

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



“Small Group members become close friends who love each other and encourage one another”



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Why Small Groups?

The Bible places a premium upon the responsibilities every church member has to each other. Here are several of those responsibilities:

Love one another ~ *John 13:35, Romans 12:10*

Wash one another's feet ~ *John 13:14*

Outdo one another in showing honor ~ *Romans 12:10*

Comfort one another ~ *2 Corinthians 13:11*

Live in harmony with one another ~ *Romans 12:16*

Welcome one another ~ *Romans 15:7*

Have the same care for one another ~ *1 Corinthians 12:25*

Bear one another's burdens ~ *Galatians 6:2*

It is a high calling to be a part of the body of Christ. In our new member's class we encourage every person to make corporate worship a weekly priority, to be involved in a ministry (inside or outside the church) and to be a part of a smaller group setting on a regular basis where these basic "one another" responsibilities are lived out. While this can and does happen in many ways, structured and unstructured, one of the most effective means is through our Small Group Ministry.

The Purpose of Small Groups

The purpose of our Small Group ministry is to live out the reality of this "one another" fellowship through relationships that are focused on practical biblical instruction, fellowship, prayer and outreach.

For the first three centuries the early church did not have a building or even a temple court to host a meeting. The church existed from house-to-house. As a result, the emphasis in such a context was always on community.

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

Preparing for Christ's Passion

Similar to the way in which Advent serves as a time of preparation and reflection for Christmas, Lent provides a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries Biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. This year, the forty days of Lent begin on March 1 (Ash Wednesday) and continue through Holy Week (April 9-15), not counting Sundays, which historically are reserved for celebratory worship.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior. As such, the primary focus of the season is to explore and deepen a "spirituality" that centers on our union with Christ rather than to function only as an extended meditation on Christ' suffering and death.

~ Pastor Thomas

SOMETHING NEW

PASTOR'S BLOG

Pastor Beck has started a Web-blog, which is an online site where he shares his thoughts and musings on various topics of interest.

You may check it out by typing the following address in your computer's internet browser:
http://www.pilgrimoncapecod.typepad.com/a_pilgrim_ponders/

Welcome New Members!

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

Amy Cappello
Jill Cappello
George & Illene Brooks
Joe & Devonia Keller
Brian & Mary Beth Lawrence
Sue Rodenberger
Anne Russell

Interested in learning more about membership at Christ Chapel? Contact the office at 508-420-1200 or cchapel@direcway.com and let us know if you'd like to attend the *Discover Christ Chapel* class for new members (date to be announced).





Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

250+ Cape Cod Kids Preparing to Experience Christ

March is a big month in our youth ministry for one primary reason; the All Cape Winter Retreat. Come March 10th - 12th our group along

with seven or eight other churches will be traveling to Camp Berea in Hebron, New Hampshire for a weekend of winter fun and faith challenges.

It should be noted that this will be the second All Cape Winter Retreat. The first one happened three years ago. A few of us youth pastors got together and decided it would be a pretty good idea to get teenagers on the Cape together for a weekend where they could be confronted with the Gospel, and encouraged by getting to see and know other Christian teens.

That weekend was a definite success as we packed out Camp Berea with 250 kids, many of whom made decisions for Christ. It was such a good weekend that we all decided we should keep doing it, and we all agreed on having an all Cape retreat every three years.

This time around Berea's capacity has expanded and so our goal is to bring up 300 kids, 50 of which I'm hoping will come from our group. We currently (as of Feb. 21st) have 38 kids and leaders signed up, so we only have 12 more spaces to fill in order to reach that goal. Please be in prayer that God will speak to the hearts of young people so that we might meet or exceed that goal of 50, and that I and other volunteer leaders would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading as we encourage kids to come.

Your prayers while we are there are also appreciated. Pray of course that we would be safe in our travels, but more importantly pray that God will work in mighty ways in the lives of the youth attending.

To make this retreat happen for such a large number of students, the youth budget takes a pretty heavy hit, so if anyone would like to offer financial support in addition to your prayers that would be a blessing. I'm looking forward to sharing about our weekend when we return.

~ Pastor Pete

COMING IN MARCH

March Sermon Series: *Practical Christianity*

Upcoming messages for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services:

- 5th - A Paradigm for Those Gray Areas - *Romans 14:13-23*
- 12th - Living with Hope - *Romans 15:1-13*
- 19th - Missions: Going to Those Who Have Never Heard - *Romans 15:14-33*
- 26th - Counting People because People Count - *Romans 16:1-16*
(Flock District Sunday)
- Sunday @ 6 - The DaVinci Code Unmasked - Examining the Truth Behind the Myths - Beginning March 6th

Also in March:

- 1st - John Niemeyer, Missionary to Chile, Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd - Life Builders Backyard BBQ (*adults only, please!*) - 6:30 p.m.
- 10-11th - Vision New England - Small Group Leadership Training
- 26th - Flock District Sunday - special focus on getting to know your Elders and fellow flock members better. Stay tuned for details.

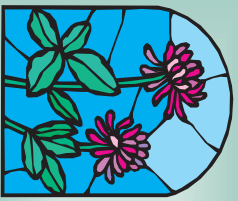

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

At Christ Chapel's annual meeting we approved the support of Ieremia and Lida Rusu of the Romanian Missionary Society. Ieremia is the pastor of the Agape Christian Church in Ploiesti, Romania.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.</p>  <p>~ Saint Patrick</p>						
<p>5 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm Sunday @ 6</p>	<p>6 First Light Men's Bible Study - Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm Christian Ed Meeting - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm ◆ Duncan Spooner</p>	<p>7 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am ◆ Lindsay Hayes ◆ Margaret Holmes</p>	<p>1 Ash Wednesday First Light Men's Bible Study - Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Pioneer Girls - 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting with John Niemeyer - 6:30 pm ◆ Elsie Blackie ◆ Freida Carver ◆ Dessie Stringer</p>	<p>2 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm ◆ Ruth Horton</p>	<p>3 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am Life Builders Backyard BBO (Adults Only) - 6:30-10 pm</p>	<p>4 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am ◆ Illene Brooks ◆ Sybil Awater</p>
<p>12 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Jr. & Sr. High School All Cape Retreat G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm Sunday @ 6 ◆ Barbara Gorss ◆ Jerry White</p>	<p>13 First Light Men's Bible Study - Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm Missions - 7 pm</p>	<p>14 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:15 pm Home School Support Group - 7 pm ◆ Josiah Driscoll</p>	<p>15 First Light Men's Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Pioneer Girls - 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ◆ John Greene</p>	<p>16 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7-8:30 pm Cape Regency Outreach 3:30 p.m. Choir - 7 pm ◆ Thomas Crumb ◆ Tricia Thus</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day Moms In Touch - 9:30 am ◆ Daniel Paulus</p>	<p>18 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am ◆ Audrey & Warren Appleton</p>
<p>19 Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm G-Force - 5:45-7:15 pm Sunday @ 6 ◆ Erik Hakala ◆ Bob Sutton ⌘ Stan & Grace Dahl</p>	<p>20 Spring Begins First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm ◆ Rachel Hayes</p>	<p>21 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:15 pm</p>	<p>22 First Light Men's Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High Fast Food Frenzy - 6:15-8:15 pm Pioneer Girls - 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm</p>	<p>24 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am Pioneer Girls Sleep Over</p>	<p>25 MAN-to-MAN Bible Study - 7 am ⌘ George & Roberta Glazer</p>
<p>26 Flock District Sunday Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11 Sunday School - 9:45 am Sr. High Group - 5:30-7:30 pm ◆ Jacky Curran</p>	<p>27 First Light Men's Bible Study Centerville - 6:30 am CPR - 3:30-4:45 pm</p>	<p>28 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Stephen Ministry Training 6-8:15 pm Elders - 7 pm ◆ Gweneth Curley</p>	<p>29 First Light Men's Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Jr. High League - 6:15-7:45 pm Pioneer Girls - 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:20 am & 7-8:30 pm Choir - 7 pm ◆ Cynthia Curley ◆ Michael Gorss ⌘ Peter & Gina Mann</p>	<p>31 Moms In Touch - 9:30 am</p>	<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ◆ Birthdays ⌘ Anniversaries</p>



Rev. Paul Beck
Senior Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR ~ CONTINUED

Why Small Groups? ~ Continued from page 1

Relationships are a Priority

The most effective Small Groups flourish because group members consider their relationships with one another to be a high priority. While you may meet as a group once a week or once every two weeks, regular contact continues outside of meeting times. Small Group members become close friends who love each other and encourage one another, often on a daily basis.

The Application of Scripture

The value of our Small Group ministry is that it encourages the Bible to be lived out beyond the context of Sunday morning. Our Small Group ministry is more than a Bible study. It is designed to be a place where each group discusses the previous Sunday sermon (we call our discussion questions "Sermon Squeezers") and then the group considers the application of God's Word to their daily lives. This is where life transformation takes place. Howard Hendricks has said often that the average Christian is educated far beyond their intelligence! Knowledge of the Bible is a critical need but we must also put into practice what we know. Our Small Group ministry encourages such application.

The Importance of Small Group Leadership

Small Group leaders need adequate training. Jesus is the best example of this. He taught His disciples. He spent a lot of time with them and out of that relationship they started living the way He did.

What Can You Do?

Attend the two part Small Group Leadership training event that will be held at Christ Chapel on Friday evening, March 10th from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday morning, March 11th from 9 a.m. to noon. Diana Bennett, the Small Group Director for Vision New England, will guide us through all the vital dimensions of leading an effective Small Group. If you are interested, please call the church office today.

Perhaps you aren't ready to lead a group but would be willing to open your home where a Small Group can meet. Please let us know! Our vision is to have a functioning Small Group in every Flock District on Cape Cod. What a great way for your home to become a lighthouse!

These are exciting days for Christ Chapel. We are growing. We are averaging 45 more people each Sunday than last year at this time. Ministries are expanding and our unity is so evident. May God be praised! The need all around us, however, is great. May God be pleased to use us to reach the Cape community for Jesus Christ.

~ Pastor Paul

Vision New England
**Small Group
Leadership Training**
at Christ Chapel

March 10 - 6-9 p.m.

March 11 - 9 a.m.-Noon

Register for this two-part seminar:

Online: visionnewengland.com

Phone: 508-420-1692

Email: dmc Bennett@comcast.net

or contact the church office
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:
March 15, 2006**

CONTACT US

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Looking for a place to list your items for sale, places for rent or business services? If you'd like to place a classified ad, please email or deliver your request to Elayne in the Church Office by March 15th.

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Christ beside me,
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~ Saint Patrick