

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

A Mission Milestone

On Sunday evening July 15 we reached a remarkable milestone as a church. In

Christine Rasulov and enjoyed worshipping in the Russian language. I had the special opportunity to preach through an interpreter that morning. That evening, during a special outreach to the community, I was able to speak again in a building the church had rented for

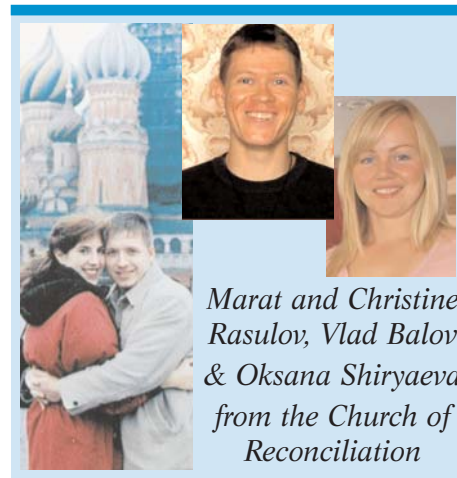
next step. We felt their need was great and that our immediate response was critical.

As many of you know the pastor of the Church of Reconciliation is Vlad Balov. Vlad is a tremendous man of God whose own life is marked by God's power and grace. For years Vlad was on kidney dialysis until the Lord allowed us to take a leading role in helping him receive a kidney transplant in Pakistan. Several months ago Vlad became very ill and was not expected to survive. We prayed persistently for him and he recovered - to the surprise of his doctors. God has preserved his life for such a time as this. In addition, we provide monthly support, not only for Vlad, but for the Rasulov's and also Oksana Shiryayeva. Who would have imagined that two decades ago, as we were putting up our buildings here, such drastic

a congregational meeting we approved a \$40,000 gift be directed to the Church of Reconciliation (our sister church in Krasnodar, Russia) to be used for the purchase of a piece of property. Upon our unanimous approval, I experienced a rush of excitement. While so many churches today are preoccupied with internal matters, our fellowship continues to encourage me by its global vision. I could not be more proud to be your pastor and a fellow member of Christ Chapel!

In the mid-eighties God was pleased to provide our church with a fantastic piece of property in a choice location on Cape Cod. Now we have the awesome privilege of being led by God to help another church, thousands of miles away, experience that same joy.

In the Fall of 2003 I was a member of a threesome from Christ Chapel who traveled to Krasnodar just as the church was being launched. On a Sunday morning we gathered for worship in the apartment of Marat and



Marat and Christine Rasulov, Vlad Balov & Oksana Shiryayeva from the Church of Reconciliation

the occasion. That same building, with very modest facilities, was used by the church until this past March. The need for a building of their own was becoming more and more urgent.

Few buildings in Krasnodar (a city of 1.5 million people) are available for a growing church to rent. In addition, property prices are escalating month by month. If the current increase continues it would have virtually priced out the fledgling church from making this vital

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

Equipping Children for a Lifetime of Worship

God's plan for our lives is that we be worshippers of Him. Scripture exhorts us to sing, to worship, to rejoice

and to praise our great God with our whole being. Our lives, in all we are, in all we do, are meant to be a worshipful response to God's love for us. God delights in our worship. He is the One who created us to sing, and, as is true in every area of life, developing our skill to do this well is always easier if a good foundation is laid during the childhood years.

A children's choir ministry, because of its Kingdom building commitment, is set apart from dance, sports, art and gymnastics. It is not just another activity option in the long list of activities available to children.

Children who learn to use their singing voice and develop musical skill at an early age grow up equipped to participate in worship through music. Children who are securely rooted in God's Word have the BEST POSSIBLE ANCHOR to

secure them in the midst of life's raging storms and murky waters. Singing internalizes Biblical truth in our lives in a unique way. The Word of God, set to music and sung in choir rehearsals over and over again, becomes deeply planted in the hearts and minds of children.

The singing of excellent choral literature with solid Biblical texts can be used by God, through the Holy Spirit, to shape the lives of growing children. God has promised that His Word will not return void. Biblical seed planting, through music, is investing now for the hope of eternal reward. We need to be zealously diligent as we raise our church children, together, as the body of Christ, to live godly lives in an increasingly ungodly world. Parents need every resource that the church has to offer children. Children's choirs are one of the most valuable of these resources.

When children realize they can be used by God to

lead the entire congregation of all ages in worship, they more fully know -- even at a very young age -- that they are an integral part of the body of Christ. Our children's music program at Christ Chapel, is committed to providing each student with opportunities to learn and memorize God's truth through the songs we sing; develop relationships with Christian friends that allow them sing, laugh, and learn with each other; and to enjoy developing musical skills through musical games and other interactive activities. It is our hope that those who participate in our program will develop musical literacy for the purpose of participating in individual and corporate worship through music and that they will be equipped for a lifetime of worship.



“Singing internalizes Biblical truth in our lives in a unique way.”

I am looking forward to the start of our new season of Children's Praise Resounding (CPR), our community based children's music ensemble, on Monday, September 10. The group is open to all students in grades 1-6 and

meets Monday afternoons (excluding Monday holidays) from 3:45-5:00 at Christ Chapel. As always, I'm counting on you to help get the word out about this group to those whom you know who have students who would enjoy and benefit from participating in our group. During our season, CPR members will have opportunities to be involved in special musical presentations during Sunday morning services, prepare seasonal concerts and/or demonstrations, and be involved in bringing the joy of music to local community centers and convalescent homes. To enroll your child or for more information, please call the church office (508-420-1200).

Children's Praise Resounding (CPR) begins on Monday, September 10



YOUTH NEWS



Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

Onancock Update

It's my pleasure to bring you a brief update

on our mission trip to Onancock Virginia.

The Youthworks organization was wonderful once again and did an excellent job of providing us with meaningful opportunities to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Our Kids Club experience had a significant impact on our youth.

on them and helping to run the kid's club. Our work projects consisted of working at a local food bank and thrift store, painting people's homes both

area and community a little bit better. Monday night we took a boat cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, Tuesday night we stayed in and played a trading game to introduce a discussion on poverty. Wednesday night we walked around town and had ice cream at one of the local hang outs, and Thursday night we had a community Bar B Q on the common. This whole trip would not have been possible without the help of



interior and exterior, and weeding and yard work. During these times there were good opportunities to interact with and share the love of Jesus Christ with the home owners. We also had opportunity to visit a nursing home, an assisted living facility, and a Christian run thrift store catering to migrant workers. Our devotion time in



Activities at Kids Club included games, crafts, singing songs, performing skits based on Bible stories, and a whole lot of piggy back rides. The make up of the children attending was around 45% black, 45% Hispanic migrant worker children, and around 10% white children from the surrounding communities. Most of these children were from poverty stricken, broken homes. What a pleasure it was to see our youth loving



the mornings and Club meetings at night were very well organized and inspirational as well. It was also cool to have a unique evening activity each night, as we got to know the

faithful volunteers who gave up a week of their summer to spend in service with Christ Chapel teens. With that in mind I'd like to extend special thanks to my leaders Jay Fogle, Jill Cappello, and Amy Cappello for sharing their time, and love with both our kids, and the people of Onancock. Also thanks to all of you for your financial and prayer support. May God have the glory for the whole experience.





Christ Chapel Church Family Picnic & Baptism

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's annual Church Picnic & Baptism!

Sunday, August 5, 4:30-7:00 p.m. (Baptism at 6 p.m.)

Veteran's Memorial Park, Hyannis (or at Christ Chapel - if it rains!)

Please bring your family, friends and any guests that are visiting you!

Also bring beach chairs or a blanket to sit on, plus a side dish or salad and desert for eight people to share! Christ Chapel will provide the rest!

Meet us at the church if it is raining!



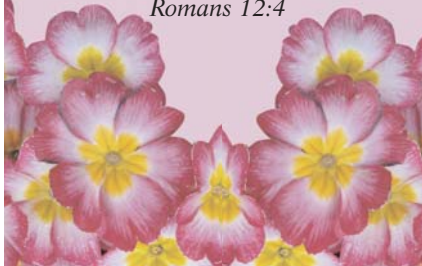
Join Our Christ Chapel Family!

DISCOVER CHRIST CHAPEL ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

If you are interested in or would like to learn more about membership at Christ Chapel, please plan to attend **Discover Christ Chapel** on Tuesday, August 7 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please call us at 508-420-1200 or email us at info@christchapelcapecod.org to let us know you would like to attend.

***For as in one body
we have many members,
and the members do not
all have the same function***

Romans 12:4



Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 - BEFORE & BETWEEN SERVICES

Learn about and sign up for Fall-Spring Small Groups at the Ministry Fair. There are many additional ways you can get connected, invest your talents, make new friends and help advance the Kingdom of God at Christ Chapel.

The Ministry Fair is a great place to discover what opportunities best fit your schedule, interests, gifts and passions. Whether you have a lot of free time or just a little, the Small Groups and ministries at Christ Chapel greatly value you and your participation!

Special Farewell Service for the Gruens

SUNDAY @ 6 P.M. - AUGUST 26

Many of you are all too painfully aware by now that our very dear friends and valued Christ Chapel members, Andy and Lynn Gruen will be relocating to Nashville this fall. Both Andy and Lynn have been a vital face in a variety of the church's ministries during their many years of fellowship and service here.

On Sunday evening, August 26 at 6:00 we will have a special service of praise and thanksgiving with our Koinonia ensemble and special guests to thank God and the Gruens for the way in which they have used their gifts to build up the body of Christ among us. The service will be followed by a reception and time of fellowship at which we may greet the Gruens and wish them God's best as they go forward to serve Him in their new setting.



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changes would have occurred in Russia allowing us to one day support the staff of a growing Russian church and enable them to move forward in having a building of their own! To God be the glory!

All of this is about far more than a piece of property and a future building. It is about reaching the people of Krasnodar with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This city needs to hear the good news of Jesus. A thriving, stable church in the heart of the city is our vision in helping make that happen. Pray for the Church of Reconciliation. Pray for its continued growth in the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray for God's hand to lead them to their own choice location to construct a place for worship, discipleship and mission. Once the prop-

erty is purchased, I expect more mission trips to Russia will be planned to help them build. I hope you will plan to be a part of this incredible opportunity.

One more item of praise. During the July 4th holiday season we received contributions to help provide Bibles for our brave men and women serving in the Armed forces. Our collection totaled over \$ 3,500! As a result, hundreds of Bibles will be distributed to our troops to sustain them during a difficult time.

I thank God for all of you. I am grateful that you demonstrate your love for Him by giving of your resources to spread His love to others here and around the world.

In His grip,
Pastor Paul

FROM THE CONGREGATION

Prayer

~ by Virgie Wakefield

Prayer, simply put, is talking to our Heavenly Father in Jesus' name. But how many of us stop to really think about what that really means? Do we talk "at" - "to" - or - "with" our Heavenly Father?

Looking at my prayer life over the past month, the following questions have kept popping up:

"How do I talk with our heavenly Father and know that He listens?"

"How effective are my prayers about the needs of others?"

"Does He – will He – heal someone if I earnestly pray and ask Him to?"

"Do I dare ask – is my faith strong enough to believe that He will answer my request when my faith is so small?"

"My praying isn't elegant or lofty, but simple and sometimes halting as I am unsure how to put the longings of my heart into words. Is this a stumbling block in my learning to truly talk with Him that I need to overcome?"

Many thoughts that I quickly dismissed in the past seemed now to demand that I really think about them; to talk with our Father and learn from Him some of

the answers.

Am I doubting His ability to hear and answer? Am I doubting that He cares? He has worked in miraculous ways in the past but does He or will He in our day? Each time these thoughts have come into my mind, I stop and remember who He is – Creator – God – Commander-in-Chief of heavens armies – Majestic in Holiness. But He also has the attributes of being loving, compassionate, patient Father that cares for His own.

Imagine a toddler fortunate enough to have a loving, caring father. When the child went into a room where his father was, he would toddle as fast as his legs would carry him to his father with his arms out stretched, demanding to be picked up and held. The boy would know instinctively that his father would stoop down and gather him into his loving arms. All he could do was gurgle, giggle and say rudimentary words but his father would be delighted, hug him to his chest, and talk "baby talk" with him. His father delighted in watching him as he developed and explored his world.

As time passed and the boy would grow into adolescence. He'd be too big to sit in his lap. He would learn some of the things that he could or could not do to please his father. He enjoyed just being with his Dad.

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CHRIST CHAPEL

AUGUST 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5  Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 am Church Picnic - 4:30 pm & Baptism - 6:00 pm	6 You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence. ~ Acts 2:28 ESV Christian Education - 7 pm	7 Stephen Ministry - 6 pm Discover Christ Chapel 6-9 pm Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm	1 Vacation Bible School - 9:00-11:30 a.m. - July 30 through August 3 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ Virgie Wakefield	2 No Choir ♦ Gloria Dahl ♦ George Anderson	3 Man to Man - 6 am ♦ Delle Murdy	4 Jr./Sr. High House Party Hayes' - 4-7 pm ♦ Morgan Gage
12 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 am Ministry Fair Before & Between Services Jr./Sr. High House Party Hickman's - 4-7 pm Sunday @ 6 ☞ Dwight & Gwen Curley	13 Missions - 7 pm ♦ Joy Buhler	14 Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm Home School Support - 7 pm	8 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ Joyce Sutton ☞ Bob & Linda Clark	9 Choir - 7-9 pm	10 Man to Man - 6 am ♦ Kristin Nielsen ♦ Linda Clark	11
19 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 am Jr./Sr. High House Party Fogle's - 4-7 pm Sunday @ 6 ☞ Bob & Joyce Sutton	20 ♦ Elias Blakely	21 Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm ♦ Peggi Buckler ♦ Al Freeman ☞ Matt & Barbara Kozma	15 Jr./Sr. High - Water Country 7:30 am - 8 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ Jonathan Beck	16 Choir - 7-9 pm	17 Man to Man - 6 am ♦ Phil Morrison ♦ Elayne Brigham	18
26 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 am Day of Hospitality 11:30 am - 3:30 pm Sunday @ 6 - Farewell Service for the Gruens	27 ♦ Rodney Burgess ♦ Susan Loud	28 Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Elders - 7 pm ♦ John Michael	22 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ Kae McGuire	23 Choir - 7-9 pm ♦ Mark McGuire	24 Man to Man - 6 am	25
			29 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm	30 Choir - 7-9 pm	31 Man to Man - 6 am ♦ Kelly Gruen	Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ♦ Birthdays ☞ Anniversaries

AUGUST SERMONS

AUGUST 5

Hope for Exiles

Living an Apologetic Life

1 Peter 3:8-22

Church Picnic

& Baptism - 4:30 p.m.

*Veteran's Memorial Park
(or Christ Chapel if it rains)*

AUGUST 12

Ministry Fair Sunday

Hope for Exiles

Living with the End in Sight

1 Peter 4:1-19

Sunday @ 6

Excerpts from Ezekiel

A Cooking Lesson

Ezekiel 24

AUGUST 19

Pastor Thomas Crumb

Why Wait?

Isaiah 40:28-31

Sunday @ 6

Pastor Thomas Crumb

The Compassionate Servant

Isaiah 42:1-4

AUGUST 26

Hope for Exiles

Standing Firm

1 Peter 5:1-14

Sunday @ 6

Special Farewell Service
for

The Gruens

Sermons Online

Sunday morning sermons are available to play or download and as Podcasts at www.christchapelcapecod.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

Do you know anyone who is going through some difficulties or is facing a crisis at this time? Perhaps, your Stephen Ministry team could be of help.

Read what Donna Dowler says about her experiences with the two Stephen Ministers she had and how they played an important role in her life.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH STEPHEN MINISTRY

I think I was the first care-receiver to avail myself of Stephen Ministries at Christ Chapel. The program was just getting off the ground but fortunately a fully trained Stephen Minister had just moved here. My husband had died a few months before and I was experiencing a rough patch. I was asked if I wanted someone who had been through it to come along side and be there for me. I agreed, not knowing what to expect.

My Stephen minister and I fell into a regular meeting time each week. It soon became clear that I could really let down and open up because the time was set aside for me and my needs. It was established right away that whatever I said was absolutely confidential and would never be repeated to anyone. My caregiver volunteered very little about herself especially in the beginning of the relationship. I benefitted so much from being able to pour out the difficulties and stresses of this new life. She was a grand listener and I came to trust her and appreciate the genuine concern she had for me and the trials I was facing.

As time went on we began to become friends and share laughter as well as tears and then the healing really began. Though I do not see her in this capacity today she remains a treasured friend that I always feel

comfortable going to with problems or praises.

Two years later my Mom died. I was very close to her so I again found myself struggling to keep my head above water. This time my care giver was someone my Mom's age (by God's appointment, I am sure). We fell into a mother/daughter sort of role. It was a real gift to me and just what I needed to begin to accept the loss. This Stephen Minister was very different from the last. Because of her acquired wisdom, she was able to ask very penetrating and stimulating questions that spurred my growth. I praise God for the friendship that grew out of this need as well.

These two women have enriched my life greatly and I cannot imagine not knowing them. I thank God that I was able to ask for help when I needed it and that Stephen ministry was available. I think it should also be noted that I paid nothing for this valuable help. That has to be the bargain of the century.

Please do not hesitate to use the Stephen Ministry. These are a highly trained and very caring group of brothers and sisters who are eager to share in your difficulties and walk with you through them. What a blessing it is to have someone share our burdens while they last. I would be happy to speak to anyone about this experience if it would be helpful.

~ Donna Dowler

If you know someone who could benefit from the help of a Stephen Minister, please ask their permission to report their needs to a Stephen Ministry leader. Then call one of the pastors or Sue Rodenberger, Referrals Coordinator (508-539-4977) and let them know about your friend or loved one's need. All referrals are confidential.



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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:
August 15, 2007**

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For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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*"O LORD our Lord,
how excellent [is] thy
name in all the earth!"*

~ Psalm 8:9 ESV