

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

Children Matter to God

[From time to time, I want to use this column to explain one of the core values of Christ Chapel. This column addresses the value that 'Children Matter to God.']

An old story tells about two paddleboats that left Memphis at the same time going down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. As they moved along, sailors from one boat made cutting remarks about the pace of the other. Words were exchanged. The crews boasted, and suddenly the race was on.

The pace of the race caused one of the boats to burn all of its coal, and it fell behind. One sailor suggested that they toss their supplies into the ovens and when they did, their speed picked up. Soon they tossed everything on board into the oven. In the end, they won the race but at a great price.

God gives to every generation the awesome responsibility of transferring our faith to those coming up behind us. Too often, however, we invest resources for a short-term sprint rather than for long-term success. The best investment we can make is an investment in the next generation.

Our children are under assault. It is a multi-pronged attack spearheaded by the entertainment industry which

is stealing their hearts and minds on a daily basis. As Christian parents, we want to know how we can raise our children to genuinely follow Christ. As a church, we want to cooperate with parents in training their children to think and live with godly courage in a post-Christian society.

As a church we must be committed to the spiritual formation of our children.

Therefore, we want our children to become so saturated with the Word of God that they will value Him above everything else. The goal in all of our children's ministry is to ignite that spiritual desire.

I read recently that the spiritual condition of a child by the age of 13 is a high indicator of what their spiritual profile will be as an adult. Where do we want our children to be 10 or 20 years from now? When their lives are shaped and molded by the gospel at a young age, they will strive to make choices consistent with it for a lifetime.

One of the highest values we can hold is to know our children believe and cherish the Gospel. This means having the heart of God for children and living out that value in all

we do. The spiritual health of our children will be our most enduring legacy.

~ Pastor Paul



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
~ Proverbs 22:6

February Sermon Series: *Practical Christianity*

February 5 - What's Love Got to Do With It? - *Romans 13:8-14*

February 12 - Stop Judging! - *Romans 14:1-12*

February 19 - A Paradigm for Those Gray Areas - *Romans 14:13-23*

February 26 - Guest Speaker

Coming in March:

Vision New England - Small Group Leadership Training - March 10 & 11

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Chancel Choir

"Happiness is singing in the church choir."

New season begins Thursday, February 2nd at 7 p.m.

Come Join the Choir!

I have an ever growing file in my office that offers all kinds of reasons people should participate in church choirs. Most recently, in the January 2006 issue of The Reader's Digest, in an article entitled "50 Ways to Lose Weight Forever", technique #39 said, "Sing a Song - Spend Sunday morning belting it out in the church choir. Burns 70 calories per service!" And that doesn't even begin to estimate the number of calories expended during our Thursday night rehearsals!! Another interesting article I have on file encourages choral singing as the "Cure for a Prune Face". It states that moving all the facial muscles involved in good singing is an easy and effective way to combat gravity's pull on the face...sort of a "poor man's facelift". For those who enjoy the Peanuts comic strip, I have a cartoon in which Linus tells us that "Happiness is singing in the church choir." BUT, none of these reasons for singing, good though they may be, compare to the joy that comes from joining like-minded believers in worshipping God by singing praise to Him.

Our Chancel Choir will begin a new season of ministry on Thursday evening, February 2 at 7:00. The choir is a devoted and fun-loving group who, in addition to enriching our worship, are deeply committed to caring for one another. With many of our members in Florida for the winter, we are looking for new recruits in all of our sections. Easter will be coming quickly, and we are looking forward to preparing a wide variety of anthems for our Holy Week services. If you have interest in or questions about our choir ministry, please contact me, at 508.420.1200 or thomascrumb@hotmail.com to learn more about how you can develop your musical talent to use in serving God and His people.

~ Pastor Thomas

ELDER NOTES

Elders

“Elders are available for prayer, consultation, information or other needs.”

Christ Chapel Flock Districts

The congregation of Christ Chapel is divided into four Flock Districts. Each district is provided oversight by at least one Elder. Elders are available for prayer, consultation, information or other needs.

Elders and Flock Districts are determined by zip code as listed below. Simply find your zip code to determine which flock you are in and which Elder(s) are overseeing that district. Please feel free to contact your Elder(s) as needed.

District 1 - Elder: Frank Banks - 508-394-1760

Zip Codes: 02631, 02633, 02638, 02639, 02645, 02653, 02660, 02667, 02670

District 2 - Elder: Franks Banks - 508-394-1760

Zip Codes: 02601, 02632, 02664, 02673, 02675

District 3 - Elders: Dave Cappello - 508-362-8240, Russell Boles - 508-428-3961

Zip Codes: 02630, 02635, 02644, 02648, 02649, 02655, 02668

District 4 - Elders: John Hotchkiss - 508-563-7272, Jack Michael - 508-833-3577, Paul Dahl - 508-833-0290

Zip Codes: 01523, 01588, 01720, 01740, 02176, 02375, 02360, 02563, 02476, 02478, 02458, 02532, 02536, 02537, 02540, 02541, 02562, 02563, 02556, 02724, 02770, 06457

Youth Pastor

"You'll never lock eyes with anyone in your lifetime that God doesn't care about."

Lost and Found

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ~ Luke 15: 4-6.

I've always loved the parable of the lost sheep, along with the lost coin, and the prodigal son as well. They paint such a vivid picture of God's amazing love for those who don't know him. I recently had my own little parable take place involving my son Caleb and a golf ball.

When Caleb gets into something, he gets all the way into it, and one of his recent passions is the game of golf. So we bought him a set of clubs for Christmas. Ever since, he can be found outside hitting the practice balls around the yard. Even the winter weather doesn't seem to slow him down. On the cold days he just bundles up a little bit more. When Caleb first started he was using a real golf ball (wanting to keep my car and house windows in one piece I soon nixed that idea). This ball was the first ball he has ever owned (thanks to a gift from the Kams). Well a couple of days in, he lost that ball, and he wasn't very happy. For a 7 year old, Caleb can be incredibly sentimental. He looked and looked and looked. Soon he had Mom and Dad outside combing the bushes to find his cherished first ball. I finally decided to quit and I suggested to Caleb that losing golf balls was a part of the game of golf, and that Daddy loses them all the time. He would hear none of my nonsense as he and Gretchen continued the search. I'm not sure exactly how long it took - probably somewhere between 30 minutes and an hour - but they finally found it. Needless to say there was much rejoicing that took place, and that ball now only gets used inside for putting practice.

Through Caleb's passionate search for his beloved first golf ball, I was reminded of God's love for the lost. I recently heard Bill Hybels (Pastor of Willow Creek church) put it this way. "You'll never lock eyes with anyone in your lifetime that God doesn't care about." Who do you lock eyes with in your daily routine? Maybe it's that co-worker who you really don't have a lot of nice things to say about, or perhaps that kid with the funky hair and multiple piercings who works behind the counter at your local convenience store. Whoever it is, don't forget God's loves them deeply and just like Caleb and his golf ball, he wants them to be found.

~ Pastor Pete

Resource Center

Intelligent Design Resources

During his Sunday @ 6 series, Pastor Beck recommended the following books and resources on Intelligent Design:

The Case for a Creator, Lee Strobel
Intelligent Design, William Dembski
Darwin's Black Box, Michael Behe
What's Darwin Got to Do With It?,
 John Wiester (Great for kids)
The Design Revolution, William Dembski
Signs of Intelligence, William Dembski
www.ARN.org and www.Discovery.org

Discerning Reader Book Table

Visit the Discerning Reader book table in the Fellowship Hall where you'll find helpful books for sale on intelligent design and a number of other topics and issues.

Small Group Leadership Training

Vision New England will conduct a training session on leading small groups at Christ Chapel on March 10 & 11, 2006. Please watch the bulletin and church website for more information.



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 (contact info listed below) with your ideas and/or ways you'd like to help out. Thanks!

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

CONTACT US

For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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Call our office: 508.420.1200 or

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dates to Remember

February 7	Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
February 10	Sr. High Mystery Overnighter - 5:15 p.m.-8:30 a.m. Sat.
February 10	Veritas Open House - 6:30 p.m.
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Jr. High Fast Food Frenzy - 6:15-8:15p.m
February 17	Joy Group Fellowship
February 20	Presidents' Day
March 3	Life Builders Backyard BBQ - 6:30 p.m.
March 10-11	Vision New England Small Group Leader Training

Christ Chapel Classified

Looking for a place to list your items for sale, places for rent or business services? Please let Elayne in the Church Office know. If there is enough interest and space available, we'll consider including a Classified section in *Proclaim!*

FURNITURE AVAILABLE - Tom & Freda Carver are "downsizing" and have the following items available: twin beds with springs and mattresses, sofa, and a wrought iron table. Please call 508-420-2048 if you are interested.

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Valentine's Edition

*"I have loved you
with an everlasting love;
therefore*

*I have continued
My faithfulness to you."
~ Jeremiah 31:3*