



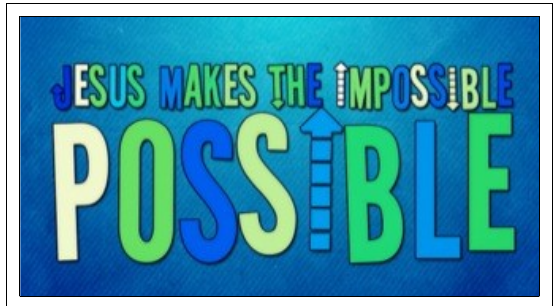
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April 2017

Jesus Makes the Impossible...Possible!

Grace and peace to the Chapel by the Sea community, and now we are quickly approaching Holy Week and Easter Sunday. At any rate, no matter what time of year it is, it sometimes seems that we find ourselves in impossible situations that we cannot resolve on our own. For instance, a loved one is diagnosed with a terminal cancerous condition, and we realize that all the science, technology, medicine and money of the world cannot help. Or, a dear one dies and we are grieved by the impossibility of bringing him/her back to life. However, **I'm convinced that by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ has made the impossible...possible!**



With this in mind, I think of Mary Magdalene and her companions who went to the tomb early that faithful resurrection morning worried about the impossibility of removing [by themselves] the huge stone from the entrance of the tomb, but they were soon to realize that the resurrection of Jesus Christ had made the impossible possible in a spectacular way! Consequently, they would also soon realize that the removal of the stone was, after all, not a great impossibility, for Jesus made possible something far greater: He arose from the dead! Despite the fact that Mary Magdalene had heard Jesus say 'I am the Resurrection and the Life' and she saw Him demonstrate it by raising her brother Lazarus from the dead, Jesus rising from the dead was not something she and her companions thought of as they journeyed to the tomb. They were only intent on embalming the dead body of the Lord. However, in a matter of a few hours, they came to the realization that Jesus did not only say 'I am the Resurrection and the Life', that He did not only raise some people from the dead, but that He was truly risen from the dead as He had promised!

Subsequently, the resurrection of Jesus would make many of His disciples come to the realization that He is not merely human; He is not just a great prophet or miracle worker; He is truly Divine! And this is what Thomas, who initially doubted Him, would affirm: 'My Lord, and my GOD!' Thomas reasoned that only a Divine Person can do the impossible thing of rising from the dead!

What does this mean for us? How does the impossible become possible for us? Utilizing once again the earlier illustration, even if the life of a terminal cancer patient ends in death, Jesus says: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, shall he live' (Jn. 11:25). Death is no longer the end of his/her life for Jesus has made possible the impossible by turning our death into new life. In other words, Jesus has turned our end (death) into a new beginning; He has turned our **worst** end into the **best** beginning we can ever imagine: the end of earthly life has become the beginning of an ever-joyful life in heaven.

We rejoice at knowing that there is life after death, but we also rejoice in knowing that life on this side of heaven also has many possibilities. May it be financial woes, marriage/family troubles, health problems, and so forth, God through Jesus Christ has a way of bringing the good out of any hardship, suffering, or seemingly impossible situation. It may not always be what we want or what we expect, but we can be reassured that it's what we need.

In short, I pray that our faith in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ may sustain us in the face of every problem or challenge, trusting firmly that what God has in store for us in heaven and even on earth in the here and now is far greater than we can imagine or think. Jesus makes the impossible....possible!

In Christ's love,
Dr. Steve Adkison
Pastor/Head of Staff
Chapel by the Sea

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Easter Happenings at Chapel



Easter Flowers

It's time to order Easter Flowers! This year there will be a choice of tulips and lilies. Look for order forms in your Sunday bulletins or call the church office at (239) 463-3173. The cost for Easter lilies is \$10.00 and the cost for tulips is \$15.00. Please have orders in by Tuesday, April 11.



Children's Easter Party

Saturday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

All are welcome at Chapel for our annual Easter Party! There will be games, crafts, egg dying, an Easter egg hunt and more. Children ages 2 years through 5th grade. Volunteers are needed to help. Please fill out the white communication card. We need hard boiled eggs, bags of wrapped candies (no chocolate please!), stickers, or trinkets to fill the plastic eggs.



Easter Pancake/Waffle Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

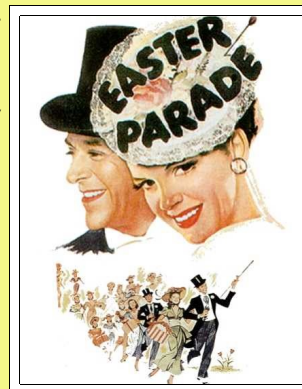
Easter Brunch will be served on Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, waffles, breakfast meats, fruits, juice and pastries. A \$10.00 donation is requested. All proceeds go to the Kitchen Renovation Fund.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope

to see you there! This annual celebration is always lots of fun as well as a great opportunity to enjoy Easter with our Chapel family.

Easter Hat Parade

Chapel's Second Annual Easter Hat Parade! Please don your favorite Easter bonnet or fedora and join us once again for an "old-fashioned" Easter Parade. Please join us in the fun celebration Easter Sunday in Silver Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service. (Pastor Steve will be participating!) All are welcome to join in!



Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 14

12 Noon Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, FMB Times Square

8:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

Ongoing Classes at Chapel by the Sea

Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group

This group, under the leadership of Dr. Adkison, meets in the Session Room of Silver Hall every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. The current discussion concerns a book called Celebration of Discipline.

Children's Church and the Nursery

All children are welcome to join our Children's Church and Nursery on Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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Spring Picnic Luncheon

Sunday, April 2, 11:15 a.m., Silver Hall

The first Sunday of each month there will be a luncheon following the Communion Service. All are welcome! This month we will have a Spring Picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips and watermelon. Hope to see you there!



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Monday, April 3, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Silver Hall

Please join us for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast! Office Volunteers, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Deacons, Session Elders and Office Staff will gather in Silver Hall to honor and celebrate those members who have dedicated themselves to supporting Chapel's mission as a community outreach congregation, both here and abroad.



Church Dinner

Saturday, April 8, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Silver Hall, Italian Spaghetti Dinner
Net proceeds will go toward kitchen renovations. \$10 adult; \$5 kids 10 and under; \$5 Public Safety Personnel in Uniform or w/I.D. Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Spicy Sausage w/Peppers & Onion, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drinks.

Sisters In Spirit (SIS)

Eve Haverfield, the Turtle Time Lady, will give a presentation at Sharon Trantina's home for the next SIS meeting. Join us on Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. at 2810 Estero Blvd. Apartment #412. After the presentation we will have a sack lunch so bring your sandwich and drink. Also we will talk about some plans for SIS meetings next year. Ideas are always welcome. SIS is a group of women at the Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month for fellowship and the joy of being with others. All women are welcome to join us! For more info. call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630.



Patty Krulik with Dobbin & Jacob at the Chapel Italian Church Dinner on March 18.

Operation Christmas Child

Lives were changed in 2016 when 11,485,662 shoebox gifts were distributed to children in more than 100 countries worldwide. Southwest Florida provided 31,427 of those gifts, including 206 boxes from our church. We hope to do as well or better this year. We will be using wrapped shoeboxes and plastic boxes for our gifts. REGULAR SIZE shoeboxes are needed, as well as VOLUNTEERS to wrap them.

Freely Received...Freely Given

Here are some preliminary figures from the 2017 Stewardship campaign, as of March 19th. We have received pledge cards from 73% of our family/ giving units which underwrites 66% of the 2017 Operating budget. Pledges are still coming in and we look forward to reaching our goal. If you haven't participated yet, we need your help! We will continue to receive pledge cards. (Cards and envelopes are in the pews or just call the church office.) Just put in any Sunday offering, drop off in the office, or mail to the church. THANK YOU!

Stewardship Thought

"Stewardship is not fundraising! It is spiritual discipline- as important to your walk with Christ as prayer, worship, service, and study. To be a disciple is to be a steward."
B.A. Barkhauer, CCDOC

Treasurer's Report Year-to-date Receipts (as of 2/28/17)

- Pledges \$68,551.26
- Contributions \$24,794.52
- Expenses (\$69,722.89)
- Net \$23,622.89

** Does not include contributions or expenses related to restricted and capital funds.

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Chapel by the Sea in the 2017
Shrimp Festival!



Chapel's very own Kelsey Collins was named one of the 2017 Shrimp Festival Princesses. And Chapel by the Sea once again won first place for the decorated Chapel Bus. Everyone had a great time, especially Albert, dressed as Mr. Meatball, in support of the Chapel Italian Dinners. The Cub Scouts also helped and joined in the fun!



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Chapel Volunteer of the Month



Lazaro Hernandez-Rico (Laz)

My name is Lazaro Hernandez-Rico or, as most of you at Chapel may know me, just Laz. I was the first person in my family to have been born in the United States; the rest of my family comes from Havana, the capital of Cuba. I'm seventeen years old and I am currently attending Florida Southwestern State College. In my spare time I like to play tennis and, though I still haven't gotten the hang of it, I'm hoping to learn how to play the piano

(maybe as well as Michael one day). I am working to earn my Associate's Degree, and although I am not exactly sure what career I wish to pursue, I am interested in going into something involving the medical field. After earning my Associate's Degree, I am planning to stay in state to continue my studies, attending either the University of Florida, or the University of Central Florida. It has been 7 months since I first began volunteering at Chapel by the Sea in early July of 2016. I would never have heard of this wonderful little church if it weren't for my good friend Stephen, who many of you may know as Joshua. I'm sure many of you have noticed that we are the two teenagers who sit in the sound booth in the back, and we try our best to make sure that every service runs smoothly. I am so glad that Stephen convinced me to help him at Chapel; I have had nothing but good experiences so far. Everyone, from the staff to those who just come for the services every Sunday, have been so warm and welcoming. I'm delighted to have been a part of the Chapel community for these past few months, and I hope I'll be around to help for many more to come!

Immokalee Soup Kitchen

If you would like to make new friends, and get closer to God, feel free to join us serving hungry farm workers at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Chapel volunteers the fourth Friday of each month. The Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns about 2:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted in Silver Hall. The next outing is April 28.

Sew N Sews

Sew N Sews is open to all women. We meet every Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For more information please contact Nancy Bell at (845) 863-5222.

April Birthdays

2	Eva New	16	Sharon Trantina
5	Dee Sandquist	19	Joe Bostater
8	Patsy Cater	20	Sandy Branscom
9	Stephen Joshua Adkison	21	Harvey Hagman
9	Marge Buss	21	Heather Hicks
9	Louis Knipp	21	Judith McNeal
10	Lynda Monaco	22	Don Coon
11	Carol Phillips	25	Jack Doller
12	Jaci Willow	25	Peg Stanzel
13	Mary Gumm	27	Marge Burrell
13	Kenny Nienhaus	28	Will Jacobs
13	Patty Van Gorder	29	Charles McNear
15	Elise Missall	30	Jodie Guenther

April Anniversaries

7	Bill & Anita Turner	16	Lloyd & Lynda Hicks
13	Tim & Beth Cherry	30	Walter & Ruth Zook

Flowers

Flowers are a beautiful way to honor loved ones. To sign up for flowers fill out a card and the chart in the Church Office. The flowers will be displayed at the Worship Service and noted in the bulletin.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the family of Tim Cherry on the passing of his mother Pauline Cherry, on Monday, March 13, 2017. and the family of Michael Melnikov on the passing of his father Yuri Melnikov on Monday, March 20, 2017 and for the family of Rita Koprowski and Kim Southworth on the passing of their husband and father, Jim Koprowski on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

April Liturgists

After Easter Sunday, we will return to one service at 10:00 a.m.

	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
April 2	Laura Miller	Beth Leys
April 9	Bill Saunders	Diane Means
April 16	Bill Saunders	Janna Holmes
April 23		Diane Means
April 30		Joyce Riggelman

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March Health & Safety Message



Ann Fossum, RN,
Parish Nurse

March is Heart Health Month!

Happy Spring – National Healthcare Decision Day is April 16th. For many of you these last 3 months have been a time to intentionally record your daily activities while Chapel participated in the Lee County Million Mile Movement Challenge. Thanks for your participation and support. As a church community we did a fantastic job of reaching our goal while getting to know each other better and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. I hope that you have developed a new walking habit or

built on something that you had already been doing. Our bodies are a gift from God to be taken care of for a lifetime and we are wonderfully made. So keep walking, biking, swimming and golfing!

Even as we continue to take care of ourselves and try to stay healthy, we know that the day will come when we will have to deal with end-of-life care. This month think about your wishes regarding advanced care planning and the need for a living will document. Pick up a copy of the Five Wishes booklet available in Silver Hall and have a conversation with your loved ones about your choices...everyone will benefit from that conversation.

God's Love and Peace, Ann

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Ongoing Fitness & Wellness Program

Walking Club, Every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Meet on the Church Veranda; walk 30-minutes around the neighborhoods or on the beach; then return to Chapel.

Weight Watchers, Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Silver Hall

The last class is April 12.

Want to Live Longer? Read a Book

Could a bit of light reading every day add years to your life? A new study by Yale University found that reading books was positively correlated with increased lifespan—people who read books lived for around two years longer than those who didn't.

Adding a few more pages...In the study, published in the journal, *Social Science and Medicine*, researchers evaluated data on 3,635 Americans aged over 50. Respondents were separated into those who read for 3.5 hours or more a week, those who read for up to 3.5 hours a week, and those who didn't read at all, controlling for factors such as gender, race and education. The researchers discovered that those who read for more than 3.5 hours a week were 23% less likely to die within 12 years, while those who read for up to 3.5 hours a week were 17% less likely to die within that period. Co-author of the study, Becca R. Levy, Professor of Epidemiology at Yale University, told the New York Times, "People who report as little as a half-hour a day of book reading had a significant advantage over those who did not read."

The other benefits...The researchers found that people who read books showed stronger cognitive abilities, such as recall and counting backwards. However, reading magazines or newspapers didn't have the same effect unless readers spent more than seven hours on the activity each week. This was associated with an 11% reduction in mortality. It is not clear why there is such a strong association between reading and longevity although previous studies have suggested that people who read books tend to be healthier, richer, and better educated in general, all of which could contribute to a longer life. A separate survey of 4,164 adults in the UK, including both those who read and those who don't, found that adults who read for just 20 minutes a week are 20% more likely to feel satisfied with their lives. By contrast, non-readers were 28% more likely to report feelings of depression than those who read regularly for pleasure. One in five readers said that reading helps them to feel less lonely. Josie Billington, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Centre for Research into Reading, University of Liverpool, helped to conduct this research. She explains that reading can help to improve well-being: "Reading not only helps to introduce or reconnect readers to wider life systems and more broadly shared meanings. It can also remind people of activities or occupations they once pursued, or knowledge and skills they still possess, helping to restore their sense of having a place in the world," she writes. "It can also remind people of activities or occupations they once pursued, or knowledge and skills they still possess, helping to restore their sense of having a place and purpose in the world."

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The Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Fort Myers Beach

A fun time was had by all at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fort Myers Beach! Chapel by the Sea members and volunteers dressed up and marched in the parade. Of course Mr. Meatball was there!



Chapel Chimers and Bells

The Chapel Chimers gave a wonderful performance at the Fort Myers Beach Library on March 15.



Luncheon

Thank you to all of the wonderful Chapel volunteers who helped at the Spring chicken and noodle casserole and salad luncheon on March 5.





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Broadway Palm, "Jesus Christ Superstar"

On April 19, Chapel will head to Broadway Palm to watch "Jesus Christ Superstar". The ticket is \$60.00 which includes dinner, show and taxes. The church bus leaves Chapel at 4:30 p.m. and also picks up off island on Pine Ridge Road. To make a reservation, contact Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883. Drop off your payment at the Chapel office and make checks payable to Anita Turner. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by April 4. Limited number available.

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