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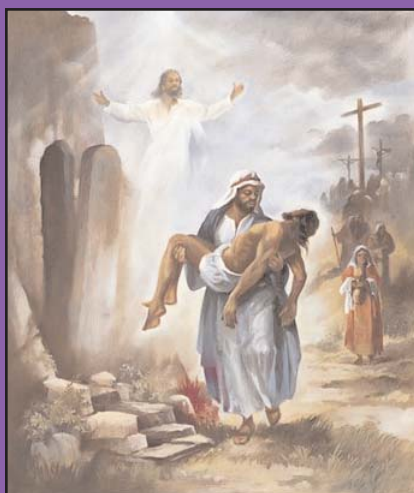
Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! - 1 Chronicles 16:24

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FROM THE PASTOR



Painting by Vincent Barzoni

*“Christ Jesus
is the one who died ~
more than that,
who was raised ~
who is at the
right hand of God,
who indeed is
interceding for us.”
Romans 8:34 ESV*

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The Foundation of Our Faith

There's a story about a man who went to see his doctor. He said, "Doc, I'm dead." The doctor said, "That's nonsense. How can you possibly be dead?" "I am dead," he said, "and nothing you say can prove otherwise." The doctor thought for a moment and pulled a scalpel out of the drawer and said, "Give me your thumb. Dead men don't bleed, do they?" The man thought about it for a moment and said, "That's right." So the doctor pricked his finger and a bubble of blood appeared. The man said, "My, dead men do bleed."

People can be awfully stubborn. Once our minds are made up we refuse to change even when confronted with the facts. Equally distressing are those who believe that matters of faith require the ability to ignore the facts. Too often we told to just believe. Maybe you have heard the little fellow's definition of faith. When asked what faith is, he said, "Faith is believing what you know ain't true." Unfortunately, that's how many people view the tenets of Christianity. For them, Christianity is the quest to believe the unbelievable. They could not be more wrong. You don't jettison reason and commit intellectual suicide in becoming a Christian. Real faith is not the stuff of make-believe. God never expects anyone to commit to anything for which there is no basis.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ this Easter season, we know that our faith stands upon a solid foundation. The essentials of our faith are not based in conjecture. We believe that Jesus Christ is God who invaded human flesh at a point in history. He lived for thirty-three years in the land of Palestine and died on a cross outside the city of Jerusalem. He was buried in a tomb and three days later rose again. Those are historical facts. None of the disciples who declared this good news were living an illusion. They were actual witnesses of these historical events!

Let me encourage you to make worship a priority this month. The special services on Palm Sunday, through Holy Week and culminating with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection all remind us that the central affirmation of our faith does not rest on speculation but is supported by the facts. Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Pastor Paul



Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

Holy Week Worship

Holy Week is a special time in the church year devoted to remembering and reflecting upon the events that took

place in the days leading up to and including Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. The week begins on Palm Sunday shouts of "Hosanna" (which means "Lord deliver us") and the acclamation of the crowd as Christ rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. It ends in shadows on Good Friday at the foot of the cross and the mouth of the tomb. In addition to our Sunday services on Palm Sunday, please be sure to note two extremely special services we hold on Maundy Thursday (April 13) and Good Friday (April 14) at 7:00.

On Maundy Thursday we commemorate Jesus' last supper and the events that occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane with a service of reflection and remembrance at the Lord's Table. The word "Maundy" comes to us directly from the Old French *mandé* which, in turn, was derived from the Latin *mandatum novum*, meaning: "a new commandment." On the evening of His betrayal, after washing the feet of His disciples, Jesus instructed His disciples that they were to follow His example of

caring for one another. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34)

Our Good Friday service is a Tenebrae (or "service of darkness"). The Tenebrae is a form of worship used by the early Christians for quiet reflection as they commemorated the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In this service, the gradual extinguishing of candles until only one remains reminds us of the darkness that covered the earth during the final hours of the crucifixion. As the solitary candle burns, we recall that Christ is the light of the world.

In the concluding moments of the service, this single candle is removed from its place and "hidden" to symbolize the way in which the light of Christ's life was absent from the world during the days of His entombment.

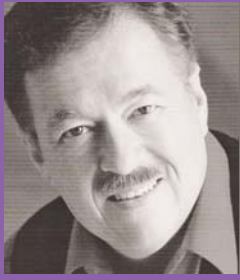
These two services, which will include specially prepared anthems by the Chancel Choir and meditations by Pastor Beck are among the most moving services we share as a church family during the course of the year. Please set aside those times and unite with your family at Christ Chapel as we contemplate what Christ has done on our behalves.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

- April 9 - Palm Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.**
- April 14 - Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.**
- April 16 - Sunrise Service - Craigville Beach - 6:30 a.m.**
Morning Worship Services - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.





Larry Ford
Grammy Award
Winning Tenor

COMING SOON

A Concert You Will Not Want to Miss!

On Sunday evening, May 7 at 6:00, Christ Chapel will have the unique privilege of hosting Grammy Award winner Larry Ford, a frequent guest on the Gaither Homecoming television broadcasts for over ten years. Ford, who has been proclaimed by many as Southern Gospel Music's greatest tenor, won a 2003 Grammy Award for his performances on *We Called Him Mr. Gospel Music: The James Blackwood Tribute Album*. He has sung as tenor and soloist with the James

Blackwood Quartet, the Jordanaires, and the Light Crust Doughboys.

Hailing from Lubbock, Texas, Larry began his recording ventures at the age of 15. His music ministry has taken him from the far reaches of the former Soviet Union to South Africa and even the southern hemisphere's Spanish speaking countries. Larry's facility with language has made it possible for him to carry the message of Christ to 27 foreign countries. From the sounds of grand opera to the stages of Southern Gospel, audiences worldwide have been blessed by his commanding voice.

Larry's traveling schedule includes over 150 concerts a year. In spite of his rigorous schedule, Larry's priorities are as a husband and father, as well as being a part of their local church, First Assembly of God, in Fort Myers. Larry and his wife, Sherryl have been married for 35 years, and they have five sons and two grandchildren.

Please plan to attend our Sunday at 6:00 service on May 7, and please help us spread the word about this concert by inviting friends to join you for it.

SOMETHING NEW

New in the Library

It is essential for believers of every age to keep their minds growing and their spirits refreshed with the truth of God. Though nothing surpasses the ultimate value of reading and studying God's Word, great value and benefit is derived from reading Christian literature that challenges us to think more deeply and to experience the riches of the Christian life more fully. Our church library has a broad range of materials that can benefit you no matter what your stage of Christian growth and maturity.

We have recently added a number of new titles to our collection in a

variety of categories. For those who are interested in deepening their prayer life, consider *How I Can Make Prayer More Effective* by Herbert Lockyer (264.1), Andrew Murray's classic, *The Ministry of Intercession* (248.3) or Eugene Peterson's *Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer* (223.2). A number of new devotional books by a variety of authors will be found at 242.2, and several new biographies have been added to our collection as well. There are also two new titles that contain very practical suggestions on how you can better align yourself with the cause of world missions. Our own Betty Crisci is the author of *Missions Made Exciting for Adults: Creative*

Ideas to Involve Adults in Missions (266.0071) and, you will also benefit from Paul Borthwick's *How to be a World-class Christian*. (266.2)

In our video collection we have recently added several messages given by Ravi Zacharias at various times and in various locations, a five tape series entitled *Forward by Faith* presented by Charles Stanley, a three message series on *The Holiness of God* by R. C. Sproul, and four messages on the book of *Philippians* by Dr. Robert A. Cook, former President and Chancellor of The King's College as well as past president of Youth for Christ International and the National Association of Evangelicals.





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Cape Cod Kids Make Contact

In the March issue of Proclaim I gave a preview of our upcoming all Cape retreat. It is now my pleasure to give a full report. In the end we had about 260 students and leaders at Camp Berea in New Hampshire for the

weekend of March 10th - 12th. Whether it was an intense game of paint ball in the woods, or hanging out at the snack bar playing board games I feel like all of our kids had a great time. Lot's of new friends were made, and existing relationships grew. It was plain to see the Holy Spirit working as many young people made first time decisions for Christ, and many others had the opportunity to recommit their lives to Him.

I believe God worked mightily through our speaker, a fellow youth pastor from Oregon by the name of Paul Diaz. One particular area where he really challenged the youth of Cape Cod was in their media consumption. Did you know that according to research done by the Kaiser Family Foundation, kids between 8 and 18 spend over 6 hours a day consuming media? Also, thanks to multitasking (surfing the web while listening to music), they take in 8 ½ hours worth of media entertainment and information during those six hours. Through his own personal testimony Paul shared about how he listened to some of the worst bands and lyrics the music industry had to offer when he was in high school. Once he finally got serious about a relationship with Jesus Christ he was convicted to throw out over 300 CDs. This was just one tangible example of how Paul's life changed as a result of his commitment to God.

During our youth group time on Sunday afternoon I wanted to challenge our kids about what life change they might be feeling God leading them to as a result of the weekend, and we had a time of silent prayer for all of us to ask God to search our hearts and convict us of where we need to experience life change.

Thank you so much for your prayers. Any time you get a large group of teenagers away for a weekend of evangelism and challenge to discipleship it's a good thing. But I believe it's the prayers of the church that ultimately help make our efforts fruitful, and for our group and the youth of Cape Cod, it was fruitful indeed.

~ Pastor Pete



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Samaritan Outreach

By Ruth Banner

It was about 5 years ago when I started gleaning with Ted Illston. As Ted got busier working, I got busier gleaning. I asked Diane Oser to help me. She was great to work with, and we had a wonderful, fulfilling time. We established a route, delivering bakery and other goods to up to 15 locations. Others that helped collect and distribute food included Johanna Hickman, Sookie Driscoll and Nan Paasché.

Over time, I got nosy and started asking questions wherever we stopped. I asked where did the people who got baked goods stay? Did they need clothes or anything else?

The answers lead to a “pillow ministry” for Champ House, held every year now for four years, providing much needed pillows for this home for special needs adults. Then

I started collecting towels, clothes, pots and pans, etc. for Safe Harbor, Champ House, Viet Nam Vets and local families. With God’s help, I’ve been able to help meet their needs.

I had a “soft spot” for a place I remembered from childhood – the Cape Winds Rest Home on Sea Street in Hyannis. People there had few or no relatives to care for them. They needed clothes that were in good condition, so I collected oodles of clothes for the 35-39 residents who live there.

I realized the residents of Cape Winds never had a Christmas, not even a tree. So I decided they will have a Christmas! With the help of Krista Hayes, Thomas and Linda



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Crumb and our own C.P.R. kids’ choir, Cape Winds had a Christmas. Hannah Driscoll and I wrapped the presents provided by my Christ Chapel family. We have done this for four years. The tree at Cape Winds is bigger, and the presents you all provide are out of this world!

I now collect for individuals who have had a hard time, single moms and their kids.

At Christmas 2005, my attention was turned to 10 year old Julia. Julia and her mother bounced from shelter to shelter all of her life, and she had never had a real Christmas. So I set out to change that. With the help of my church family and friends, Julia had a very special Christmas. We dressed

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APRIL SERMON SERIES

April 2

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. **Practical Christianity** - To the Only Wise God- *Romans 16:17-27*
 Sunday @ 6:00 The DaVinci Code Unmasked - *The Biblical Portrait of Mary Magdalene*

April 9 Palm Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Your King is Coming to You - *Matthew 21:1-11*
 Sunday @ 6:00 The DaVinci Code Unmasked - *All Religions are Not the Same*

April 13 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Have You Been Washed? - *John 13:1-11*

April 14 Good Friday

7:00 p.m. “Now He Belongs to the Ages” - *John 19:31-37*

April 16 Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Craigville Beach
 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. “I AM Alive Forevermore” - *Revelation 1:4-18*

April 23 New Morning and Evening Sermon Series Begin

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. **Ask the Master** - Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of God? - *Matthew 18:1*
 Sunday @ 6:00 **The Hungry Heart** - The Discipline of Meditation

April 30

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. **Ask the Master** - How Often Will I Forgive Him? - *Matthew 18:21*



Teenager's Worldview - Faith in God

By Dave Thomas

April 21, 1997, marked not only a significant event in my life, but also a distinct change in the angle at which I was about to view the evangelical culture in our country. When my first child, Lauren came into this world, several new challenges and concerns were born as well. It was entirely normal, I suppose, as a new father, to leap from milestone to milestone in her life all in the time it took the nurses to determine her weight and length. After wrapping my arms around this new gift and feeling rather inadequate and helpless, questions filled my exhausted mind. How would I go about explaining this world to her? What things would influence her the most and how could I control them? What would shape the way she viewed the world? The reality of caring for a new life eventually trumped all these ruminations leaving me to delight in the equally simple and complicated pleasures of fatherhood. With the arrival of my son, Jesse, in 1999, my delight has easily doubled.

But, alas, adolescence is hurtling toward them and I find myself revisiting many of those earlier concerns. Only this time, I'm nearly ten years older and the thought of trying to somehow "connect" with the teenage mind seems more daunting with each passing middle-aged breath. Attached to this need for connection and understanding were budding new questions. For example, what kind of realistic expectations should I place on my children academically, socially, and especially spiritually as specifically commanded in Scripture? We all exist within a postmodern culture that claims no authority is truly valid and is further disconnecting itself from the absolute claims of God's Word. How would they be able to explain and defend their faith and what requirements are placed upon me, or my wife, or our church in preparing them for these years still to come? As many of you can empathize, it can become overwhelming, but I remain determined not to wait until I'm in the midst of these particular years to look for answers.

Several months ago, I received the latest edition of the *Mars Hill Audio Journal* in the mail. The first interview was with a sociologist by the name of Christian Smith. The interview focused on Mr. Smith's newest book *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (with Melinda Lundquist Denton, Oxford University Press, 2005). The book, which I have since read, is a thoroughly engaging analysis providing an enor-

mous range of insight into the spiritual and religious attitudes of young people 13-17 years old living in the United States. Data was collected on 3,290 teenagers across 45 states, and 267 of those surveyed were subsequently interviewed extensively. At the very heart of this work is the following: Articulate teenagers, across the spectrum of the major religions and denominations, were unable to articulate the distinctives of their religious traditions. Mr. Smith, during his *Mars Hill* interview with Ken Meyers, used the word "shocked" at how the majority of the adolescents were deficient in the language and vocabulary of their faith. His findings also revealed that the religion of their parents is very important to them and is essentially, by and large, what they are determined to follow, without kicking and screaming. The association or affiliation was there but the particularistic language, which would explain or define this religious affiliation, was either missing or, at best, sadly lacking. Words such as redemption, grace, and justification could not clearly be explained by most of the participants in the survey, even

those claiming to be conservative Protestants. Through the process of gathering and recording data and conducting interviews, Mr. Smith recognized a commonality or a coherent set of religious beliefs that he labels as "moralistic therapeutic deism" the crux of which is: God exists and essentially ordered all things, he wants me to behave, he wants me to be happy, and he acts as a kind of on demand "cosmic therapist". In other words, he is necessary if needed. The author makes two things perfectly clear: 1.) Some teens were very lucid and remained faithful and serious about the orthodox claims of their particular religion, and 2.) Those teens who "practiced" the aforementioned

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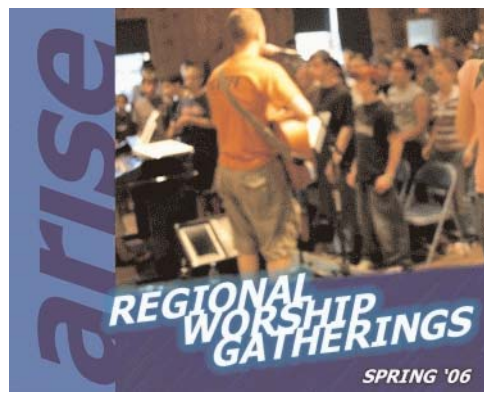
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her from head to toe. She was beautiful.

God has really filled my heart with caring and love for those in need. I am filled with joy and contentment. God has been so good to me and taken care of me, especially in hard times. I wish to honor the Lord with the job He has given me to be His servant. I also wish for a store house and/or food pantry for emergencies. I love my Lord and Savior. Think about what He has done for me and you!





Arise to Worship - May 6th at Christ Chapel

On May 6, our Youth Group and YFest join to bring Arise to Christ Chapel for a Regional Worship Gathering at 6:30 p.m.

Arise's heart is to model the pattern of worship expressed in Roman's 12, where we are called to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is our spiritual act of worship. Through the God-centered focus and expression of Arise's music and purposeful teaching about worship, they want students to grasp the eternal reality that lifting high the name of Jesus through our lives is the ultimate definition of worship.

Encourage youth you know to attend this Christ-centered regional worship event. Advance tickets will soon be available for \$7 on Sunday mornings and at the church office. Tickets will be \$9.00 at the door.

Teenagers Worldview - Faith ~ continued from page 6
 deism did not invent it; they inherited it. Unfortunately, the practioners in the second claim were the clear majority, believing in a rather disinterested divine power. Consider this excerpt from Chapter 4, "God, Religion, Whatever" (which alone is worth the \$25.00 price tag):

"Broad swaths of U. S. teenagers...tell us that religion is very valuable, important, and influential in their lives. This is no doubt true in many cases. But observers should know that the religion to which most of them appear to be referring seems significantly different in character from versions of the same faith in centuries past. The religion that many U.S. teens acclaim today is not commendable for youth because, for example, it is revealed in truth by holy and almighty God who calls all to turning from self and a serving of God in gratitude, humility, and righteousness. Nor is it commendable, alternatively, because it inducts them into a community of people embodying a historically rooted tradition of identity, practices, and ethics that define their selfhood, loyalties, and commitments. Rather, the religion that many U.S. teenagers acclaim today is for them commendable because it helps people make good life choices and helps them feel happy. What legitimates the religion of most youth today is not that it is life-transformative, transcendent truth, but that it instrumentally provides mental, psychological, emotional, and social benefits that teens find useful and valuable." (p. 154)

Two final insights regarding Mr. Smith's analysis are necessary. The first is that teens are not, as many have come to believe, "seekers" searching for or desiring some new, more authentic faith or spirituality. And, secondly, parents, by far, have the greatest influence upon their children, not their peers.

There are, without disclaimer, many teenagers who are quite capable of giving, and have been properly and ade-

quately trained to give clear explanations regarding why, as Bible-believing Christians, they fear, worship, and adore the God that "...all things serve..." (Ps. 119:91b NIV). This is what I desire for my children. This is also what Scripture commands. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses commanded the Hebrew parents to teach their children the statutes and laws (particularistic language) diligently... "when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way and when you lie down, and when you rise" (6:7 ESB). In this way, each generation could clearly articulate why God set them apart and mercifully provided for them in great abundance. Through the sacrifice of His dear Son Jesus, God has also provided an abundance for those who believe on the name above all names. Redemption, justification, adoption, and sanctification are all words used to accurately describe God's everlastingly abundant love for us, and as we bring our children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph.6:4 ESB), they can learn this language of the church and begin to place these words into their proper theological contexts.

It takes time to thoroughly discuss and explain the many rich words and truths of the Christian faith to our children, but the investment is imperative. From them will rise the leaders of the next church, and if the language with which we teach, communicate, and explain this world to them is diminished or cast aside, their effectiveness in reaching out in Christian love and compassion to a desperately lost world will also be greatly diminished. As my children "...grow up to salvation" (1 Pet. 2:2b ESB), what a privilege it will be for me to explain to them that they are part of "...a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, so that [they] may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9 ESB). And may they proclaim clearly! Our children need not wait till they go off to college to become articulate communicators and defenders of their faith within the community of the church and, in particular, outside of it.



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 (contact info listed below) with your ideas and/or ways you'd like to help out. *Thanks!*

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

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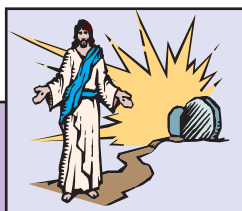
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