

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



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Senior Pastor

Meaningful Membership

I am a product of my generation. I am, however, in recovery. As a member of the much-discussed and dissected baby boomer generation I viewed, for

many years, any discussion of church membership with cynicism. Like others in my generation I considered the idea of membership as irrelevant - another example of outdated traditionalism. Of course, faithful attendance in a local church was important. But membership? It just wasn't essential. I was among a high percentage of people who thought that if I just go to church, fellowship with other believers and show love to those I worship with, why do I need to become a member? Over the years I have come to see that getting it right on church membership is a critical step in furthering the cause of Christ.

The New Testament is full of verses which, when understood in their context, give emphasis to the nature of church membership. In the book of Acts, for instance, there is never a hint that believers were not also

church members. Upon the birth of the church, membership in the body of Christ was clearly emphasized. Following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost Luke noted, "And the Lord was *adding* to their number day by day those who were being saved." God was adding to the church's fellowship roster. Whenever I am asked, "Did the churches of the NT have a membership roll?," I am compelled to answer *yes* because you can only add a name to an already existing list. Also, in Acts 5:13, following the corporate discipline of Ananias and Sapphira we're told, "But none of the rest dared to associate with them." The word *associate* means "to glue, to cement together, to unite or join firmly." It is a meaning that can only have significance in light of membership.

"church membership is a critical step in furthering the cause of Christ"

The Apostle Paul used four different metaphors to show the importance of membership in a local church. He used the *imagery of the body*. "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Romans 12:4). He deals with the same theme in 1 Corinthians 12 where he argues you cannot have a little piece of tissue all by itself that thinks it's a finger. It is not a finger until it is attached to the rest of the body.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Service Schedule Begins June 4th

Our second Worship service on Sunday mornings will begin at 10:15 a.m. starting on June 4, 2006.

The first service will continue to meet at 8:30 a.m. Sunday School will resume again in September.

New Email Address for Christ Chapel

Please note that Christ Chapel has a new email address, which is: cchapel@hughes.net

Please use this new email address to contact the church office, effective immediately. Thank you!

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

Choir Notes

NOW is one of the best times of the year to join our Chancel Choir. With the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter just past, our Chancel

Choir members are devoting themselves to learning new anthems that they will be presenting to the Lord and sharing with us throughout the remainder of the spring and summer months. Since all the songs the choir is learning are new, anyone who "comes on board" now gets in "on the ground floor" as far as learning notes and parts.

A common misconception for many in our congregation who have good singing voices and who enjoy music is that you need to be able to read music to be in the choir. Yes, of course, that is a tremendous help,

but it is not an absolute prerequisite to coming and "trying us out." There are many among our choir who have entered with little or no skill in reading music and who, through consistent practice, have begun to learn how to follow their part.

We meet every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. In addition to enjoying a marvelous time of praise and worship as we refine our musical offerings to the Lord, we also enjoy tremendous fellowship and prayer with one another along with more than a few hearty laughs thrown in along the way.

Serving the Lord in the choir is a marvelous way to grow in grace and in relationship with other believers.

Please contact Pastor Thomas at 598.420.1200 or thomascrumb@hotmail.com if you have questions or are interested in joining us!

~ Pastor Thomas

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COMING SOON



Larry Ford
Grammy Award
Winning Tenor

Larry Ford - May 7th

Christ Chapel has the privilege of hosting Larry Ford in concert on **Sunday evening, May 7 at 6:00**. Ford is a Grammy Award winner and frequent guest on the Gaither Homecoming TV broadcasts years. Please plan to attend, and please help us spread the word by inviting friends to join you for it.

Pioneer Girls Awards Ceremony

Come celebrate the accomplishments of our 1-6 grade girls at the Pioneer Girls Awards Ceremony. Held at Christ Chapel on **Wednesday, May 10th at 6:15 p.m.**, it is a great opportunity to honor our young ladies, learn more about Pioneer Girls plus have some fellowship. food and fun!

MAY SERMON SERIES

May 7 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. *Ask the Master:* How Many Times Must I Forgive? - *Matthew 12:21-35*
Sunday @ 6:00 **Larry Ford** in Concert

May 14 **Mother's Day**
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. *Ask the Master:* Who is the Greatest? - *Matthew 18:1-20*
Sunday @ 6:00 No Evening Service

May 21 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. *Ask the Master:* When Are You Coming Back? - *Matthew 24:1-31*
Sunday @ 6:00 *The Hungry Heart:* The Discipline of Meditation

May 28 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker: **Peter Mead**, Operation Mobilization



FROM THE PASTOR

Meaningful Membership

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The second metaphor Paul uses is that of a *temple*. "In whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21, italics added). Just as a building cannot stand with loose bricks so a church cannot function with unattached people. There must be a bond that keeps us together.

The third metaphor Paul uses is that of a *flock*. "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock" (Acts 20:28). A flock is not a random collection of sheep and rams. A shepherd knows which animals are in his flock and which ones are not. In the same way, the church is not a random collection of people but a flock for whom the elders and pastors provide oversight.

The fourth metaphor Paul uses is that of a *household*. "I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God" (1 Timothy 3:15). The idea of a household is that we are a family. You certainly know if you are a member of a family or not! If I walked into your home once a week and sat down at your dinner table - would I be considered a member of your family? I don't think so. Family member-

ship is not that casual.

God has given us four pictures of the church, not just one. This is not just to emphasize and prove the point by repetition, but also to say four different things about what it means to be a member of a church. To be a stone in his temple means to belong to a worshipping community. To be a part of a body means to belong to a living, functioning, serving, witnessing community. To be within a flock means to belong to a community bound by a common identity. To be in a household emphasizes an organic relationship and our mutual obligation. When put together you have the main functions of an individual church member. Clearly, we are meant to fulfill these characteristics, not on our own, but together in the church.

If you are a regular attender at Christ Chapel but not yet a member I want to encourage you to take the next step. Our new member's class, *Discovering Christ Chapel*, is scheduled for Tuesday night, May 9 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please contact the church office to register. We invite you to participate fully in what God intended when He redeemed us and put us in His body - the church.

~ Pastor Paul

SOMETHING NEW

New Library Resources for Parenting, Marriage & Relationships

During the last month we have added nearly 100 new books to our church library. Quite a few of these deal with important issues of family life including marriage and parenting. In *Becoming a Spirit-Led Mom: Finding God's Help When You Need it Most* (649.1) Quin Sherrer and Ruthanne Garlock use Scriptural examples, contemporary stories, and prayers to help mom's learn to mentor young lives at home and discipline with love and mercy.

For dads we have added *King Me: What Every Son Wants and*

Needs from His Father (649.1) by Steve Farrar. Farrar goes back to the kings of the Old Testament to discover timeless lessons that are invaluable to today's fathers. From these rich Biblical narratives, you will discover principles and inspirations you need to build your son into the man God wants him to be.

Merton and Irene Strommen's *Five Cries of Parents: New Help for Families on the Issues that Trouble Them Most* (649.1 Str) draws on the experiences of thousands of parents to uncover five primary issues underlying the frustrations, crises, and successes of family life today and offers rich guidelines for effective Christian parenting.

How would you describe the spiritual aroma of your home? In *Reforming Marriage* (646 Wil) Douglas Wilson considers the heart issues essential to creating a God-honoring marriage. His major premise is that Godly marriages proceed from obedient hearts whose preeminent desire is the glory of God. *The Christian Husband* (646.8) by Bob Lepine provides God's job description for a man's most challenging assignment. Practical and to the point, the book is packed with advice and teachings from men we are seeking to follow the divine call of God -- to truly be a Christian husband by the Book.


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MAY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ◆ Birthdays ☞ Anniversaries</p>	<p>1 First Light Men's Bible Study - Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm Christian Ed Meeting - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm ◆ Janelle Beck</p>	<p>2 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Minister Training 6-8:15 pm ◆ Cheryl Cochran ☞ Kenneth & Faith Hakala</p>	<p>3 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Pioneer Girls - 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Women's Bible Study Luncheon 9:30-11:20 am & 7-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm</p>	<p>5 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am</p>	<p>6 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am Arise Worship Gathering 6:30 pm</p>
<p>7 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm Larry Ford in Concert - 6 pm</p>	<p>8 First Light Men's Bible Study - Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm Missions - 7 pm</p>	<p>9 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Minister Training - 6-8:15 Home School Support Group 7 pm Discovering Christ Chapel New Member's Class 6:30-9:30 pm ◆ Erik Dahl</p>	<p>10 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Pioneer Girls - 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Choir - 7 pm ◆ Peter Mann</p>	<p>12 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am ◆ Nancy Booth</p>	<p>13 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am Yard Sale - Gym 8 am - 2 pm YFest Scavenger Hunt - Youth Building 1-3 pm</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm ◆ Jim Royce</p>	<p>15 First Light Men's Bible Study - Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm ◆ Lillian Hulteen</p>	<p>16 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:15 pm</p>	<p>17 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Ann Ashley ◆ Alex Kilker</p>	<p>18 Cape Regency Outreach 3:30 p.m. Choir - 7 pm</p>	<p>19 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am ◆ Bill Bergstrom ☞ David & Linda Guilderson</p>	<p>20 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am Yard Sale - Gym 8 am - 2 pm ☞ Richard & Margaret Jean Holmes</p>
<p>21 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm Sunday @ 6</p>	<p>22 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm ◆ Peter Axelson</p>	<p>23 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:15 pm ☞ Andrew & Lynn Gruen</p>	<p>24 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Kayla Grosso</p>	<p>25 Choir - 7 pm</p>	<p>26 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am</p>	<p>27 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am</p>
<p>28 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day ◆ Vivian Watson</p>	<p>30 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:15 pm Elders - 7 pm ◆ John Blackie</p>	<p>31 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Andrew Gruen</p>		<p>For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come. ~ Song of Solomon 2:10-11</p>	



Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Arise to Worship ~ May 6th

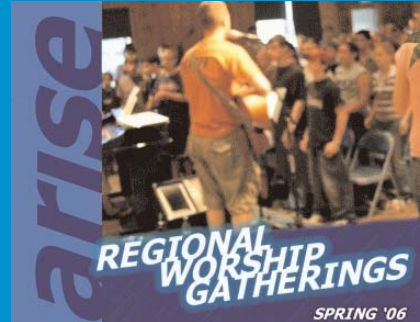
“Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” ~ Psalm 150

On the evening of Saturday May 6th at 6:30, many of these modes of praise found in Psalm 150 will be taking place at the Arise worship concert. I know there will be plenty of string instruments (guitars and violins), and there should be a few loud clashing cymbals as well (i.e. drums). I can't promise there will be any dancing, but you never know.

One thing I'm quite sure of is a meaningful night of worship and hearing from God's word on living a life of worship. I hope to see many of you there.

The Arise Worship Gathering is geared towards youth, but I know that anyone who has an appreciation for a contemporary style of worship will truly enjoy this night. By the time this issue of Proclaim gets in your hands (or on your computer screens) Arise will be fast approaching. Don't delay -- call the office now to order and pick up your tickets for the discounted price of \$7.00. Otherwise, you will have to pay \$9.00 at the door. Either way, it should be worth it.

~ Pastor Pete



The Arise Worship Gathering is fast approaching! Contact the office for tickets at the discounted price of \$7⁰⁰ or pay \$9⁰⁰ at the door. Either way, it will be worth it!

YARD SALE - MAY 13 & 20

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS! - Here is your opportunity to clean out your basement, closets and/or garage and invest in Christ Chapel youth all at the same time! Christ Chapel's Yard Sale will be held May 13 & 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gym. We'll be accepting donations the week of May 7th. We will also accept donations the week of May 14th. Please do not donate books, clothes or stuffed animals (unless they are new). You are welcome to donate large items such appliances or furniture, however we require that you to come pick them up at the end of the day if they do not sell.

COME SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Drop by the Yard Sale for free coffee and donuts. Take some time to look around; you never know what you may find! Proceeds from the Christ Chapel's Yard Sale will help send our Sr. High Group to CHIC (Covenant High in Christ) - a national youth conference at the University of Tennessee from July 17 - 22.

Please mark your calendar and start putting items to donate aside today!



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:
May 15, 2006**

CONTACT US

For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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Finally, *Addicted to "Love" -- Understanding Dependencies of the Heart: Romance, Relationships, and Sex* (649.1) from Stephen Arterburn of the Minrith Meier New Life clinics examines what this addiction looks like, who it afflicts, and what you can do if you suspect that your spouse, friend, or family member may be suffering from it. With compassion and wisdom, Arterburn points the way to psychological and spiritual healing, to enable men and women to enjoy real and lasting intimacy.

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