

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 Light to the Nations

We live in unusual times. When I was in college twenty-five years ago, Christianity was under fire because it was thought to be unscientific - and therefore untrue. Today, Christianity draws skepti-

cism, not because it is critically examined and found wanting, but because it claims to be universally and objectively true. Elite academicians regard such claims as intolerant and uninformed. Theologian Millard Erickson asserts that "in the 21st century, beliefs and ideals have become obsolete and we are therefore living in a period when Christianity's influence is greatly diminished."

Postmodernism is difficult to define because it has so many expressions. However, there are at least three characteristics that are important to recognize and strategize about if we are going to reach people for Christ in this generation.

The first characteristic is **relativism**. In a postmodern climate, everything is up for grabs, including truth. We are told that no one should make a claim to absolute truth because there is none. The second is **pluralism**. Pluralism holds that there are many sources to truth. We simply are to pick the one we like best. The third is **tolerance**. This is the idea that no one can tell another person which source of truth to pick or even worse, force their preferences on others.

This is the prevailing worldview of our neighbors and coworkers. This is how people in our community

think. This is how our children are being educated. So when Biblical Christianity comes along and declares, "There is only one source for truth and hope and it if found is Jesus Christ," - the response is predictable.

This poses a challenge for us as we seek to do evangelism. If all religions are culturally conditioned

avenues to the same God, then no one is really lost. Spiritual darkness is not really darkness. It is merely a different shade of light. So how can we be more effective in sharing Christ with our culturally-conditioned neighbors and acquaintances? Allow me to mention four critical principles that should guide us.

First of all, *relationships must be built with unbelievers*. Since uncertainty is the pattern in most homes people are desperately looking for relationships. We must be intentional in developing friendships with non-Christians - the way Christ did. Unbelievers are not our enemies - they have been

duped by the enemy. The moment we think they are our enemies all evangelistic zeal is extinguished.

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

A Season of Change

God is always in the business of doing something new. As we enter the fall season, we will all be witnesses to the ways in which His winds of

change have and will be continuing for the foreseeable future to sweep through the personnel who lead us in corporate worship. We are very thankful that as we have been preparing to say "good-bye" to Andy Gruen over the past few months, that God has laid it on the heart of Rick Brigham to help out temporarily in our instrumental ensemble as our new pianist. Many of you know Rick as the Program Director for the NOAH Shelter, an organization he has served for over 20 years. He considers the ministry provided by this homeless shelter to be a "Samaritan Inn" for the Cape, a place of refuge for the poor and downtrodden among us. For those who don't know Rick, he is a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord who came to faith in Christ in the mid 1970's. He has made his home on Cape Cod for over forty years, and he is also the husband of our administrative assistant, Elayne!

Raised in the Roman Catholic Church, Rick began attending prayer services during his college years. These services were being held by his uncle, who was then a deacon within the church, and a friend of his uncle's who was a priest. The experience of God's presence at these services was both real and powerful. Those encounters with the living God caused Rick to begin to investigate and take seriously the claims of Christ. His early roots in Christian worship were formed within the Assemblies of God (AOG) denomination, and he served as part of the worship team at the MidCape AOG for several years. Having had some piano lessons as a youngster, Rick began learning the guitar on his own and subsequently transferred guitar chords to the piano, a skill at which he is completely self-taught.

More recently Rick has been involved in leading worship at the Osterville Baptist Church (OBC), where he led the congregation there in praise and worship for the early service during the summer of 2005. Rick sees the role of music in worship as a very significant means through which God can engage and open our hearts. As God applies His Word to us, the Holy Spirit is more readily able to interact within us and effect transformation. Rick is also piloting a discipleship program which is being "field tested" at OBC, but which is open to the Christian community at large. The program encourages

participants to compare the precepts of the Bible to that which is in their minds and hearts. The group is called "Even Mondays" because it meets on "even" Mondays each month (i.e. September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22, etc.).

We also want you to know and pray for our organist, Dianne Carpenter who will be having hip replacement surgery on September 12 in Boston. Dianne has been struggling with some significant orthopedic issues since we

got to know her a year or so ago, and she is looking forward to the increased mobility and release from pain that this surgery is designed to give her. Our ever faithful, retired organist, Aslaug Lorentsen will be with us at the organ and piano bench during the latter part of September at which point we will see how Dianne is progressing and assess whether we need to bring in any additional "reinforcements" to see us through the opening weeks of October.

With all these changes and, to use a musical term, "variations on a theme" we are sharing together, it is important to remember that any of the personnel who are involved in the "up-front" leading of worship are there only as "prompters" to help lead and guide you in worship. The real act of worship is not what takes place on or around the platform. It is the combined, spirit-led, collaboration of all who have gathered together for the purposes of exalting Christ, singing His praise, and opening their hearts to Him.



Rick & Elayne Brigham at the 2006 Walk to End Homelessness





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Back to School

In my line of work, the three words "back to school" are usually looked upon with a degree of disdain. Most students usually don't find themselves excited at the prospect of the daily grind, and homework each night. In the case of many of the students in our church, it's not

comes, and that's their weekly youth nights.

At Jr. High League and Sr. High Group students have the opportunity to put aside their busy schedules for a moment and recharge. They do so spiritually through worship, small group Bible studies, and hearing messages from God's word. Some of the students also like to recharge physically. There is nothing like a good intense youth group game to allow kids to blow off some steam after a tough week of school.

The final way I see students recharging is socially. We do our best to make youth group an environment where everyone will be accepted and welcomed, and kids don't have to deal with some of the typical social pressures they may be feeling at school.

I'm looking forward to seeing how God will continue to work in our youth ministry recharging each of us as we seek His face.

If you know any teenagers who may be interested in joining us for this year, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Jr. High League kicks off September 5th, and Sr. High Group kicks off on September 9th. Please keep us in your prayers as we start yet another new year.



Jr. High League
meets Wednesday nights from
6:15 - 7:45 p.m. beginning September 5th

Sr. High Group
meets Sunday evenings at
5:30 p.m. beginning September 9th

because they are lazy, but rather it's because they know just how much time and effort the school year takes. To use words from Proverbs, they are not sluggards, and they have followed the example of the ant.

For the majority of the students in our youth group, back to school isn't just about school, it's also about sports, band, drama, etc. If you combine their school hours, homework time, and extracurricular activities, an awful lot of high school and Jr. high students probably have longer work days than most of us.

There is however one part of their schedule that I know they look forward to when the school year

Cape Walk to End Homelessness

September 30, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

Hyannis Village Green - Rain or Shine

The 22nd Annual walk hopes for 904 participants - one for each person facing homelessness on Cape Cod. There are three ways you can help:

- Walk!** Pledge sheets are available in the narthex if you'd like get sponsors and walk.
- Sponsor our Youth Group Walkers!**
- Run or Ride!** Learn more about these two new options on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

For information, contact Pastor Pete Axelson at 508-420-1865 or visit www.capewalk.org.



Missions Conference



A Light to the Nations

Please join Christ Chapel as we explore and celebrate the efforts of the Missionaries we are privileged to support.

September 22 - 30 **Schedule of Events**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
Saturday, September 22		
6:00 pm	Chowder Fest	John Chung, Missions Pastor, Park St. Church
7:00 pm	Children's Program	Oksana Shiryayeva-TEAM, Russia/Jill McDaniel
Sunday, September 23		
8:30 am	Challenge - A Light to the Nations	All Missionaries / John Chung
9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Classes	Jim Allen, HCJB - Ecuador
9:45 am	Jr./Sr. High Group	Oksana Shiryayeva, TEAM-Russia/Jill McDaniel
11:00 am	Challenge - A Light to the Nations	John Chung, Missions Pastor, Park St. Church
11:30 am	Junior Church	Oksana Shiryayeva, TEAM-Russia/Jill McDaniel
1:30 pm	Missionaries, Speakers, Staff, & Missions Committee Dinner*	
5:30 pm	Senior High Group	Oksana Shiryayeva, TEAM-Russia/Jill McDaniel
6:00 pm	Challenge - A Light to the Nations	John Chung, Missions Pastor, Park St. Church
7:00 pm	Refreshments	Meet all Missionaries
Wednesday, September 26		
6:50 pm	Jr. High League	Oksana Shiryayeva, TEAM-Russia/Jill McDaniel
Saturday, September 29		
10:00 am	All Church Brunch	Bill Scott, Glad Tidings India
Sunday, September 30		
8:30 am	Challenge - A Light to the Nations	All Missionaries / Bill Scott
9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Classes	Joe and Wendy Karabench, MFI-Florida/Haiti
9:45 am	Jr./Sr. High Group	Meet with Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 am	Challenge - A Light to the Nations	Bill Scott, Glad Tidings India
11:30 am	Junior Church	Oksana Shiryayeva, TEAM-Russia/Jill McDaniel
1:30 pm	Missionaries, Speakers, Staff, & Missions Committee Dinner*	
5:45 pm	Pioneer Girls	Oksana Shiryayeva, TEAM-Russia/Jill McDaniel
6:00 pm	Youth Emphasis	Bill Scott, Glad Tidings India

* Members of the congregation are welcome to attend the Missionaries, Speakers, Staff & Missions Committee Dinners at the Hearth and Kettle, Hyannis. Please plan to cover the expense of your meal.



FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

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Secondly, *evangelism should be understood as a process and not an event*. Our neighbors aren't likely to respond well to on-the-spot gospel presentations. We need to give people the nurturing time they need to hear, understand and accept the Gospel.

Thirdly, *our church must be a healthy spiritual community*. People today are looking for authenticity and genuine relationships. Superficial relationships within the church are not very appealing. We need to go beyond a donut-and-coffee depth in our relationships with one another.

Fourth, *our apologetics must be used but updated*. In many ways we are answering the wrong questions. In the past, someone might ask, "Is there a God?" But today, people are asking, "Which God?" In the past someone might ask, "Is the Bible true?" Today people are asking, "Is there truth?"

This generation may be one of the most difficult generations in the history of Western civilization to reach with the Gospel. But the task is not impossible. Our God is still actively seeking those who are far

away. One thing, though, is certain: if we reject the idea that these extra steps are needed to reach our culture with the gospel then we will be less effective. In fact, Satan wants to convince us that the effort is a waste of time. It is not. "The fields," Jesus said, "are ripe for harvest." We need to pray to God, for ourselves and others, to enter those fields with a renewed passion and intensity.

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Jesus said,
"are ripe for harvest."***

As we think about God's call upon us to do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission, I want to personally invite you to join us for our upcoming Missions Conference.

Our conference will be launched with our annual Chowder Fest on Saturday evening, September 22 at 6:00. John Chung, Missions Pastor at Park Street Church in Boston will be our guest speaker. Don't miss out on this significant moment in the life of our church. Inside this newsletter you will find the complete schedule for our conference. May God use this conference to ignite a desire for you and all of Christ Chapel to be A Light to the Nations.

Because of His Grace,
Pastor Paul

FROM THE CONGREGATION

Prayer ~ by Virgie Wakefield

A continuation from the August issue of Proclaim

People would notice and comment about how his mannerisms (how he stood with his arms crossed or held his head) were "so much like his Dad." "He favors his Dad", they would say. But he was still a child so when he talked with his father, his father had to come down to his level and use words that he understood. The boy didn't think about it, but most of the conversations that he had centered around him... what he did that day; what he wanted; his good - or bad - day at school. If he were athletic or artistic some of his father's time was spent participating as coach, taxi driver or fan watching and encouraging him.

As an adolescent he gave little thought about what his father did for work, or what he had to do to make sure that the needs of the whole family were met. Most of the time his conversations began with "Dad, I need...", "you have to take me...", "I've got to have...", "You've got to do it now...", "give me...", "I want...". He would not think about his father's needs, his time, or his wishes. After all, the boy

was the most important person in his own universe. As a typical adolescent, he was not even aware of the other members of his family, what they were doing or what they needed.

The teenage years were the most difficult, for he suddenly realized just how old fashioned his father was; his rules were too strict, he was behind the times. His father was constantly spoiling his fun and trying to talk to him about things he didn't want to hear. Things like the consequences of rash actions; about being careful who he hung around with; about taking responsibility; about life's choices and being considerate of others. He tried to tune his father out and do things 'his way'. "Dad's too strict" and "he doesn't understand my generation" were two things that he would often be heard saying. His conversations with his father were like Dr. Doolittle's pushme/pullyou animal. His father would talk and he pretended to listen as he tried to figure out how to get his father to bend a little and to do things his way.

~ To be continued in the October issue of Proclaim ~





CHRIST CHAPEL

SEPTEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 am	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 Stephen Ministry 5:45-8:15 pm Veritas Academy Orientation 6:30-9 pm Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm ♦ <i>Bertina Royce</i>	5 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League Kick-Off 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Pete & Gretchen Axelson</i>	6 Veritas Academy School Year Begins Choir - 7 pm Evangelism - 7 pm	7 Man to Man - 6 am	1 ♦ <i>Madison Hapenny</i> Stephen Ministry 8:45-2:15 pm ♦ <i>Ben Royce</i> ♦ <i>Josh Royce</i>
9 Fall Schedule Begins Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Boys Brigade - 5:30 pm Sr. High Group Kick-Off - 5:30 Sunday @ 6 - Anne-Christine Bakayard - Kidz In! ♦ <i>Brianna Mann</i> ♦ <i>Wyatt Blakely</i> ♦ <i>Ed & Cheryl Cochran</i>	10 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Youth Group Parents - 6 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm 2 nd Sandwich Small Grp - 7 pm Christian Ed - 7 pm Missions - 7 pm ♦ <i>Loring Johnson</i>	11 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry 5:45-8:15 pm Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm ♦ <i>Anita Hayden</i>	12 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm No Jr. High League ♦ <i>Bob Loring</i> ♦ <i>Ann Paulus</i> ♦ <i>Herb & Madeline Boyd</i>	13 Choir - 7 pm	14 Man to Man - 6 am	15
16 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Boys Brigade - 5:30 pm Sr. High Group - 5:30 Sunday @ 6 ♦ <i>Betsy Roberts</i>	17 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm 1 st Sandwich Small Grp - 7 pm ♦ <i>Robert & Cheryl Loring</i>	18 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry 5:45-8:15 pm Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm ♦ <i>Jack & Janice Weir</i> ♦ <i>Paul & Gloria Dahl</i>	19 First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Connie Berks</i> ♦ <i>Madeline Boyd</i> ♦ <i>Patrick Marshall</i> ♦ <i>David & Edna Carleton</i>	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm ♦ <i>Kenneth Hakala</i>	21 Man to Man - 6 am ♦ <i>Paul Stringer</i>	22 Missions Conference Chowder Fest - 6 pm Children's Program - 7 pm
23 Missions Conference Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Boys Brigade - 5:30 pm Sr. High Group - 5:30 Sunday@ 6 - John Chung Meet the Missionaries - 7 pm ♦ <i>Cheryl Loring</i>	24 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:45-5:00 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm 2 nd Sandwich Small Grp - 7 pm	25 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry 5:45-8:15 pm Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Elders - 7 pm	26 Missions Conference First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm	28 Man to Man - 6 am ♦ <i>Barbara White</i> ♦ <i>Toni & Donna Grosso</i>	29 Missions Conference All Church Brunch 10 am - Noon
30 Missions Conference Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 Jr./Sr. High Walk to End Homelessness - 1:15 pm Sr. High Group - 4:15 with Jr. High Special Guests Pioneer Girls - 5:45 Sunday @ 6 - Youth Emphasis with Bill Scott	Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ♦ <i>Birthdays</i> ♦ <i>Anniversaries</i>		Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. ~ John 8:12			

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

SEPTEMBER 2
8:30 & 10:15 A.M.

New Series: Answer the Call

Follow Me

Matthew 4:18-22

Sunday @ 6

No Service

Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 9
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Answer His Call

Before the Call

Jeremiah 1:1-10

Sunday @ 6

Anne-Christine Batayard

Kidz International

SEPTEMBER 16

Answer the Call

Learning to Hear God's Call

1 Samuel 3

Sunday @ 6

Excerpts from Ezekiel

True Shepherds

Ezekiel 34

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 23 - 30

SEPTEMBER 23

A Light to the Nations

John Chung

Sunday @ 6

A Light to the Nations

John Chung

SEPTEMBER 30

A Light to the Nations

Bill Scott

Sunday @ 6

Youth Emphasis

Bill Scott

STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

There are some new things going on in the Stephen Ministry. We will begin a new training class in September. As of now we have five women who have felt the call from God to serve in the capacity as a Stephen Minister. While it is a big commitment, there is no question that these women will get more out of this ministry than they could ever possibly give. We are still praying that some of our men will feel called to join us.

Also you will notice in the pews a card with Stephen Ministry information on it. If you or someone else you know has the need of a Stephen minister, please call the number on the card. Once again I will list some of the reasons a person might need a Stephen minister:

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Spiritual Crisis
- Unemployment or a job crisis
- A terminal or chronic illness
- Aging
- Relocation
- Family problems

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.

Also Stephen ministers will be available after services to pray with those members of the congregation who desire to pray. Look for the ministers by their name tags.

Please pray that the Stephen Ministry at Christ Chapel will continue to provide a vital service in reaching out to those in need.

Call the church to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister leader.

INSPIRING WORDS

Christ my Life

absorb the strife

as heart submits to Thee

Roll away

the weight of day

and set Your servant free

To love and give

and fully live

in realms prepared

and planned

Your will

Your way

released from clay

fully strong to stand

To move ahead

from all the dead

and weary places

of the soul

To shine and shower

in Your glad hour

abundant gifts

made whole

Free from self

all hard and dry

a crust that tugs

from spheres on high

Open sight

to search aright

for all You have to be

and know and see

Direct the hand

the heart and eye

To love Your will

and seek the still

where You fulfill

all the empty

open space

awaiting, craving

life, hope and grace.

~ Donna Dowler



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Mature Christian senior lady seeks similar companion to share a home in Forestdale. Kitchen privelages, washer/dryer in kitchen, quiet neighborhood. Reasonable rent for appropriate home sharer. To chat, call Ginny M. at 508-539-0174. You will need your own car and cell phone.

MISSIONS - INDIA

If you have been on a missions trip to India, can you please contact Ann Russell? She is planning a trip and would value insight from those who have gone before. Ann can be reached at 508-775-1916



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***"You are
the light
of the world"***

~ Matthew 5:14 ESV