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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



Rev. Paul Beck
Senior Pastor

The Covenant of Marriage

A well-known pastor once complained about the increased burden marriage counseling was having on his ministry. He stated, "Nowadays, one has more to do with marriage than with all other matters. Because

of them we can hardly read, preach, or study. I have observed many married couples coming together in such great passion that they were ready to devour each other for love; but after a year and a half the one ran away from the other. I have known people who have become hostile to each other after they have had five or six children and were bound to each other not merely by marriage but also by the fruits of their union. Yet they left each other."

Who was this pastor? Those observations were made by Martin Luther. His comments reveal that struggles in marriage are nothing new. Marriages have always faced significant pressures. So the counsel of the writer to the Hebrews stands as timeless,

"There is no more lovely, friendly, or charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage."

"Let marriage be held in honor among all and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous" (13:4).

Marriage is honorable because it is a covenant established by God and shared exclusively between one man and one woman. Such a union is to be held in high esteem. It is to be valued and highly prized as

something of infinite worth. Quoting Luther again, he said, "There is no more lovely, friendly, or charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage." Charles Spurgeon adds, "When the home is ruled according to God's word, angels may be asked to stay with us and they will not find themselves out of their element."

The biblical writer directs his counsel to everyone whether married or single; whether believer or unbeliever. Marriage is to be held in deep respect by all people. However, there are massive cultural shifts underway seeking to alter this very concept of marriage. David Coolidge of the Institute on Religion and Public life argues that society's view of

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COMING JUNE 17, 2007

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 17

Koinonia Praise & Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service - 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School ends for the summer.

CHRIST CHAPEL / OSTERVILLE BAPTIST

COMBINED SERVICE AT CHRIST CHAPEL - JUNE 17

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**Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor**

WORSHIP NOTES

Upcoming Musical Events

We have two special musical events occurring at Christ Chapel during the coming weeks of which I'm sure you will want to be aware. First up is a visit from a large teen choir comprised of Christian students from Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Federated Teen Choir will be sharing in music and testimony at our Sunday @ 6:00 service on June 10. This choir is a group of approximately forty young people from northwestern Pennsylvania and northeast Ohio. The students range in age from 13-18 and represent several school districts surrounding East Springfield, Pennsylvania.



***Come see The Federated Teen Choir
share music and testimony on
Sunday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m.***

The choir is active throughout the year participating in services in churches, nursing homes, and by invitation to other locations. For over forty years, the choir has taken an annual tour at the end of the school year. These tours have taken them to all parts of the United States and well as mission trips to the Bahamas and Jamaica.

Eligibility to participate in the tour is determined by faithfulness to practices, concerts, and worship service attendance. Those who become members of the tour group must also demonstrate a willingness and desire to exemplify Christ in their daily living and be actively involved in other activities and outreach projects sponsored by the choir.

The ministry of the Federated Teen Choir incorporates a variety of music, drama, and personal testimonies. Through all of these methods of presenting the Gospel, the choir seeks not to impress people, but rather to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known to all.

Chatham Chorale Patriotic Concert July 3 at 5:00 p.m.

The second summer musical event you will want to put on your calendar will be an appearance by the Chatham Chorale at Christ Chapel in a concert of patriotic and American music on Tuesday evening, July 3 at 5:00 p.m.



This special one hour concert under the direction of Chorale director, Margaret Bossi has been designed with the whole family in mind. It will feature a number of selections appropriate to the holiday and even give the audience a chance to join in singing a few patriotic favorites.

The program will also include a selection of American folk songs arranged by Aaron Copland to be sung by an area soloist that I think you will all recognize. Thanks to a special grant received by the Chorale for this event, there will be no admission charge. So plan to come for the concert at 5:00, grab a quick bite to eat afterwards or pack a picnic to share, and head off to your favorite 4th of July fireworks display!!!





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

Celebrating Our Graduates

I always enjoy the first couple weekends in June, because they are usually full of multiple graduation parties.

I thoroughly enjoy going to these parties, wishing our high school graduates well and the Lord's blessings on them as they move on to college, armed services, and jobs. Plus there's usually a great spread of free food. You gotta love that!

Each year we have our own little celebration with the youth group and their families at our Senior Banquet, which was held on May 17th. It was a wonderful evening full

of good food, fond memories, a slide show presentation and a message from their beloved youth pastor. This year I based my charge to the grads on I Thessalonians 5:12-28. I felt this was an appropriate passage because Paul was addressing leaders of the church of Thessalonica, and there is a whole lot of leadership represented in this year's graduating class.

Allow me to share with you just three of the verses we covered that night. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (vs. 16-18). There were a lot of

verses in the full passage to exhort young Christian leaders, but I think these three are particularly crucial because they get at the heart of a person's attitude. I challenged our students to always address life's circumstances with the prayerful and positive attitude found in these verses. It reminds me of the old saying, "Life is 5% what happens to you, and 95% how you respond. I believe that saying from the bottom

of my heart, and these verses make it pretty clear how we are to respond. Having this attitude of rejoicing always, and giving thanks in all circumstances is a good step

towards spiritual leadership. Let's face it - I've never known a true leader in my lifetime who was a grumbler and complainer, and I'm sure you haven't either.

I hope everyone will be in church on June 10th for Graduation Sunday. Wait till you see the impressive bios on these young Christian leaders. I also hope you will join me in praying for our graduates; that the Lord would continue to foster a I Thessalonians 5:16-18 kind of attitude in their lives and that God would mold them into amazing and passionate young men and women of God. ~ Pastor Pete



Pastor Pete with Sr. High Group Graduates - 2007!

**CAR
WASH**

Senior High Trip Fundraiser

Saturdays - June 9, 16 & 23

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Graduation Sunday

June 10

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

Covenant of Marriage - Continued from pg. 1

marriage grows out of its world view. He states that there are two world views warring for dominance in America today. The first world view assumes that the universe was created with an objective moral order, two sexes are a part of that order and that marriage is the fundamental institution. The other world view assumes that the universe is in flux and that individuals create their own truths and values. This view suggests that family structure is flexible and virtually any form is acceptable.

But a family does not consist of a few individuals who all sleep under the same roof. Marriage is not a human invention. It is the creation of God. It was in the Garden that God fashioned a wonderful, corresponding counterpart for Adam. The high point was the oneness between two people.

We are to honor the sacredness of marriage as an institution. We are to honor the nature of marriage in the home. The Bible is clear that every wife is to submit to and respect her husband. However, the husband is called to love his wife by following Jesus Christ with loving leadership. Marriage thrives and is celebrated when there are three aspects to a husband's loving leadership.

A husband's love is sacrificial. Christ gave

“...a family does not consist of a few individuals who all sleep under the same roof.”

Himself for His bride. In the same way, if a husband is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for his wife then he is willing to make any lesser sacrifice.

A husband's love is exclusive. All Christ does is for His bride. A husband is to love his wife with a discriminating love.

A husband's love is purifying. Jesus Christ is the one who pays the supreme price for his bride, He beautifies her, making her ready, He cleanses her to make her perfect. A husband is to love his wife with that aim in mind; to love her in such a way that year by year she becomes more and more like Christ.

How is any man able to do that? Everyday a man must stand before the foot of the cross so that we might know how we are to love our wives. And when we fall short, as inevitably we will, we must go right back to the cross and ask Him to help us begin again.

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June 17 will be an historic day in the life of Christ Chapel and Osterville Baptist. As the two churches gather for a united time of worship our aim is to emphasize the unity of the body of Christ. I hope to see you on Father's Day for this special gathering.

May Jesus Christ be praised,
Pastor Paul

A SPECIAL EVENT - JUNE 17

Please plan to join us on Father's Day, June 17 at 8:30 or 10:15 a.m. as Christ's Chapel and Osterville Baptist Church hold special combined worship services with guest speaker Duffy Robbins.

Duffy presents the Biblical view of contemporary issues using humor and storytelling in a way that engages and challenges. He is associate professor of youth ministry at Eastern University in St. David's, PA., and is a 24-year veteran of youth ministry.

Duffy speaks across the country and is the author of several books, including *Memory Makers*, *Everyday Object Lessons*, *This Way to Youth Ministry*, and his latest, *Enjoy the Silence* (co-written with his wife, Maggie). He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of North Carolina and a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His international ministry includes youth conventions, Christian festivals and conferences in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, South Africa and all over North America.



Duffy Robbins
Guest Speaker

CHRIST CHAPEL - OSTERVILLE BAPTIST COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

Held at Christ Chapel
Sunday, June 17
8:30 & 10:15 a.m.



My Master's Garden

~ By Eleanor Findley

Who is the most beautiful Rose
 In my Master's Garden?
 Certainly not me... for to
 Dwell in Thy court is perfection
 And highest holiness.
 Anyway... How could it happen to me?
 I was born in a nursery
 Just a bare root
 Ugly to boot.
 Barren, dirty, straggly,
 Thirsty
 Nameless
 Homeless
 Yet, someone, an angel?
 Came and touched me
 With water
 I smiled
 "They" moved on, but it was as if life
 Had come
 I could breath!
 My growth was slow but
 My heart was springing
 Out of the richest provisions...
 I had not even applied for
 The blessings of softness.
 I even dared to envision
 A place to call my own:
 A pathway
 A pasture
 A hillside
 Clothing
 In valleys
 Up mountains
 A Garden Paradise.
 Joy, songs, love, O! Such a dare.
 Were there others like me?
 I looked around
 All heads were bowed, as if in struggle-
 Was I the only one who had been...
 Strange I thought to be a chosen one
 "Blessed is whom Thou choosest"
 Would I be a Queen? But...
 Heaven has no queens... O!
 A beam of light, a foretaste,
 Transfixed, I looked,
 Many!
 White roots... and
 Green shoots, O! I
 Was growing... Some one came and
 Bought me and carefully
 Wrapped me up - clothes? A home?
 He called me Sharon and said
 I could be,
 Sharon's Rose.

**Celebrating A Son**

~ Author & Authenticity Unknown

At a fundraising dinner for a school for learning disabled children, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?" The audience was stilled by the query.

The father continued. "I believe that when a child like Shay, physically and mentally handicapped comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child." Then he told the following story:

Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but the father also understood that if his son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play, not expecting much. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench put on a team shirt with a broad smile and his Father had a small tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy at his son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing the other team putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to

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A Note of Appreciation

Though we know she may not want "recognition", many have asked about the two beautiful needlepoint samplers that have recently been hung in the church narthex.

They are the loving creations of Marilyn Anderson who has designed and created them for the glory of God and to draw attention to the beauty of His Word.

Many thanks to Marilyn for sharing one of her special gifts with her family and friends of Christ Chapel.





*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.*

- Matthew 6:9 *ESV*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6</p>	<p>4 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</p>	<p>5 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry 6-8:15 pm Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm Elders - 7 pm ◆ David Guilderson</p>	<p>6 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Phil Lewis ⌘ Bob & Susan Fenner</p>		<p>8 Man to Man - 6 am ◆ Janice Presbrey</p>	<p>2 Y Fest Jogathon - 9:45 am Mashpee High School Veritas Car Wash 8-2</p>
<p>10 AM Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Sr. High Missions Trip Training - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 Sunday @ 6 - Federated Teen Choir ◆ Brendan Sutton ◆ Christopher Sutton</p>	<p>11 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm Missions - 7 pm ◆ Howard Horton</p>	<p>12 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Fellowship Supper - 6 pm Quarterly Meeting - 7 pm Home School Support Group - 7 pm</p>			<p>13 1st Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am PACE Used Curriculum Sale - 9 am - 1 pm Welcome New Jr. Highers - Golf Night 6:15-8:15 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Josh Blakely ◆ Jack Weir</p>	<p>14 Choir - 7-9 pm ◆ Robert Clark ⌘ John & Elsie Blackie</p>
<p>17 Father's Day Combined Worship Service with Osterville Baptist at Christ Chapel - 8:30 & 10:15 Sr. High Missions Trip Training - 5:30 G-Force - 5:45 - 7:15 ◆ Ed Dyer ◆ Donna Grosso ◆ Katie Mann</p>	<p>18 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm ◆ Arthur & Karen Hapenny</p>	<p>19 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry 6-8:15 pm Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm ◆ Rev. Francis & Betty Crisci</p>	<p>20 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ Ed Buckler ⌘ Roy & Virginia Bell</p>	<p>21 Summer Begins Choir - 7-9 pm ◆ Roy & Eileen Glass</p>	<p>22 Man to Man - 6 am</p>	<p>23 Christ Chapel Car Wash 8 am - 2 pm ◆ Eileen Glass ◆ Doris Scott</p>
<p>24 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 Sr. High Missions Trip Training - 5:30 Day of Hospitality Noon-4 pm</p>	<p>25 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm</p>	<p>26 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Elders - 7 pm ⌘ Paul & Dessie Stringer ⌘ Rick & Elayne Brigham</p>	<p>27 First Light Biblical Worldview Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Choir - 7-9 pm</p>	<p>29 Man to Man - 6 am Jr./Sr. Hig Pawtucket Red Sox Game - 5:15 - 11:30 pm Joy Group Annual Strawberry Festival-6:30 pm</p>	<p>30 ◆ Sookie Driscoll ⌘ Dwight & Gwen Curley ⌘ Duncan & Anne Spooner</p>

I was a volunteer for the Day of Hospitality, which was held at our church on Sunday, April 22nd. We invited the homeless people that eat at the Salvation Army facility in Hyannis during the week to lunch. We served 16 men and women a wonderful lunch prepared by our own members. The tables were very nicely set with lovely flower centerpieces and candles.

Thanks to our membership we had a large selection of clothes, toiletries, books and magazines for them to take. The people were very appreciative. We plan to do this the last Sunday of every other month.

We know that one is blessed much more than what he/she gives to an event such as this. I want to share an experience that I had, which has changed the way I look at someone who is homeless. One of the men named Stephen took some "new" clothes, and proceeded to put them on. He then gave me his old clothes, of which there were several layers that he had been wearing. He was pleased to tell me there was nothing wrong with his old clothes, except that they needed a good washing. He said that he had taken good care of them and *did not* want them thrown away, but wanted them to be recycled so that someone else could have them. I assured him that we would do this, knowing in my heart that we would most certainly throw them away. When Stephen was leaving he looked me straight in the eye and said that he *knew* that I would know what to do with his old clothes.

After he left I asked one of the women what we should do with them. She said there was no way we could wash the clothes and that they needed to be tossed. I forgot about them and as I was leaving one of the volunteers pulled up to the church. She said they had the trash bags that were going to be thrown away and she found one bag that had clothes in it and thought she should bring it back. We said that it was ok to throw that bag out also, but then a little voice spoke to me and I said, "I'll take care of that bag."

I thought to myself I had an obligation to Stephen and I took that bag home and washed those clothes and recycled them just as I promised him I would do. I learned that just because one doesn't have a permanent home, it doesn't mean that he doesn't have dignity and a sense of caring about his environment and his fellow man. I was deeply humbled by the experience.

~ Sue Rodenberger

Inspiring Words - Continued from pg. 5

lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least be able to make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now be over, but the pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game. Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the head of the first baseman, out of reach of all team mates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!" Never in his life had Shay ever ran that far but made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!"

Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to second base. By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball, the smallest guy on their team, who had a chance to be the hero for his team for the first time. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions and he too intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home.

All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way, Shay." The opposing shortstop ran to help Shay by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouting, "Run to third! Shay, run to third" As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams and those watching were on their feet were screaming, "Shay, run home!"

Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the "grand slam" and won the game for his team.

That day, said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world.

Shay didn't make it to another summer and died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero, making his Father so happy and coming home to have his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!



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 value your contribution!

Simply contact Elayne Brigham in the church office with your ministry updates, testimonies, poems, photos, etc. *Thanks!*

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

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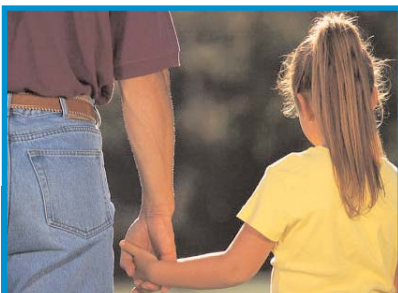


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***"I have redeemed you;
I have called you by
name - you are mine"***

~ Isaiah 43:1 ESV