



# Glad Tidings

Fort Myers Beach, Florida

June 1, 2014

**Congregational Meeting**  
**June 8 following 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**The Rev. Dr. Stephen Adkison to preach**  
**Elder Max Furbringer to moderate meeting**

**Meet the prospective pastor and family**  
**on Saturday, June 7, 4:00 p.m., Silver Hall**

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Excerpt from Dr. Bagley's recent sermon: "A Church for All Seasons:"

*...Here are thirteen practical thoughts about what your new pastor and family will need from you.*

*He will need your help in getting to know you—250 of you in the summer and 500 to 750 of you in the winter's high season. Tell him and his family your name each time you speak until you begin to hear them call your name.*

*Tell him about Chapel...but not too much. Let your new pastor form opinions of his own. Provide facts, not opinions.*

*The most important first task will be getting to know you. Give your new pastor time to get "set up," making slight adjustments that fit his style of working, ministry, and communication. The interim time has been one in which you and I have tried to plug holes in the dike, but all of them will never be plugged. Be patient.*

*Your new pastor needs to be involved in all facets of the church...included in all committee discussions, initially for a few months. At the appropriate time (which is not in the hallway going into the sanctuary just before preaching or just after worship having greeted several hundred worshippers), tell him you would like to give him an overview of the "X" committee or program at his convenience. Something in writing with your name is always helpful.*

*Remember that he (nor any other minister dead or alive) is an expert at every phase of pastoral ministry. Usually, a strong expertise in one area means a weakness in another. You can't part your hair on both sides at the same time. Ministers only become "saints" after they have gone. All ministers have clay feet.*

*Let your new pastor, spouse, daughter, and son be themselves.*

*Remember that pastors have feelings, too. By their very nature, if they are good pastors, they have sensitive hearts. To survive in the ministry, you have to develop a thick skin, but most ministers, by nature of their "priestly" duties have compassionate, soft hearts. They bleed just like everybody else.*

*Be faithful in your commitment to Chapel, in addition to God. Renew your commitment to be in worship as often as you are in town, if you can. Be willing to try a new place of service and new forms of worship.*

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*Be faithful in your financial giving. Every church that goes through an interim period loses a few members and church receipts tend to drop. They are going to pick back up, but your help is needed to make that happen.*

*Remember that your new pastor and family have just left a home, a church, friends, comfortable surroundings, and they need time to grieve some of these losses even as they celebrate their new friendships with you.*

*If you have a problem or concern about something in the church or with the new pastor, call or stop by at a convenient time to talk about it. Problems are hard to solve when you don't talk about them...whether in your home or the church.*

*Introduce your new pastor to the community. Your pastor will be a pastor to Fort Myers Beach and Fort Myers in addition to being a pastor and head of staff at Chapel.*

*And last, your new pastor and spouse are going to love you—they can't help but do so. Tell them you love them as well, just as you have done so with Jennifer and me.*

## Stewardship Update

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts  
(as of 5/28/2014)  
\$195,211.00

Year-to-Date-Budget Needs  
(as of 5/28/2014)  
\$245,712.00

**Capital Campaign Update**  
Total Receipts-to-Date  
(as of 5/28/2014)  
\$131,792.00

Additional Anticipated Pledges  
(as of 5/28/2014)  
\$37,095.00

## Highlights from the May 27 Meeting of Session

Minutes from the Stated Session Meeting of April 22, 2014 were approved as were two email votes.

In the near future, repairs will be completed to the kitchen stove in Silver Hall.

Reviewing, rewording, and updating of Chapel's Policies and Procedures is and has been done by many of the committees. The Personnel Committee is assisting with the process. To better reflect their role, the Personnel Committee has been renamed: Personnel and Policy Advisory Committee. Chapel's website: chapelbts.org is now the official source for Chapel's Policies and Procedures.

With sadness, we recorded the death of Warren Able on May 26, 2014. The following members have been removed from Chapel's roles as they requested: Gail DeBenedett, Nadine Hudson, James and Barbara Whitton.

At the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), there will be a Called Congregational Meeting on June 8, 2014 after the 10am service for the purpose of receiving their nomination of Rev. Dr. Stephen Adkison as Chapel by the Sea's Installed Pastor. Rev. Adkison will offer the sermon for the 10 a.m. service. A "meet & greet" with Rev. Adkison and family is planned for Saturday, June 7 in Silver Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners provided a report from the Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery of May 22, 2014 at Cypress Lakes Presbyterian church.

Session extend its thanks and appreciation to Gary Bagley for his commitment and dedication to Chapel by the Sea during these past 16 months. His leadership and expertise has been very much appreciated. Gary, we are sad to see you leave and wish you well as you return to your home in Georgia. Thank you so very much for all you did for Chapel by the Sea. God bless you!

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## Chapel Volunteer Appreciation

Each month we will get to know a little more about our volunteers here at Chapel. Our volunteers are greatly appreciated!



One of Chapel's Volunteers,  
Janet DeBenedett

This month features Janet DeBenedett. Janet volunteers in the Chapel office on Friday mornings until noon. A Florida resident, she has lived on Fort Myers Beach since 1987. She spends her summers in Lavallette, New Jersey near the Atlantic Ocean. A former teacher/guidance counselor in Clifton, New Jersey, Janet is now retired. Her husband, Vincent, is deceased. Janet has two children, John and Lynn, and three beautiful grandchildren.

Hobbies of Janet's include bowling, golf (on executive courses), and

bridge. We are very thankful for all of Janet's help this past busy season. We look forward to seeing her back here at Chapel after the summer season.

## Its Time For Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is from June 23 - June 27, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer. More volunteers are still needed. Please contact Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883. We will have a brief get-acquainted meeting after the 10:00 a.m. service on June 22 in Silver Hall.

## Sunday School/ Nursery

Volunteers are needed to assist with Sunday School and the nursery this summer. This would involve a commitment of one Sunday a month during June, July and August. Curriculum will be provided. Please fill out the white Communication Card or contact Miffie Greer at (239) 765-6560 or miffieg@gmail.com.

## Adult Classes and Study Group Opportunities

### "Solomon's Porch Discussion Group"

Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.  
Silver Hall, Room 4

## Men's Ministry Group

The group will resume again in October. Please watch the bulletin and Glad Tidings for the exact startup date. Blessings to all who participated.

## Committee Assignments Chapel by the Sea 2014

**Administration & Finance**  
Bob Nunn (Chair)

**Buildings & Grounds**  
Dean Southworth (Chair)

**Discipleship & Fellowship**  
Miffie Greer (Chair)  
Elaine Brinkman, liaison

**Missions & Outreach**  
Bill Turner (Chair)

**Personnel**  
Ron Buss (Chair)  
Jan Kitchen, liaison

**Worship**  
Landon Doggett (Chair)  
Beth Cherry, liaison

# MUSIC *notes*

## **Young Musicians Concert**

On Sunday afternoon fourteen young musicians performed in the last concert of the season. Several of the pianists also sang as they played. A reception was held afterwards.



## ***Chapel by the Sea Concert Series for the Upcoming Year***

November 16, 2014, 2:00 p.m. – Priscila Navarro and Dr. Michael Baron

January 18, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – Sassy Quartet

February 8, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – Doug Renfroe and Friends

May 17, 2015 1:00 p.m. – Children's Piano Recital

***Last month the Chapel Bells and Choir enjoyed their annual picnic.***



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The ladies of Chapel's SIS group (and friends) enjoyed wonderful food and fellowship at Matanzas on the Bay at the last meeting.



The next SIS meeting will be June 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Skip One Seafood on San Carlos. Call Nancy Combs for more information at (239) 233-8630.

## Sew N Sews

Sew n Sews have been working on Christmas Items! They meet every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5. Everyone is welcome!

## June Birthdays

3 Karyl Miller	10 Mary Lou Dietz	20 Mary Lou Ellyatt
4 Lloyd Hicks	13 Beverly Vogel	21 Madeline Lockwood
5 Bonita Violette	13 Miffie Greer	26 Dan Wickell
7 Carolyn Logan	15 Louis Monaco	28 Riley Monahan
7 Nadine Freeman	17 Jim Morris	29 Rudy Stanzel
8 Neil Callahan	18 Cheri Boyer	30 Ray Tegner
9 Shirly Rouse	18 Amy Stevens	
9 Ruth Zook	19 Carol Bryant	
9 Robert Swanbeck		



## June Anniversaries

Dick & Mary Ann Geib	6/1 (over 50 years)
Steve & Cathy Raps	6/1 (over 50 years)
Romas Sprein & Tamara McPheron	6/7
Dean & Kim Southworth	6/9
Landon & Lois Doggett	6/10
Phil & Joan Byers	6/11 (over 50 years)
Gerry & Sharon Trantina	6/11
Phil & Tonya Reasoner	6/12
George & Sandy Cox	6/13 (over 50 years)
Jan & Patty Van Gorder	6/16 (over 50 years)
Don & Joan Cady	6/17
Don & Doretta Coon	6/18
Hal & Karyl Miller	6/20
Barry & Carolyn Ahlemeier	6/21
John & Betty Suprosky	6/24 (over 50 years)
John & Beth Leys	6/25
Will & Grace VandenBerg	6/25 (over 50 years)
Will & Mary Jo Jacobs	6/28 (over 50 years)
Don & Gail DeBenedett	6/29 (over 50 years)



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## Chapel Outings...



### **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater**

Chapel by the Sea will be attending the Broadway Palm production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" on July 6. The bus will leave after the 10:00 a.m. church service. The cost is \$49.00 plus gratuity and includes the meal, show and taxes. Call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883 for more information. Limited availability.

### **Chapel Outings to Broadway Palm Dinner Theater Dates for Next Season**

The cost is \$53.00 per person which includes dinner, tax, show and gratuity. Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. For more information call Anita Turner (239) 357-9883.

The Buddy Holly Story, October 28, 2014

Crazy for You, January 13, 2015

West Side Story, February 3, 2015

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, April 14, 2015



### **Miracle Game**

Chapel will attend the Miracle game on June 6, 2014. The cost is \$6.50 per person or \$16.00 for an all you can eat wristband that is good for hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, peanuts, chips and a fountain drink. The bus will leave Chapel at 5:45 p.m. for the 7:05 p.m. game. Call Anita Turner (239) 357-9883 by June 3rd for reservations.

# Health News & Safety Tips

## A Note from Your Parish Nurse

### ***Preparing for Hurricane Season***

As summer approaches, now is the time to prepare for the 2014 Hurricane Season. We don't want to think about it but actually the more we think about it the better prepared we are in the event of a hurricane. Individuals with qualifying medical problems especially need to prepare ahead of time by filling out an application for a Special Care Shelter. This includes people on oxygen, C-PAP machines, dialysis, etc... There are also Hospital Shelters for the very frail and medically dependent individuals. **NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR THESE SHELTERS.** Applications are available at our church, simply contact Sheila at (239) 919-2295 as soon as possible. Also in preparation for a hurricane you need to stock up on emergency supplies. The Lee County Emergency Management recommends this list of items:



**Sheila Morales  
Parish Nurse**

- 1 gallon of drinking water per person per day (additional water will be needed for cooking and cleaning).
- Non-perishable ready-to-eat food (canned goods, peanut butter, energy or granola bars, etc...)
- Manual can opener
- 2 week supply of prescription meds and over the counter meds taken regularly
- Analog phone (one that does not use batteries or electricity)
- Personal items, such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet tissue, feminine products, deodorant, etc...
- Diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, diaper cream, infant Tylenol, etc,,,
- Pillow, blanket, towels, wash clothes
- Pet food, water, medications, leash/collar, cage, treats, clean-up items, litter, shot records, important papers
- Cash, credit cards
- Important documents such as drivers license, SS card, medical cards, insurance policies, etc... (seal in a plastic bag to keep dry)
- First aid kit, bug spray, sunscreen, extra batteries
- Several sets of clean clothing
- Unscented bleach for disinfecting water
- Flashlight
- Work or gardening gloves, sturdy shoes, hat

It is a long but complete list and many times in a hurry people don't think of all these items. Have an area where you have these items ready to go in case of a Hurricane. Have an evacuation plan ready so you know where you will go and you will have peace of mind. If you need help please contact Sheila at (239)919-2295.

God's Love and Peace,  
Sheila



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### Laity Assistant Schedule

*If you are unable to be at church on a Sunday you're scheduled to serve, please arrange for a substitute, and if time allows, contact the church office.*

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Liturgist	Elise Missal	Neil Callahan	Ron Buss	Joyce Riggleman	Elise Missal

### The Staff of Chapel by the Sea

The Rev. Dr. Gary L. Bagley, Interim Pastor  
Michael Melnikov, Director of Music/Organist  
Tamara McPheron, Administrator  
Sheila Morales, Parish Nurse

Holly Tribble, Administrative Assistant  
Chuck Elston, Sexton  
Katy Reinke, Youth Ministry Intern  
The Rev. Don Jafvert, Pastor Emeritus