

# 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

There's an old story about a monk who, upon entering a monastery, took the customary vow of silence. He was told he could only speak two words every year. After the first year he was brought before his superior and said, "Bed hard." Another year passed and again he was brought before his

superior and said, "Food bad." At the end of his third year he appears before his leader and says, "I quit." His superior said, "Well, it doesn't surprise me. All you have done since the day you arrived is complain, complain, complain."

Complaining is a national pastime for many of us. We complain about the traffic, soaring gas prices, a slumping Dow Jones and a high heat index. We are chronic complainers. Companies have entire divisions for just handling customer complaints. Recently, I tried to justify my own complaints after I had to return to the same store for the same reason five times!

*Why do we complain?* A lot of times our muttering stems from stress. When the Israelites encountered inconveniences in the wilderness they grumbled. They didn't really want to go back to Egypt. They simply focused on their unfulfilled desires. They turned complaining into a major league sport. They complained at the Red Sea. They complained at Marah because the water was bitter. They complained in the wilderness because of the manna. They complained at Kadesh-Barnea because the spies reported spotting giants in the land. Moses had to rebuke them for their grumbling spirit. After all, they had seen the ten plagues. They passed through the sea which drowned Pharaoh's army. God had even promised them a new land. But they grumbled because they were preoccupied with what they didn't

have. It's easy to grumble even in the face of great blessing if our focus is in the wrong place.

In Philippians 2 the Apostle Paul said, "Do all things without grumbling or questioning." The word grumbling is an onomatopoeia. In other words, it sounds like what it represents - we gr-u-u-u-m-ble.

The reason this is serious is because all of our grumbling is against God. We, the creature complain against the Creator, and His providential care. When we grumble we are accusing God of negligence.

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Have you noticed that complaining never solves anything? Complaining doesn't fix the disarray in your kid's rooms or reverse a stock market decline. Complaining seldom makes situations better. I used to think we complained because we have a lot of problems. I have come to realize that we have problems because we complain. It just magnifies our frustration and spreads our discontent.

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Rev. Thomas Crumb  
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## WORSHIP NOTES

### *Cultivating a Heart of Worship*

Why should we worship God? A simple answer to that question is that God commands it:

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness." (Ps 29:2). But why has God commanded worship? Is this an arbitrary demand? Does He in some way need our worship? If God did *not* command us to worship Him, would there still be a good reason for doing so?

The answer to that last question is an unqualified and enthusiastic "yes". Worship has its own rewards as the Westminster Shorter Catechism declares: "Man's chief end is to *glorify* God and to *enjoy* Him forever." It is through glorifying God that we learn how to enjoy Him.

The English word *worship* was originally "worth-ship" - or what we could now call "worthiness." When we worship God, we affirm with the psalmist, "Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised." (Ps 48:1) Thus the first answer to the question of why God would command us to worship, or why we would worship even if He had never commanded it, is simply this: He is worthy. It is only right and fitting to worship Him.

Perhaps you have had opportunity to travel during these summer months. Perhaps as you have enjoyed a breathtaking landscape or a glorious sunset over the ocean you have "praised it" with a "Wow" or a "That's magnificent." To have not responded in an appropriate way in the face of such beauty would have seemed somehow wrong and so you felt compelled to express your admiration.

How much more is God worthy of our adoration? Whatever beauty or goodness, power or wisdom we have ever felt it was right to praise, God is infinitely more beautiful, good, powerful, wise, and deserving of our praise. The more deeply we know Him, the more we realize that worship is the only appropriate response that a creature can offer its Creator. Scripture tells us that the animals, plants, and the

inanimate elements are called to praise God; they do so without speech as they reflect His awesome goodness, power, and wisdom (for more details see Psalm 19:1-4 and Psalm 148). In fact, in the well-known gospel account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ tells us that if His people fail to exalt Him, the rocks themselves will cry out (Luke 19:40).



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The airwaves are full of popular songs that tell about the heartbreak that comes from love that is not returned. But how often do we hear or sing about the most tragic unrequited love of all: the love of God for His fallen world? God created us in love so that we might love Him in return. Daily our Creator woos us and calls us gently to commune with Him. He longs to have our attention, to meet us face-to-face, to hear us say we love Him. Though God does not need our affection, He does desire it.

It is in true worship that we come to God in a way that returns His love and delights His heart. What an incredibly profound thought to recognize that our worship brings joy to the heart of God. Worship is an act of giving ourselves to God, of abandoning ourselves to Him. Jesus said that His Father is seeking people to worship Him (John 4:23). As people who long to live in a way that pleases and honors Him, let us be found by Him to be those who are fulfilling the desires of His heart.





**Pete Axelson**  
Youth Pastor

## YOUTH NEWS

### ***CHIC Report***

Wow! This was the 5th "Covenant High in Christ" (CHIC) conference I've been to, and I still never cease to be amazed by the experience.

This year's theme was "No Ordinary Day." It challenged us in God's promise that if we take seriously our faith and call to discipleship, two important things would happen. First, each day at CHIC would not be ordinary; and second, each day of the rest of our lives will not be ordinary because we will be experiencing life more abundantly in Jesus.

Each day at CHIC had its own "No Ordinary" theme as we looked at Jesus as no ordinary teacher, and no ordinary healer, as well as His no ordinary death and resurrection. The final day's theme was no ordinary life, focusing on the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and our call to allow Him to transform our lives.

In addition to the discipling aspects of CHIC, there was also a significant emphasis on service and ministry. Our group had the pleasure of participating in a program called "Feed My Starving Children," which had over 1200 students and leaders involved throughout the week. We worked in an assembly line putting together and boxing up packaged meals for infants and children up to age 5 in Sudan, Africa. More than 560,000 meals were prepared over the week, which will feed over 1,000 children for a whole year.

We also took an offering for Covenant world relief to go towards another project in the Sudan which

provides medical services and a Christian education to children in an area where the only other school is Islamic. The total for that offering was just a little over \$100,000. I praise God for a conference like this because not only were our student's lives are changed, but they helped to change the lives of children across the world as well.

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A final highlight for me at CHIC was simply hanging out with the kids in our youth ministry. Whether we were white water rafting, playing Ultimate Frisbee, staying up late eating pizza and chatting, taking in a seminar, or attending each night's worship, I truly loved spending time with these kids. They're keeping me young, and that's cool too.

Allow me to extend my sincerest thanks to all of you for your prayers and financial help to make this amazing week possible. May the Lord continue to bless the youth ministry of Christ Chapel, and may He receive all the glory. Amen!

## FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

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So what can you do if you want to change what you don't like? The remedy for complaining is supplicating. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). Prayer is not just the way God changes circumstances, it's the way He changes us.

In His Caring Grip,

Pastor Paul



## CHRIST CHAPEL PICNIC & BAPTISM - AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

Come enjoy a day of fun, games, music and great fellowship at this year's annual...

**Christ Chapel Family Picnic & Baptism**  
**Sunday, August 27, 2006**  
**4:00 p.m., Baptism at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Veterans Park, Hyannis**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments and drinks will be provided, as will plates, napkins, cups and eating utensils.



Please bring your family along with a salad and/or a dessert and chairs or a blanket to sit on. Visiting friends, family and neighbors are most welcome as well.

**If you'd like to be baptized at the Church Picnic, please contact the church office.**

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

## AUGUST SERMON SERIES: *Defining Moments*

<b>August 6</b>	8:30 & 10:15 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6:00</i>	Guarding Your Heart - 2 Samuel 11 <i>The History of Christianity - Medieval Christianity</i>
<b>August 13</b>	8:30 & 10:15 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6:00</i>	When You Care Enough to Confront - 2 Samuel 12 <i>High School Report on CHIC Conference</i>
<b>August 20</b>	8:30 & 10:15 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6:00</i>	Pressing On - <i>Phillipians 3:7-16</i> , Thomas Crumb <i>To Be Announced</i>
<b>August 27</b>	8:30 & 10:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Avoiding Domestic Disaster - 2 Samuel 13-18 Church Picnic - Baptism at 6:30



## STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

*by Susan Rodenberger*

Did you know that there are over 9,000 congregations that have become involved in Stephen Ministry? They represent over 100 Christian denominations and come from all fifty states, nine Canadian provinces, and 21 other countries. Leadership teams like ours have trained over 450,000 church members as Stephen Ministers and it is estimated that over one million people have received the formal care of a Stephen Minister.

As the new referrals person at Christ Chapel for Stephen Ministry, it is my job to interview those people who believe that a Stephen Minister could be a help to them and then assign a Stephen Minister to meet with them on a regular basis.

This one-to-one Christian care to individuals struggling with a crisis like grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, a terminal illness, or unemployment can be just the answer to prayer for the care receiver him/herself or for the families of such people. The Pastor cannot do the job of caring for all of these needs himself on an ongoing basis; he needs help!!



The Stephen Minister leadership team needs your help!! We need you to prayerfully be alert to your fellow Christian's needs. If you sense that there is a person in need of such care would you give me a call? Or if you would like a person to talk to or pray with please call me. All information shared is confidential.

Only the leadership team and your particular minister know who you are and what your needs are.

We are called by God to be like Jesus and to reach out to our fellow Christians in love and care. "This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. Suppose someone has enough to live and sees a brother or sister in need, but does not help. Then God's love is not living in that person. My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring." 1 John 3:16-18.

For help or more information about Stephen Ministry, please call me, Susan Rodenberger, at 508 539-4977 or the church office at 508 420-1200.



***We invite you to contribute a short meditation to share with your Christ Chapel family.***

*Our first submission is from Phil Lewis and is based on Exodus 6:1 and 7:2-5.*

Have any plagues planned for your future? Pharaoh seemed dead set on letting them happen over and over again to his people and himself. If you were asked to name one of the plagues God sent on the Egyptians, which one would you recall? The most memorable for most people is the plague of locusts - maybe because we can immediately visualize what it must have been like to have insects creeping and moving all over the place (winter moth or gypsy moth problems, anybody?!).

An interesting thing about locusts is that normally they are just ordinary grasshoppers, eating a few leaves of grass somewhere and not causing much trouble. However, if conditions are right and there is an abundance of food and water these grasshoppers will transform at their last molt into the migratory locust. These insects fly in tremendous swarms and devour anything edible.

In a way this is also true of sin in our life. If sin is not dealt with properly by repentance, it can result in widespread death and destruction. But at times, we often feed and nourish certain sins so that they endanger our walk with the Lord and our relationships with those around us. Instead of having a hard-heart like Pharaoh, let us not refuse to listen to God or keep a sin hidden in our hearts. If we open our hearts to God, then we will see what His mighty hand can do through our obedience!

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*Please email your "Meditation from the Congregation" contribution to [cchapel@hughes.net](mailto:cchapel@hughes.net).*

*Last spring, Mike Klink asked the Senior High class to describe God based on Daniel 7:9-14 and Revelation 4:1-11. The following poem was submitted in response to this request by Stacy Marshall, Kelly Gruen, Morgan Gage, Alex Penney, Lindsay Hayes.*

Daniel and John were prophets of God.  
They saw all his glory and spoke of his laud.  
Daniel had a vision and John had a dream.  
They both came together and made part of God's team.

In the first year of Belshazzar  
Daniel told the fact  
He knew God was the greatest czar  
And purity he did not lack.

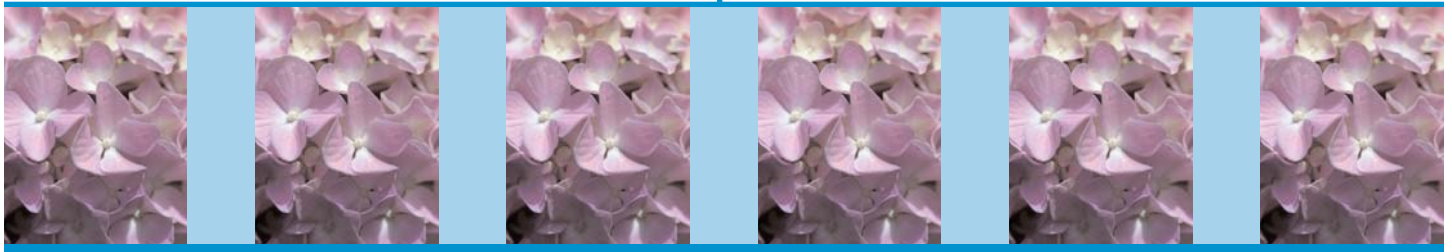
His garment is white as snow  
His pure glory no one can know  
He's seated high and this throne's a flame  
His power he wields, no one's the same.

Awed by his glory  
Dan's spirit was grieved  
The clouds told God's story  
Of his dominion and creed.

John saw it different  
But somehow the same  
Sitting in heaven  
God had creatures to tame.

The powerful beasts and all of the teachers  
Worshipped the Lord; the one and only preacher  
Like jasper and sardius before a sea of glass  
He will forever be God both future and past.

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*Christ Chapel's annual Missions Conference brings those serving the kingdom all over the world to Cape Cod to share all God is doing.*

This year, Mr. Jim Green, Executive Director of *The Jesus Film Project* will speak at the annual Chowder Fest on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and at both Sunday morning services on September 24<sup>th</sup>.



The guest speaker for services on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> will be Mr. Gaetano Sotille, President of Italy for Christ. He will present a special message for the Youth on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER(S)
<b>Saturday, September 23</b>		
6:00 pm	Chowder Fest	Jim Green
7:00 pm	Children's Program	Oksana Shiryayeva
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>		
8:30 am	Challenge-How Shall They Hear?	All Missionaries / Jim Green
9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Classes	Jim Allen
9:45 am	Jr./Sr. High	Oksana Shiryayeva
11:00 am	Challenge-How Shall They Hear?	Jim Green
11:30 am	Junior Church	The Rasulovs
1:00 pm	<i>Missionaries, Speakers, Staff &amp; Missions Committee Dinner*</i>	
5:30 pm	Senior High	Marat & Christine Rasulov
6:00 pm	Challenge-How Shall They Hear?	Jim Green
7:00 pm	Refreshments	Meet all Missionaries
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b>		
6:15 pm	Pioneer Girls	Oksana, Marat and Christine
6:50 pm	Jr. High League	Marat & Christine Rasulov
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>		
10:00 am	All Church Brunch	Paul Martindale, Sondra Sottile
<b>Sunday, October 1</b>		
8:30 am	Challenge-How Shall They Hear?	All Missionaries / Guy Sottile
9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Classes	Oksana, Marat & Christine
9:45 am	Jr./Sr. High	(Meet with Adult Class)
11:00 am	Challenge-How Shall They Hear?	Guy Sottile
11:30 am	Junior Church	Oksana Shiryayeva
1:00 pm	<i>Missionaries, Speakers, Staff &amp; Missions Committee Dinner*</i>	
6:00 pm	Youth Emphasis	Guy Sottile

\*Members of the congregation are welcome to attend the *Missionaries, Speakers, Staff & Missions Committee Dinners* at the Yarmouth House. Please plan to cover the expense of your meal.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><i>Those who spend time on their knees can stand up to anything.</i></p>						
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Morning Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:15 am Sunday @ 6</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Trustees - 7 pm Christian Ed. - 7 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Home School Support Group - 7 pm ♦ <i>Joyce Statton</i> ⌘ <i>Bob &amp; Linda Clark</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Gloria Dahl</i> ♦ <i>George Anderson</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Choir - 7 pm ♦ <i>Delle Murdy</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>♦ <i>Morgan Gage</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Irina Weathery/John MacPhee Wedding - 5 pm  ⌘ <i>Dwight &amp; Gwen Curley</i></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Morning Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:15 am Sunday @ 6 ♦ <i>Joy Buhler</i> ⌘ <i>Tom &amp; Freda Carver</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>♦ <i>Jonathan Beck</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm <b>Jr. High Frisbee Golf - 6 pm</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sr. High Breakfast Club - 9 - 10:30 am Cape Regency Outreach 3:30 p.m. Choir - 7 pm ♦ <i>Elayne Brigham</i> ♦ <i>Phil Morrison</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Morning Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:15 am Sunday @ 6 ♦ <i>Elias Blakely</i></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>♦ <i>Peggi Buckler</i> ⌘ <i>Matt &amp; Barbara Kozma</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>♦ <i>Kae McGuire</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am <b>Sr High Starlight Homeless Ministry 10 a.m.-10 pm</b> Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm ♦ <i>Mark McGuire</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Jr High Bass River Sports Night 6-10 pm</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>G-Force Pawsox Game - 2 pm</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Morning Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:15 am <b>Christ Chapel Picnic &amp; Baptism 4:00 pm</b> ♦ <i>Rodney Burgess</i> ♦ <i>Susan Loud</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>♦ <i>John Michael</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Elders - 7 pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>First Light Bible Study Falmouth - 6:30 am Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Choir - 7 pm ♦ <i>Kelly Gruen</i></p>		<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ♦ Birthdays ⌘ Anniversaries</p>

# 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 with your ideas and/or ways you'd like to help out. *Thanks!*

**Deadline for submissions for the next issue:  
August 15, 2006**

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## CHRIST CHAPEL CLASSIFIED

If you'd like to place a classified ad, please email or deliver your request to Elayne in the Church Office by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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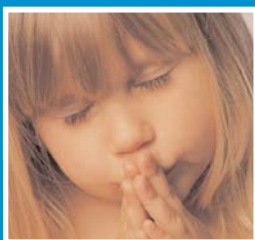
### WAGNER PAINTINGS

The Centerville Historical Museum, located at 513 Main Street, Centerville, will be hosting an art show of paintings by one of Christ Chapel's founders, Frank H. Wagner during August. Prints will be available for purchase. For further details, please contact Randall Hoel, Executive Director of the museum at 508-775-0331 or Elizabeth Wagner at 508-398-6981.



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*Truly God  
has listened;  
He has attended  
to the voice of  
my prayer.*

~ Psalm 66:19 ESV