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"The Risk-Taking Church"



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Hello, once again, to the Chapel by the Sea community and grace name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! August is finally upon us, and son has passed by rather quickly. During the summer months when I was the local community pool. Many summer days were spent there with my low diving boards and one high diving board. I could dive easily off the low diving board, but I was still scared, I thought, "What if I dive and I hit my head?" I could break a nose or even drown!" Even though the pool was so shallow, I had too much fear to take that risk. Then the day came when I was determined to overcome my fears, and dive off of the high dive. As I climbed up the ladder to the high dive, I was still scared, but I pushed through it and got to the top of the diving board and there I stood. I finally went for it and dove off of the high dive for the very first time. And guess what? I didn't break a nose, or a neck, and I didn't die! I had taken a risk, faced my fears, and completed my first dive. In Olympic terms, it certainly was NOT a 10, maybe a 2, but I had done it, and after that, you couldn't keep me from diving off of that high dive, but I had to be a risk-taker first and foremost!

The church has to take risks, as well, if it wants to move into the vision that God has in mind for it. Looking back to April, many at Chapel by the Sea gathered around breakfast tables in Silver Hall to explore what God's vision could possibly be for us. It was a wonderful time of enjoying good food, of fellowship and of sharing hopes and dreams of our future together. Many of these hopes and dreams for Chapel will require risk-taking but is Chapel a "risk-taking church"? Well, in terms of fulfilling our vision, there are three different types of churches that we need to consider. What are they?

First, there is the **"Under-Taking Church"** where the church is always looking backwards. There is much discussion about the "good old days". The church misses a lot of what is happening today because it is always looking back to yesterday. Decisions in this kind of church are based on what has worked in the past—if it was good enough for the church then, it must be good enough for it now. Of course, this is not always the case. While the church can learn from the past, it cannot live there. Theologian Helmut Thielicke said, **"The Gospel must be preached afresh and told in new ways to every generation, since every generation has its own unique questions. The Gospel must constantly be forwarded to a new address, because the recipient is repeatedly changing his place of residence."**

Second, there is the **"Care-Taking Church"** which is always concerned with pressing issues and trying simply to keep its head above water. This kind of church is in maintenance mode and decisions are based on immediate assets, with the number one question being, "Do we have the money now to support this?"

Finally, there is the **"Risk-Taking Church"** which primarily looks to the future. This church believes the best is yet to come and invest all they have today so that they can be all that God wants them to be tomorrow. However, one of the reasons churches don't take risks is fear of failure. However, failure is just a part of life and is often a prerequisite to success. In fact, it has been said that "failure is the backdoor to success."

In closing, is Chapel a risk-taking church? I believe it is or at least can be but reaching our vision comes from the laity so it is imperative that each committee take the lead in helping bring at least one or two of your committee's ideas to a reality. Go ahead, take a risk, don't worry about failure, and just see what God can and will do!

In Christ's love,
Dr. Steve Adkison

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Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped to send children to Cedar Kirk Summer Camp this year! The

campers participated in a daily Bible study and evening worship. They explored scripture and the ways it related to themselves, to others and the world. And they had the chance to come together through music and different activities such as zip lining, canoeing, rock climbing and much more! The children left with a sense of accomplishment for their own and others' abilities, and a greater relationship with God. Again, thank you to everyone who helped make camp possible this year, and make a positive difference in children's lives!

Session Update

During the June session meeting, John Rotach gave a report on his survey of Chapel as it relates to hurricane preparedness. He is recommending the purchase of a small generator, emergency flashlights, and a radio with NOAA, sandbags and a supply of water.

Correspondence from Pastor Jafvert was shared. Anyone wishing to view the letter will find it posted on the bulletin board on the left as you enter Silver Hall.

A letter from Peace River Presbytery was shared requesting volunteers for committee work. Members who are interested should contact Rexann, clerk of session, at rhosafros@gmail.com.

In committee reports, Steve Fisher gave an update regarding the road construction use of our parking lot and their commitment for compensation via check and future improvement of the lot. Jack Garner reported that the finance committee is moving up the budgeting process. He also discussed a sudden opportunity to purchase a concert quality piano from an estate. The music committee already has substantial pledges in place and will begin further fundraising. Session approved moving forward with the purchase.

What's New at Chapel?

Parking Lot

Thank you to Leo Bateman, of Bateman Contracting, for his generous donation to our efforts to update our overflow parking lot.

New Address

Pastor Emeritus Don Jafvert and his wife, Bess enjoy receiving the monthly Chapel Tidings. This communication keeps them in touch with our community and their old friends. Please pass along their new address: 932 Westminster Circle, Apt. 133, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

CBTS Weekly Email Blast

At the end of May, the Chapel began sending weekly email blasts to those who have provided an email address. These emails provide information on weekly activities as well as upcoming events and special messages. If you are not receiving the blast and would like to be added, please send your email address to denise@chapelbts.org.

New Members

All three individuals have joined as a reaffirmation of their Faith and Commitment to Christ. Welcome!... Joan Haerr, Kathy McFalls, and Stephen Light.

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-date Receipts (as of 5/31/16)

- Contributions/Pledges \$221,704
- Expenses \$152,606

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- Net :) \$69,098

Thank you for your continued support!

Live for giving thanks! Understand that everything we do and everything we have comes from God, whose unconditional love lifts us up each and every day. Let us continue our thanksgiving, with grateful hearts, by giving of what God has provided.

August Liturgists 10:00 a.m.

- August 7 Laura Miller
- Augusts 14 Laura Miller
- August 21 Miffie Greer
- August 28 Jennifer Pinkard

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Sew N Sews Project Updates



Those who participate in Sew N Sews have been busy crocheting, knitting and sewing up a storm. We would like to thank all those who have donated a crocheted or knitted a Prayer Shawl. We now have an ample supply of shawls to distribute during the upcoming season. On Sunday, September 18, as part of the 10:00 a.m. service, there will be a special blessing over these shawls. The Prayer Shawls will be on display in the front of the Sanctuary Altar. Also completed this year were reusable personal items for middle-school aged girls. Without such items, these girls would be unable to continue their education uninterrupted. Something so small, yet so significant to the recipients.



Recently, the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation approached Sew N Sews with a request. In conjunction with the 4H Trailblazers and the Fort Myers Brewing Company, we were asked to turn grain bags into reusable bags, which will be donated to the town of Fort Myers Beach. The town will distribute the bags to local businesses in an effort to reduce the number of plastic bags, which often become litter. The Sew N Sews received the pattern and supplies and have sewn 24 bags!

Looking ahead, we will begin making Humanitarian Dolls to be included in the Operation Christmas Shoeboxes. This project is derived from Hope 4 Women International, a Christian organization bringing dignity and empowerment to women around the world. If you have an hour or two on any given Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. please come to Chapel and share in this wonderful opportunity to give of yourself to those who are in need of outreach.

Operation Christmas Child ... Shoebox Time Has Arrived!



Your gifts will bring joy and the message of God's Love to children in need throughout the world. Fill a shoebox with toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items and accessories appropriate for a boy or girl of your choosing. Pray for the child who will receive your gifts. Include a personal note, and a check for \$7.00 payable to Samaritan's Purse for shipping costs. Shoeboxes are due at Chapel by Sunday, November 13, 2016.



Chapel Cats

The Chapel Cats performed at Worship Service in July. The "Cats" are looking for additional singers to join this group. If you enjoy singing "Praise and Worship" songs, give our Music Director, Michael Melnikov a call at (239) 331-5301. We are also looking to expand the number of instruments played in this group.



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Fourth of July Weekend Fun!

A very special "thank you" to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped here at Chapel over the Fourth of July weekend!



Looking for an easy, fun recipe to serve?

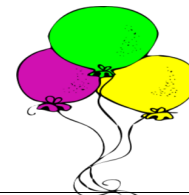
Pull out the Chapel by the Sea Cookbook. No need to shop, I'm sure you already have all the ingredients. Open your heart and fill your home with the spirit of the Lord.

A Recipe for Life

4 c. of love	5 T. of hope
2 c. of loyalty	2 T. of tenderness
3 c. of forgiveness	4 qt. of faith
1 c of friendship	1 barrel of laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine and serve daily. *A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17a*

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Barbara & Roger Welton

Roger and Barbara Welton moved to Fort Myers Beach in December of 1987 from the capitol district of NY state. Barbara retired from school teaching in Troy, NY.

Roger retired from insurance marketing for the Farm Bureau Ins Co. of the north eastern states, called Farm Family. Barbara and Roger have 2 children, a daughter Donna, who is a diplomat for the U.S. State Dept. and a son David, who is with the University of Miami (FL). David and his wife are both part-time Presbyterian ministers. They do pulpit substituting and other work for the Presbytery in the Miami area.

Roger and Barbara joined Chapel By The Sea in 1988. Both have been very active since - serving on various committees at Chapel. Barb is a longtime member of the worship committee, and shares scheduling of the greeters with Ginny Young. Roger has primarily been involved with the church finances, including filling in as interim chair of the finance committee earlier this year. Roger also sings in the Chapel choir. Both of them are ordained elders and have enjoyed serving communion to shut-in members of the Chapel in recent years. Their other volunteering is at the Beach Kiwanis thrift shop - doing that for 22 years! They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on July 23rd.

August Birthdays

2 Emory Brown	21 Char Hamilton
2 Jim Koprowski	22 Marylu Marshall
4 Jean Epperson	23 Eddie Collins
6 Jack Palmer	23 Alex Peterson
7 Dudley Moore	25 Karen Rhude
8 Sue Sebby	25 Ginny Slavens
12 Huggy Ellyatt	27 Dottie Callahan
14 Ed Osborne	27 Jason Freeman
14 Nathanael Dean Stevens	27 Jack Garner
17 Ron Willow	28 Sally Patton
20 Rex Miller	

August Anniversaries

6 Jack & Marge Burrell	15 Mel & Dee Sandquist
6 Jeff & Jeanne Butzer	19 John & Ginny Slavens
7 Ron & Joan Edman	20 Rudy & Peg Stanzel
9 Bill & Cheri Boyer	24 Kim & Marianne Worden
12 Eugene & Sally Kelley	25 Dick & Priscilla Wonkka
12 Bob & Kathro Taylor	26 Doug & June Bidgood
15 Louis & Lynda Monaco	27 John & Nancy Henneberger

Flowers

This month the flowers on Sunday morning were given by Sondra A. Hunt in loving memory of Diana Glynn (Mother of Sondra) and Caroline Hunt (Mother of James).

Flowers are a beautiful way to honor loved ones and God. If you would like to sign up for flowers, please fill out a card and the chart in the Church Office or call the Church Office at (239) 463-3173.

Correction

It was stated in the July Tidings that Huggy Ellyatt was the last surviving member, at Chapel, to serve in WWII. That was incorrect. The community reached out to our office to let us know that there are several WWII veterans still active in our Chapel membership. We apologize for this mistake. We take this opportunity to salute and recognize those members: Charles "Chuck" Golden, William Johnson, Robert Liston Grove Searly, Jr.

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Ann Fossum, RN,
Parish Nurse

From Chapel's Parish Nurse... I think we can always use a reminder about staying safe in the sun. It's easy to forget to use sunscreen and to drink lots of water. We get busy with running errands, doing yard work, or taking a walk outside to enjoy our sunny tropical weather. Speaking of weather, are you prepared for storm season? Here at Chapel we are updating our plans and I encourage you to do the same. Florida Power and Light has an excellent website on how to prepare your home....www.fpl.com/storm.... If you live on the Island be sure to get your 2016-2017 hurricane pass at the Fort Myers Beach Town Hall, call (239) 765-0202 for more information. In our church office, we have a packet of information for you, along with a Hurricane Guide – stop by to pick up this important information.

Stay Safe, Ann Fossum, RN, BSN, FCN
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Aging To Perfection Program... Strengthening Healthy Lifestyles program for older adults. Three 90-minute sessions will be offered on August 1, 8, 15. The program is **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public. This program empowers older adults by enhancing their problem-solving skills and the ability to manage difficult situations. Designed to connect people and resources with innovative ideas and strategies to live a healthy lifestyle as we age. The 3-session interactive program is in partnership with The Hanley Center. Each session will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m. and will take place at Chapel by the Sea (in Silver Hall).
Monday, August 1: *Factors that put people at risk and the factors that can protect them. Participants will receive stress balls and ponchos.*
Monday, August 8: *Relationship building with your doctor and how to improve it, as well as the importance of your pharmacist as a resource. Participants will receive doctor note cards and medicine cards.*
August 15: *The importance of rituals and traditions, why we need them and how they change over the course of our lives. Participants will receive a canvas shopping bag.*

Handling the Summer Heat... Although high temperatures can be dangerous, don't be afraid to spend some time outside. But make sure you're following a few guidelines to make sure you're not overdoing it:

- Dress for the heat with lightweight, light-colored clothing in breathable fabrics, like cotton.
 - Stay hydrated with cups of water before, during, and after your time outside, especially during exercise. Avoid alcohol or caffeinated beverages.
 - Limit your time outdoors and try to avoid being outside between noon and 3 PM. These early afternoon hours are when the sun is at its strongest.
 - Take frequent breaks to go inside or find shade. Spend a few minutes there re-hydrating, and then get back to having fun.
- For most of us, following these guidelines for time spent outdoors this summer can protect against serious health risks like heat exhaustion or heat stroke. But for some people, particularly heart patients and those with similar health issues, additional precautions should be taken.

"Patients who are overweight, over the age of 50, have a heart condition, or who are taking blood pressure medications should be extra careful in summer heat," says Dr. Herling. "In cases like these, it's best to have a conversation with your doctor about how much time you can spend outdoors, and specific activities to avoid."

Recognizing heat exhaustion and heat stroke... No matter what the state of your health is, there are some symptoms you shouldn't ignore. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can both be results of spending too much time in the sun, and are signs that it's time to head inside. Heat exhaustion, which is less severe than heat stroke but still serious, is marked by symptoms like:

- Headache, dark urine, cool, moist skin, dizziness, nausea or vomiting.

If you're experiencing the symptoms of heat exhaustion, stop what you're doing and head for shade or a cooler environment. These symptoms are also indicative of dehydration, so re-hydrate with water, and use cool compresses and wet cloths to bring down your body's temperature.

Heat stroke, which can be particularly dangerous, has many of the same symptoms as heat exhaustion, but can also be accompanied by others, like:

- Warm, dry skin with no sweating, weak and rapid pulse, confusion or unconsciousness, high fever, headache, nausea or vomiting, rapid, shallow breathing

If you notice any of these symptoms, go indoors and call 911 immediately. There's no need to fear time spent under the sun this summer, but make sure you put your heart—and your health—first.

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Mango Mania

Chapel enjoyed mangoes and recipes with mangoes after Worship Service on July 24. Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship, coffee and goodies in Silver Hall each Sunday after Worship Service. And on the first Sunday of each month there will be a luncheon following the Communion Service.



Arlene driving the Church bus to Immokalee.

The Immokalee Soup Kitchen

Join Chapel the 4th Friday of each month at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Have fun making new friends, getting closer to God, and helping to serve hungry farm workers and their families. 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.



Chapel volunteers riding the Church bus to the Immokalee Soup Kitchen.



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Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group Adult Study and Discussion

The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West...AGAIN

By George G. Hunter III

Tuesday, 3:00 p.m., Session Room, Silver Hall, Book Cost: \$14.00

August 2: Chapter 7, "The Relevance of First-Millennium Celtic
Christianity for Third-Millennium Western
Christianity"

August 9: Chapter 8, "The Celtic Future of the Christian
Movement in the West"

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, August 9 at Mr. Tequila 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.

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