

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

Experiencing the Cross of Christ

Abraham Lincoln. John F. Kennedy. Martin Luther King, Jr. Certain people stand out in American history for embodying a cause while cut down in the prime of life. The life of Martin Luther King Jr., for instance, seemed vital to the cause of civil rights. No one would have considered his death as being essential for fulfilling his dream of a color blind society.

However, in the case of Jesus, His death was vital for His cause. That is why more attention is given to the events surrounding His death than any other event in His life. This is something utterly unique among the biographies of great men. Meticulous attention is paid to the details of their lives and only scant attention is given to their deaths.

The Gospels give us the impression that they are lengthy introductions to the real story of Jesus' passion. What mattered to the writers of the New Testament was not the living of His life but His actual giving of it. His death was the culmination for His coming into the world.

What makes the death of Christ so unique? As you read through the Gospels you will find that Christ died because of the treachery of a so-called friend, the prejudice of the religious establishment and the weakness of a pragmatic politician. Those are the historical causes of His death. Each component teaches us a lot but even when taken together they do not bring us to the heart of it all.

In Romans 8:32 the Apostle Paul states, "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" God have Him up. Though several agents were humanly responsible for the death of Christ, the Bible emphatically states that it happened according to the plan and purpose of God the Father.

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COMING IN MARCH

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL
Saturday, March 3 - See page 6 for details

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 a.m.

CAPE COD CHORALE CONCERT
Sunday, March 25 - See page 2 for details

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

Preparing for Easter

Similar to the way in which Advent serves as a time of preparation and reflection for Christmas, Lent provides a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance

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based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. This year, the forty days of Lent began on February 21 (Ash Wednesday) and continue through Holy Week (April 1-8), not counting Sundays, which historically are reserved for celebratory worship.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior. As such, the primary focus of the season is to explore and deepen a "spirituality" that centers on our union with Christ rather than to function only as an extended meditation on Christ' suffering and death.

Company's Coming!

We have a unique privilege this month to welcome guests to our church facility on Sunday afternoon, March 25. On that day, at 3:00 p.m., the Cape Cod Chorale will present a concert of sacred music appropriate for the Lenten and Easter seasons. The major work on the program will be the beautiful and compelling oratorio, *The Crucifixion* by English composer, John Stainer. First performed in 1887, this oratorio is Stainer's major work and includes the often excerpted and much loved anthem, *God So Loved the World*. The music of this work has been described by a commentator as "intensely imbued with the religious spirit and with a descriptive power that loses nothing on account of its simplicity and unaffected melodious sweetness. Such music enters into the hearts of the people and lives there." Rounding out the program will be a medley of seldom performed works by Russian composers and other sacred music.

**Cape Cod
Chorale Concert
Sunday, March 25
3:00 p.m.**

The Cape Cod Chorale is a Sandwich-based choral group that is currently in its 25th year of existence. The goal of the chorale is to promote the beauty of choral music and to provide people who love to sing the opportunity to participate in a community chorus. The Cape Cod Chorale has made three international concert tours since its inception.

Included in the sixty voice chorus is our own Ann Russell who is greatly looking forward to introducing her fellow choristers to Christ Chapel. And, here is where you can help play a big role. As the singers and members of our community come to share this inspirational program of music, it will be great to have as many of our members on hand to greet and welcome them to our facility and to make them feel at home in what are our own familiar surroundings. So come, not only to be blessed by this afternoon of excellent music, but as a fellow host, ready "to welcome guests into our home."

Tickets for the concert are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students and children. You may arrange to secure tickets in advance by contacting Ann Russell (508.775.1916 or midwifeann113@comcast.net).





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

“Doing” Lent

Christ Chapel Youth Group will be participating (on a voluntary basis) in Lent this year. Most of our students will be

giving up something from February 21st through Easter, April 8th.

The following are some of the sacrifices that have been made:

- ⇒ secular music
- ⇒ shopping
- ⇒ chocolate
- ⇒ desserts and sweets
- ⇒ coffee
- ⇒ oatmeal crème pie cookies
- ⇒ talk radio
- ⇒ working on Sundays, and
- ⇒ calling a sibling names.

While there is no Biblical mandate to give things up during this time of year, I believe it is Biblical, and that God is honored when we do so.

Lent is a time for us to ponder Christ's death and the sacrifice he has made on our behalf. When we deprive ourselves of something, and replace it with purposeful time in God's word and prayer, it helps us to better identify with the sacrifice Jesus made.

It was St. Augustine who said "Christ is not honored at all, unless he is honored above all." With those words in mind, we are being purposeful about putting Christ above those things we are giving up.

It is not only meaningful that we give something up, but that we also replace it with God's truth. So another part of our Lent commitment will involve doing daily devotions made up of two parts. We will be reading through the gospel of Mark, and following a Lent devotional blog I found on the internet.

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to have many of our youth participating in this. I'm praying this will be a meaningful experience, and that all who participate will come to know the power and joy of Christ's resurrection like never before.

Grace & Peace, *Pastor Pete*

GLEANER'S MINISTRY UPDATE

When Christ Chapel adopted the Gleaner's Ministry there were four people dedicated to picking up and delivering day-old baked goods to places in need around Hyannis and Yarmouth. The ministry grew to more than 35 workers, serving 6 days a week to more than 32 locations in Hyannis, Yarmouth and Sandwich.

These efforts helped hundreds of individuals living on the edge in our communities. The outreach potential was (and still is) great to grow the "Bridges to our Communities." Not only have our hopes of expanding this ministry been thwarted, but instead we have had to *reduce* our outreach. Today, there remain six *extremely* faithful servants and two substitutes.

Sadly, after several unsuccessful attempts to generate more workers, the Gleaners have had to eliminate 3 days from their usual routes. Fortunately, for the most part, we have been able to turn these days over to other worthwhile ministries. Meanwhile, there is an immediate need for one or two workers on Mondays and/or Thursdays. If no one volunteers then we will have to drop another day from our schedule, leaving us with only two days per week.

Please consider serving with the Gleaners. It only requires 2 - 2 1/2 hours of your time one day a week. You'll be surprised how much fun you can have with blessing beside.

I have been truly blessed serving with the Gleaners. I only wish I had more time to devote to this very local ministry. There is so much more that can be done to reach out in Christ's love with tangible help for our neighbors here on Cape Cod. Unfortunately, due to my work and family commitments, I am unable to guide this important ministry of Christ Chapel to its fullest potential. Would you pray with me for a new coordinator? I will gladly assist him or her until they are comfortable taking the reins themselves. Thank you.

In Him - For the Gleaners,
Sookie Driscoll

Please call Sookie Driscoll (508-362-2293) or Jerry White (508-775-4453) if you are interested in or have any questions about serving the Gleaners Ministry.



FROM THE PASTOR

Experiencing the Cross of Christ - Continued from pg. 1

The 19th century Princeton theologian B.B. Warfield commented, "He came into this world to die, and every stage of the road that led to this destiny was determined not for Him but by Him. He was never the victim but always the Master of circumstance, and pursued His pathway from the beginning to the end, not merely in full knowledge from the start of all its turns and twists up to its bitter conclusion, but in complete control of them and of it."

Jesus' death was not an accident of history or the tragic end of a cause. The real reason Jesus died is because God was accomplishing something through His death. Jesus came as the Passover Lamb to die for sinners. All of this took place because of the will of God. Jesus Christ came into the world to die on a wooden cross because our hearts are so full of sin that the only hope for any of us is that He took our place. Jesus Christ died in the place that should have been the site of our execution.

During the month of March our aim is to experience the passion of our Lord. On Sunday mornings we want to explore the heart of the Christian faith as we meditate on the cross. My prayer is that this series of messages will deepen our understanding and increase our love for the One who gave Himself up for us. I hope to see you every Sunday as we survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died.

Because of Calvary,
Pastor Paul

INSPIRED WORDS

Oh come greet
the rising of the day with me
Life's energy, so strong
in these wee hours,
calls to the deep
and draws out praise
Soul soars so sweetly sought
Heart bows in awe
Mind thinks and thanks
for good gifts come to be
in yesterday's glad moments
and stands ready
for the washing of that slate
And now anew awaiting
His hand to carve the way
Oh Wondrous One
keep me firmly tied
and show me how to ride
behind
as You drive this day
Open my senses and my sense
to perceive and respond
to your manifold brush strokes
on the canvas of still new time
Don't let me miss a one
and when the day's all done
draw me back
to pour out praise
and share
this close again with Thee
~ Donna Dowler

MY FAITH JOURNEY

This new feature will bring you testimonies from our Evangelism Committee, sharing their personal stories about relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

TESTIMONY OF STEVE DUNCAN



There was a time in my life when I was living with questions of "What is it all about?" and "Where was I going?" I had only a fuzzy optimism about the future based on 'wanna-be' hopes. Confusion, sometimes helter-skelter disorientation often typified my thoughts as well as my activity. Until I understood, really for the first time, that there was a design for my life and a God who made it possible based on what He did and does, not on what I could or couldn't achieve.

I don't always rely on this new direction for what I am meant to be. But I know that He gave me all I needed and His plan continues to be a secure place for me to return to moment by moment.

Despite the uncertainties of life, I don't have to be afraid. I am certain of not being overcome by desperate meaninglessness. I can even launch out into areas that once would scare me to death. I can trust in my God and Savior Jesus Christ who will accomplish His purpose in me and not give up on me when I goof up.

I'm a new person.



AM I ENOUGH?

Part 2 - By Virgie Wakefield

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!"

Then I began to think about my own walk with Christ. I don't mean to put myself in the same class as these heroes of the faith. But at some point we each must ask, "Is God enough?"

When my first husband accepted the position of Dean of Students at a Bible School in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, we had to raise our own support. This meant that the financial security I so desperately needed was not there. We were raising five children with no steady weekly paycheck.

When we went to borrow money to buy our house the banker, whom we had some history with, decided to take a large risk with us. He gave us a loan even after we had revealed that all we were making then was twenty-five dollars a month!

As I look back I'm amazed at how God worked on our behalf. I came to accept that God led us to St. Johnsbury and miraculously provided our home there. Now it was up to us to earn the money in order to pay our way. I worried each month "How are we going to feed our children, buy their clothes, pay the mortgage, heat our house?" And each month we somehow managed to meet each need. Yes, we ate oatmeal often. I made the children's clothes and used patches before they became a 'fashion statement'. But the mortgage got paid on time and we were making it.

Meanwhile, this thought came to me again and again, "If you couldn't pay your bills, if the children got sick and died or you lost your husband, am I enough?" My reply was "Yes, Lord, but..." Until one day while doing laundry I couldn't stand the persistent question any longer. So I dropped the sheets, and looked up and answered "Yes, Lord, if we couldn't pay

our bills, if you took our house, if you took the children, if you took my husband, yes Lord, you are enough!" Then a wonderful peace washed over me. I thought, "Yes Lord, you are enough."

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Security has always meant a lot to me. I don't mean security in things, but in having enough money to meet our needs and a bit in savings for emergencies. A fear of lack has been ingrained in me. I guess this is a legacy from my parents who went through hard times in the depression.

Dad was unable to go to school because he had to work to help support his family. At twelve, he ran away from home with his younger brother, Charlie, and somehow managed to care for them both. He was proud of this. He owned his own meat business and several houses when he married my mother. Having a 'good name,' a reputation for honesty, and paying his own way was all very important to him. He passed those values on to me.

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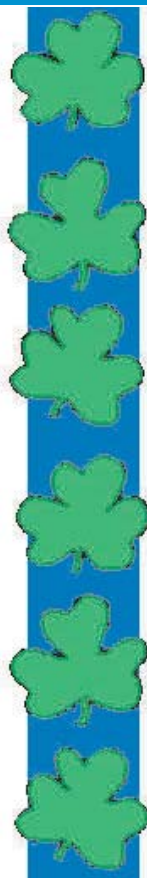
In the late 1980's, my husband Bob got caught up in a hostile take over in the computer industry. He had to help close a plant that laid off 352 people. This was very difficult for him. The next company he worked for was taken over by the U. S. drug enforcement agency shortly after he started. During this time Bob's life was in danger. Months later the plant was shut down by the State of New Hampshire over payroll issues. There were several years of turmoil but we always had a paycheck and health insurance to rely on.

During this time, I was one of the core leaders for the Joy Bible Study at Grace Chapel. In the leader's prayer time before each Bible study, I would ask them to pray for God's direction and provision of new job for Bob. One day the Bible study leader, JoAnn Mockler, called me aside and said, "Coleman and I have been praying about your situation and feel that you both need to get away and rest for a while. We want you to use our place in Chatham for as long as you need, until you get back on your feet."

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MARCH SERMON SERIES



March 4	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Communion Sunday <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Experiencing the Cross of Christ <i>Approaching the Cross</i> Luke 23:26-49 The Art of Biblical Meditation <i>The Motive and Benefits of Meditation</i> Selected Texts
March 11	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Begins <i>Remember to set your clock ahead on Saturday night!</i> <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Experiencing the Cross of Christ <i>Embracing the Purpose of the Cross</i> Romans 3:21-26 The Art of Biblical Meditation <i>The Substance of Meditation</i> Selected Texts
March 18	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Experiencing the Cross of Christ <i>Knowing Reconciliation through the Cross</i> Ephesians 2:11-18 The Art of Biblical Meditation <i>Reflecting on God's Truth</i> Selected Texts
March 25	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6</i>	Experiencing the Cross of Christ <i>Imitating the Obedience of the Cross</i> No Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Multi-Cultural Festival

The 2007 Multi-Cultural Festival is to be held on March 3rd at Cape Cod Community College from 10 am to 4 pm. Christ Chapel will have a display exhibiting photos of our church family, our relationship to others living on Cape Cod and around the world.

Members of the Evangelism Committee will be attending the display. Please pray that those who view the display will discover that the Church is a vital witness to God's love.

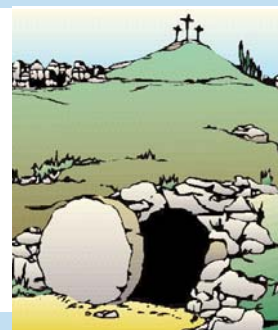
Come, enjoy the festival events, support our Church's witness while meeting other attendees. This is relational evangelism and we all have our story to tell. A story of hope, love and transformation. What opportunities God supplies!

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."


~ Acts 1:8

Holy Week Service Schedule

April 1	Palm Sunday <i>Morning services will be led by Christ Chapel's Children's Choir, Children's Praise Resounding</i> Sunday @ 6 <i>Easter Drama presented by Christ Chapel's Teens</i>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
April 5	Maundy Thursday <i>This is a service of reflection and remembrance at the Lord's Table</i>	7:00 p.m.
April 6	Good Friday Tenebrae <i>A service of Darkness</i>	7:00 p.m.
April 8	Easter Sunday <i>Sunrise Service at Craigville Beach</i> Easter Sunday <i>Celebration service with Choir, Brass, and Bells</i>	





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. ~ 2 Corinthians 2:14 ESV</p>						
4 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6 ♦ <i>Ilene Brooks</i> ♦ <i>Sybil Anwater</i>	5 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	6 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry - 6:8-15 pm ♦ <i>Duncan Spooner</i>	7 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Lindsay Hayes</i> ♦ <i>Jean Holmes</i>	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7-9 pm ♦ <i>Elsie Blackie</i> ♦ <i>Dessie Stringer</i>	9 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am ♦ <i>Harald Tomnessen</i>	10
11 Daylight Savings Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6	12 First Light Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Reliant K Concert 4:30 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm Missions - 7 pm ♦ <i>Barbara Gorss</i> ♦ <i>Jerry White</i>	13 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm Home School Support Group - 7 pm	14 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Josiah Driscoll</i>	15 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7-9 pm ♦ <i>John Greene</i>	16 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am ♦ <i>Thomas Crumb</i>	17 St. Patrick's Day ♦ <i>Daniel Cowick</i>
18 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Group - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6 ♦ <i>Audrey & Warren Appleton</i>	19 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm ♦ <i>Bob Sutton</i>	20 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry - 6-8:15 pm ♦ <i>Rachel Hayes</i>	21 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Stacy Marshall</i>	22 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7-9 pm	23 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am Sr. High Mystery Overrighter 4:15 pm -	24 ♦ <i>Daniel Cowick</i>
25 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Cape Cod Chorale Concert - 3 pm Sr. High Game Night - 5:30 ♦ <i>George & Roberta Glazer</i>	26 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm ♦ <i>Jacky Curran</i>	27 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Elders - 7 pm	28 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Pioneer Girls - 6:00 pm Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Gwen Curley</i>	29 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7-9 pm	30 Man to Man - 6 am Moms In Touch - 9:30 am	31 Sr. High Mystery Overrighter - 11 am ♦ <i>Michael Gorss</i>

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*For everything
there is a season,
and a time
for every matter
under heaven.*

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1