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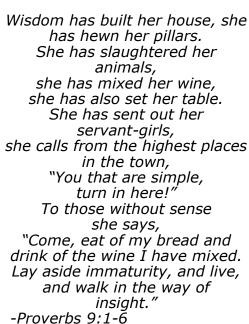
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Paul's Ponderings...

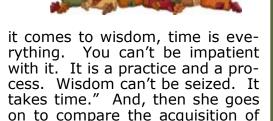
The Wisdom of World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024



It is not uncommon for folks like us to become more interested in gaining wisdom as we age. For a definition of wisdom let's hear from gerontologist, Carolyn Aldwin who says, "Wisdom is a practice that reflects the developmental process by which individuals increase in self-knowledge, self-integration, non attachment, self-transcendence, and compassion... as well as a deeper understanding of life."

Diana Butler-Bass picks up this line of thought by saying, "When



wisdom to bread and wine.

Baking bread and creating wine also take time. They are both fermented foods that slowly transform one thing into another. When a leavening agent is added to water and flour it becomes dough that bakes into bread. When yeast consumes the sugar in grape juice it ferments the fruit and turns into wine. Wheat and fruit are both broken down through fermentation and turned into bread and wine.

This process takes time. bread must be kneaded, left to rise, kneaded a second time, left to rise once more, and then Wine is the result of baked. weeks, months, or years of fermentation and aging. This process cannot be rushed. Wisdom is like that. It begins as something else...an experience of joy or sadness, a new insight or correction, living with good choices and bad choices...but when some agent, like the Spirit is introduced these original ingredients are transformed into wisdom.

In John 6:51 Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." Fermented foods like bread and wine are alive. Fermentation actually slows the process of decay and extends the life of the food. Once the process of fermentation begins it just keeps going. You can't stop it. Bread can mold and wine can turn to vinegar but that's because both are living growing, organic things.

Of course since bread and wine are living things, they are perfect correlations to body and blood. Yes, it's a miracle but it is also an ordinary and everyday fort of miracle. Living bread and living wine are the source of our very lives and, so is wisdom. Like bread and wine wisdom grows and keeps growing. Once the process begins it takes on a life of its own... changing us, transforming us. We be-

come different, leavened with insight and self-knowledge that lasts. Bread and wine offer their life so that we might be nourished and live. Wisdom offers its life that we may live a yeasty life, fermented by the Spirit. Jesus gave of his life so that we too might live.

Wisdom says,
"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity,
and live, and walk
in the way of insight."

Peace, Pastor Paul



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Baby Owen Daniels, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Paul Infuso, Jim Robinson, Noah Presley, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Dapte Jay Kirit, the family of Lu Hayes, and the family of Patricia Lewin.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Glenda and Jo Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Peggy Olsen, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, and Bruce Keyser.



President's Corner



Towards the end of October, my wife and I will celebrate our sixth anniversary of moving to Seven Lakes South. We cannot believe that it has been six years already.

If you are a fan of Major League Baseball, I hope that your favorite baseball team makes it all the way to the World Series this year. I must say that while watching baseball on TV, I usually doze off or get involved in a book and miss "some" of the action.

If you are a fan of college football, you will surely have your fill of games to watch during the month of October. May your favorite team win more games than they lose.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Columbus Day holiday. I hope that all your holiday plans work out as you wish.

The Chapel in the Pines will start its annual Stewardship drive this month. Please stay tuned for more information on the many ways to donate money to the Chapel.

October is also the month when we hold the Congregational Meeting to gain your approval of the 2025 budget and the membership of the Board of Directors. Please plan to attend the meeting. Our goal is to have as many members present as possible for the meeting.

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 October 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 or any other Board member.







CITP Men's Fellowship

On Saturday September 14 seven members of the CITP Men's fellowship met with about 30 other volunteers at the parking area next to Grace Church in Seven Lakes to construct the components for 20 youth beds for the Fellowship "Sleep in Heaveniy reace inition," were set up and overall the process took about 2 ½

hours. These components, along with mattress and bed linens, will be used to provide beds for qualifying children in Moore and surrounding counties. In the future, the Men's fellowship may be called upon to assist with the delivery and assembly of these beds to children who do not have a bed to sleep on. Additional information on this ministry can be seen at www.shpbeds.org.





On Wednesday, September 11th at 3 PM the Men's fellowship initiated a Bible Study entitled "Behold the Man". A study of Who is Jesus? The study will last for 6 weeks.

The next meeting of the CITP Men's fellowship will be held on Saturday October 12th at 8 AM at the Southside grill. Additional projects and volunteer opportunities will be discussed.

Bruce Keyser

















Worship Team

Team Updates



The Worship Team has been BUSY! In September, our Gathering had sandwiches with all the fixings, and we extend our thanks to Pastor Paul for providing a wonderful last-minute service after the unfortunate cancellation by the band who had planned to perform.

Our next Gathering will be a covered dish on October 10th at 5:00 and will be our final Gathering for 2024. Please plan to come and bring a favorite entree or dessert to share.

As you are aware, November and December are just around the corner and each month will offer many opportunities for worship. The Worship Team guided by Pastor Paul is working on the many upcoming events.

As a gift to the Chapel, the Worship Team has ordered seasonal banners and altar frontals for our communion table. We met with the men's group to evaluate the conditions of all the Christmas decorations and have composed a list of items needed. The replacement items will also be a gift from us!

We are making plans for the 48th Anniversary of the Chapel in the Pines on November 17. More on that later.

We would like to announce that we are seeking new members for the Worship Team beginning January 2025. Please notify one of our team members if you are interested in participating in 2025.

Leslie While



Building & Grounds Team

The Board has approved encapsulating and dehumidifying the crawl space under the building by Tar Heel Basements because of mold problems. Also, Tar Heel Basements will fix the water problems in the basement by trenching along the two areas and attaching that to sump pumps to remove the



water. These two projects will be accomplished during Christmas school break to cause the least disruption to daycare.

Also, Pella Doors resealed two sets of double doors in the basement and the fellowship hall doors to stop them from leaking.

Jim Beck and George Norman are looking at redesigning the stairs and porch entrance to prevent leaks at that entrance.

Mike Barry Building Team



Cemetery Team

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 sold two Niches at the Cemetery last month and one Plot with a Dual Headstone, so activity is picking up again.

We are still working on the gazebo, which is a constant maintenance project. Ed has purchased paint/stain and is going to repaint the floor.

Mike Barry Ed Burke

Cemetery Team Chair Asst. Cemetery Team Chair





Mission Team

Welcome to the New school year where some of us have been making lunches, chasing buses, waiting in the pick-up lines and babysitting the grandkids after school. With that thought in mind, our September

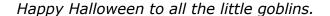




School Supply Drive using teacher's "wish list" from West End Elementary and West Pine Middle schools was a tremendous success. All of your donations were dropped off to these schools at the end of September. Your donations will make a difference to each classroom and to many students in these schools. The Mission Team couldn't do it without your help. Thank you so much for your willingness to help!

As October approaches and we fall into the swing of things, the Mission Team will be looking into fun things to do with families. We recognize that Chapel in the Pines is a very unique congregation. Our Chapel brings together many people who have retired to this area from across the country and each brings ideas and experiences, many varied mission and outreach projects that fall into "fun things to do with families." The Mission Team welcomes any ideas you may have or that you would like to share. Please feel free to call or email Lydia Litteral with ideas you feel might be of interest (email: chuchu123@gmail.com phone: 517-673-2118).

Lydia Litteral











Upcoming Events

Wednesday-October 2	3:00 pm	Fran's Friends	
Wednesday -October 2	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir	
Thursday-October 3	4:00 pm	The Gospel of Mark Bible Study	
Friday-October 4	er 4 12 noon Gathering RSVP Deadline		
Sunday-October 6	9:00 am	World Communion Sunday	
Tuesday-October 8	6:00 pm	Bunco4Missions	
Wednesday-October 9	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir	
Thursday-October 10	5:00 pm	pm The Gathering	
Saturday-October 12	lay-October 12 8:00 am CITP Men's Fellowship		
Sunday-October 13	day-October 13 9:00 am Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday-October 16	October 16 4:30 pm Chapel Choir		
Thursday-October 17	-October 17 4:00 pm The Gospel of Mark Bible Study		
Sunday-October 20 9:00 am Twenty-Ninth Sund		Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		Chapel Board Meeting	
Wednesday-October 23	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir	
Thursday-October 24	4:00 pm	The Gospel of Mark Bible Study	
Sunday-October 27	9:00 am	The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday-October 30	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir	
Thursday-October 31	4:00 pm	The Gospel of Mark Bible Study	



Usher Schedule October—December 2024

<u>Oct</u>	<u>:ober</u>		
6	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Jim Beck, Gisala Danielson
13	Sun	9 am	Renee Maness, Shirley Madison, Carole Fass, Cathy or George Norman
20	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Gisala Danielson, Joyce Singletary
27	Sun	9 am	Cathy or George Norman, Renee Maness, Shirley Madison, Carole Faas
Nov	<u>vember</u>	_	
3	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Joyce Singletary, Shirley Madison
10	Sun	9 am	Carole Faas, Cathy or George Norman, Renee Maness, Gisala Danielson
17	Sun	9 am	Jim Beck, Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Renee Maness,
24	Sun	9 am	Cathy or George Norman, Shirley Madison, Tracey Olson, Frank Carney
<u>Dec</u>	<u>cember</u>	•	·
1	Sun	9 am	Joyce Singletary, Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson, Rene Maness
5	Thurs	4 pm	Shirley Madison, Jim Beck, Cathy or George Norman, Tracey Olson
8	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Cathy or George Norman, Carole Faas
15	Sun	9 am	Renee Maness, Shirley Madison, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary,
22	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Ruth Klein, Steve Klein
24	Tues	4 pm	Carol Faas, Shirley Madison, Ruth Klein, Steve Klein
29	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe

Coffee Fellowship



October

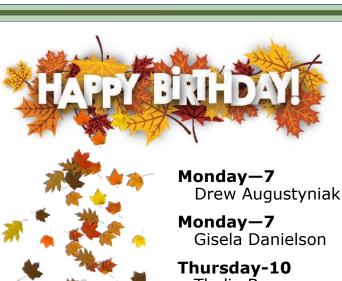
- **6** Chris & Jim Beck
- **13** Katy Swain & Joyce Singletary
- 20 Renee Maness & Lydia Litteral
- 27 Stacy & Kathy Golzio

November

- 3 Bruce & Vicki Bedder
- **10** Shirley Percival
- 17 Volunteer Needed
- 24 Mary Snead

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.





Thalia Beam

Thursday-10 Jim Beck

Sunday-13 Jim Reid

Sunday-13 Katy Swain



Monday-28 Sandy Cifranic

Tuesday-29 Peggy Olsen

Wednesday-30 Stephen Wood

Wednesday-30 Johanna Moran







Sunday-13 Steve & Laura Beth Urie

Thursday—24 Bob & Pat Donaldson







Flower Schedule

To volunteer please sign up on bulletin board outside church office. You may also call **910-400-5188** or e-mail it10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

October		
10-6	Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill	
10-13	Tracey Olsen & Frank Carney	
10-20	Dennis Cifranic	
10-27	Wendy Tetreault	
November		
11-3	Jon & Dorene Tichenor	
11-10	Shirley Percival	
11-17	Mike & Sue Barry	
11-24	Mary Snead	

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







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