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Paul's Ponderings...

The Feeding of the Five Thousand



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This Summer my sermons have focused on the Old Testament scriptures (mostly pertaining to King David) and Paul's letter to the Ephesians as offered each Sunday by the Revised Common Lectionary. It's a good plan but it leaves out the wonderful stories in the ignored gospel readings, even some of the ones that are most familiar to all of us. One of those, The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6:1-21) is a favorite of mine because each of the many parts of this story are rich in theological and spiritual meaning. Incredibly, each phrase makes an entire sermon possible.

This year I found myself drawn to the very first line, "Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberius." It's the kind of sentence that you just ignore so that you might get on with the crux of the story. Yet, I began to wonder why the two names and why did the author think it was important to let us know that there were two names. And, what in the world do these two names have to do with the miracle of the meager five loaves and two fish feeding five thousand people?

In the Old Testament we find that the Hebrew people originally called this body of water "The Sea of Kineret," but that name was eventually replaced by the more commonly used name, "The Sea of Galilee". In 20 C.E. King Herod Antipas built a new city on its shores and named it Tiberius after the Roman Emperor. The King filled it with pagan citizens and built temples and shrines to accommodate the worship of their gods. Devout Jews hated Tiberius and avoided it and refused to call it by its new name. But, the city grew and became so regionally predominant that the nearby lake also became known as the Sea of Tiberius.

Eventually Tiberius became a prosperous economic center for the globalization of the Roman fishing industry that exploited local fishermen, raised taxes, shipped the best fish to the richest parts of the Empire, and left only the scraps to feed the local people. Merely hearing the

name, "The Sea of Tiberius" was a daily reminder to the Jews of their nation's occupation by Rome, the destruction of their fishing industry, and the idolatry of paganism.

Now it seems clear that the intent of the opening sentence to this story - "Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias" - not only speaks of the location but of the politics of the time of Jesus. This familiar story might be less about having lunch with Jesus and more about the contrast between the Roman Empire and the kingdom of God that Jesus has come to proclaim.

The point of Jesus' miracle is clear...the kingdom of God is a reign of gratitude, provision, and abundance. The gifts of God are available to everyone who hungers. All will be fed and there will be more than enough... twelve baskets more!

The people loved it. Who wouldn't? Compared to their daily existence of

grueling imperial-induced poverty, meager wages, and high taxes the miracle of multiplying bread and fish enough for everyone was the best show in town. Sure it happened in a city filled with pagans and named for a Roman Emperor with a puppet King in charge, but who are they in comparison to this wandering prophet-rabbi-healer who surprised them with lunch and a miracle on the side.

So, they hatched a plan to force Jesus to become their new king. But, Jesus walked away from power...at least the sort of power recognized in our world. (A great lesson for all Christians who might give credence to Christian Nationalism) And, he helped his followers understand that the kingdom he preached was not like that of Caesar. No, the coming kingdom of God would usher in a life of abundance for them all...an abundance of forgiveness, an abundance of grace, and an abundance of love...even if at first it looked like just five little loaves and a couple of fish served by an itinerant rabbi from Nazareth.



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Hear Our Prayers Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Leric Racine, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, 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 Crowe, 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, Linda Stowe, Tom and Megan Wolfe, Holli Schweyer, Paul Infuso, Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Sandra Uhlig, Frankie Smith, Tom and Trish Elliott, Roger Racster, Baby Owen Phillips, Carol Huber, Ian, Edwardo, and Sammy, Kathleen & George Deignan, Clay Thomas, Dick Barry, Judy Bouroughs, Laura Sprinkle, Pat Weaver, Jackie White, Rachel's Refuge, Changing Destinies Ministries, and the family of Lucy Dunn Martin.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Katy Swain, Shirley Percival, Johanna Moran, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Charles Hinson, Bill and JoAn Moses, John Shaughnessy, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Tinkie Peterson, Peggy Olson, Joe Clendenin, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Peggy Reuter and Kristen Thompson.

**"August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time."
Sylvia Plath**



FILLING THE JARS

Penelope's File Station

President's Corner



By the time that you read this, the 2024 Summer Olympics will be in their final days. I hope that you were able to see all the competitions in which you had any interest.

Back in the 'good old days' when I was still in Geneva High School in the Finger Lakes in New York State, I ran track for 3 years. I ran in the 100 and 220 dashes.

I will try to see the corresponding Olympic races. I would also like to see the volleyball, shooting, archery, and softball. My wife wants to see gymnastics, swimming, diving, equestrian, etc. We both want to see the opening and closing ceremonies.

As I write this on July 24th, it is another almost 90-degree day in North Carolina. At least, we have finally started receiving rain during the later afternoons and evenings. Please take all appropriate high-temperature precautions for yourselves and age-appropriate friends and neighbors.

If you have a vacation scheduled for this month, please travel safely.

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 August 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.

Our Library has Moved



Our library has been moved to a cozy corner in 'Joralemon Hall. Much time, effort and patience was given to the task by Sue Barry, Peggy Ussery, and Ruth Klein. These ladies have organized our books into categories of Biblical Reference, Inspirational and Fiction. Please do not hesitate to drop by and visit our new library location. Pull up a chair and read a while. Also, please thank these ladies for all of their hard work.



CITP Men's Fellowship

The CITP Men's fellowship met at 8 AM on Saturday July, 13th at Southside Grill for breakfast and fellowship. At the request of the CITP Board, the Men's fellowship has reorganized its executive committee to include Bruce Keyser as President, Wayne Garland as Vice-President, George Norman as Treasurer, Dick Van Horne as Secretary and Frank Carney. Bruce, Wayne and Frank will rotate as officers in January of each year, unless there are nominations from the floor.



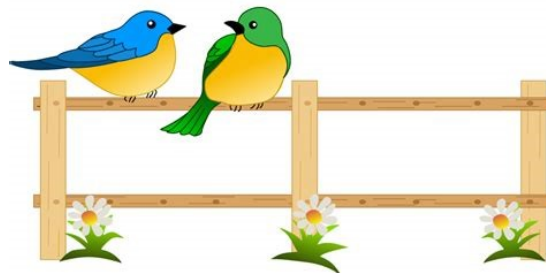
The fellowship plans to start a Bible Study entitled "Behold the Man" in September. Initial plans are to hold the study at 3 PM starting the second Wednesday in September. The study will be open to all men who are interested. Study guides will be available. Please let Wayne or Susan know that you would like to be included and whether you would like to purchase a study guide.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is holding a community bed build on Saturday, September 14th at the Grace Church in Seven Lakes starting at 9 AM. At this event components for 20 twin beds will be completed to be made available for children in the Moore County and surrounding area. As a sponsor, our fellowship has been asked to join in this event. You can sign up at www.shpbeds.org. Construction usually takes about 3 hours.



Fundraising events and other community service projects are also in the planning stages. We invite all the men in our Church to join our fellowship. We usually meet at 8 AM for breakfast and fellowship once a month at Southside Grill (SLGC).

Bruce Keyser



Team Updates

Worship Team



On Thursday, July 11th the Worship Team presented its third Gathering of the year. All the chefs in our church outdid themselves by bringing delicious dish after dish that filled the serving tables to overflowing. The desserts were memorable as well.

The theme of the evening was, "We're a Hot Mess" which spoke to the nature of the diverse denominational backgrounds, life experiences, and world views of the members of the Chapel. Yet, we have come together to worship and serve God as one body of Christ. We combined that with some hilarious stories about other church people who were also "Hot Messes" told by comedian Jeanne Robertson who appeared by video thanks to YouTube. This worship service was an example of how powerful it can be when the spoken word of the sermon can be combined with sounds and images on a screen. The food and the laughter all made up a delightful night of fellowship and worship.

Because of the success of this mixed media service the Worship Team is planning another such adventure for the next Gathering. This time we will be exploring the emotion of "Awe" from both a spiritual and scientific perspective. Sometimes when we come to realize what God has done for us through Christ we are struck by gratitude and awe, but perhaps there are more everyday experiences of awe that can lead us into being more connected to others, more compassionate, and even healthier as we go through life. We'll hear psychologist Dr. Dacher Keltner define "awe" and tell us how the experiences of awe affect our brains and our wellbeing.

The next Gathering will be on Thursday, August 8th, beginning at 5:00 with a hot dog roast with all the trimmings followed by another multimedia worship service that will include the celebration of Holy Communion. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors and include them in your reservations to the Chapel office by Friday, August 2nd.

Building Team

We have had the leaking sprinkler head replaced in the Gathering hall. They had to drain the entire sprinkler system to achieve this.

We have also had the elevator repaired. YEA! Susan is sending off a letter to the vice president of Randolph Power Co. to see how much they will reimburse us for the elevator expenses.



The building was pressure washed and the parking bumpers have been painted, all through the generosity of one of our church members. Thank you very much, the building looks fabulous.

George is getting prices on encapsulating and dehumidifying the crawl space under the building because of water problems. Also, George is getting prices on painting the building. We shall hear more in the future.

Mike Barry
Building Team



Cemetery Team

We have had two burials at the Chapel in July, one at the Devonshire Columbarium and one at the Cemetery Columbarium.

We had two water faucets installed at the Cemetery last month. One near the Columbarium and one near Section I. The faucets will us to replant and water grass that has died in those areas. Replanting of grass will take place in the fall.

We purchased the proper paint to repaint the faceplates at the Cemetery Columbarium. As soon as we have a Cemetery Meeting, we will start a repainting program of the faceplates.

We are currently working on replacing rotted floor boards on the gazebo. There are 12 to 15 boards (2"X 6"X 12') that need to be replaced and painted. So far, the heat and rain have been a deterrents to completing the job. The total cost of this project will be \$250.00. The Team will supply the labor. We need to complete this project A.S.A.P. so no one falls through the floor. Currently Ed and I are working on that project.

Mike Barry
Cemetery Team Chair

Ed Burke
Asst. Cemetery Team Chair



Mission Team



The Mission Team, with the generous contributions from the congregation, conducted a very successful clothing drive for the residents of the Seven Lakes Memory Care. There were so many donations that the team also carried clothing to the Sandhills Coalition and Team Workz.

A project planned for December is the donation of lap blankets made by Dorene Tichenor to the residents of Memory Care. At the meeting, she displayed 6 crocheted blankets and 31 fleece blankets (each fleece blanket is crocheted around the edges). The blankets had different designs and bright colors. We are so grateful for Dorene for her hard work.

The Bookmobile Book Drive was great in that lots of books were collected and donated. The bookmobile team was very pleased by the response.

The team is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 14 from 12:30 until 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Flyers will be posted around the community (mailrooms, post offices, restaurants, fire stations, and a radio station). Sign-up sheets will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary. Volunteers are needed to assist in this event as well as donate blood.

The "Rise to Hunger" event has been canceled. Bunco will resume on September 10. Plans for other events are sponsoring a 5K run and a Crafters Day in the Spring of 2025; holding a gift wrapping party for the community and congregation (donations accepted), and participating in Christmas4Moore in December.

After a unanimous vote from the team, a check for \$500 was written to be given to Changing Destinies Ministries. Other contributions to charities and organizations will be made at a later date.





Blood Mobile

The Bloodmobile will be here on Wednesday, August 14th from 12:30 pm until 5:00 pm. You will need to "make an appointment" to give blood on that day. We are making it simple for you to do that. You can sign up by calling the Red Cross number, using their APP (because Everyone has an App for Everything these days), going to the Red Cross Website or contacting one of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Volunteers.

Just who are these Volunteers you may ask?

Lydia Litteral, Deb Rush, Alicia Delong, and Joyce Singletary of course!
(contact Lydia if **you** would like to volunteer)

What is the Red Cross Number anyway?



Well - it is **1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)**

Their Website?

"I can use their website to schedule an appointment?"

Certainly - just type in your browser redcrossblood.org



An APP you say? "They have an APP?"

That can be found on the Android or Apple App Store by searching



Blood Donor App
and download
Blood Donor American Red Cross

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the volunteers or a member of the Mission Team if you have any questions or need any assistance.



AUGUST

Upcoming Events

Friday-August 2	12:00 pm	Gathering RSVP Deadline
Sunday-August 4	9:00 am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Team
Monday-August 5	4:00 pm	Fran's Friends
Wednesday-August 7	2:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Wednesday-August 7	4:30 pm	The Gathering
Thursday-August 8	5:00 pm	Mission Team
Friday-August 9	10:00 am	CITP Men's Fellowship
Saturday-August 10	7:45 am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday-August 11	9:00 am	Bloodmobile Onsite
Wednesday-August 14	12:30—5:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Wednesday-August 14	4:30 pm	Generosity Challenge
Thursday-August 15	10:30 am	Book Study
Sunday-August 18	9:00 am	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Chapel Choir
Wednesday-August 21	4:30 pm	Generosity Challenge
Thursday-August 22	10:30 am	Book Study
Sunday-August 25	9:00 am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Chapel Choir
Wednesday-August 28	4:30 pm	Generosity Challenge
Thursday-August 29	10:30 am	Book Study

Coffee Fellowship



August

- 4** Bill & JoAn Moses
- 11** Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
- 18** **Volunteer Needed**
- 25** Dennis & Sandy Cifranic

September

- 1** **Volunteer Needed**
- 8** Daisy Kirit & Jenny
- 15** **Volunteer Needed**
- 22** **Volunteer Needed**
- 29** **Volunteer Needed**

To volunteer contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams by calling **910-400-5188** or emailing **citp10@7lakeschapel.com**. You can also sign on the podium just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall.



Usher Schedule

August - September 2024

August

- 4 Sun 9 am Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Tim and RJ Peppe
 11 Sun 9 am Carole Faas, George and Cathy Norman, Renee Maness, Lee Connelly
 18 Sun 9 am Shirley Madison, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary, Carole Faas
 25 Sun 9 am Tim and RJ Peppe, Renee Maness, George and Cathy Norman

September

- 1 Sun 9 am Jim Beck, Lee Connelly, Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson
 8 Sun 9 am Shirley Madison, Renee Maness, Joyce Singletary, George and Cathy Norman
 15 Sun 9 am Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Renee Maness, Carole Faas
 22 Sun 9 am Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary, George and Cathy Norman, Lee Connelly
 22 Sun 9 am Jim Beck, Carole Faas, Tim and RJ Peppe





Tuesday, August 6

Bill Moses

Thursday, August 8

Steve Klein

Saturday, August 10

Denise DuLion

Sunday, August 11

Laura Beth Urie

Sunday, August 11

Jade Baker

Monday, August 12

Donna Cantwell

Wednesday, August 14

Carolyn Wood

Thursday, August 15

Deborah Rush

Thursday, August 15

Lee Connelly

Saturday, August 17

Steven Welch

Sunday, August 18

Pat Donaldson

Thursday, August 22

Butch Allen

Saturday, August 24

Frank Carney

Sunday, August 25

Carol O'Reilly

Saturday, August 31

Bart Reuter



Sunday, August 4

Dan & Asa Stoltz

Friday, August 16

Bob & Joan Tourt

Friday, August 16

Richard & Donna Cantwell

Saturday, August 17

Dennis & Sandy Cifranic

Monday, August 19

Chas & Pat Griffin





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.

August	
8-4	Alice McPheeters
8-11	Carol O'Reilly
8-18	Bob & Joan Tourt
8-28	Sue Dell'Acqua
September	
8-1	Julie James
8-8	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
8-15	Alicia DeLong & Steven Welch
8-22	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
8-29	Jon & Dorene Tichenor

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
Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups**



The
Gathering

**Thursday
August 8th at
5:00 pm**



**RSVP no later than noon on
Friday, August 2nd**

2 hot dogs per person with all the fixings,
relish,
chili,
sauerkraut,
onions,
cheese.

Also, there will be
chips,
coleslaw,
baked beans ,
beverages and
ice cream sandwiches



There is a *suggested donation* of \$5 per person
to help cover cost of the meal. Simply place your donation in the Joy Box
as it is circulated at end of service.





Generosity Challenge Book Study

August 15th—September 5th

We are born in the image of a loving and generous God; we are born to be generous. In this 4-week group study, those seeking to live a more generous life will be exposed to and inspired by cultural, generational, and family attitudes towards generosity. Aimed at those who are regularly in the pews, but who have not yet committed to financial giving, the study offers a weekly reading, accompanied by seven days of challenges in the forms of self-assessment, journaling, and prayer, as well as leader helps to facilitate the group experience. After 28 days, readers will be encouraged to embrace the life-giving journey toward generosity and provided a road map on how to get there.

George Norman will be conducting an intriguing Book Study on Thursday mornings at 10:30 **August 15th - September 5th**. If you are interested, please contact our Chapel Administrator:

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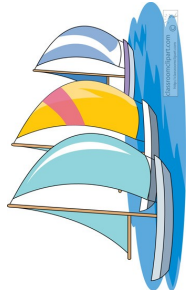
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August



2024

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

4 **Note: OLA Choir
Our Ladies of
The Americas

5 4:00 Worship Team
Preschool in the Pines

6 Summer Camp
Kiwanis 11-2

7 2:30 *Fun's Friends*
4:30 Chapel Choir

8 5 The Gathering
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

9 Board Team Rpts
10 Mission Team

10 8:00 Men's
Fellowship
9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

11 Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

12

13 Team Rpts to Bd
Kiwanis 11-2

14  American
Red Cross
12:30-5 Bloodmobile
4:30 Chapel Choir

15 10:30 Generosity
Challenge Book Study
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

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17 9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

18 Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Chapel Board Mtg

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20 Kiwanis 11-2


21 4:30 Chapel Choir

22 10:30 Generosity
Challenge Book Study
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

23 *Newsletter
Article Deadline

24 9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

25 Twenty-First
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

26 

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28 Preschool in the
Pines Back to
School Night 5:30
4:30 Chap-

29 10:30 Generosity
Challenge Book Study

30

31 9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

