

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

Choose Joy!

Lloyd Ogilvie, the former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, wrote these insightful words a few years back:

This past year has been the most difficult year of my life. My wife has been through five major surgeries, radiation treatment, and chemotherapy. I am thankful that I now know she is going to make it. During the same year, I suffered the loss of several key staff teammates whose moves were very guided for them, but a source of pressure and uncertainty in my work. Problems which I could have tackled with gusto under normal circumstances seemed to loom in all directions. Discouragement lurked around every corner, trying to capture my feelings. Prayer was no longer a contemplative luxury, but the only way to survive. My own intercessions were multiplied by the prayers of others. Friendships were deepened as I was forced to allow people to assure me with words I had preached for years. No day went by without a conversation, letter, or phone call giving me love and hope. The greatest discovery that I have made in the midst of all the difficulties is that I can have joy when I don't feel like it - artesian joy!

What is the current level of your joy quotient?
Many people I meet appear as if a blanket of

pessimism hangs over their lives. We must daily fight the urge that pushes us to dwell on the negative. When we are persistently negative about pressures at work, situations at home, and even national issues, a moody and cynical attitude tends to dominate our outlook.

During a particularly gloomy period in his life Martin Luther lost all sense of joy. One evening as he walked into the room where his wife was sitting. She

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looked up at him and asked, “Has God died?” He said, “Of course not?” Then she said, “Then quit acting like it!”

Sometimes our attitude is clearly reflected on our face. On one occasion, Laban's attitude towards Jacob, his son-in-law, changed and Jacob knew it. It wasn't anything Laban said but it was evident on his face. Our faces say a lot about our attitude. Many Christians live with a deep frown and then wonder why their faith isn't very attractive.

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

The Strength of Weakness

I'm a little ahead of myself in my column this month, but knowing that next month's column will be filled with the highlights of our many opportunities for worship during the Advent/Christmas season, I wanted to give a little preview of the adult Sunday School elective I will be privileged to teach for the Winter Quarter which begins on December 3. We will be studying the book of 2 Corinthians, and the course will be titled, "The Strength of Weakness."

You may know that Corinth was one of the most corrupt cities in the Roman Empire. The Corinthians were a composite of people from virtually every point on the spectrum of human sin and depravity. In First Corinthians Paul patiently addressed and resolved many issues that were bringing confusion to the church at Corinth. In Second Corinthians Paul uses his own struggle with an affliction to demonstrate that

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human frailty can overcome weakness and trial through God's presence and grace. Through his own, personal example, Paul argues that those who fight battles and carry burdens are the best candidates to receive blessings.

The Corinthian church required Paul's repeated care. In Second Corinthians, he continues his attempt to correct errors of unchristian practice, worship, and doctrine. Concerned with false apostles who were leading the church astray, Paul defended his own authority as God's apostle and sought reconciliation within the church. In the midst of the same sorts of trouble and perplexity that believers experience today,

Paul's epistle highlights the themes of struggle and suffering, restoration and reconciliation in order to reassure the Corinthians that God had not and would not desert them. He won't desert us either! He comforts His hurting children as only "the God of all comfort" can. Through this study of Second Corinthians we will examine how God can turn our trials into triumphs and our sufferings into service.

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Second Corinthians is the most personal and complex of all Paul's letters, brimming with passionate self-defense and the intensity of his concern for the church's eternal destiny. This letter, as much as any other, allows us to see inside Paul: his ardor for the gospel; his deep love for the church; the pain he felt over being misunderstood, rejected, and attacked, as well as the cost of his sufferings. Through the examples of their suffering, endurance, and victory, Paul and the Corinthian Christians challenge 21st-century believers to similarly stand for Christ as they actively engage in living peaceably by loving and comforting one another.

December is indeed a busy month for all of us, but what better way to celebrate the essence of all that "busyness" than by planning to dedicate yourself to the shared study of God's Word with your brothers and sisters at Christ Chapel.

***“The Strength of Weakness”
Sunday School Class
will meet at 9:45 a.m.
in the East Transept
beginning December 3rd***





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group Happenings - 2006

Thought I would give everyone a brief look into what's happening in our youth ministry this year...

- ☞ Just recently announced our summer of 2007 mission trip destination; Onancock on the Eastern shore of Virginia. Our team is being put together, and the excitement is already starting to build. Stay tuned to hear more about the trip, and some way cool new fund raisers.
- ☞ I never cease to be amazed at the massive quantity of words Jr. High girls can cram into one sentence.
- ☞ In Jr. High League we are doing a study series called *"The 13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers."* It's kind of a Christianity 101 class, but I think even those students who have grown up in the church are learning plenty of new things, and being challenged in their faith. At least that's my hope and prayer.
- ☞ In our Sr. High Small Group studies the boys are doing a series entitled *"Guys"*, and the girls are doing a series entitled *"Girls."* Real original, huh? These studies obviously deal with the unique issues guys and girls have to deal with as it pertains to living out their Christian faith, and becoming Godly young men and women.
- ☞ If teenagers keep me young at heart (and they do), why won't the rest of my muscles stay young too?
- ☞ On October 27th, we will be playing a massive manhunt game called *"Flight of the Persecuted"* at Camp Good News. It's put on by the good folks over at Osterville Baptist. It's essentially a manhunt game with an emphasis on what it might be like to be persecuted for your faith. Nothing like running around in the woods all night, and ending it with a time of fellowship, worship, and hot chocolate.
- ☞ We're a little lopsided with our boy to girl ratio in Jr. High League these days. One night in particular we had 15 girls and 2 boys. Those are two brave boys! So if you know any Jr. High boys, get them out to Jr. High League Wednesday nights at 6:15.
- ☞ I've always said I could see myself being a youth pastor at 40 but not 50, so it's just a question of what I end up choosing to do and when between those two ages. All I know for now is that I'm pushing 40 and I still think teenagers are pretty darn cool!
- ☞ On a more serious note, it seems I personally, and the church in general has had to deal with more than its fair share of sickness and death lately. So let me leave you with familiar words of Vin Taber (Uncle Vinny to me), "God is great, God is good, no matter what, period."

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Grace & Peace to you,

Pastor Pete



FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

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Joy is not an emotion only brought on by success and the ability to get what you want. The joy the New Testament speaks of is the result of the Holy Spirit's control over our lives. Joy is the evidence of His presence. But the Bible also commands us to rejoice. Joy is not an option for us. We are commanded to rejoice in the Lord. The truth is we have far more control over attitude than we think.

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Someone once asked Mother Teresa what the qualifications were for working in the grimy streets of Calcutta. She replied, “First of all, a desire to work hard and secondly, a joyful attitude.”

Learning to rejoice is a choice. Enough bad things can occur on any given day to depress anyone. But the single most significant choice we can make every day is our choice of attitude. It is more important than your past, your education, your bank account, your success or failure or what other people think of you or say

about you. You don't close your eyes to reality but you can still choose joy because God is still on the throne.

It's interesting that in the Bible the words joy and thanksgiving are related to the same root word. The Apostle Paul brings them together in a compelling triad of verses when he exhorts us to, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). It's no surprise that as you cultivate a grateful heart for all God has done that a fountain of artesian joy will well up inside and spill over.

As I count my blessings instead of my burdens, I am grateful for you - my church family. Lisa and I are so pleased to share our lives with you as we serve God with a grateful heart. May this Thanksgiving season be filled with joy as you reflect on God's goodness and grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Paul

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STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

The holidays are fast approaching. This can be a very difficult time of the year for a person who is in crisis or who has lost a loved one, especially if that loved one died during the holidays.

The holidays are supposed to be a time for parties, family gatherings, home decorating, and gift exchanges, which entail shopping. All of these activities require a high level of energy and the person who is in crisis or is mourning a loss barely has enough energy to get up in the morning, much less to do what is required to get ready for the holidays.

They begin to feel guilty that they aren't able to do more and this just adds to their isolation and sadness. I want to say very clearly that guilt is often an irrational feeling. God is close by and even if you can't feel him, He is there. Desmond Tutu said, “What a

tremendous relief...to discover that we don't need to do anything to prove ourselves to God.”

Prayer can be a great source of comfort to some, but to others it can be very difficult and God can seem to be very far away. When we don't know how to pray, Paul reassures us in Romans 8:26 that, “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.”

To those who are hurting please know that help is only a phone call away. We in the Stephen Ministry are always available to help in any way we can, especially during the holidays.

Call Susan Rodenberger, 508 539-4977 or the church office.



COMING IN NOVEMBER



Robert Taylor
Clinical Director,
Starlight Ministries

Sunday @ 6 - November 5

Robert Taylor, Clinical Director - Starlight Ministries, Boston

Starlight Ministries provides services and support to homeless adults and youth. They have daytime drop-in and van outreach programs for the homeless and addicted. Starlight Ministries offers counseling, employment preparation, medical, financial services while working to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Mr. Taylor has a M.S.S.W. from the University of Washington and specializes in severe mental illness, organizational development and addictive behaviors. He is married to Monica and has a daughter named Martina.



Sunday - November 12

Operation Christmas Child Packing - 12:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

It's time to package and prepare all of the boxes filled with gifts for Samaritan's Purse to deliver to needy children worldwide! Please sign up at the Operation Christmas Child table in the Fellowship Hall to help during the 12:15 - 3 p.m. shift or the 2:30 - 6 p.m. shift. We also need help loading the truck on Friday, November 17, beginning at 8:45 p.m.

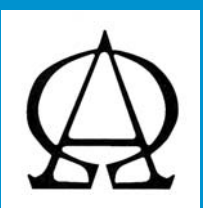


Lynne Voggu
Executive Director,
Agape International

Sunday @ 6 - November 12

Lynne Voggu, Executive Director - Agape International, India

Lynne Voggu left a successful investment management career to open an orphanage in Hyderabad, India. In response to the great need due to the Aids epidemic there, Lynne formed Agape International. Agape has since opened two more orphanages as well as a mobile unit which provides medical care and Aids/HIV education throughout the region. Lynne will be here with her husband Ratnam to give a video presentation featuring some of the 100+ children rescued by Agape, and share plans to expand their efforts to impact more lives in India and beyond.



Tuesday, November 14

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

Supper & Social Hour - 6:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend. We will review the budget for 2007, elect committee members and discuss other matters important to our church family. Arrive early and enjoy sandwiches, sweets and some social time with your Christ Chapel family!



Sunday @ 5:00! - November 19

Christ Chapel Family Thanksgiving & Praise Dinner

"Family" is the key to this special get together! We'll gather in the Sanctuary at 5:00 to give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and all he has done. Afterward, we'll enjoy a delicious ham dinner together. Please reserve your space and let us know if you can deliver potatoes, squash or pies to the kitchen by 5:00 p.m. by completing the sign up sheet in Sunday's bulletin or calling the church office at 508-420-1200.



Christ Chapel Annual Business Meeting

**Tuesday,
November 14
7:00 p.m.**

*Oh
give
thanks
to the
Lord,
for he
is good;
for
his
steadfast
love
endures
forever!*



1 Chronicles 16:34



NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES: GOD ENCOUNTERS

November 5	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Communion Sunday <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	God Encounters: <i>The God Who Whispers</i> 1 Kings 19:9-18 Robert Taylor - Starlight Ministries
November 12	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	God Encounters: <i>Apprehended by God's Grace</i> Acts 9:1-18 Lynne Voggu - Agape International
November 19	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 5:00</i>	God Encounters: <i>Rendered Speechless</i> Job 39-42:6 Christ Chapel Family Thanksgiving & Praise Dinner
November 26	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	God Encounters: <i>Handing Control Over to God</i> Genesis 32:22-32 No Service - <i>Family Night</i>

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

While the source and authenticity of these quotes from kids are unknown, they are delightfully believable and quite humorous, too! *Enjoy...*

3-year-old Reese:

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."
😊

A little boy was overheard praying:
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."
😊

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."
😊

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime.

She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully

enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."
😊

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."
😊

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."
😊

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"
😊

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a sea gull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"
😊

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"





SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY


FRIDAY

SATURDAY



*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

- 1 Chronicles 16:34

<p>5 Mirng W/ship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30</p> <p>Sunday @ 6 - Robert Taylor, Starlight Min. ♦ Maddy Hackler ♦ Howard Jenkins ♦ Beverly Kiker ♦ August Vekman</p>	<p>6 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm Christian Ed - 7 pm Evangelism Committee - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm</p>	<p>7 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry - 6-8:15 pm</p>	<p>8 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>9 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm</p> <p>♦ Audrey Appleton</p>	<p>10 Men's Prayer Group - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am</p> <p>♦ Theresa Craig</p>	<p>11</p> <p>♦ Adele Anderson</p>
<p>12 Mirng W/ship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45</p> <p>Operation Christmas Child Box Packing - 12:15-6 pm Jr./Sr. High Pack & Pizza 4-7 G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm Sunday @ 6 - Lynne Voggu, Agape Intl. ♦ Gary Curran</p>	<p>13 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm Missions - 7 pm</p>	<p>14 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Home School Support Group - 7 pm Fellowship Supper - 6 pm ANNUAL MEETING - 7 pm</p>	<p>15 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>♦ Lynn Gruen ♦ Bery Crisci</p>	<p>16 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm</p> <p>♦ Reginald White</p>	<p>17 Men's Prayer Group - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am</p> <p>♦ Keith Gruen</p>	<p>18</p> <p>♦ Aslang Lorenson</p>
<p>19 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45</p> <p>Christ Chapel Family Thanksgiving & Praise Dinner - 5:00</p>	<p>20 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm Evangelism Committee - 7 pm</p>	<p>21 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry - 6-8:15 pm</p>	<p>22 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed ♦ Linda Geer</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>♦ Marcia Duncan</p>
<p>26 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30</p>	<p>27 First Light Men's Bible Study - Centerville - 6:30 am Lifeline Screening 8-5 pm CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm</p>	<p>28 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Elders - 7 pm Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm ♦ Bobbie Jenkins</p>	<p>29 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>30 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm</p>		<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ♦ Birthdays 88 Anniversaries</p>

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 very much 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:
December 15, 2006**

CONTACT US

For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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PARK YOUR BOAT!

Need space to park a boat or car for the winter? This could be a win-win situation! Please call Donna about space available in a safe, spacious garage - 508-428-6836.

FOR SALE

Craftsman Lathe & long handled tools - \$100. Like-new boys/mens bike, only ridden twice then stored for 2 years - \$50. Please call Donna at 508-428-6836.

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One bedroom, unfurnished apartment for rent in W.Barnstable. Private entrance, close to Mid-Cape, Christ Chapel, YMCA, 4 C's. Newly painted and carpeted. Utilities included. Please call Sookie Driscoll @ 508-362-2293 or 508-776-5032 anytime if you are interested or know someone else who might be.



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