

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

Prophetic Momentum for Life

This is the time of year for new resolve. I think it is wise to make fresh resolutions because our tendency is toward entropy. I know how easy it is to settle for mediocrity in my life, my family and in the spiritual disciplines. Hanging up a new wall calendar may be just the impetus we all need for a fresh start.

We all need prophetic momentum. On January 8 we are going to begin a three-week series through the book of Haggai. In 538 B.C. approximately 50,000 Jews left Babylon and returned to their homeland to restore the nation and rebuild the temple. They began with great enthusiasm by setting the foundation of the temple but the work abruptly came to a halt.

The book of Haggai records four messages that the prophet delivered over a fourth month period in 520 B.C., eighteen years later. His purpose was to motivate the workers to complete what needed to be done. Haggai knew what God required and he was ready to urge those around him to do it. Prophetic momentum is knowing what God requires and doing it. As we study Haggai let's all resolve to be living examples of faithfulness and commitment in 2006.

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Prophets on the East Wall - Micah, Haggai, Malacchi, Zecharia ~ John Singer Sargent

January Sermon Series

January 1
New Clothes for the New Year
Colossians 3:1-14

Prophetic Momentum for Life
3 Week Series:

January 8
Getting Your Priorities Straight
Haggai 1:1-15

January 15
Motivation is Everything
Haggai 2:19

January 22
Depending on God
Haggai 2:10-23

January 29
On January 29 we will be returning to our study in Romans on **Practical Christianity** with a look at *God's Guidelines for Government* from Romans 13:1-7.

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A Look Back...

2005 was an extraordinary year! As we approached our twenty-fifth anniversary as a church, the leadership team of Christ Chapel was intent on celebrating God's faithfulness but we wanted to go beyond celebration and be very deliberate about ministry. Praise God, that's exactly what happened. It was an exciting year! I am filled with joy by the incredible spirit, the sweet harmony and the commitment to Christ that is so evident throughout our congregation. Thanks to all who helped make 2005 a year of celebration and beyond.

Happy New Year, *Pastor Paul*

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Epiphany

Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance."

For many, the celebration of Christmas on December 25 marks the end of the Christmas season and attention is given to "ringing out the old year and ringing in the new." However, Jesus' incarnation involves much more than the drama of Christmas itself; it brings a vision of God's glory to the nations of the world. This aspect of Christ's nativity is celebrated at Epiphany.

Our word, Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance." Throughout church history, the word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi as recorded in Matthew 2.

Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, the frequently and well-sung "12th day of Christmas", and it is marked by the church on the Sunday closest to that date. This year we will observe Epiphany on January 8 in both morning services and observe the Lord's Supper as part of our worship celebration on that day.

As we prepare for worship on that day, let us especially rejoice and give attention to the fact that Jesus, the light of the world, has revealed Himself to and called people from every tribe, nation, and tongue. ~ *Pastor Thomas*

Chancel Choir

February 2nd will be a perfect time for anyone who is contemplating choir membership to come "try us out."

As has been our custom for the past several years, the Chancel Choir will enjoy a brief break during the month of January.

Following the great demands placed on our choir members during the Advent and Christmas seasons this has become a very good opportunity for them to "catch their breath and recharge" before they plunge into preparing anthems for the seasons of Lent and Easter.

Additionally it provides needed time to take care of housekeeping matters as robes are cared for, and in our choral library as new music is selected, ordered, and processed for the coming season.

Our first practice for 2006 will be on Thursday evening, February 2 from 7:00-9:00. This will be a perfect time for anyone who is contemplating choir membership to come "try us out."

If you are interested in knowing how you can participate in the choir ministry at Christ Chapel, be sure to contact Pastor Thomas at 508.420.1200 or thomascrumb@hotmail.com. ~ *Pastor Thomas*

Elders

Welcome to our newly elected Board of Elders.

Elder Board Members

The Board of Elders that has been elected to serve in 2006 consists of the Pastoral staff and Frank Banks, Russell Boles, David Cappello, Paul Dahl, John Hotchkiss, and Jack Michael.

What the Elders are Reading

As we begin the year the Elders will be reading and discussing *The Deliberate Church*, by Mark Dever and Paul Alexander. The authors challenge us to build the ministry of our church on the Gospel. It's a very helpful and practical read from Crossway.

Active Youth

...to use a current phrase a lot of the kids use these days, "its all good."

As 2005 is officially in the rear view, it's enjoyable to look back on the many fond memories of our youth ministry during Christ Chapel's 25th anniversary year.

Our youth, as always, were kept busy. Among the highlights were:

- ⇒ Winter retreats
- ⇒ Scavenger hunts
- ⇒ Getting students involved in the new Koinonia service
- ⇒ Rent-A-Kids and service activities to the church
- ⇒ N.E. Revolution and Paw Sox games
- ⇒ Our mission trip to the Bahamas
- ⇒ The Summer "Breakfast Club" Bible study
- ⇒ Serving the homeless in Boston through Starlight Ministries
- ⇒ Canobie Lake Park
- ⇒ Water Country
- ⇒ Our first ever Sr. High Fall retreat
- ⇒ The "Walk to End Homelessness" supporting the NOAH Shelter
- ⇒ The 30 Hour Famine
- ⇒ Helping to pack 300 boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- ⇒ Co-hosting our 6th annual Christmas Coffee House with Yfest
- ⇒ And most recently catching a matinee of *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

That's just a highlight of some of our activities. As meaningful and fun as some of these activities are, I find that sometimes what I enjoy the most are just the day to day "in the trenches" activities. Like when a student drops by the office totally psyched to share about the Christian concert they attended the night before, or experiencing the wave of energy and excitement generated by a fresh batch of middle schoolers at their first Jr. High League night. Or when students open up to me for the first time about a problem they might be struggling with, or share a quick time of prayer in the car before I drop a student off at home.

I guess to use a current phrase a lot of the kids use these days, "it's all good." I'm looking forward to all the good God has in store for our youth ministry in 2006.

Pastor Pete

Dates to Remember

- January 1 New Years Day Worship Service -10:00 a.m.
- January 2 Office closed
- January 9 Men's 2nd Monday Sports & Leisure Night - 7 p.m.
- January 10 Elders Meeting
- January 14 Jr. High Buy & Make Your Own Meal Night - 6:15-8:15p.m
- January 16 Office closed for Martin Luther King Day
- January 24 Discover Christ Chapel New Member Class - 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- January 29 Sr. High Bowling Day - 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members!

Please take a moment to meet and welcome these new members to our Christ Chapel family.

- Leo Fleming
- Bob & Karen Holzman
- Kevin & Beverly Kilker
- Emily Lazott
- Alice Slayter
- Paul Wylie

Interested in learning more about membership at Christ Chapel? Please let the office know if you would like to attend the *Discover Christ Chapel* class for new members on Tuesday, January 24th from 6:30-9:30 p.m.



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 return this form indicating what area(s) you'd be interested in serving to the office. We'll be in touch with you soon!

Deadline for submissions for the next issue: January 15, 2006.

CONTACT US

For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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Yes! I'd like to be part of *Proclaim!*

Here is how I would like to help:

- Take Photos - new members and events
- Interview new members and write new member profiles
- Write a testimony
- Write an article
- Write a ministry profile
- Write a book review
- Write a music review
- Suggest a column or feature
- Copying and assembling
- Proofreading
- Other ideas or suggestions: _____



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