

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

Extravagant Grace

One of the leading figures in the English Reformation was Thomas Bilney. Born in 1495 he was known as "little Bilney" because of his small stature. He studied law at Cambridge before becoming a fellow of Trinity Hall at the age of 25. However, none of his academic success brought him the peace he craved. Eventually he began to read the Latin translation of Erasmus' Greek New Testament. In his own words he describes what happened:

"I chanced upon this sentence of St. Paul (O most sweet and comfortable sentence to my soul!) in 1 Timothy 1, 'It is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be embraced, that Christ Jesus came in to the world to save sinners; of whom I am the chief and principal.' This one sentence, through God's instruction and inward working ... did so exhilarate my heart, before being wounded with the guilt of my sins, and being almost in despair, then even immediately I seemed unto myself inwardly to feel a marvelous comfort and quietness, insomuch that 'my bruised bones leaped for joy' (Psalm 51). After this, the Scripture began to be more pleasant unto me than the honey or the honeycomb ..."

Immediately he became a central figure among a group of theologians who would gather at the White Horse Inn. This group was preparing and praying for a spiritual reformation in England. In 1527 Bilney was arrested and was ordered to recant and stop preaching. He refused to comply and was arrested again. He was tried and in 1531 was burned at the stake. His most famous convert, Hugh Latimer, who later became the most prominent preacher during the English Reformation, was inspired by Bilney's courage and he too died at the stake in Oxford in 1555.

***"Christ Jesus came
into the world to
save sinners of whom
I am the worst"***

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IMPORTANT DATE!

CHRIST CHAPEL ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 p.m.

*Please join us for
Soup & Sandwiches
at 6:00 p.m.*

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

The Importance of Family Worship

Though its a little late to be thinking of New Years resolutions now that it is February, we were recently reminded that making reformation in our spiritual disciplines is always "in season", or, as one mentor of mine put it, "Its never too late to start doing the right thing." With that in mind, here are just a few thoughts to help you think about the importance of family worship. If you want to think more carefully about this or want any help finding resources that will benefit you and your family with respect to this, be sure to contact me and we will arrange to get together and to discuss this important subject.

The call to Christian living is a call to living a life of worship. Worship is not a set, scheduled weekly event. Rather, the Bible teaches that it is an ongoing, daily practice which is intended to fully engage our heads, hearts, and hands at all times, in all we do and say. Paul distills the essence of this for us in Romans 12:1-2:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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Worship takes many forms. Two well known examples include corporate worship: the gathering of God's people to celebrate His presence in their midst, and personal worship: a time devoted to private, individual

encounter with God and His Spirit through Bible reading, meditation, confession, prayer, and adoration. A third, but less well known form of worship is Family Worship. Family Worship involves the setting aside of a specific time within Christian homes to seek God, express dependence and reliance on Him, and to provide regular, ongoing Biblical instruction to each family member. (Deut 6:4-9)

With the constant and escalating encroachment of worldliness within our society, schools, homes, and even at times within the Christian church, it behooves those who intend to lead Christian homes to plan for and provide regular times of Family Worship. Interestingly, it has been observed that the practice of Family Worship has languished and been neglected most during those periods "when error and worldliness make inroads upon the church." [James W. Alexander in Thoughts on Family Worship] Godly families are the

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backbone of spiritually healthy churches. In his book, *A Christian Father's Present to His Children* John Angell James notes: "If the parent be not visibly in earnest, it cannot be expected that the child will be so."

It is important to note that no single plan will fit the needs of every family and that a family's needs will change as it grows and grows up. It may be well to try several different things with your family in order to discover what is most effective. Remember to be flexible and willing to change and adapt your approach and your materials for the unique needs of those whom God has entrusted to your care and nurture. Again, I invite you to contact me if I can be of any assistance in helping you discover a pattern, plan, or program for family worship that will benefit your family.





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group Retreats

February will be a month of retreats for our youth group. Both the Jr. High and the Sr. High will be going to Camp Berea; Jr. High from February 2nd - 4th, and Sr. High from February 23rd - 25th. With this in mind I thought I would write a little about the meaning of the word retreat.

The concept of a retreat, or getting away for a day or weekend has been a part of youth ministry from the very beginning. I am thankful for the generations that have gone before me that were

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willing to get away with a bunch of teenagers for a weekend of minimal sleep and often even less hygiene, all for the sake of seeing young people come to know Jesus Christ, and to grow in their relationship with them.

But what about the term “retreat” separate from a youth ministry context? Probably what most often comes to mind is a retreat during battle or war. I am by no means an expert on battles fought throughout our world's history, but I do know that often times in battles the side that retreats is not necessarily always the side that is losing. Often times a retreat could be more of a strategic move.

Perhaps the troop's objectives were accomplished, and then the plan would be

to retreat into the hills either to regroup, or to lead the enemy into an ambush of some kind. In a spiritual sense we can look at retreats in a similar way. It's a purposeful opportunity to regroup, or to get our priorities straight in terms of our walk with God. Ephesians 6:12 says; For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Sometimes our youth as well as the rest of us need to be reminded of who the battle is against, and that battle is ever present in our schools and communities.

Please join me in prayer this month for our youth as they go on their retreats; that they will be refreshed, and realize anew God's goodness in their lives. That they will come to know the mighty warrior that is on their side in Jesus Christ. That they will come away with good strategies for their battle through prayer and time in God's word, and that they would know the Holy Spirit's presence on a daily basis for wisdom and guidance in their battles.

“Please join me in prayer for our youth as they go on their retreats”

Perhaps the heart of this prayer for our youth and for all of us might be put best in the words of Deuteronomy 31:6. Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Amen!



FROM THE PASTOR -

Extravagant Grace - Continued from pg. 1

The verse that had such a mighty impact on "little Bilney" is a powerful summary of God's grace: "*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the worst*" (1 Timothy 1:15). This verse is known as one of the "trustworthy sayings" scattered throughout Paul's letters. These sayings were quoted as familiar slogans in the early church because they captured the essence of the Christian message. They are tagged as trustworthy because they do not convey a faint wish but something that is totally reliable. On its own, this statement is worthy of your highest confidence; "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*" Friends, that is extravagant grace.

During the month of February we are going to be looking at four parables Jesus taught that tell the story of God's extravagant grace. As we look at these stories, my hope is that we will again be enraptured by the amazing grace of God. Make worship a priority for you and your family.

Annual Meeting
7 PM
Tuesday,
February 13

Join us for
Soup & Sandwiches
at 6 PM

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night, February 13. The evening will begin with a soup and sandwich dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Come early to enjoy some fellowship and food! I am so grateful for God's continual watch over our church.

In recent months we have seen members of our church family relocated to heaven. As difficult as it is to let them go, this is the hope of our faith! When Abigail Adams died at 74, John bore her passing with a profound peace. He said it was easier to let her go at death than it was to say good-bye when he traveled to Europe years before - because after her death he knew that it would not be as long a separation before he saw her again. As God sustains us with the tug of heaven may we continue in faithfulness until we see our loved ones again and Him face to face.

In His grip,
Pastor Paul

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

When we are in a right relationship with God we have the great sense of peace that He gives to those who love Him. However, God doesn't comfort us in order to make us comfortable; it is so we can comfort others. That is exactly what Stephen Ministry is all about.

God is with the Stephen Minister at all times as they are meeting with their Care Receivers, He guides them in what to say.

One of the Stephen Ministers shared this experience with me. She told me about a time when she was with her Care Receiver. The Care Receiver was talking about various problems she was having. The Stephen Minister was praying silently as she was listening and when she answered the words that came out of her mouth were directed by God. The Care Receiver said, "That is exactly what I needed to

hear." The Stephen Minister was amazed by this experience and thanked God profusely. She said that she felt very blessed that God would work through her to help this person in her need.



**BEING A STEPHEN MINISTER
MEANS THAT YOU ARE
BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.**

It is not too late to fill out an application to become a Stephen Minister. They are still in the Narthex on the table.

If you need a Stephen Minister contact one of the leaders, Dave or Chris Capello, Jerry White or me, Sue Rodenberger.



AM I ENOUGH?

Part 1 - By *Virgie Wakefield*

For the past several weeks this simple question has been running through my mind. It began while reading the first letter Paul wrote the church at Thessalonica. How many times have I read his admonitions to them - "rejoice always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances" - and hurried on to "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." But this time the phrase "give thanks in all circumstances" caught my eye. It made me wonder "what circumstances had Paul been through before he wrote this loving letter of encouragement?" I noted that he didn't say give thanks "because of," "in spite of," "regardless of," or "when things get better." He said "in" all circumstances. Since we have been studying the life of Paul in the women's Bible study, I thought about how he had been beaten, stoned and left for dead, imprisoned, and run out of so many towns all because of his burning desire to share the Good News of the gospel. He wrote in his letter to the church at Rome, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Rom. 1:16) Paul had experienced more hardships in his walk with Christ than anyone I can think of and yet he wrote these words of encouragement, "give thanks in all circumstances." If Christ asked Paul the question "Am I enough?" his reply would have been, "Yes Lord, You are enough."

I began to think about others who have gone through difficult times, hardships, struggled with life's circumstances that also overwhelmed but did not defeat them. Job came to mind first. He lost everything but his own life; put up with three - really four - miserable comforters, and worst yet, a nagging wife who said "why don't you curse God and die?" Yet, in the midst of it all Job says "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another." (Job 19:25-27) Job was "in" the circumstances that the Apostle Paul wrote about. So I ask; "Job, is God enough?" and in my mind I hear a strong voice reply, "Yes, God is enough."

Moses is an obvious example. I can't imagine how difficult it was for him to lead such an unorganized mob of people out of a country where they had been slaves. They lived from hand to mouth with no chance to "get ahead" in this life. When God set them free, they had no organized government, no land, no way to take care of themselves. Many of those in the exodus did not even believe in the God of Israel but in many gods. God gave Moses an impossible task, told him that He would go with Moses and promised that when he "brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." (Ex. 3:12b) So I ask, "Moses, is God enough? After leading these unruly people of stubborn complainers, is God enough?" I can hear Moses' reply echo down through the corridor of time, "Yes, God is enough."

David was brought in from the fields where he was tending his father's sheep and was anointed king over Israel. He slew the giant with a sling shot and five smooth stones. That is the man we think about when his name is mentioned. That, or his deep love for Jonathan, the son of a king that was trying his best to kill him. But the years of running and hiding in caves in foreign lands, the narrow escapes from death, and the disgruntled, outcast band of people that followed him usually do not come to mind. After he became king we might think his life became easier. But when I read his Psalms I realize that his life as king was no bed of roses.

So I ask, "David, is God enough?" Again, through the corridors of time in my mind I hear "Yes, God is enough." As an old man David wrote: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come." (Psalm 71: 17-18)

There are many people in the Bible and throughout history that lived heroic lives in earlier centuries when God was building His church. We've heard about missionaries, men and women who toiled for years without the comforts of fellow Christians, family or a home to call their own. What would their answer be to the question "Am I enough?" Their lives proved what their answer would be. "Yes, God is enough!"

To be continued in March edition of Proclaim



FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES

February 4	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Communion Sunday <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Stories of Extravagant Grace <i>Extravagant Care</i> John 10:1-18 Excerpts from Ezekiel <i>Afflicting the Comfortable</i> Ezekiel 12-14
February 11	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Stories of Extravagant Grace <i>Extravagant Forgiveness</i> Luke 7:36-50 Excerpts from Ezekiel <i>God's Wounded Heart</i> Ezekiel 16
February 18	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Stories of Extravagant Grace <i>Extravagant Equality</i> Matthew 20:1-16 To Be Announced
February 25	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Stories of Extravagant Grace <i>Extravagant Love</i> Luke 15:11-32 No Service



*In this is love,
not that we have
loved God but that
he loved us and
sent his Son to be
the propitiation
for our sins.
~ 1 John 4:10*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Severe Weather Service Cancellation Announcements

In the case of heavy snow, please check any of the following media to see if Sunday morning services have been cancelled.

Radio

WBZ NewsRadio 1030
(at 5 and 35 minutes past the hour)
WRKO 680 AM
WQRC 99.9 FM
WXTK 95.1 FM

TV

Channel 4 - WBZ - 5 am News
Channel 7 - WRKO

Online

www.whdh.com/stormforce

PHOTOS NEEDED!

We are in immediate need of photos for a Christ Chapel exhibit that will be on display at the upcoming Multi-Cultural Fair. We'd also like photos for our website, newsletter and other materials.

Do you have or can you take photos of:


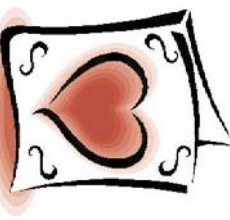
Church Gatherings & Events
Sunday School Classes - All Ages
The Chancel Choir
Youth Group Meetings
Pioneer Girls ♦ G-Force
Women's Bible Study
Missions Conference
Christ Chapel Building & Grounds

Please contact Elayne at the church office if you have questions or can help.

Deadline for Photos: February 15

Please email photos to elayne@christchapelcapecod.org or bring them to the Church office.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ~ 1/John 4:10</p> 						
<p>4 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Jr. High Retreat G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6</p>	<p>5 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm Christian Ed - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm</p>	<p>6 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry - 5:30-8:15 pm ☞ Scott & Ellen Gage</p>	<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ◆ Birthdays ☞ Anniversaries</p>	<p>7 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>8 Choir - 7-9 pm ◆ Norma Thomas</p>	<p>9 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am Veritas Acadamey Open House</p>
<p>11 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6 ◆ Jim Berks</p>	<p>12 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>13 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Home School Support Group - 7 pm Christ Chapel Dinner - 6 pm ANNUAL MEETING - 7 pm</p>	<p>14 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>15 Choir - 7-9 pm</p>	<p>16 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am</p>	<p>17 ◆ Audrey Royce</p>
<p>18 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6</p>	<p>19 Presidents' Day Office Closed</p>	<p>20 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry - 5:30-8:15 pm</p>	<p>21 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Chris Hayes</p>	<p>22 Choir - 7-9 pm</p>	<p>23 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am Joy Group Winter Covered Dish Dinner - 6:30</p>	<p>24 ◆ Gina Mann</p>
<p>25 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Retreat ◆ Seth Hayes ◆ Faith Hakala</p>	<p>26 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm ◆ Virginia Bell ◆ Jean Taber</p>	<p>27 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Elders - 7 pm ◆ Eveline White</p>	<p>28 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 ◆ Rachel Hapenny ◆ Brett Grosso</p>	 <p>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. ~ 1/Corinthians 13:7-8</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:
March 15, 2007**

CONTACT US

For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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***God's love has been
poured into our
hearts through the
Holy Spirit
~ Romans 5:5***

CHRIST CHAPEL CLASSIFIED

If you'd like to place a classified ad, please email or deliver your request to the church office by March 15th.

CAPE ZONELINE & APPLIANCE SERVICE - 508 364 7738

GE-Hot Point-RCA-Whirlpool-KitchenAid-Maytag-Magic Chef-Amana. Repairs all brands of appliances, cleans and replaces dryer vents. A clogged dryer vent can be a significant fire hazard. Locally owned, Licensed & Insured, 30 years experience.

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HOUSE FOR RENT OR SALE

2+ BR/1BA, newly remodeled Private lot on quiet street close to Hyannis amenities. 1/8 mi. to great beach, brand new roof, new exterior painting, 10x14 shed, fantastic inside and out. A must see! Rent: \$1,300 + utl. Sale: \$400,000 Call Matt/Sarah at 508-394-0276 or email matt-sarah@verizon.net.

FOR RENT

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FOR RENT

One bedroom unfurnished apart-

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.

YEAR ROUND RENTAL

Foxmeadow Condominiums, E. Sandwich Townhouse with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, new windows, appliances, freshly painted. Convenient to highway, beaches, shopping. Quiet complex, unfurnished. No pets or smoking. \$1,400 per month plus utilities. Call David Guilderson, 508-888-2595

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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