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Paul's Ponderings...



Pledged in Faith...Fulfilled with Joy

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When we fill out a Pledge Card and a Time and Talent Sheet, we are making promises to God... vows to God...we are pledging our time, talents, and treasure to God. During our Fall Stewardship Season we made these pledges, but as this particular church season comes to a close I've been pondering what comes next. There's a story in the Old Testament surrounding a devoutly religious woman named Hannah that gives us a clue as to what comes next. You can read it for yourself in First Samuel chapter one and two, but here's my version of the tale.

Hannah really wanted to have a baby. Every year she would go with her husband to a place called Shiloh for a festival that celebrated all the things God had done for the people of Israel. They would thank God for their crops, their families, and their wellbeing and make sacrifices to show their appreciation for a generous and loving God. This event often made Hannah sad because she wanted to be thankful but was discouraged because she was unable to have a child.

So, Hannah did the only thing she knew to do. In between her tears and in broken sentences

interrupted by sobbing, Hannah prayed, "Dear God, if you would only look and see how sad I am and remember me...please give me a son. If you would do that for me, I pledge to dedicate my son to you for his whole life." A priest named Eli who was sitting nearby saw how earnestly she prayed and said, "Go in peace and may God answer your prayer."

Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

1 Samuel 1:17

Voice of the Day faithandjoy.com



In time God did bless Hannah with a son and she named him Samuel. Hannah had waited so long for this child and she loved Samuel so much but she remembered her promise to God. So, when Samuel was old enough she sought out the priest, Eli. "Do you remember me," she asked Eli? I am the woman who cried and prayed for a child and God answered my prayer. Now, I will fulfill my pledge. I give my child to the Lord and I leave Samuel with you to learn and work with you."

It was so hard for Hannah to give up her child but she wanted to keep her pledge to God, so as she delivered the boy she breaks out in song. Yet, the tone of her song is not what you might expect. Hannah is triumphant. She is defiant. She is strong. She is revolutionary. She sings...

"My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength."

This is no song of mourning over her loss, it is a revolutionary song of joy and thanksgiving. It is a song of loyalty to God and thanksgiving for God's blessings. Hannah pledged her son to God in faith and fulfilled her promise with joy.

So, we have brought our pledges of time, talents, and treasure to God. We have made our individual promises to God in faith, so let us now fulfill them

I prayed for this child,
and the Lord has granted me
what I asked of him.
So now I give him to the Lord.

SeekGrowLove.com

1 Samuel 1:27-28a NIV

with joy...all the while giving thanks to God.

Oh, by the way, seeing Hannah's faithfulness God blessed her and her husband with even more sons and daughters. And, as for Samuel, he grows up to help many people in their understanding of God and ultimately he becomes one of the great leaders of the nation of Israel.

Like Hannah, we have made our pledges in faith and we will seek to fulfill them with joy. Next, we will await all the blessings that God will grant to us and to this Chapel and we will celebrate and give thanks in faith and in joy.



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, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, and Dwight and Faye Jessup.

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 RJ Peppe.

President's Corner



The New York Yankees have made it to the World Series this year. While we have not seen any MLB games this year, we usually watch a game or two of the Series if the Yankees are playing. For those of you who have a strong dislike for the Yankees, please do not hold it against us. I might even make it through a whole game without dozing off, reading a book, or doing stuff on my phone.

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

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Halloween. In New York, I was the one who went to the front door to hand out the candy to the neighborhood children. It was fun to see the little kids all dressed up with the parents watching closely from close by. Once all the kids grew up to be teenagers and stuck their candy bags silently in my face, we started to take late suppers out and returned home after everybody had left.

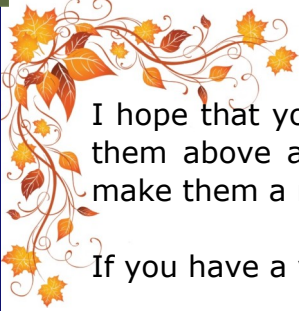
Since the Chapel's Stewardship Sunday has come and gone, I hope that all of you were able to make your pledges and sign up to join a Chapel team or other activity so that you can put your time and talents to good use and help the Chapel do God's work in the community.

The Board of Directors collaborated closely with Pastor Paul to develop several goals for the Chapel for 2025. We all decided that we would concentrate on activities that would help us to increase Chapel membership. We are going to have the Chapel website updated with current information and made more usable and modern. For many people, it may be the first time they investigate the Chapel, and we want to make it more welcoming and friendly.

We also want to have a group of volunteers actively contact visitors to the Chapel to answer all questions and to do what we can to show them how welcoming and inclusive we really are.

Since the Chapel buildings have not been painted since they were built, another goal is to have the buildings painted next year. We will be contacting you next year as soon as plans are made as to cost and when the work is to be done.





I hope that you will support the goals of the Chapel as I have briefly described them above and that you will help Pastor Paul and the Board of Directors to make them a reality.

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 November 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

Fall Golf Outing - Saturday November 16th



In lieu of our November meeting, the CITP Men's fellowship plans to host a Fall Golf Outing on Saturday November 16th at SLGC in conjunction with the Church's 48th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 17th. As many of you remember, our 9 AM service time was set 48 years ago in order that parishioners could have time to enjoy an afternoon of golf. As there is a covered dish brunch planned for after service, the golf outing will be planned for the day before. The event will be open to the congregation and anyone else you may feel would enjoy a casual round of golf and fellowship. Times and format will be announced depending on the number who sign up. If interested in playing, please contact me at 910-489-8755 or by email at brucekeyser@gmail.com ASAP.

Bruce Keyser
President - CITP
Men's fellowship



Worship Team



November already? Where has the time gone?

The Worship Committee has been BUSY. We had the final Gathering of the year on Oct.10 with a covered dish supper and an abundance of food. The board addressed questions regarding the 2025 budget as well as a melody of songs by Kirsten and Chapel Choir.

One of the things on the " List of Many things To Do" that we accomplished was to order (and arriving soon!) more altar frontals to match the seasons of the Church. Also new - banners! Some of our team members went above and beyond and did even more shopping for new garlands, wreaths, outdoor bows, and new lights to replace the ones that are no longer usable.

The Chapel is celebrating 48 years of serving God and the community on Sunday, November 17. There will be a covered dish brunch after services that day. There are other events as well being sponsored by other Chapel Committees over the weekend. December will be busy for us, too!

Leslie While



Cemetery Team

We have had to do some repairs on the Main Cemetery Columbarium this last month because some of the border plates came loose due to the heat.

We purchased the proper paint to repaint the faceplates at the Cemetery Columbarium. Alicia and Steven DeLong have volunteered to repaint the Columbarium faceplates.

We sold two plots at the Cemetery this month and one of the Plots with a Dual Headstone, and also two single plots were picked out but not paid for yet.



Ed has purchased the paint/stain and Bruce and Ed repainted the floor of the Gazebo. It looks fantastic, nice job guys!

We have the Wall of Honor Event coming up November 9th, so the Gazebo will look nice for that gathering.

Mike Barry
Cemetery Team Chair

Ed Burke
Asst. Cemetery Team Chair

Mission Team



The Mission Team has decided to donate \$5,000 to the relief efforts for those in Western North Carolina affected by hurricane Helene. The donation has been split between two organizations bringing relief to those in Western North Carolina with \$2,500 going to Mercy Chefs and \$2,500 going to Samaritan's Purse. We also will be donating \$250 to a group call Kind Souls which helps those with medical needs.

Chapel's 48th Anniversary on November 17:

In celebration the Mission Team will be hosting Game Day for adults and kids on Saturday afternoon, November 16 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. Games will be provided and/or guests may bring their own. Refreshments (snacks, soft drinks) will be available for the guests. Members of the team have volunteered to assist with the event. There will be a 50/50 raffle and Donations may be made by the guests. All proceeds will go to the Chapel. Be on the lookout for more information.



Coalition Christmas



The Mission Team has received 8 families for Coalition Christmas. This year the Coalition has dedicated Christmas to families with children. Each family being assisted has applied and been screened to insure that each meets the qualifications. Each of the families being sponsored has 4 children or less. Please contact Lydia Litteral if you are interested in taking one of these families. She can be reached by calling 517-260-7716 or emailing chuchu124@gmail.com

Gift Wrapping Party—December 13th

December 13 will be the day to bring your Christmas Presents to the Chapel for the Mission Team to wrap. For a small donation, we will wrap your presents for you!! Just bring them in and we will have them wrapped in no time.



Fleece Blanket Ministry

On December 16 we will be Wrapping and delivering fleece and lap blankets made by Dorene Tichenor for the residents of Seven Lakes Memory Care.

The Mission Team is interested in your ideas for Missions fundraising. Please do not hesitate to contact Lydia Litteral with mission project or fundraising ideas.

(517-260-7716 or email: chuchu124@gmail.com)





Hello Everyone, We have been getting many inquiries as to what is needed at the Coalition with the upcoming holidays and winter months. Here is a list of items that we are in need of through winter. Thank you in advance if you are able to help!!

Holiday Food Needs

(Please no glass containers)

Turkey or Ham
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Marshmallows
Green Beans
Boxed Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy Packets
Pumpkin Cake Mix/Spice Cake Mix/Gingerbread Mix
Cookie Mixes
Icing

Other Items Needed:

Diapers – Size 3, 4 & 5 and Pullups
Baby Wipes
Queen and King Blankets and Sheets
Towels/Washcloths/Hand Towels
Dog/Cat Food

*Please contact us at
info@sandhillscoalition.org
with any questions.



NOVEMBER 12
7:00 PM

BPAC'S OWENS
AUDITORIUM



North Carolina
Museum of Art

“Art, Nature, and People: Inspiring Joy and Connection at the North Carolina Museum of Art”

Dr. Valerie Hillings

As Director of the North Carolina Museum of Art, she completed a vision plan for its 164-acre Museum Park that reflects the Museum’s dedication to sustainability, environmental resilience, and its commitment to connection with nature for current and future generations.

SCAN TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND FREE. Please scan the QR Code or use the links below to register. TicketMeSandhills.com or visit RuthPauley.org



*Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines
48th Anniversary Celebration Weekend Schedule*



Saturday, November 16th 9:00 am

CITP Men's Fellowship

Golf Tournament

Saturday, November 16th 2-4:00 pm

Mission Team Sponsored

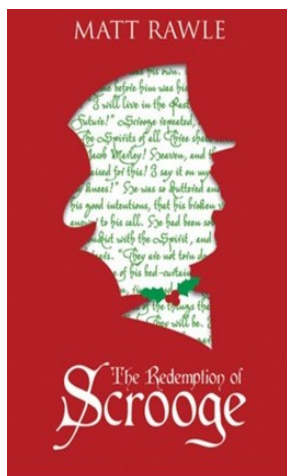
Adult & Kids Afternoon

Game Day and 50/50 Raffle



Sunday, November 17th

Churchwide Covered Dish Brunch



***The Redemption of Scrooge;* Advent Afternoons - 2024**

The *Redemption of Scrooge*, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchit family with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus.

December 1 1:30 *A Christmas Carol* starring George C. Scott
Those attending *The Redemption of Scrooge* Bible Study will invite the entire congregation to a showing of this iconic movie. Popcorn and fellowship will be free of charge.

December 1 3:30 The Redemption of Scrooge, Session #1
Bah! Humbug!

December 8 3:30 The Redemption of Scrooge, Session #2
The Remembrance of Christmas Past

December 15 3:30 The Redemption of Scrooge, Session #3
The Life of Christmas Present

December 22 3:30 The Redemption of Scrooge, Session #4
The Hope of Christmas Future

The Bible study sessions will be completed in 75 minutes. Please register for the course no later than November 17th by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection plate or calling Susan in the Chapel office (910) 400-5188. A donation of \$20.00 to cover the costs of your text and the teaching supplies is requested but not mandatory.

"In *The Redemption of Scrooge* we will examine Dickens' classic novel and make connections between the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the stories that Christians tell during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Pastor, author, and international speaker, Matt Rawle will help us draw from the past, present, and future important truths about brokenness and redemption and how these truths intertwine with the Advent themes of peace, hope, love, and joy.

Name: _____

Email: _____



Upcoming Events

Saturday-November 2

Turn BACK those Clocks



Sunday-November 3

9:00 am All Saints Sunday

Tuesday-November

National Election Day



Wednesday-November 6

1:30 pm Usher Training
3:00 pm Fran's Friends
4:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice
4:30 pm Chapel Choir

Friday-November 8

10:00 am Mission Team

Saturday-November 9

8:00 am CITP Men's Fellowship

Sunday-November 10

9:00 am The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Chapel Board Meeting

Monday-November 11

Veteran's Day



Wednesday-November 13

4:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice
4:30 pm Chapel Choir

Saturday-November 16

9:00 am Men's Golf Tournament
2:00-4:00 pm Game Day at the Chapel

Sunday-November 17

9:00 am Forty-Eighth Anniversary of the Chapel
Churchwide Covered Dish Brunch

Sunday-November 24

9:00 am Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Thursday-November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



Usher Schedule

November—December 2024

November

- 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

December

- 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



November

Thursday—7
Shirley Percival

Saturday—9
Rev. Charles Hinson

Sunday-10
Chas Griffin

Monday-11
Fred Young

Monday-18
Pat Dantzer



Coffee Fellowship

November

- 3** Bruce & Vicki Bedder
- 10** Shirley Percival
- 17** John & Jane Geanes
- 24** Mary Snead

December

- 1** Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
- 8** **Volunteer Needed**
- 15** Sue Dell'Acqua & Helen Scholl
- 22** **Volunteer Needed**
- 29** **Volunteer Needed**
- 22**

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.





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.

November	
11-3	Jon & Dorene Tichenor
11-10	Shirley Percival
11-17	Mike & Sue Barry
11-24	Mary Snead
December	
12-1	Fred & Phyllis Young
12-5	Volunteer Needed
12-15	Volunteer Needed
12-22	Alice McPheeters
12-24	Volunteer Needed
12-29	Volunteer Needed

Back Pack Pals and

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



Giving Thanks

(Author Unknown)

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

Happy
Thanksgiving 

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NOVEMBER

2024



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

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

3 All Saints Sunday

10 Thirty-Second
Sunday in OT
Chapel Board Mtg

17 Chapel's 48th
Anniversary
Churchwide
Covered Dish Brunch

24 Christ the King/
Reign of Christ

4

11 Veterans Day

18

25

5
ELECTION DAY
Kiwanis 11-2
Kiwanis Bingo 6-10

12 6:00 Bunco 4 Missions

19

26

6 Team Rpts to Bd
2:30 Juan's Juliana
4:00 Christmas
Cantata Practice
4:30 Chapel Choir

13 4:00 Christmas
Cantata Practice
4:30 Chapel Choir

20 4:00 Christmas
Cantata Practice
4:30 Chapel Choir

27

7 11-3 Women of 7 Lks
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

14 2-4 7 Lks GDN Club
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

21 7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

28
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

1 Board Team Rpts

8 10 Mission Team

15

22 *Newsletter
Article Deadline

29 Board Team Rpts
Decemb Board Mtg.

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

9

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

16 9:00 CITP Men's
Golf Tournament
2-4 Game Day
9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

23

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

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HAPPY
Thanksgiving!





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

*Thanksgiving Blessings
from our house to yours*

