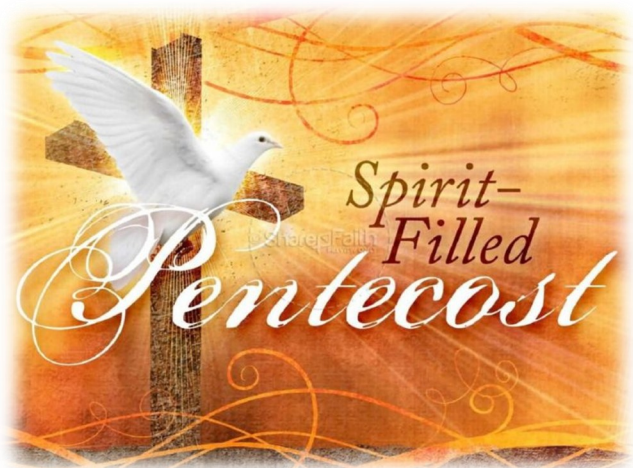
brutalized by Rome stopped being afraid. These folks from diverse nations who had been at war for centuries and whose ancestors had tried to destroy one another, realized, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that they weren't enemies at all.

Yet, there was an enemy. The enemy, Diana Butler Bass says was, "Caesar, the imperial force that had for generations inflicted trauma upon them and their homelands through military might, political manipulation, ethnic superiority, and economic control." But, now they had an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit had been unleashed and poured out over "all flesh" including their colonized flesh.

So, during this season of Pentecost let us remember that this thing called "church" was born in the fire of anti-imperialism and an uprising of the colonized into a community of holy resistance that embodied solidarity, peace, freedom, and equality in this world.

And, remember that during Pentecost as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church...let's not forget the Parthians and all the rest who were there!

Peace,  
Pastor Paul



### Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Leric Racine, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Phil Westerman, Jerry Hyatt, Ann Rorie, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Marie Steensen, Mary Herold, Nancy Cecchini, Robert Allen, Mary Faas, Nell Otsby, Bill Conclin, Debbie Franklin, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Bill and Bev Myers, Kate Halus, Patricia Lewin, Lucy Dunn Martin, Linda Stowe, Tom and Megan Wolfe, Holli Schweyer, Paul Infuso, Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Sandra Uhlig, Frankie Smith, Tom and Trish Elliott, Mary White, Roger Racster, Baby Owen Phillips, Scott St. Louis, Maggie Craft, Carol Huber, the family of Matt McIntyre.

### Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Katy Swain, Shirley Percival, Johanna Moran, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Charles Hinson, Bill and JoAn Moses, John Shaughnessy, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Helen Scholl, and family of George Hoffman, and the family of Vi Schlup.



# President's Corner



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Katie Swain for all the baking she has done for Dillon Corral's final Sunday working for us and for everything she has prepared for the Fellowship time following the service. Everything she has made for us was fantastic!

We have successfully installed additional security for Susan Williams and Pastor Paul while they are in their offices. The outside door is now always locked. There is now a camera right beside the door so that Susan or Pastor Paul can see who is there. Just press the alert button beneath the camera and they can unlock the door from their desks to admit the person at the door.

As you have learned from multiple emails, the elevator from the main floor of the Fellowship Hall to the lower level has been out of service since the end of April. Thanks to the efforts of Susan, who spoke at length about the Chapel to a Vice President of Randolph Electric, they are going to reimburse us for the most if not all the cost of repairing the elevator. The Building/Grounds team was also involved in these discussions and in working with the Elevator company to schedule the repair.

As you know from all the various articles in the Pilot and elsewhere, the 2024 PGA Open is coming to Pinehurst during the first weeks of June. Please drive very carefully during this time as the number of vehicles is projected to be very much greater than normal.



For our kind readers of the Chapel Chimes who are fathers of children and/or fur-babies, I hope that you have a safe and happy Father's Day.

I hope that all your favorite sports teams continue to do well.

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



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

Jon Tichenor  
Board President





## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday-June 2</b>	9 am	Second Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Wednesday-June 5</b>	2:30 pm	Fran's Friends
<b>Wednesday-June 5</b>	4:40 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Saturday-June 8</b>	7:45 am	Men's Fellowship
<b>Sunday-June 9</b>	9:00 am	Third Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Wednesday-June 12</b>	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Friday-June 14</b>	10:00 am	Mission Team
<b>Sunday-June 16</b>	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
		Chapel Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday-June 19</b>	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Sunday-June 23</b>	9:00 am	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Wednesday-June 26</b>	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Sunday-June 30</b>	9:30 am	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

## "Memory Care Drive"

**MAY 1 - July 31**

The Mission Team of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines is holding a "Memory Care Drive" for the residents of Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care here in 7 Lakes.



New and gently used clothing for women.  
 Sizes Medium - X-Large.

New and gently used comfortable clothing for men.  
 Sizes Medium - XX Large.

Twin Size Sheets and Comforters.

Hygiene items:

Shampoos, conditioners, deodorants,  
 shower gels, toothpaste, toothbrushes,  
 panty liners and pads (preferably scented).

Sealed snacks: cookies, chips, crackers, little Debbie's, honeybees.



## Team Updates

### Worship Team

Well, time flies when you're having fun as the saying goes. That means we have less than a month before the start of summer. Spring was a very busy time for the Chapel, from Ash Wednesday all through Pentecost, including the first of The Gatherings for 2024.



The second of The Gathering takes place on Thursday, June 13. **Just a Li'l Grace** will be performing again, and they are wonderful!. We plan on serving fried chicken with all the fixings. **Be sure** to make your reservation **no later than** Friday, June 7th the week before, so we can have as accurate a head count as possible.

For those who haven't heard or seen the Sanctuary as of Monday, May 20, 2024, a little remodeling has been done. It looks wonderful and I commend the people who did the labor in removing the pews, and finding a new place for the pews, inside the building, of course.

I encourage all of you to check it out. And remember, many hands make little work.

Leslie While

### Cemetery Team

We had two burials at the Cemetery in May.

We are offering a DISCOUNT on all NICHES and GRAVE PLOTS to all Members of the Chapel at YOUR cemetery. Please think about taking advantage of this while you have many choices.

The Vietnam Veterans Post 966 will be replacing flags on Monday, May 20th at 0900, in preparation for Memorial Day. Taps will also be played upon completion of replacing of the flags.

We have had two water faucets installed at the Cemetery this week. One near the Columbarium and one near Section I so that we can water and replant grass that has died in those areas.

The Cemetery has been all spruced up for the upcoming holiday, with the grass being cut and all the bushes being trimmed. All looks good for visitors to their military loved ones.

Mike Barry  
Cemetery Team Chair



## Mission Team

I can't believe that we are 6 months into 2024! The Mission Team has been very busy.



We started out the year with the Sleep in Heavenly bedding drive and boy did we collect the bedding! Thanks to so many generous people in the church and community. Our team has adjusted to changes in the team structure and feel it's going very well. One of the changes our team made is having a team member volunteer at least once a month for Fellowship or flowers.

In May we started a clothing drive to help Seven Lakes Memory Care Assisted Living. Once again, the Church members and community have not disappointed. We will continue to collect clothing and personal hygiene items until the end of July. Don't forget the snacks too.



In the coming months we will be collecting books for the bookmobile. The Bookmobile will be parked in front of the church. The date for this event is still being determined and will be announced later. Once we get a definite date, please plan to come by and drop off your well read books and browse for some new ones.

A Blood Drive through the Red Cross is being scheduled for August. Nothing feels better than saving a life. The date for this event will be announced later. The Mission Team is getting back to its roots helping those in need with all your donations and help. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

On to another great 6 months!

## Building & Grounds Team

Three projects have been completed, or are in progress.

- (1) The elevator is being repaired at a cost of \$3,870, but Randolph Electric has volunteered to pay the bill.
- (2) New enclosures in the upper parking lot have been installed to replace the old ones.
- (3) Board members have been presented with various options to repair the old courtyard entrance due ongoing water issues. Renovation/repair will began after Board approval.



Dick Van Horne

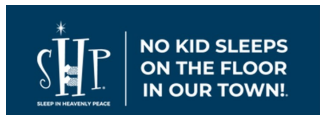




### CITP Men's Fellowship

## Fellowship

The CITP Men's fellowship had a relatively busy May. On Saturday May 11th seven of our members plus one guest formed two foursomes and participated in the Wall of Honor golf tournament at Seven Lakes Country Club. Team 1 consisting of Bruce Keyser, Steve Wood, Dennis Cifranic and guest Tom McGinnis shot a net 72 in the Captain's Choice format to best Team 2 consisting of George Norman, Wayne Garland, Dick VanHorne, and Frank "Art" Carney by one stroke. No comment on how we fared against the rest of the field, but we had a load of fun.



The Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build scheduled for Saturday May 18 had to be canceled due to weather issues. Another build is scheduled for the morning of September 14th in the shopping center parking lot on the West Side. The local chapter of the organization attended a charity event put on by Lowe's Hardware on May 15 & 16 near Charlotte where the components for 1000 beds were to be completed by Lowe's employees in two days. The local chapter was to return

with components for 75 beds that will carry them through to September. If requested, fellowship members will participate in bed builds for Moore County children who do not have beds to sleep in.

On September 18th fellowship members participated in rearranging our sanctuary. Three of four pews were removed and temporarily placed in the back of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. The Altar was brought forward to the main level which will allow Pastor Paul to properly prepare and serve communion and the choir area moved forward to bring them closer to the congregation. In addition, four book shelves were constructed and placed in the fellowship hall to hold the library books that will be brought up from downstairs. The plan is to move the pews to the lower level, once the library is moved upstairs.



The next meeting of the CITP Men's Fellowship will be held on Saturday June 8th at 8 AM at the Southside Grill for breakfast and fellowship.

Bruce Keyser





As we end the month of May and the last few weeks of our first preschool school year, all I can say is "Wow, what a success it has been!" The Preschool In The Pines opened in September with 31 students spread throughout 5 classes and with 6 teachers. Our preschool had our End of the Year Program and Graduation May 22nd, filling up the fellowship hall with not only people, but the sound of all our students singing their songs and getting their awards. It was a sight to see.



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opened this spring and I'm pleased to announce that as of today we have surpassed our first year's enrollment, and we haven't hit the summer months (which should bring in more). This is very exciting. Speaking of summer, our preschool will be hosting 5 summer camps for preschoolers aged 2-5 years old. These camps are open to the public and registrations have been flying in.

classrooms of the Chapel. Those classrooms have housed lots of learning, a few tears, and so much laughter. We've done silly science experiments, learned about famous artists, went on pirate hunt for buried treasure, discovered different kinds of weather, and even had a mobile farm petting zoo stop by the school! I'm very proud to serve our community and I'm looking forward to the future.

I am so grateful that our school has been able to occupy the bottom

Alison McCloskey  
Preschool Director



## *Usher Schedule June 2024*

### **June**

- 2 Sun 9 am Bruce Macdonald, Cathy//George Norman, Peggy Reuter, Carole Faas
- 9 Sun 9 am Rene Maness, Joyce Singletary, Tracey Olson, Frank Carney
- 16 Sun 9 am Lee Connelly, Jim Beck, Shirley Madison, Cathy/George Norman
- 23 Sun 9 am Carole Faas, Tim and RJ Peppe, Gisela Danielson
- 30 Sun 9 am Bruce Macdonald, Tracy Olson, Frank Carney, Ruth Klein



## *Coffee Fellowship*

### **June**

- 2 Volunteer Needed**
- 9** Barry's & Van Horne's
- 16** Sue Dell'Acqua
- 23** Katy Swain  
Joyce Singletary
- 30 Volunteer Needed**

### **July**

- 7 Volunteer Needed**
- 14 Volunteer Needed**
- 21 Volunteer Needed**
- 28 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.





**Monday, June 3**  
Sandi Keyser

**Tuesday, June 4**  
Pat Griffin

**Friday, June 14**  
Wayne Garland

**Saturday, June 15**  
Nel Laton

**Thursday, June 20**  
Karl Stark

**Saturday, June 22**  
Phillip Thingstad

**Wednesday, June 26**  
Mimi Giannini

**Sunday, June 30**  
Vickie Bedder



**Friday, June 7**  
Ray & Audrey Tourt

**Thursday, June 13**  
Bud & Marilyn Holzerland

**Monday, June 17**  
Jon & Dorene Tichenor

**Tuesday, June 18**  
John & Carol Caggiano

**Tuesday, June 25**  
Stephen & Carolyn Wood

**Friday, June 28**  
Herb & Mary Willetts





# 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](mailto:cit10@7lakeschapel.com) to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.



<b>June</b>	
<b>6-2</b>	Vi Schlup Family
<b>6-9</b>	Carole Faas
<b>6-16</b>	Deborah Rush
<b>6-23</b>	<i>Jon &amp; Dorene Tichenor</i>
<b>6-30</b>	Bruce & Vickie Bedder
<b>July</b>	
<b>7-7</b>	Bruce & Sandi Keyser
<b>7-14</b>	Wendy Tetreault
<b>7-21</b>	Fran Greer
<b>7-28</b>	Pastor Paul & Julie James

## 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**





**Just A Lil Grace** *Acoustic Guitar  
Gospel Music*

**THE GATHERING**  
**Thursday, June 13th @ 5:00 PM**

***Just a Li'l Grace***

Will be in concert at  
Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines  
Free of Charge  
*(a "Love Offering" will be collected and given to musicians)*

The Worship Team will be providing Dinner. On the menu:

- Fried Chicken
- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Rolls
- Dessert

*(A donation of \$7 is suggested to help cover the cost)*

**Call the Church Office by  
noon of Friday, June 7th  
910-400-5188  
to let us know you are coming!**



Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines  
Congregational Core Values  
May 22, 2022

*We* enjoy interdenominational worship with quality peaching & music.

*We* are an open, inclusive, and accepting congregation .

*We* have a collective love of Jesus...  
His life, his teachings, his loving sacrifice...  
and a constant desire to follow him.

*We* are a friendly, gracious, and welcoming congregation.

*Together* we faithfully share our time, talents, and treasure  
To further the mission and vision of our Chapel.

*We* are community minded/community oriented in our mission.

*At* our Chapel there is no pressure to conform to any particular  
theological beliefs or doctrinal positions.

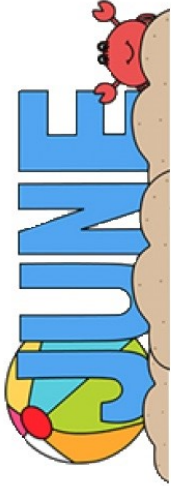
*We* are a loving and caring congregation.

*We* share an honest faith and sincerely express that faith.

*We* have an exciting and passionate enthusiasm to worship and serve God.



# JUNE




# 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> **Note: OLA Choir Our Ladies of The Americas					OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b> Vi Schlup (Vi) Memorial Service Interment and Reception 11-3 CLEANING
<b>2</b> Second Sunday After Pentecost	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED 4:30 Personnel Team	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED 2:30 <i>Joan's Friends</i> 4:30 Chapel Choir	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	<b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED Gathering RSVP Board Team Rpts	<b>8</b> 7:45 Men's Fellowship 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
<b>9</b> Third Sunday After Pentecost	<b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:30 Chapel Choir	<b>13</b> 5 The Gathering 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	<b>14</b>  10 Mission Team	<b>15</b> 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
<b>16</b> Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Chapel Board Mtg 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10	<b>19</b>  4:30 Chapel Choir	<b>20</b>  7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	<b>21</b> *July Newsletter Article Deadline	<b>22</b> 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
<b>23</b> Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:30 Chapel Choir	<b>27</b> 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30a-1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
<b>30</b> Sixth Sunday After Pentecost						





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**Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,  
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

*Happy Summer*

