



# Glad Tidings

Fort Myers Beach, Florida

October 2015

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## 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
- by refusing to gossip
- by following the leaders

### I will serve the church

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

# happenings at CBTs

## Veranda Repair Fund EMERGENCY!

Dear Chapel by the Sea Community:

We need your help now more than EVER for the upcoming repairs on the infrastructure of Chapel's veranda. Wright Construction has changed the start date from September to the last half of October. This delay is actually a blessing in disguise, as it gives us more time to raise the necessary funds to finance these repairs.

Our lack of major contributors to this essential and immediate project is of grave concern. We deeply appreciate the donations that are coming in daily, but we desperately need some four and even five figure donations (that we have received in previous major emergency situations). Our current Capital Fund Reserve is short \$30,000, and Chapel has no line of credit for Capital Expenditures.

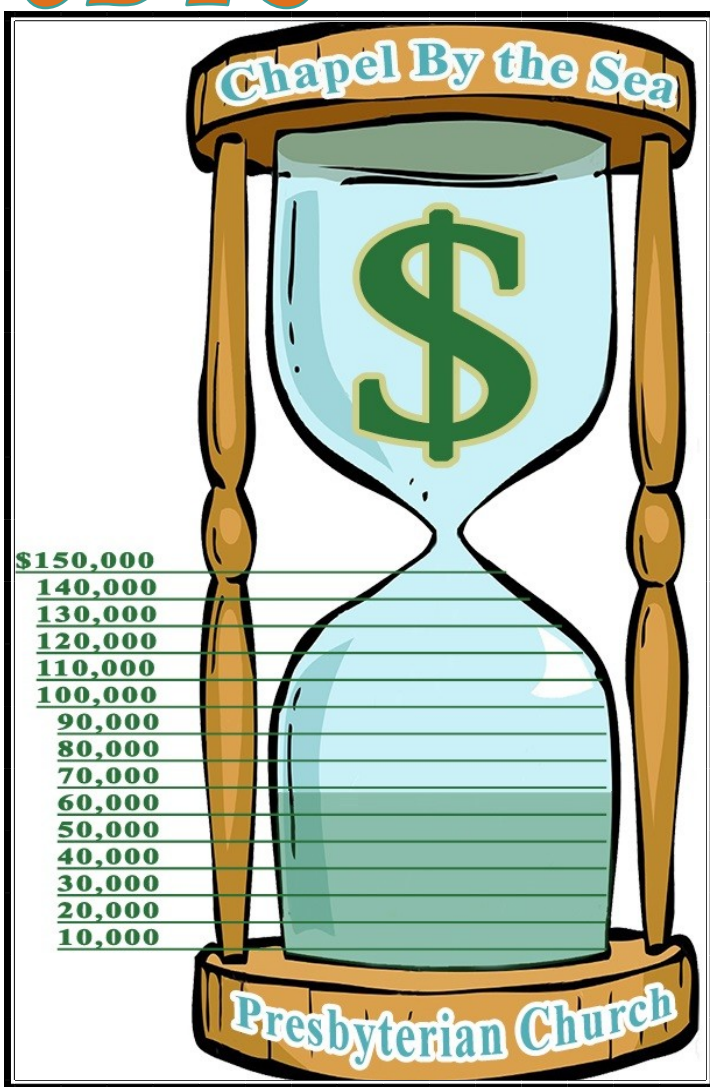
Furthermore, the Veranda Repair Fund has increased by only \$5,000 since the end of August, and you can see from the Hour Glass illustration that we are short \$82,000 toward reaching the \$150,000 needed to pay for the project.

We understand what a challenge this is, but the members and friends of Chapel by the Sea have always risen to the occasion when faced with challenges of any kind. In Luke 6:38, Jesus says, **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."** The promise is that if you give faithfully and abundantly to God, then God, somehow and in some way, will abundantly give back to you, not because God has to, but because God wants to.

The Rev. Rick Warren of Saddleback Community Church, author of *The Purpose-Driven Life* and *The Purpose-Driven Church*, says, **"You can't out-give God."** And last, it was once reported in *Presbyterians Today* magazine that the number one reason why people don't give more of their time, talents, and treasures is simply because nobody asked them! Well, my friends, we're asking for your help.

Chapel by the Sea has a very bright and promising future, but your help is needed. We hope and pray you will support, as soon as possible, this critical project with your most generous contribution. May God richly and abundantly bless you!

In Christ's love,  
Steve Raps, Elder, Finance Committee, Chair  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison,  
Pastor/Head of Staff



## Financial Update

### Year-to-Date Receipts (thru 9/20/15)

- Actual Receipts to Date \$338,598.00
- Budgeted Needs to Date \$320,114.00

### Silver Hall Roof Campaign

- Add'l Committed Pledges \$ 7,909.00

### 2015 Stewardship Status

- Pledges to Date \$328,384.00
- Annual Budget Needs \$447,700.00

# happenings at CBTs

## Highlights for the September 18th Stated Session Meeting

- The Stated-Evote Session Minutes of August 25, 2015 were approved.
- With regret, Session recorded the death of Frances Kuhn, Member #919 pm August 26, 2015. She was 101 years young!
- The Evote policy will be reviewed by the Administration Committee.
- The Session unanimously affirmed the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison at Chapel by the Sea.
- Chapel had a termite infestation in the sanctuary that was addressed during the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- From Session, it is with regret that we accept Sheila Morales' letter of resignation dated September 11, 2015. Sheila's last day of employment will be September 27, 2015. She begins her new career on September 28, 2015.
- Let the record show that Sheila's Morales has been employed by Chapel since February 15, 2003. She has served Chapel by the Sea faithfully for over 12 and ½ years. She has touched the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people at Chapel by the Sea and in the Fort Myers Beach community. She will be remembered for her generous care, and profound commitment to those she served in her years at Chapel by the Sea. Sheila Morales will be missed but long remembered. We pray God's blessings for Sheila as she begins a new chapter in her life. With a unanimous vote, Session approved this motion.
- Session approved the filling of the Faith Community Nurse position vacated by Sheila Morales.
- Session has approved a Fee Schedule for the use of Chapel's facilities. The Pastor, Church Administration, Administrative Assistant, and Chair of the Personnel Committee will have copies of the Fee Schedule to assist those wanting to use Chapel's facilities.
- Unanimously the Session of Chapel by the Sea supports the PCUSA and the Supreme Court's decision providing for Same Sex Marriages.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Stated Session Meeting @ 4:30pm in Room 4 of Silver Hall.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Peace River Presbytery Meeting @ Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood.

## October Liturgists 10:00 a.m.

October 4	Ron Buss
October 11	Landon Doggett
October 18	Rexann Hosafros
October 25	Chuck Golden

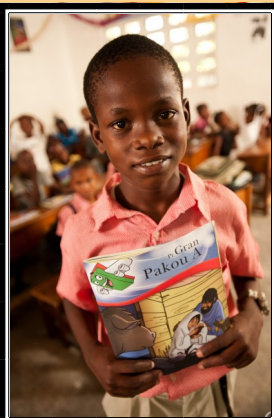
## The Mission Outreach Committee

Mission/Outreach Committee will resume meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

## Study Group Opportunity "Solomon's Porch Theology Study Group"

Starts on Tuesday, September 1 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4, Silver Hall. Our book for discussion is "A Farewell to Mars: An Evangelical Pastor's Journey Toward the Biblical Gospel of Peace".

## The Shoebox and Beyond



It begins with a simple gift – A SHOEBOX! That experience can be a life changing event – someone out there cares. It brings joy to children who are living in desperate situations and have no hope for the future.

After the children have received their gifts, they are invited to attend a discipleship program called THE GREATEST JOURNEY. Many children respond by accepting Jesus as their savior. 988,680 children made decisions for Christ in 2014. Divided by 365, that equals 2,708 children per day! Be an important force in changing the life of a child – PACK A SHOEBOX. The 2015 goal for South-west Florida is 42,500 shoeboxes.



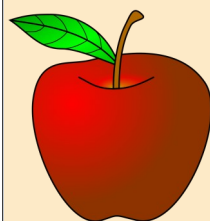


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**SIS (Sisters in Spirit)** is a group of women here at Chapel who meet once a month for fellowship and fun. All women are welcome!

SIS will go to Kiwanis Thrift Store for their program on October 13th with lunch afterwards at the Sunshine Cafe. The bus will leave from the church at 10:00. Please fill out the commitment card or call Nancy Combs (239) 233-8630. November SIS will be at He, She & Me at their new location on the 10th.



## Apple Sunday

Everyone is welcome to join us here at Chapel to enjoy some wonderful apple treats! Apple Sunday will be held on October 18. Bring apples to church or something made from apples to share.



## Salvation Army

Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Cheer applications October 19 through the 24th. If you can help, please call Bill Turner (239) 765-8508.



## The Sew and Sews

Sew 'N' Sews are starting to work on Christmas stockings for GLAD in addition to a few other craft items. Please join us on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and fun. Call Anita Turner (239) 357-9883 with any questions.



## Immokalee Soup Kitchen

Chapel by the Sea helps at the Soup Kitchen in Immokalee on the fourth Friday of each month. Please join us for this important mission activity.

## Thank You From Cedarkirk



Below is a thank you from Cedarkirk to the congregation.

As we reflect back on another incredible summer, we give thanks to God for amazing campers, loving staff and volunteers, and dedicated supporters. We are especially grateful to all the churches and families who sent campers and staff, who provided support and scholarship funds, and who prayed for this unique ministry and the transformation that happens at Cedarkirk. We look forward to sharing with you the many exciting programs and facility updates that we have planned for the future. Thank you again for your prayers and partnership in providing a special place apart! May God continue to bless you and your ministry. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of the ministry of Cedarkirk.

Sincerely, Karin Dale, Cedarkirk

## Broadway Palm Outing

Next season's shows and the dates that Chapel will be attending at Broadway Palm:

- **Million Dollar Quartet**-Tuesday, November 17, 2015.
- **A Wonderful Life**-Wednesday, December 16, 2015.
- **Showboat**-Tuesday, January 19, 2016.
- **Sister Act**-Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

The bus will leave Chapel at 4:45 p.m. to arrive for the 5:30 p.m. buffet. The cost is \$55.00 per person which includes meal, show, tax and gratuity. There are a limited number of tickets available. Call Anita Turner for reservations (239) 357-9883.

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



**Nancy Combs**

Hi! I am Nancy Combs and I joined the Chapel in 1984, I have been active in the music program starting by serving on the music committee and then the organ selection committee. I have also participated in Bible School, after school kids choir, adult choir, bells, chimes and family chimers. On September 27 Anita, Charlotte, Char, Lloyd and I played chimes in church. Chimes and bells are a great way to be part of the Chapel. For several years we have played and sang at the Fort Myers Beach boat parade. We also have been asked to sing and chime at the Santini Christmas program and we have been part of the SIS Christmas program. These extras have been very enjoyable!! We would like to have more of you join us. We are always pleased to have new singers and ringers. If you have any questions please call me at (239) 233-8630.



## October Birthdays

1 Emma Stevens	11 Art Monahan
3 Barbara Henderson	11 Kim Worden
3 Phil Reasoner	12 Gladys Englund
4 Janna Holmes	12 Bob Nunn
6 Gail Garner	14 Allysia Freeman
6 Kim Southworth	16 Grobe Spearly
6 Roger Welton	17 Suzie Wertz
7 Jon Remington	18 Gregory Cereceda
7 Ed Rolph	20 Betty Grebs
7 Kassea Shrock	20 Dorothy Kollofski
7 Marissa Vertrees	21 Phyllis Yordy
8 Ethelyn Bell	22 Hunter Puzak
8 Albert Werner	22 Kristina Puzak
9 Alan Buller	25 Dick Geib
9 Meg Bushnell	25 Sheila Morales
9 Don Cady	25 Billy Violette
9 Cesar Chavez	27 Amy Lu Thompson
9 Paul Cribbs	29 Alex Brown
10 Betty Nelson	29 Arnie Vander Spoel
11 Lee Fisher	30 Joan Calder
11 Barbie Johnson	31 Joyce Riggelman

## October Anniversaries

Ed & Jevy Osborne	10/06
Mike & Nancy Ziegler	10/09
Dick & Judith McNeal	10/10
Chuck & Marge Golden	10/22





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**Sheila Morales**  
**Parish Nurse**

## **A Letter From Chapel's Parish Nurse**

It is with sadness and excitement that I am resigning from my position as Faith Community Nurse at Chapel by the Sea. I have been offered a full time position that will provide more financial security and benefits for me and my family, I am excited about this next chapter of my life. Chapel has been a very special place to me, I felt called to serve the wonderful people at Chapel, God's Table and Fort Myers Beach and have been blessed many times over. I will remember my days at Chapel with fondness and love. The beautiful relationships have been so meaningful, thank you for letting me be part of your lives, for your support and your love. It will be hard to say goodbye. When I say goodbye, as difficult as it will be, it will be for good. I need to allow you to build relationships with the next Faith Community Nurse, if they fill the position, and let you trust them to care for your needs. My last Sunday with you will be September 20<sup>th</sup> and my last day of work will be Friday, September 25, 2015. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will you! Love, Sheila



## **Taco Luncheon at Chapel**

On Sunday, September 20, Chapel held a taco luncheon in honor of Sheila Morales. Sheila has blessed Chapel with 12 years of service and has helped so many people. We cannot thank her enough for all she has done!

# Health & Safety News

## Medicare Drug & Advantage Plan Reviews

With Medicare's annual enrollment period running from October 15 through December 7, now is a good time to review your health care and prescription drug coverage. Changing plans could save you money and/or enhance your coverage. Also, you may be eligible for assistance in paying some of your insurance or prescription costs. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program volunteer counselors will provide one-on-one counseling to help you review your options for next year at Chapel By The Sea on Wednesday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will need to bring your Medicare and other insurance cards and either a list of your medications (including dosages) or your medication containers with you. SHINE is a joint program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida. SHINE services are free, unbiased and confidential. Contact person: SHINE, Stephanie Olivarez, (239) 652-6900, [Stephanie.Olivarez@aaaswfl.org](mailto:Stephanie.Olivarez@aaaswfl.org). Set up November 18 at 9:00 am. Chuck has room set up diagram.

## FRAUD ALERT

### FROM THE OFFICE OF LEE COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE SCOTT *Dog Scam Catches Victim Barking Up Wrong Tree*

A local dog lover searching online to buy a puppy for his wife was recently scammed out of \$560.00 after he wire transferred cash to a thief who did a doggone good job of creating a fraudulent website claiming to sell some very "Splendid Chihuahuas". The victim, who was lured in by the pooch's pictures and reasonable payment for the pet, realized he had been duped when the scammer requested he send an additional \$870 to cover shipping insurance. Unfortunately, by the time the victim caught on that he had purchased a phantom pet, his money was gone, the conman disappeared, and the companion he paid for never arrived.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office warns residents that buying an animal online can be a tricky and sometimes costly transaction; and encourages you to follow these tips to avoid being had by scammers:

✦ **Fraudulent Websites:** Don't be fooled by beautiful websites of tail wagging puppies, or other pets for sale. Anyone can design a website showing photos of cute and cuddly animals by using stock photos, or stealing legitimate photos from other websites. If possible do a reverse image search of the photo to see if it appears elsewhere online. To do this, right click on the photo and select "copy image location," "copy image address," or go to "properties" to copy the image's location on the internet. Paste the link into a search engine and select the option that allows you to search by image. If the same picture shows up in an older listing, it's probably a scam.

✦ **Shady communication:** Generally, the "seller/scammer" will only conduct business via email or text and can't provide specific details of their location, etc. Ask questions! Lots of them.

✦ **Don't use** a money transfer service or a prepaid reloadable card as doing so is like sending cash; once you send it, you can't get it back.

**Consider adopting** a pet from one of our local shelters. There are plenty of animals waiting to be loved by you. If you have been a victim of this online scam, it's important to report it. You can contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office fraud line at (239) 258-3287, or [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) and [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

## alzheimer's association

### Memory Mobile

Location: Chapel by the Sea  
100 Chapel St. Fort Myers Beach  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Memory screenings will be provided and caregiver educational information will be available. Call or Email to schedule a Memory Screening  
(239) 405-7008 [reesee@alzflgulf.org](mailto:reesee@alzflgulf.org)



Alzheimer's Association FCGC 24/7  
Confidential Helpline — 1-800-272-3900  
9220 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 203  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
[www.alz.org/FLGulfCoast](http://www.alz.org/FLGulfCoast)  
ph. (239) 405-7008

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# UK Revival Tour



September 23 to October 5... Join Pastor Chris Romig from Venice Presbyterian Church on an international trip as we trace the roots of historic Christian revivals and Presbyterian heritage throughout Scotland, England and Wales. \$5,200.00 from Tampa, Florida. Price includes \$641.00 US and international departure taxes/fuel and \$150.00 gratuities. Additional departure cities available upon request.

Early Bird Savings...Save \$100.00 off of your total trip cost with an initial deposit of \$500.00 by November 23, 2015. Detailed

brochures are available. Please contact Andrea Lucy at (941) 488-2258 or [alucy@venicepres.org](mailto:alucy@venicepres.org).  
Visit [www.venicepres.org/uk-revival](http://www.venicepres.org/uk-revival) for more information.

## The Staff of Chapel by the Sea

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Sheila Morales, Parish Nurse  
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