

# PROCLAIM



Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! - 1 Chronicles 16:24

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## FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

### “Deacons Do”

This is the way one pastor described the role and function of deacons. From the earliest days, this seems to have been exactly the case. The first deacons were chosen to help with the distribution of food to the Hellenic widows among the

first followers of Christ. They were called to intervene practically so that the elders and apostles in the Church could focus on prayer, and the preaching of God’s word.

So what are deacons like, and what do deacons do? Before we answer, what do deacons do, we need to ask, what are deacons like?

First of all, we learn about the characteristics of deacons in Acts 6:

#### 1. Acts 6:1-7

- They are people of good reputation
- They are full of the Holy Ghost
- They are full of wisdom
- They are full of faith
- They are competent at administration

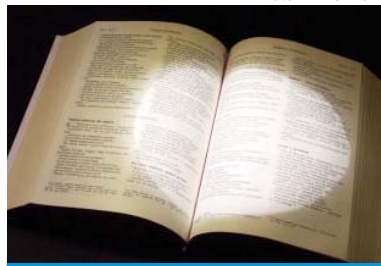
This is supplemented by what Paul describes for Timothy as the appropriate character traits of deacons

in his epistle:

#### 2. 1 Timothy 3:8-13

- Worthy of respect, grave, serious
- Sincere, not double-tongued
- Not indulgent in wine
- Not greedy for gain
- Holding the mystery of faith with a clear conscience
- Tested
- Blameless

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**“we learn about the characteristics of deacons in Acts 6.”**

Now, a brief glance through these lists helps us identify very quickly that deacons ministry is a very particular calling that is not open to everyone. Some may find this hard to hear, but Paul was clear: We are all gifted, but we are not all gifted in the same way and we are all called, but we are not all called to the same ministries. Deacons ministry is a high calling, and the demands are immense on deacons that serve, in part because they are serving fellow sinners, brothers and sisters in Christ who, in the midst of all their wounds and sins, are seeking to draw closer to God.

As we pray for potential deacons and deaconesses, we need to be praying for people of such character to be discerned and tested so that they can help deepen this Church’s ministry. No one will have these virtues to perfection, but deacons will have all of these in a growing degree. And the reason is obvious, because of

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## YOUTH NEWS

### What to do with Mothers and Brothers

I was reading in Matthew 12 and 13 this morning and it caused me to ponder a great deal about both biological and Christian family.

straight to his mother and brothers to see what they wanted after making his point. I think his overall point was about the significance of being a part of the family of God, and ultimately that is more important than being a part of a biological family here on earth.

Here's a quick Bible trivia for all of you. What were the names of Jesus' brothers? According to Matthew 13:55 they were James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. Okay, now what about his sisters? It's a trick question. His sisters are mentioned in the following verse but not by name.

The passage found in all three of the Synoptic Gospels that really gets me thinking is the one where Jesus is told his mother and brothers want to speak with him. Jesus seems to ignore them, pointing to his disciples and saying, *"Here are my mother and brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."* (Matthew 12:49b-50).

I (and I believe many others) have always had a little trouble with how to take this passage. Was Jesus really implying that other believers should somehow be more important than your own flesh and blood? I would say in light of eternity, yes, but on a regular day-to-day basis, not necessarily. For starters, isn't it safe to say his mom and brothers were also believers? I think he simply used his mother and brothers wanting to speak to him as a teaching point for the masses. I think it's entirely possible Jesus could have gone



***"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."  
(Matthew 12:50)***

However, that doesn't mean we need to ignore and alienate our family members even if they don't know the Lord, or perhaps I should say especially if they don't know the Lord.

The problem with this passage is that I think some people end up using it, and others like Scriptures it, as an excuse for establishing their own Christian bubbles, safe and sound with their Christian "mothers and brothers," away from the evils of this world. If

we truly want to follow Christ's example we just can't do that.

Jesus states just a couple chapters earlier that he came for the sick and the sinners (Matthew 9:9-13), and we must be there for the sick and the sinners as well.

I hope this column has helped you to dig a little deeper for God's truth. In terms of our application let's put it this way; love, appreciate, and care for your brothers and sisters in Christ and have a passion to do the same for those who are outside of Christ that they may someday be adopted as sons and daughters of God too, especially if they're your own family members. ■



## FEBRUARY SERMONS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 7:1-24

*Dr. John-Paul Lotz*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 7:25-52

*Dr. John-Paul Lotz*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 8:1-11

*Dr. John-Paul Lotz*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 8:12-59

*Dr. John-Paul Lotz*



### SEVERE WEATHER SERVICE

#### CANCELLATIONS

*In the case of heavy snow, please check any of the following media to see if Sunday morning services have been cancelled.*

**TV Channels 4, 5, 7 & 56**

**WBZ NewsRadio 1030**

**WRKO 680 AM, WQRC**

**[www.whdh.com/stormforce](http://www.whdh.com/stormforce)\***

*\*Follow the instructions online to get cancellation alerts on your cell phone.*



## IMPACTING OUR WORLD

### Laptop Computer Needed by Wycliffe Translator

Steve Payne with Wycliffe Bible Translators in US and Africa has asked if anyone has a laptop computer to donate for one of the national translators in Central Africa Republic (CAR). Steve said he would pay for the shipping to him in Oregon and bring it to CAR when he returns in March. If you have a laptop you could donate, please contact the church office at 508-420-1200 or [Info@ChristChapelCapeCod.org](mailto:Info@ChristChapelCapeCod.org). Thank you. ■

### Haiti Relief Efforts

If you are interested in supporting the ongoing relief efforts in Haiti, we recommend that you contact the following ministries:

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Boone, NC 28607  
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[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) ■

### Missions Trips

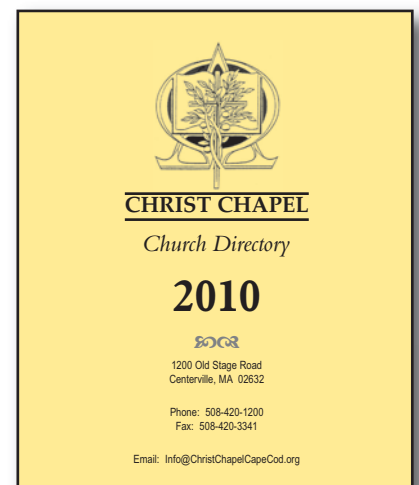
Please remember Steve Duncan in your prayers as he travels through Africa to Angola to cover for a surgeon and meet with the Mussangos at Youth for Christ. Pray also for Judy A. as she returns to the mission field for a visit during the month of February. ■

### 2010 Directories

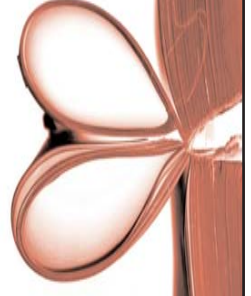
Updated church directories for 2010 are available in the Narthex. Please note the section in the back that lists contact information for the missionaries supported by Christ Chapel. Consider dropping them an encouraging note or email! ■



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ◆ Birthdays ☞ Anniversaries</p>	<p>1 First Light Bible Studies - Centerville &amp; Falmouth 6:30 am Christian Ed - 7 pm</p>	<p>2 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am <b>Church Supper - 6 pm Annual Meeting - 7 pm</b> ◆ Edna Carleton</p>	<p>3 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry - 6 pm Boys' Brigade - 6:15-7:45 pm GEMS - 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm ◆ Dick Holmes</p>	<p>4 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am &amp; 7:00-8:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Man to Man - 6 am</p>	<p>6 ☞ Scott &amp; Ellen Gage</p>
<p>7 Morning Worship - 8:25 &amp; 11 Spiritual Formation &amp; Kids' Compass - 9:45 am <b>Jr./Sr. Super Bowl Party at the Axelsons - 5:30—9:30</b></p>	<p>8 First Light Bible Studies - Centerville &amp; Falmouth 6:30 am Missions - 6:30 pm ◆ Norma Thomas</p>	<p>9 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Barnstable/Hyannis Small Group - 6:45 pm Trustees - 7 pm ◆ James Holzman</p>	<p>10 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Boys' Brigade - 6:15-7:45 pm GEMS - 6:15-7:45 pm <b>Jr./Sr. Lent Offering &amp; Worship Service 6:30 pm</b> ◆ Audrey Royce</p>	<p>11 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am &amp; 7:00-8:30 pm ◆ Jim Berks</p>	<p>12 Man to Man - 6 am</p>	<p>13 <b>Jr./Sr. Valentine Cookie Bake Church Service Project at the Axelsons 2:30—6 pm</b></p>
<p>14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> Morning Worship - 8:25 &amp; 11 Spiritual Formation &amp; Kids' Compass - 9:45 am</p>	<p>15 <b>President's Day</b> Office Closed <b>School Vacation February 15-19</b> ◆ Nancy Freeman</p>	<p>16 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship Barnstable/Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm</p>	<p>17 <b>First Day of Lent</b> Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry - 6 pm Boys' Brigade - 6:15-7:45 pm GEMS - 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p>18 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am &amp; 7:00-8:30 pm ◆ Seth Hayes ◆ Faith Hakala</p>	<p>19 Man to Man - 6 am <b>Newsletter Submission Deadline</b></p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Morning Worship - 8:25 &amp; 11 Spiritual Formation &amp; Kids' Compass - 9:45 am Sr. High Connect - 5:30 pm ◆ Claire Martinez</p>	<p>22 First Light Bible Studies - Centerville &amp; Falmouth 6:30 am Sandwich Small Group - 6:45 pm</p>	<p>23 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Barnstable/Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm</p>	<p>24 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Boys' Brigade - 6:15-7:45 pm GEMS - 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p>25 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am &amp; 7:00-8:30 pm Elders - 7 pm ◆ Seth Hayes ◆ Faith Hakala</p>	<p>26 Man to Man - 6 am ◆ Virginia Bell ◆ Jean Taber ◆ Stephen Murray</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Morning Worship - 8:25 &amp; 11 am Spiritual Formation &amp; Kids' Compass - 9:45 am <b>Day of Hospitality 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m</b> Sr. High Connect - 5:30 pm ◆ Rachel Hapenny ◆ Brett Grosso</p>	<p><b>Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.</b> ~ Psalm 119:97-104</p>					



### The Lord Calls Us All to Care

*“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13*

Those members of our congregation who have stepped forward and gone through Stephen Ministry training have expressed how God has richly blessed them both through the very valuable training they received, and in their care giving relationships.



Here's what Stephen Ministers have to say about joining the Ministry:

*“I'm committed to care.”*

*“More blessings than I ever expected!”*

*“I was sitting on the sidelines in our congregation. I came to church every Sunday, but the rest of the week I was focused on myself. Then Stephen Ministry came along. When I said ‘yes’ to God's call to me for the ministry, I saw a lot of changes in my life. Now I'm committed to caring more about others than I do about myself. And, you know what? I'm walking a lot closer with my Lord.”*

*“At first I wasn't sure about care giving. I mean, didn't I love others enough already? When I finished my Stephen Ministry training and met with the person for whom I provided care, I learned what Christian love is all about! I didn't expect the wonderful gifts of love and blessings that God gave me through my caring relationship and this ministry. What a wonderful ministry this is!”*



*“Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring His love to those who are hurting.”*



Every day we see people who are hurting; those who have lost a job, lost a loved one, gone through a divorce, or are battling a serious illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring His love to those who are hurting. God is waiting to make a difference in their lives through you!

There's a lot of work to do in God's kingdom. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls us to do – to love others in His name. In John 13:34 Jesus gives us *“A new command... Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another”*. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is one way we accom-

plish God's caring work. Perhaps God has blessed you richly and you're at a place where you can give something back by serving and blessing others.

We are planning a new class of Stephen Ministers and welcome your questions and interest in this ministry. We ask you to sincerely seek the Lord in prayer, and if the Stephen Ministry is something you are interested in, please call the church office or one of the following Stephen Ministry leaders: Jerry White, Sue Rodenberger, Peggi Buckler or Arnold Clark.

We look forward to hearing from you! ■



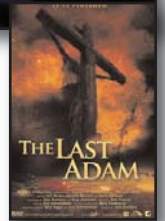
## CREATION MUSEUM

“ WE DON’T NEED GOD.”

That was the clarion cry of many people after Charles Darwin set forth his theory that living things weren’t created by a loving, omniscient God but rather evolved from very simple original organisms to more and more complex organisms species by species. Darwin’s theory is still the cornerstone of the house that atheists live in.



**Creation Museum Exhibits, Garden of Eden, Noah’s Cafe, Dinosaurs, Theater, Planetarium and more!**



However, we Christians live in a different house, the house of God and our cornerstone is The Bible, the Holy, inerrant Word of God which clearly states that “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Our culture has adopted the **theory** of evolution as fact and all public education teaches it as such. Christians need to understand that there are scientific facts that undergird and strengthen their faith in the inerrancy of God’s Word. “Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). This is why we are offering an opportunity to travel to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY (just across the river from Cincinnati, OH) leaving on April 19 and returning on April 22, 2010. As they themselves say “The Bible speaks for itself at the Creation Museum. We’ve just paved the **way** to a greater understanding of the tenets of creation and redemption. Our exhibit halls are gilded with **truth**, our gardens teem with the visible signs of **life**. We invite you to visit the Creation Museum. Your life may change forever.” Dwight Curley said “When I visited the Museum last June with my ‘evolutionized’ mind, I expected to find a fairy tale atmosphere. As an

engineer, I expected scientific facts to be missing. I found nothing like that. Instead, I found scientific facts interpreted through a Biblical world view that led to very different conclusions than those of the so called “scientific” community. It was an eye opener and I recommend the experience to anyone who wants to come to greater faith in God and His Word.”

In order to keep the cost to a minimum, we will travel by a 55 passenger luxury bus.

- April 19<sup>th</sup>** - We travel to Akron, OH to stay overnight.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - We arrive at noon to visit the museum till closing, and stay overnight in Petersburg, KY.
- April 21<sup>st</sup>** - We visit the museum and planetarium leaving at noon and on to Grove City, PA for overnight.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - We travel home.

**The Cost:**

- Hotels for three nights: \$75.00 per night per room (sleeps 4); breakfasts and taxes included.
  - Admission-Museum & Planetarium: \$24 Adults, \$20 Seniors, \$16 Children 5-12.
  - Bus Fare: \$200 per adult, \$150 per child under 18
- See the bulletin board in the Narthex for a full itinerary and sign-up list. For more information, contact:
- Gwen or Dwight Curley at (774)238-1495, (774)270-0501 or [dwencurl@aol.com](mailto:dwencurl@aol.com)
  - Sue Rodenberger at (508)539-4977 or [suerody@comcast.net](mailto:suerody@comcast.net)
  - Ann Russell at (508)775-1916, (508)380-4936 or [midwifeann113@comcast.net](mailto:midwifeann113@comcast.net) ■

## FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

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the confidential, painful, and often difficult situations the souls for whom they will care are in, great character is needed.

But if these are the high demands of a deacon, what are they for; what do deacons do?

### 1. Acts 6:1-7

1. Free the ministers to focus on preaching, discipleship, and prayer
2. Promote church harmony
3. Take care of the welfare of the membership
4. Provide an effective Christian witness
5. Offer an expanded leadership

Acts 6 shows us clearly what deacons do. First of all, they free the ministers and elders to focus on prayer and scripture. This is one of the reasons I've had elders participate in the worship in this capacity, but at a day-to-day, practical level, deacons can help free the elders from a lot of the pastoral responsibilities so that they can really serve as men of prayer, and able interpreters and appliers of Scripture.

Secondly, deacons work to promote harmony in the Church, and they do this by being on the front lines of people's pain and disappointment. In their pastoral care, deacons direct the people of God to Jesus Christ, and away from the conflicts around them, and they forge a unity that is in Christ this way, and not in circumstances.

Most importantly, they care for the welfare of the church, and this means in particular, their practical welfare, from physical needs all the way to spiritual needs, visiting, praying and even offering communion to hurting saints. This is one of the great needs at Christ Chapel, and one I hope the deacons will offer great service in.

Deacons also are powerful examples of Christ to the Church and the community. Think of Stephen or Philip in Acts. Both were deacons, but their ministry led them to care for many outside their orbit of responsibility.

Finally, they offered an expanded leadership in the Church, not in terms of its direction, or in doctrine — that was the duty of the elders — but in terms of spiritual authority; to pray for the sick, to heal the distressed, to offer godly counsel, and to direct people to Christ.

We have a lot of gifted people at Christ Chapel, and a lot of leaders. Being a deacon is one way of exercising spiritual gifts, and leading people deeper into fellowship with Christ.

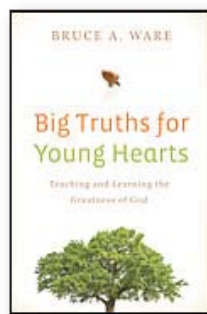
As our deacons ministry begins to take on new shape, please pray for the appropriate people who will serve in this capacity. We need deacons to do all these things listed above, but we need them to be the kind of people with the character traits of such men and women, too. ■

## FROM THE PASTOR'S BOOK SHELF

What Dr. Lotz reading this month:



**God Is Back: How the Global Rise of Faith Will Change the World**  
by John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge



**Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God**  
by Bruce A. Ware

## LOVE NOTES

“Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”

~ Jeremiah 31:3

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

~ 1 John 4:10

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

~ Romans 8:38-39 ■



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***“Beloved,  
let us love one  
another: for  
love is of God”***

I John 4:7a