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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN THEME: PUT ME TO THE TEST!



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Hello to the Chapel by the Sea community and grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Well, February is finally upon us, and we now find ourselves well into the "Winter Season" and Ft. Myers Beach and Chapel by the Sea are bustling with much excitement and activity. In addition to this, February is also the time when we launch into our Stewardship Campaign. It is during this time that we reflect upon our commitment of time, talents, and treasures to God and to the church. Our theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Put Me to the Test!" and it comes from Malachi 3:10. In this verse, the prophet Malachi speaks to the Hebrew people these powerful words: **"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."** In this one verse, through the prophet Malachi, God is calling the people of Israel to trust in Him and to step out on faith by sharing their resources. The message is simple really: The more you give to God, the more God returns to you. Of course, we don't give to God BECAUSE God will give back to us. No, we give to God because it honors God who has entrusted us with the gifts we have. We give to God because it strengthens our faith, it elevates our joy, it edifies the church, and it breaks the chains of power that money and materialism can have over us. When we freely and joyfully share our God-given time, talents, and treasures, God finds a way to "throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Make no mistake—this is no "Get Rich Quick" scheme. Instead, I'm saying that giving to God is one of the greatest privileges that our gracious Father in heaven has bestowed upon us, and when we give, God gives back to us more than we can imagine. Maybe God fills our lives with an abundance of peace, joy, and contentment? Maybe God will bless us financially? Either way, God will respond graciously. I'm reminded of Pastor Rick Warren of the Saddleback Community Church who once said, **"You can't out-give God."** Pastor Warren's words are true, but we will never know how true they are unless we respond. With these thoughts in mind, your gracious contribution to Chapel by the Sea is wanted, needed and would be greatly appreciated. From God's Table, to the Immokalee Soup Kitchen, to Habit for Humanity, to worship on Sunday mornings, lives are being changed and transformed, needs are being met, and God is being honored and glorified! In closing, on Sunday, February 28th during the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, we will have our Stewardship Dedication Sunday. Put God "to the test" and just see what God CAN and WILL do in your own life and in the life of Chapel by the Sea. Thanks and praise be to God!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Steve Adkison

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Volunteer Opportunities!

Immokalee Soup Kitchen ... Chapel will volunteer at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen on Friday, February 26. The bus leaves Chapel at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. The sign-up sheet for the "Friday Soup Kitchen" is located on the left wall through the double-doors in Silver Hall.

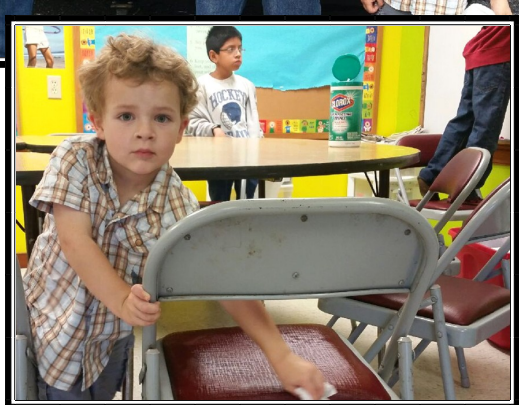
Sunday Help ... Satisfy those "Grandma Cravings" by volunteering in our nursery Sunday during the 10:00 service one or two Sundays a month! There is a TV in the room so you can watch the service while cuddling those wonderful infants! Assistance is needed in the Children's Church as well.

Cleaning ... Help clean the Children's Church room and the nursery. Call (239) 463-3173 to volunteer.

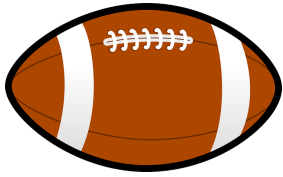
Volunteers Needed ... The Discipleship and Fellowship Committee (aka known as the Faith, Fun, Fellowship and Food Committee) needs members! This Committee is responsible for our Christian Education program as well as our Fellowship activities. Contact Miffie Greer at (239) 339-7684 to volunteer.

Chapel Habitat Builders ... The "Habitat Builders" volunteer every Thursday. The team's expertise includes siding (vinyl), painting (interior and exterior), demo, cleanup, accessorizing, and any number of other skills. No experience or special tools are required. "On the job training" will be provided. Both men and women are welcome. Please sign up on the "sign-up" sheet on Silver Hall bulletin board, so we know how many are participating. We leave the rear of Chapel parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return to the Chapel by 3:30 p.m. You'll need to bring your own lunch, snack, and water and soft drinks. If you have any questions, please call Tom Kelly at (239) 765-1242. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Children's Church ... Jacob, Dobbin & Jake had fun putting faith into action during Children's Church.



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Super, Souper, Supper Bowl Sunday ...

Super Souper, Supper, Sunday is coming February 7! Choose your team and let's see which team

wins with the most donations. A chili lunch will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service on February 7 to get you in the right mood for the game.

Chapel is Hiring Staff... Subsequent to Session's approval to move forward with restructuring our staff to better meet Chapel's needs and expectations, the following advertisement has been released.

Ft Myers Beach; Chapel by the Sea (chapelbts.org) Careers

Chapel by the Sea, a Church for the community, has an immediate need to hire four (4) part time positions to serve as Office Administrator (30 hours per week), Clerical Assistant (12 hours per week), Facilities Manager (30 hours per week) and Sexton (20 hours per week). Job Descriptions are available at our Church office (100 Chapel Street) and on our website (chapelbts.org) – "News" tab then click "Job Descriptions". Please send resumes with your qualifying experience, reference information, contact information, availability and compensation requirements via email to "chapeljob@chapelbts.org" or by U.S. Mail to: Chapel Job, 17264 San Carlos Blvd, Suite 302-166; Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931

A committee composed of Personnel Committee members, the Chair of Buildings and Grounds and the Chair of the Administration Committee has been working more than a year to address Chapel's operational needs and well as its facility's needs. Effort that started with working on job descriptions led to the realization that Chapel needed four different types of staff to meet the needs revealed in the duties and expectations of current staff members. It is hoped that the new staff positions will be filled within the next few months.

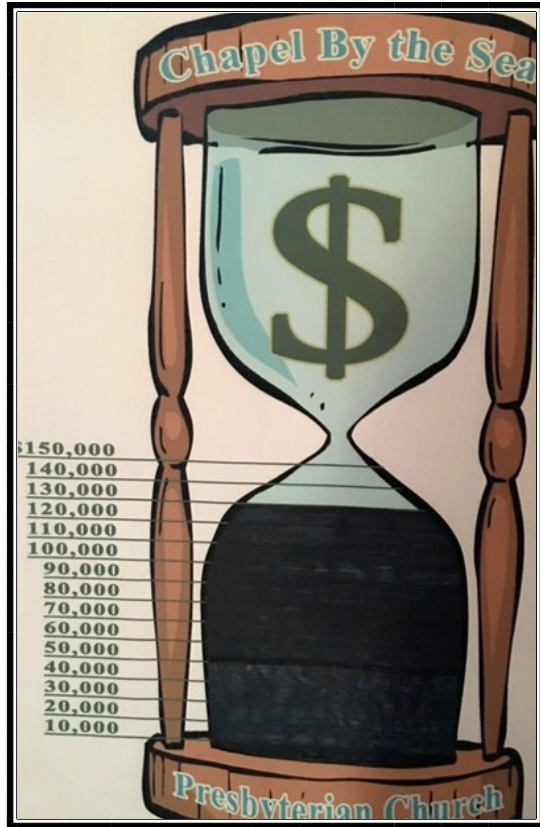
If you know of someone who might be interested in applying for one of the four positions mentioned in this article, please have them read the Job Descriptions on our website and ask them to send a letter of application and/or resume to chapeljob@chapelbts.org or Chapel Job, 17264 San Carlos Blvd, Suite 302-166, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931.

God's Table Christmas Party in December

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this a special day!



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Update on Walkway/ Veranda Repair Project ...

As you can see from the hourglass, we have some very good news to report this month. Since December we have received over \$33,000 in contributions for this project. This brings the total raised to slightly over \$130,000 of our \$150,000 objective. As we come into season we are looking forward to having that final \$20,000 in hand by mid-February. If you have not yet given to the Veranda fund, now is the time to help us raise the remaining dollars needed to proceed with this very important project.

We are so very blessed to live in beautiful Southwest Florida adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. Unfortunately, projects like this also remind us that our beautiful saltwater location takes a heavy toll on Chapel's facilities and they must be maintained.

Thanks to all who have given and to those who have yet to give. May God

richly bless you, and may you be a blessing to others.



Mark Your Calendars for Our Valentine Walk With Man's Best Friend! Saturday, February 13, 2016...

Register for the Dog Walk at 8:30 a.m. in the courtyard of Chapel's Silver Hall. \$10.00 for your first dog and \$5.00 for each additional furry friend.

We head to the beach with leash in hand at 9:00 a.m.

Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure will be March 5, 2016 at Coconut Point.

**Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen SW FL.

For questions contact Kim Southworth @ (239) 765-4254, email kim-dewitt239@aol.com or Mariann Griffin @ (239) 233-8275, email mair28@mac.com.

Solomon's Porch ...

Solomon's Porch is a theological book study group that meets here at Chapel in Room 4 of Silver Hall at 3:00 p.m. Schedules and books are available in the Church Office. Books are \$17.00 and checks are payable to Miffie Greer.

Sunday School

Class ... Laura Miller's Sunday School class is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. All are welcome. We promise some lively discussions and, we hope, some new insights into the events and the people who gave rise to Christianity. For more information call Laura Miller at (239) 292-5102 or email her at mlerelh@gmail.com.

SIS (Sisters in

Spirit) ...The February 9th SIS meeting is going to be a fun time learning about activities at the Chapel. We will be meeting at the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME). Bring a brown bag lunch and maybe a finger food surprise to share. You will be amazed at what new things you will learn to do. Maybe play the Hallelujah Chorus!! We look forward to seeing you at 11:00 a.m. on February 9 at the Chapel. For more information call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630.

Sew and Sews ...

We meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5. Call Nancy Bell at (845) 863-5222 with questions.

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Let's Get to Know Our Chapel Volunteers a Little Better!



Joyce Riggleman

Joyce Riggleman was born in Southeast Missouri and grew up a God fearing Baptist. In 1998 she came to Chapel by the Sea and became a God loving Presbyterian. She was so impressed with the mission programs that she immediately started volunteering. The after school program, the Immo-kalee Soup Kitchen, the Monday Crew for God's Table, Co-head Usher, Receptions, and both Pastor and Elder Nominating Committees are just some of the volunteer activities that Joyce has participated in. Chapel by the Sea is a blessing and an important part of her life.

Flowers

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

February Birthdays



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| 3 Jenna Linehan | 18 Carolyn Ann Morrissette |
| 4 Ron Krupa | 18 Julie Palmer |
| 4 Anita Turner | 19 Marge Golden |
| 7 Nuel Smock | 20 Bill Boyer |
| 8 Elaine Beebe | 20 Ed Collins |
| 9 Barry Ahlemeier | 20 Cynthia Harris Ross |
| 9 Bob Allegier | 21 Hunter Borman |
| 9 Lauren Frazier | 21 Don Ivester |
| 9 Lee West | 22 Bill Johnson |
| 10 Janet DeBenedett | 22 Hilda Seybert |
| 11 Dick Wonkka | 23 Elizabeth Brooks |
| 13 Vicki Dutcher | 25 Steve Gumm |
| 13 Bob Young | 28 Karen Haengel |
| 14 Jim Cook | 26 Colton James Smith |
| 14 Valentine Smith | 28 Bill Pearson |
| 15 Marianne Worden | |
| 18 Harry Mitchell | |

February Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|------|
| Dan & Barbara Wickell | 2/1 |
| Ed & Ethelyn Bell | 2/3 |
| Steve & Arlene Fisher | 2/3 |
| Jack & Gail Garner | 2/3 |
| Ray & Bernice Tegner | 2/13 |
| Carmine Pacchino & Rexann Hosafros | 2/14 |
| Albert & Patricia Myers | 2/14 |
| Tom & Karen Swanbeck | 2/16 |
| Charles & Margaret Anderson | 2/18 |



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Chapel Concert

**Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. – Joybell
Kristine Stout, Handbell Soloist**

You may remember Ms. Stout playing here in our 2014 concert series and we are delighted to host her entertaining concert once again. "Joybell" is a handbell ministry by Kristine Stout, handbell soloist. She plays 3 octaves (37 bells) of English Handbells all by herself, accompanies herself using a programmable digital keyboard, and writes and choreographs every beautiful



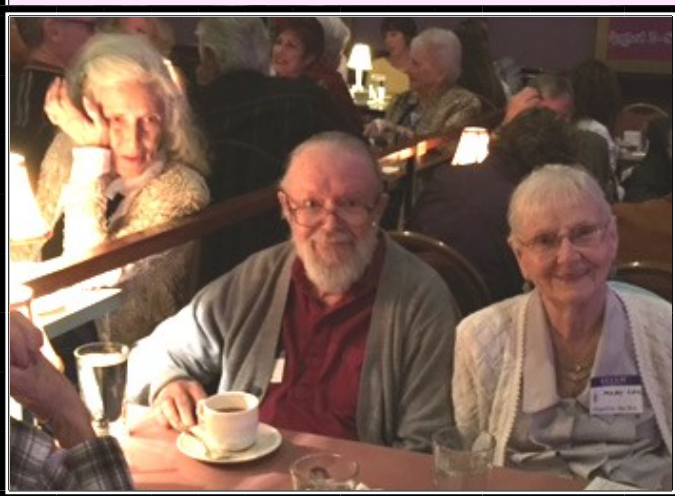
arrangement in her program. Very visually pleasing, Kristine combines traditional handbell weaving techniques with a special form of ballet. She will amaze and delight you with her artistry and talent.

To current 'friends' and potential new 'friends' of the concert series...printed concert brochures containing write-ups on the four featured concerts for this season are located in the Narthex and Silver Hall, and include a contribution form and envelope for your convenience. If you are unable to make a monetary contribution, support our series with your attendance. You will be richly blessed.

Future concerts

- February 11, 2016 Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Kristine Stout, Handbell Soloist
- March 3, 2016 Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Douglas Renfroe & Friends, Bass Baritone

Chapel members enjoyed Show Boat at Broadway Palm in January.



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A Letter From Chapel's Parish Nurse February Is Heart Health Month!

Last November, a new program was started at Lee Memorial Health System. It involves referrals to parish nurses for patients who are discharged from the hospital with a diagnosis of Heart Failure. The purpose is for the parish nurse to follow up and review the heart education tools that are started with you when you are in the hospital.

This involves phone calls and a home visit from Ann to just check in to see how you are doing, and if you have any questions or problems. For example:

Are you weighing yourself in the morning before breakfast? A two pound weight gain over night requires you to call your doctor. Are you taking your medicine as prescribed since discharge? There may be some confusion and we can help you sort out any issues. Do you check daily for swelling in your feet, ankles, legs and stomach? Swelling can mean fluids in your body are not being circulated properly and the doctor should be made aware of this as soon as possible. Are you trying to eat low salt food and balance our activity with rest periods? All processed food contains high levels of salt. Eating fresh fruits, vegetables and lean meat will help to reduce salt into your diet, which causes fluids in your body to be kept inside and therefore swelling can occur.

If you are admitted to the hospital for any reason, you must give them CBTS name to be entered into the computer. I hope to visit you in the hospital when possible, and to place your name on the prayer list. All information shared with the Parish Nurse is confidential. In the future, this program will be extended to individuals admitted with COPD, Stroke/Heart Attack and Hip and Knee Surgeries. It is our profound hope and prayer that with the addition of these educational programs you will be empowered to better care for yourself and feel better. Please remember, I will be happy to contact you and answer any questions you may have about your health issues. You may reach me by calling the church office: (239) 463-3173 x13.

Blessings and Peace, Ann Fossum, Chapel By The Sea, Parish Nurse

*"If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free".
John 8: 31-32*



Ann Fossum, Parish Nurse

Safe Women Class ... Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Chapel by the Sea in Silver Hall . The SAFE Women program is a self-defense class for females only, ages 13-100. this 2 hour program includes personal safety tips for all situations including at the ATM, while online, at home, out shopping and in a parking lot. After a short break the women will move into practical exercises that will teach proper yelling, warning off a person wishing to harm, learning hand and knee strikes, finishing with several front and rear escape holds. The class ends with a class evaluation and take-home materials. Call Holly to register @ (239) 463-3173 x10 or email Holly at Holly@chapelbts.org. The cost is \$5.00. Payment is due at class.



AARP Smart Driver Course ... March 18, 2016 at Chapel by the Sea, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. You will learn defensive driving techniques , proven safety strategies , new traffic laws and rules of the road. Plus there are no tests to pass. You simply sign up and learn.



Upon completion you could receive a multi-year discount on your car insurance. Please pre-register by calling (239) 463-3173 x10 or email Holly at Holly@chapelbts.org. Payment of is due at class. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP members or \$20.00 for non-members.

Weight Watchers ... Weight Watcher meets at Chapel by the Sea in Silver Hall on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.



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February Liturgists

	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
February 7	Bill Saunders	Marylu Marshall
February 14	Joan Cady	Jennifer Pinkard
February 21	Don Cady	Wanda Prater
February 28	Bill Saunders	Lloyd Hicks

Breaking News!

We will be creating a new membership directory during the month of March. We need help with the organization of the project! If you can give a few hours to assist, please contact Miffie Greer, (239) 339-7684 or miffieg@gmail.com. Appointment sheets for your photo session will be available very soon.

The Staff of Chapel by the Sea

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Michael Melnikov, Director of Music/Organist
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