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Fort Myers Beach, Florida

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"In the Refiner's Fire?"

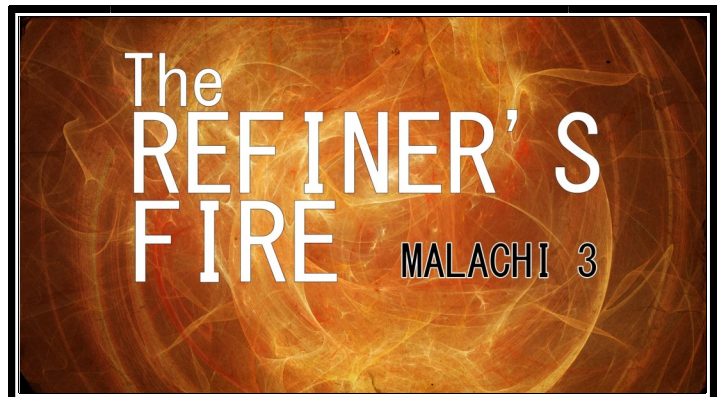
Malachi 3:1-4

Hello, once again, to the Chapel by the Sea community and grace and peace to you in Jesus' name! On Sunday, May 15, I preached a sermon entitled, "In the Refiner's Fire?" and I thought it would be good to summarize that sermon for our whole community's benefit because it seems that many of us are going through our own "personal fires." Consider this: About 1.4 million years ago, humans discovered fire, and fire is used to create light and warmth, and to cook food. Fire is also used to purify that which is unclean or contaminated. For example, it's not safe to drink water straight from a lake or a pond without first purifying it. One way to do that is with fire, which heats up the water and kills the bacteria.

The prophet Malachi explains a process of purification that takes place when gold is put over a hot fire. The refiner melts down the bars of gold, separates out the impure and worthless stuff (also known as dross) from the pure, and then lets the gold cool and harden. However, it is now much more pure and valuable, but it had to go through the refiner's fire first. Malachi's lesson is that just as gold, a precious metal, must go through the fire in order to become more pure and valuable, so must we as God's children go through the "fires" of life to become more like Jesus. The fires of life are experienced during times of trial, tribulation, and tragedy—during times of great pain, suffering, and grief. These are NOT fun times! However, James 1:3 says, **"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."** In other words, great difficulty, even times of great pain, can produce something good within us. During this time of passing through our personal fires, God is making us more pure, more authentic, more loving, more compassionate, more joyful, and in short, more like Jesus Christ. Of course, we don't realize it at the time, but it's true. Because of Jesus Christ, hard times do not have to make us bitter; instead they can make us better. Our setback is a setup for a comeback when it comes to our faith in God.

Consider this, violent winds drove a devastating fire through Yellowstone National Park. A few years back, hot, dry weather challenged the firefighters who battled day and night trying to save lives, buildings, and precious landscapes. In spite of their best efforts, this monster fire scorched thousands of acres. When the smoke cleared, blackened and starkly bare hills had replaced the beautifully forested wilderness. A few months later, a park ranger was escorting a tour group through the park and shocked them when he said, "This fire was the best thing that could have happened to this park." He explained the need for the choking underbrush to be totally cleared out. "Then from the ashes," he said, "come wonderful nutrients for the soil. New life is now allowed to spring forth. The future of Yellowstone forest land depends upon purifying fires every 50 years or so. What we viewed as tragedy was nature's way of preserving and protecting the future. You won't believe how beautiful this park will be in a few years!"

Dear friends, personal losses or family tragedies or other times of suffering are like purifying fires in our lives. When our personal fires are raging, and later, when all we can see are the ashes, realize that God, as the divine refiner, is making new life possible! Our thanks be to God!



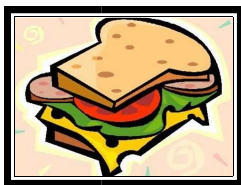
In Christ's love,
Pastor Steve Adkison

happenings at CBTS

Celebrate Our Stewardship!

Since the Veranda Project began, we have raised over \$141,000 toward our goal of \$150,000! Work yet to be completed is installation of the railings, approximately June 1, and concrete sealing, shortly thereafter. Our contractor, Wright Construction, has refunded over \$22,000 from the original contract, making completion financially possible.

Congratulations and our grateful thanks to all who supported this important effort to maintain the structural integrity of the CBTS building and to Wright Construction for their help! After the completion and we close out this project, any remaining funds will be transferred to the Air-Conditioning Replacement Fund.



Mark your Calendars

The first Sunday of each month there will be a luncheon following the Communion Service. June 5 is Communion Sunday.

We hope you will stay and enjoy "communing" with your fellow worshipers for a "cold cut" lunch.



Upcoming Sunday Event

On Sunday, June 12 following services, we will host an "Old-Fashioned" Church Picnic. Join us for fun, family and fulfillment along with fried chicken and salads.



Calling All Bridge and Mahjong Players

Enjoy friendly competition? The Chapel would like to start its own Bridge and Mahjong Clubs. This would be a great way to stay in touch with your fellow members, new and old alike, as well as keep your mind alert and nimble. If you are interested in joining "The Club", call or email Denise, Office Administrator, (239) 463-3137 ext. 20 or denise@chapelbts.org.

Highlights of the Stated Session Meeting from April 26, 2016

- The Stated Session Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016 were approved.
- Session received Diane and Tom Means as Affiliated Members.
- The Evote policy will be reviewed by the Administration Committee.
- Joan and Don Cady were elected as Chapel's Two (2) commissioners to the Stated Peace River Presbytery Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, FL.
- Policy & Procedure #3.1 FACILITY USE, #9.3 WEDDINGS, and #11.1 GOD'S TABLE were approved and available for review at www.Chapelbts.org
- As of April 5, 2016 Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison will continue teaching Solomon's Porch (adult discussion/education/study) using Reading the Bible with Rene' Girard as their book.
- Chapel will provide a \$1,000.00 donation to Mision Pinel.
- Mission request of \$1,000.00 to be donated to Habitat for Humanity is sent to the Finance/Stewardship Committee for review at their May 11, 2016 meeting.
- Vision 2020 was well received with ideas and thoughts for the future. The question Session discussed was where do we go from here regarding Vision 2020? All agreed that back to the committees would be the first step. Also agreed, was the desire to continue forward with the ideas and thoughts for the future.

June Liturgist 10:00 a.m.

- June 5 Jennifer Pinkard
- June 12 Marylu Marshall
- June 19 Dean Southworth
- June 26 Miffie Greer

Study Groups & Classes....

Solomon's Porch

Join us on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4.

happenings at CBTs

Cards for Shut-Ins

The kids in the Children's Church Class made cards for church members who haven't been able to make it to Worship Service.



Children's Church

The children made Mother's Day gifts at Children's Church.



Cedarkirk

Summer Camp

A giant "Thank You" to those who have contributed to helping our children go to Cedarkirk this summer. We already have some very excited children! If you would like to contribute so we can

increase the number able to attend, please let Denise in the Chapel office know. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to attend, pick up an application form in the office. This is an incredible experience for our young people!



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Chapel Mission Outreach Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join the Chapel Mission Outreach Committee. Make new friends, worship and get closer to God when you join us serving hungry farm workers at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Chapel usually volunteers the fourth Friday of each month. The Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns about 2:45 p.m. The sign-up sheets are posted in Silver Hall.



Prayer shawls and quilt to raffle next season.

families, shut-ins, nursing home residents and others in need. No special talents are required. Contact Nancy Bell at (845) 863-5222 for more information.

Sew N Sews

The Sew N Sews meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5. A mission and fellowship group, they meet each week to sew, knit or craft items to meet the needs of low income day-care centers, the homeless, Im-

mokalee farm workers and their

Run Across Georgia Fundraiser

Our very own Chapel Member Nancy Bell, who volunteers at Sew and Sews, Children's Church, Nursery, the D&F Committee and many other areas of need, has a son Adam who is taking on a very monumental endeavor.

This Memorial Day weekend (May 25th-29th) Nancy's son will be participating in a 260-mile race across Georgia, which is raising money for House of Heroes. House for Heroes mission is to provide assistance to Military and Public Safety veterans in the repair and maintenance of their homes. Also supported by this race is Make-A-Wish and Camp Abilities Columbus GA (which benefits children who are blind or visually impaired).

Adam Bell is part of an 8-person team that will be running 260 miles in 40 hours or less. To pledge donations to Adam you may go to <http://raceroster.com/events/2016/7637/2016-run-across-georgia/pledge/team?id=14>. Donation period closes June 15th, 2016.

This is a long thing to type in, but very worthwhile. Please help support Adam in this race and the causes it represents. God Bless and Safe Journey, Adam and the RWB Eagles. (RWB= Red, White and Blue)

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SIS (Sister's In Spirit)

SIS stands for "Sisters in Spirit" and is a group of women here at Chapel who meet once a month. All women are welcome to join! This month SIS will meet for lunch on Tuesday, June 14 at the Gulfshore Grill at 11:30 a.m. Please fill out the Communication Card at Worship Service, or call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630 if you are going so we know how many reservations to make.



SIS enjoying lunch at Truly Scrumptious last month.

We are pleased to announce those who have become active members and affiliate members to our Chapel family! Welcome!

James and Sondra Hunt
Tom and Diane Means
Emily Porter

Eternal rest give unto them o' Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

In Memoriam

Edgar (Ed) Fergus
Arthur (Art) Klumpp
Terry Magnuson
Arnold (Arnie) Vander Spoel
Sue Ann (Suzie) Wertz

June Birthdays

1 Earle Queen	13 Miffie Greer
3 Nancy Combs	15 Louis Monaco
3 Karyl Miller	18 June Bidgood
4 Lloyd Hicks	18 Cheri Boyer
7 Nadine Freeman	18 Amy Stevens
7 Carolyn Logan	19 Carol Bryant
8 Neil Callahan	20 Mary Lou Ellyatt
9 Shirley Rouse	25 Hannah Adkison
9 Robert Swanbeck	26 Dan Wickell
9 Ruth Zook	29 Rudy Stanzel
10 Mary Lou Dietz	30 Ray Tegner

June Anniversaries

1 Dick & Mary Ann Geib
9 Dean & Kim Southworth
10 Landon & Lois Doggett
11 Phil & Joan Byers
11 Gerry & Sharon Trantina
12 Phil & Tonya Reasoner
13 George & Sandy Cox
16 Jan & Patty Van Gorder
17 Don & Joan Cady
18 Don & Doretta Coon
20 Hal & Karyl Miller
21 Barry & Carolyn Ahlemeier
25 John & Beth Leys
25 Will & Grace VandenBerg
28 Will & Mary Jo Jacobs

Flowers

Flowers are a beautiful way to honor loved ones and God. Sign up in the church office.

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Chapel by the Sea Volunteers of the Month...

Edward Milde and Tanya Podley



We have been in the Lee County area for over 25 years and lived on Fort Myers Beach for the last 9 years, until recently moving off island. We have five children, just welcomed our fifth grandchild and also have three rescue dogs. We volunteered at Chapel through God's Table before we became members of the Church. After meeting Pastor Steve and talking with him at great length we decided to visit Chapel on Sundays and fell in love with the church, its members and the fact that so much was giving back to the community. We enjoy volunteering and look forward to being able to help in any manner that we can. Thank you for letting us join your family.



Think Summer...Think Safety

Summer is the time when we are at most risk for natural disasters such as: hurricanes, flooding, brushfires and tornados. The key to surviving these disasters is understanding the risks and being prepared.

Whether you are in Florida or up north, your County has an Emergency Management Department with information to assist you. In Fort Myers you call (239) 477-3600. Take the time to call after you read this and ask them to send information today!

No matter where you are this summer, everyone should have a 72-hour Disaster Survival Kit prepared. To help you survive, you need to pack a 3-day supply, for each person, of the following essential items: non-perishable food (cans or boxes); manual can opener; first aid kit, battery operated radio and flashlight as well as extra batteries; blankets, pillows, sleeping bags or lawn chairs; sanitary supplies; cards, books or small games; rain gear and warm clothing; and most importantly drinking WATER, 1 gallon per person per day and other drinks.

This seems like a big task, but most people have these items already, except the extra batteries and water. If there is a disaster predicted and you must evacuate, all you need to do is pull these items together to take with you. There are also many online resources available such as leegov.com/hurricane, redcross.org and noaa.gov. These websites provide information on evacuation plans, how to prepare your home, etc. Be safe this summer... think SAFETY.

Spiritual Commitment

I will support the church

- by attending faithfully
- By living a Christ-like life
- by giving regularly

I will share the responsibility of my church

- by praying for its growth
- by inviting the community to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

I will protect the unity of my church

- By acting in love toward other members and all people
- by refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

I will serve the church

- by discovering my gifts and talents and using them
- by developing a servant's heart
- by studying the Bible daily

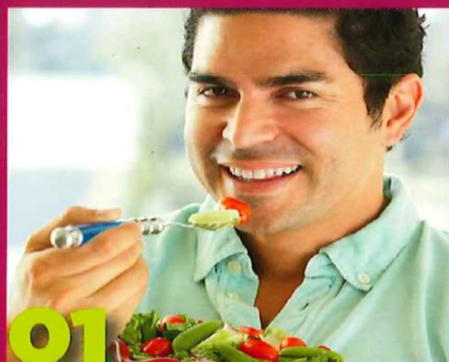
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From Chapel's Parish Nurse...

Ann
Fossum,
RN,
Parish
Nurse



June is Men's Health Month



01 Eat Healthy. Start by taking small steps like saying no to super-sizing and yes to a healthy breakfast. Eat many different types of foods to get all the vitamins and minerals you need. Add at least one fruit and vegetable to every meal.



02 Get Moving. Play with your kids or grandkids. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Do yard work. Play a sport. Keep comfortable walking shoes handy at work and in the car. Most importantly, choose activities that you enjoy to stay motivated.



03 Make Prevention a Priority. Many health conditions can be detected early with regular checkups from your healthcare provider. Regular screenings may include blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate health and more.

"Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue." Congressman Bill Richardson (May 1994)

100%

Women are 100% more likely than men to visit the doctor for annual exams and preventative services.

1 in 2

1 in 2 men are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime compared with 1 in 3 women.

1994

On May 31, 1994 President Bill Clinton signed the bill establishing National Men's Health Week.

88.9

In 2010, there were 88.9 men for every 100 women in the age group 65-69.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Men's Health Month
menshealthmonth.org

Men's Health Network
menshealthnetwork.org

Get It Checked
getitchecked.com

Talking About Men's Health Blog
talkingaboutmenshealth.com

Men's Health Resource Center
menshealthresourcecenter.com



MensHealthMonth



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*New beginnings
are often disguised
as painful endings.
- Lao Tzu*

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