

# PROCLAIM



Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! - 1 Chronicles 16:24

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## FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Paul Beck  
Senior Pastor

### *Resolved to...*

The brilliant Jonathan Edwards, pastor of the Northampton Church for over two decades, possessed a heart aflame for God. His spiritual passion did not emerge out of a vacuum. Over a period of time he deliberately penned

what amounted to seventy maxims for living which he also sought to review at least once a week to check his progress. Here are a few of Edward's resolutions:

# 1 - Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory, and my own good, profit and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general. Resolved to do this, whatever difficulties I meet with, how many soever, and how great soever.

# 7 - Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life.

#27 - Resolved, never willfully to omit any thing, except the omission be for the glory of God; and frequently to examine my omissions.

There is something right about making new resolutions - especially those that spring from a time of spiritual reflection. So as we come to a new year, allow me to pass on to you a few resolutions of my own that by the grace of God can be observed throughout the coming year.

Resolution # 1 - I am resolved to strongly affirm the existence of God throughout the coming year. This is the simple but singular starting point for the believer. The psalmist stated it so succinctly, "The fools says in his heart, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1).

Resolution # 2: I am resolved to cultivate the fear of the Lord as the foundation of wisdom. Psalm 111:10 declares, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding."

To fear God does not mean to cower before Him but to daily stand in humble awe before His presence.

Resolution #3: I am resolved to make the most of every day. Psalm 90:12 says reads, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Life is so fleeting - even with the gift of longevity. A sign of immaturity is to think I am going to live forever in this life. The longer I live, the more aware I am of the brevity of life. Think of what is lost if we never stop and contemplate how important it is to number our days.

Resolution #4: I am resolved to be aware and appreciate the different seasons of life. Take a moment and read

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. There is a time for everything. Every year consists of seasons of joy and testing. Life is not always a high but God is sovereign over it all.

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**Rev. Thomas Crumb**  
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## WORSHIP NOTES

### *Epiphany*

For many, the celebration of Christmas on December 25 marks the end of the Christmas season and attention is given to "ringing out

the old year and ringing in the new." However, Jesus' incarnation involves much more than the drama of Christmas itself; it brings a vision of God's glory to the nations of the world. This aspect of Christ's nativity is celebrated at Epiphany. Our word, Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance." Throughout church history, the word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi as recorded in Matthew 2.

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Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, the frequently and well-sung "12th day of Christmas", and it is marked by the church on the Sunday closest to that date. This year we will observe Epiphany on January 7 in both morning services and observe the Lord's Supper as part of our worship celebration on that day. As we prepare for worship on that day, let us especially rejoice and give attention to the fact that Jesus, the light of the world, has revealed Himself too and called people from every tribe, nation, and tongue.

### ***Just for laughs...***

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to

create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning.'"

"Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God.

"Well, " says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show Me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God,

(I love this)

"Get your own dirt."

### *Chancel Choir*

As has been our custom for the past several years, the Chancel Choir will enjoy a brief break during the month of January.

Following the great demands placed on our choir members during the Advent and Christmas seasons this has become a very good opportunity for them to "catch their breath and recharge" before they plunge into preparing anthems for the seasons of Lent and Easter. Additionally it provides needed time to take care of housekeeping matters as robes are cared for, and in our choral library as new music is selected, ordered, and processed for the coming season.



Our first practice for 2007 will be on Thursday evening,

***"Thursday evening, February 1 from 7:00-9:00 ... will be a perfect time for anyone who is contemplating choir membership to come 'try us out.'"***

February 1 from 7:00-9:00. This will be a perfect time for anyone who is contemplating choir membership to come "try us out." If you are interested in knowing how you can participate in the choir ministry at Christ Chapel, be sure to contact Pastor Thomas at 508.420.1200 or [thomascrumb@christchapelcapecod.org](mailto:thomascrumb@christchapelcapecod.org).





**Pete Axelson**  
Youth Pastor

## YOUTH NEWS

### *January 2007 Proclaim*

Yikes! I just realized I need to get this in by tomorrow. I have to go home for dinner in a half an hour, and I haven't even given a thought to what I might write about. So I'm going to have to take the easy way out. Here are some fun little sayings taken from one of my youth worker newsletters over the years (with their permission of course). Hope they help brighten up your new year.

- ☞ Be ye fishers of men: You catch 'em , He'll clean 'em.
- ☞ Can you yell "MOVIE!" in a crowded fire station?
- ☞ Black holes are where God divided by zero.
- ☞ 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- ☞ A heavy handed father makes a nimble footed son.
- ☞ Did Washington just flash a quarter for his ID?
- ☞ Give God what is right, not what is left.
- ☞ How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?
- ☞ Death to all fanatics!
- ☞ I never start something I'm not going to fi
- ☞ If I had the power of God for 24 hours, you could bet I would change a lot of things. But if I had God's wisdom for 24 hours, I wouldn't change a thing.
- ☞ If you love Jesus, TITHE..... anyone can honk.
- ☞ Keep your nose to the grindstone and your shoulder to the wheel..... it's cheaper than plastic surgery.
- ☞ Last night I was in the mood to see something silly and idiotic on TV. So I put the cat there.
- ☞ Opportunity knocked at my door, but I was at the pier waiting for my ship to come in.
- ☞ People are more violently opposed to fur than to leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs.
- ☞ "Put" means to place a thing where you want it. "Putt" means a vain attempt to do the same thing.
- ☞ Sweater: a garment worn by a child when a mother feels chilly.
- ☞ What do you do when you discover an endangered animal that only eats endangered plants?
- ☞ Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

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Wishing peace and blessings to all in 2007,

*Pastor Pete*



## FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

*Resolved to... - Continued from page 1*

Resolution #5: I am resolved to be gripped with what is most important in life. King Solomon had it all - and as he measured his money and power he discovered that on its own it is empty. That's why it's so important to put first things first.

Resolution #6: I am resolved to make a regular spiritual inventory of my life. Psalm 139 concludes, "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts. And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" I need to regularly stop and identify any areas of sin and then set that hefty bag of garbage at the foot of the cross.

Resolution # 7: I am resolved to rest in my forgiveness and to be willing to forgive. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." I need to be both forgiven and forgiving. Forgiveness is a healing experience, not just because it frees the offender, but because it frees us from bitterness.

Resolution #8: I am resolved to do all that I do, with my whole heart, for the glory of God. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Those resolutions are a basic framework for keeping on track this year. May God guide each of us on that path that is illuminated by His Word and blessed by His presence.



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As I look back over the past year I am filled with gratitude for what God has done in and among us at Christ Chapel. Let us all look ahead with a God-imparted expectancy for all that He wants to continue to do through us for the sake of His Son in 2007.

*May God grant you His blessing this new year!*  
*Pastor Paul*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

### ***Stephen Ministry Training***

Beginning in January the Stephen Ministry leadership will begin recruiting church members for the Stephen Ministry class of 2007. The applications are on the table in the narthex.

By this time I hope all members have heard of Stephen Ministry and the role it plays in the life of this church. As a refresher I will give you a description.

“Our congregation’s SM equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.”

This will be the third class of ministers to be trained. Right now there are 12 active ministers. A majority of them have care receivers. We look forward to training new people in order to keep the ministry

growing and thus being able to reach out to and serve more hurting people.

If you or someone you know has the gifts of caregiving and is a compassionate listener with time to devote to roughly 50 hours of training, meeting weekly beginning in March, we prayerfully urge you to fill out an application and meet with one of the leaders to see if this is something that God is wanting you to do. We want both men and women and young and not-so-young to apply.

We will be showing a video about the ministry after both services in Jan. so read your bulletins to find out exactly when. “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

Call or speak to any of the leaders if you have questions. Dave and Chris Cappello, Jerry White or Sue Rodenberger.



## My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. *Psalm 139:1* I know when you sit down and when you rise up. *Psalm 139:2* I am familiar with all your ways. *Psalm 139:3* Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. *Matthew 10:29-31*

For you were made in my image. *Genesis 1:27* In me you live and move and have your being. *Acts 17:28* For you are my offspring. *Acts 17:28*

I knew you even before you were conceived. *Jeremiah 1:4-5* I chose you when I planned creation. *Ephesians 1:11-12*

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. *Psalm 139:15-16* I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. *Acts 17:26*

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. *Psalm 139:14* I knit you together in your mother's womb. *Psalm 139:13* And brought you forth on the day you were born. *Psalm 71:6*

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. *John 8:41-44* I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. *1 John 4:16* And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. *1 John 3:1* Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. *1 John 3:1*

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. *Matthew 7:11* For I am the perfect father. *Matthew 5:48* Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. *James 1:17* For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. *Matthew 6:31-33*

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. *Jeremiah 29:11* Because I love you with an everlasting love. *Jeremiah 31:3*

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. *Psalms 139:17-18* And I rejoice over you with singing. *Zephaniah 3:17* I will never stop doing good to you. *Jeremiah 32:40* For you are my treasured possession. *Exodus 19:5*

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. *Jeremiah 32:41* And I want to show you great and marvelous things. *Jeremiah 33:3*

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. *Deuteronomy 4:29* Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. *Psalm 37:4* For it is I who gave you those desires. *Philippians 2:13*

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. *Ephesians 3:20* For I am your greatest encourager. *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. *2 Corinthians 1:3-4* When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. *Psalm 34:18* As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. *Isaiah 40:11*

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. *Revelation 21:3-4* And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. *Revelation 21:3-4*

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. *John 17:23* For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. *John 17:26* He is the exact representation of my being. *Hebrews 1:3*

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. *Romans 8:31* And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. *2 Corinthians 5:18-19*

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. *2 Corinthians 5:18-19* His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. *1 John 4:10*

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. *Romans 8:31-32*

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. *1 John 2:23* And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. *Romans 8:38-39*

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. *Luke 15:7*

I have always been Father, and will always be Father. *Ephesians 5:14-15*

My question is...Will you be my child? *John 1:12-13* I am waiting for you. *Luke 15:11-32*

Love,  
Your Dad,

## Almighty God



## JANUARY SERMON SERIES

<b>January 7</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<b>Epiphany:</b> Open Your Treasure... Offer Him Gifts Rev. Thomas Crumb
	<i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Seth Hayes - <i>Operation Christmas Child/Samaritans Purse Report</i>
<b>January 14</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<b>Adventures in Prayer:</b> Knowing How to Pray <i>Nehemiah 1:1-11</i>
	<i>Sunday @ 6</i>	<b>Excerpts from Ezekiel:</b> God's Appointed Messenger <i>Ezekiel 2-3</i>
<b>January 21</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<b>Adventures in Prayer:</b> Praying for Spiritual Fullness <i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>
	<i>Sunday @ 6</i>	<b>Excerpts from Ezekiel:</b> The Glory Departs <i>Ezekiel 8-11</i>
<b>January 28</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Adventures in Prayer:</b> Prayer and Spiritual Warfare <i>Daniel 10:1-21</i>
	<i>Sunday @ 6</i>	No Service

## SPECIAL THANKS

How often do we take the time to express our gratitude to the very people around us that help us, encourage us, love us - the very people that 'come along side' us? Many of us can easily answer 'not nearly enough!'

The Board of Trustees would like to thank August Viekman for his incredible, sacrificial and professional work as our church treasurer these past years. The service that

August has rendered equated to much more than a part-time job, for which he received no monetary reciprocation. He has kept our financial books, worked on our church budget, paid our bills, kept our insurance and contracts updated, and reported to our congregation. August has also been available to the Board of Trustees and myself for advice and anything else that has been needed.

We are sincerely grateful for all that August has meant to our church... and for always serving with an unfailing good spirit and humor.

On behalf of our Trustee Board,  
Paul Stringer

*P.S. There are many other people working behind the scenes here at Christ Chapel. Please take time to say "thank you!"*

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



### ***Severe Weather Closing Announcements***

In the case of heavy snow, please check any of these local media sources to learn if Christ Chapel's Sunday morning worship services have been cancelled.

#### **Radio**

WBZ NewsRadio 1030  
(at 5 and 35 minutes past the hour)  
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WXTK 95.1 FM

#### **TV**

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Channel 7 - WRKO

#### **Online**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating!            ♦ Birthdays            88 Anniversaries</p>	<p><b>1 New Year's Day</b>            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b>            Stephen Ministry - 6-8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b>            Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm            Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>            Man to Man - 6 am  <b>Sr. High Winter Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Sr. High Winter Retreat</b>            ♦ Noah Driscoll</p>	
<p><b>7</b>            Morning Worship - 8:30 &amp; 11            Sunday School - 9:45  <b>Sr. High Winter Retreat</b>            Sunday @ 6</p>	<p><b>8</b>            Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm            CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm            Christian Ed - 7 pm            Trustees - 7 pm            Missions - 7 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> Men's Bible Fellowship            7-8:30 am            Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm            Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm            Home School Support Group - 7 pm            Elders - 7 pm            ♦ Betsy Roberts</p>	<p><b>10</b>            First Light Bible Study            Falmouth - 6:30 am            Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm            Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm            Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b>            ♦ Paul Beck</p>	<p><b>12</b>            Man to Man - 6 am            Moms In Touch - 9:30 am            G-Force 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	
<p><b>14</b>            Morning Worship - 8:30 &amp; 11            Sunday School - 9:45 am  <b>Defibrillator Training - 9:45</b>            Sr. High Group - 5:30            Sunday @ 6</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>            Office Closed            Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b>            Men's Bible Fellowship            7-8:30 am            Stephen Ministry - 6-8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b>            First Light Bible Study            Falmouth - 6:30 am            Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm            Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm            Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            Man to Man - 6 am            Moms In Touch - 9:30 am            G-Force 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	
<p><b>21</b>            Morning Worship - 8:30 &amp; 11            Sunday School - 9:45            Sr. High Group - 5:30            Sunday @ 6</p>	<p><b>22</b>            First Light Men's Bible Study            Centerville - 6:30 am            CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm            Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm            ♦ Matthew Dahl</p>	<p><b>23</b>            Men's Bible Fellowship            7-8:30 am            Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm            Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b>            First Light Bible Study            Falmouth - 6:30 am  <b>Jr. High Mail Hunt - 6:15-8:15</b>            Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm            ♦ Arnold &amp; Sharon Clark</p>	<p><b>25</b>            ♦ Dor Waldo</p>	<p><b>26</b>            Man to Man - 6 am            Moms In Touch - 9:30 am            G-Force 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	
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# Be Part of *Proclaim!*

Interested in being part of Christ Chapel's *Proclaim!* newsletter? Do you have ideas you'd like to share or material you'd like to contribute? We want to hear from you! While we may not be able to incorporate all ideas and submissions, we'd appreciate your input!

Simply contact Elayne Brigham in the church office with your ideas and/or ways you'd like to help out. *Thanks!*

**Deadline for submissions for the next issue:  
February 15, 2006**

## CONTACT US

**For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel**

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The steadfast love  
of the Lord  
never ceases;  
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~ Lam 3:22