

From the Associate Chaplain

Seeking Silence, Solemnity, and the Sacred

Having graciously been granted a month of sabbatical from my congregation in Big Canoe, Georgia, I began that sabbatical in January with seven days at Conception Benedictine Abbey, Conception, MO, under the mentorship of Dr. Molly T. Marshall, President of Central Baptist Seminary, where I am also privileged to serve as board member. Having heard of the every-other-year course offering of Benedictine Spirituality for some time, I knew that I wanted to participate. It was to be a perfect beginning of sabbath for this minister.

Seeking silence...a state with which I am not at all familiar. But I deeply knew that it was a need, for it is in silence that we are able to confront ourselves authentically, with few distractions to turn our focus elsewhere. And in the silence, I began to find rest for both my physical self and my spiritual self. The silence became an intimate partner for me in my worship at the Abbey, in my rest, and in my study of and prayer over scripture (*lectio divina*). The silence left me with only myself—a rare opportunity. The silence made clear to me that I must return to my community and my congregation with new resolve to bring balance to my life, to my own self and to my family.

Seeking solemnity...a quality that moved through the silence toward holiness, a personal holiness that I needed to claim. Being separated from my very familiar community and immersed in a Benedictine community, a community that has flourished for hundreds of years, I learned to share a solemnity which embraced **chanted psalms** that originated with our early Judeo-Christian ancestors; **ancient prayers** that formed on the lips and hearts of the mothers and fathers of early Christianity; and **hallowed liturgies** that emerged from the highly debated, wisely crafted creeds of the Church. The solemnity I found here clarified my need to live among the emotions, hopes, and foundations of the psalms, the prayers, and the liturgies in my own community, sharing a present solemnity there.

Finding silence and solemnity led me afresh to **the Sacred**, one of my desires for my sabbatical. In the celebration of the Eucharist, I sensed a deep preparation for the powerful and fresh presence of the Holy Spirit. As we celebrated the Christian Season of Epiphany, I made a renewed journey with the Wise Ones from Sheba and Seba to find the face of Christ and there find refreshing warmth in His light. As we moved toward the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, I remembered anew that in that Holy Baptism, Christ not only received the confirmation of the loving parent God but also fully joined all of us in our humanity and in our need for community and affirmation.

As Dr. Molly Marshall wrote, “The combination of prayer, work, and holy leisure, as prescribed by the *Rule of St. Benedict*, is all about human flourishing.” It is: flourishing in silence, in solemnity, and in the sacred. When asked to reflect on my experience at the Abbey in one word, I simply said “sacramental.”

And it was. Thanks be to God.

Lamar Helms

Please note;

- Hearing devices are available from an usher.
- The Nursery is available downstairs during the 9:00 & 10:30 am services.
- Remember to turn your cell phones back on at the end of the service!

Sermon Notes

This Week at the Chapel

Mon.	3/2	Visitation/Membership Meeting-Room 101	1:00PM
Mon.	3/2	Handbells Rehearsal-Cousins Hall	4:00PM
Tues.	3/3	Mission Conference Meeting-Room 107	8:30AM
Tues.	3/3	Bella Voce -McCormick Hall	9:30AM
Tues.	3/3	Pine Needle Quilters Meeting-Room 107	11:30 AM
Tues.	3/3	Pine Needle Quilters-McCormick Hall	12:00PM
Tues.	3/3	Men's Fellowship Leadership Team -Rm 107	3:00PM
Wed.	3/4	Ladies Bible Study-McCormick Hall	9:30AM
Wed.	3/4	Creative Stitchery-Room 101	1:00PM
Wed.	3/4	Christian Believer Study-McCormick Hall	4:30PM
Wed.	3/4	Stephen Minister Training-Room 101	6:00PM
Wed.	3/4	Vespers Service-Chapel	6:30PM
Thurs.	3/5	Men's Journey Group -Room 101	8:00AM
Thurs.	3/5	Artist Group-McCormick Hall	10:00AM
Fri.	3/6	Jipson/Dalton Rehearsal-Chapel	4:00PM
Sat.	3/7	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00AM
Sat.	3/7	Jipson/Dalton Wedding-Chapel	4:00PM
Sun.	3/8	Bella Voce sings both services	9:00AM
Sun.	3/8	Blood Pressure Screening	10:00AM



Worship Services March 1, 2015

Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.
Senior Chaplain

Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Associate Chaplain,
Director of Music

Teri Sawyer
Director of Children, Youth
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“...and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’”

Mark 9:7b



The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2015

Call to Worship “Church in the Wildwood” Pitts

(Please use this quiet time to sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.

The Children’s Message (10:30 am) Rev. Walker

Voluntary “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” J. S. Bach

Psalm 25:1-10 (The Hymnal, p. 757) Rev. V. Lamar Helms

Invocation Teri Sawyer

* Hymn 295 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” RATHBUN

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Walker

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory “I Need Thee Every Hour” arr. J. N. Beck

* Offertory Response (298) HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all.

* Offertory Prayer Rev. Walker

• Solo “The Offering” D. Forrest
Teri Sawyer

* Scripture: Mark 9:2-9 Rev. Helms

Message “Only Jesus” Rev. Helms

• Hymn 256 “We Would See Jesus” CUSHMAN
Verses 2-5

* Benediction Rev. Helms

* Benediction Response (593, refrain) HERE I AM, LORD
“Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

Welcome!

Big Canoe Chapel is a multi-denominational congregation united in our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. The Chapel gladly welcomes anyone desiring to become a regular, associate, or fellowship member. Please fill out a membership information card found in the pew card holder and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The pastor will call this week and schedule a time to meet and answer any questions regarding chapel membership.

Today at the Chapel

8:30 AM	Prayer with Senior Chaplain-Chapel 109
8:45 AM	Fellowship Class Coffee-McCormick Hall
9:00 AM	Fellowship SS Class-McCormick Hall
9:00 AM	Worship Service-Chapel
10:00 AM	Chapel Stand-Around-Cousins Hall
10:30 AM	Seekers SS Class-McCormick Hall
10:30 AM	Grace Walk SS Class-Broyles 102
10:30 AM	Youth Breakfast Club-Teen Room
10:30 AM	Children K-5 Chapel 107
10:30 AM	Children 3’s & 4’s-Chapel 106
10:30 AM	Nursery-Chapel 101
10:30 AM	Worship Service-Chapel
3:00 PM	Cherub Choir-Cousins Hall
3:30 PM	Chapel Kids-Cousins Hall

Serving Today at the Chapel...

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Ushers: Margie and Ray Bowyer Susan Dean, Lois Carter
Jayne and Tom Greene Lou Ellen and Al Dean

Greeters: Lillie Vick, Cathy Butler Henry and Donna Bostwick

Cart Driver: Dick Girdler

Stand-Around: Steve and Sandra Shelnuttt
Bill and Pat Buss

Worship Steward: Charley Vick

Acolytes: Will Dodson

Audiovisual Technician: Paul Wright

Chapel Announcements

The Ladies Legacy Luncheon and Accessory Auction will be held April 22, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Broyles Center. Proceeds from the live and silent auctions will benefit the Abba House, Dawsonville, and the North Georgia Pregnancy Center, Jasper. Make your reservations by **signing the list at the Women’s Guild Alpha Box on Monday, March 16th** between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Attendance is limited to 80, after which a waiting list will begin. Price of admission is a tax deductible contribution of a new ladies accessory with a minimum retail value of \$45. Collection of these accessories will take place on Tuesday, March 24th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Gathering Place at the Clubhouse. A complete description of the reservation process can be found in the Guild Alpha Box and at the information center outside the Chapel office. Questions? Call Rosemary Richie at 706-579-2457.

You are invited...to hear Marilyn Walker speak at the March 12th meeting of the Big Canoe Chapel Women's Guild. You won't want to miss Marilyn's perspective as wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, church leader, legislator's wife and pastor's wife as she shares her thoughts on "His Grace Abounds in Deepest Waters." Plan to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Broyles Center.

Welcome

...to Ben and Sheri Underwood who are joining the Chapel as members this morning. They live at 56 Wood Poppy Court.

Chapel Member Prayer List

Joy House: Pray for restoration in the lives of these teens and their families.

At Home: Phyllis Deane, Jobeth Yarbrough, Frank Garner, Lea Brueckner (daughter of Pat and Lynda Bodelson), Ed Delaney, Brylie Lundy (granddaughter of Kay and Wayne Page), Waymon Moore, Lynn Fischer (sister of Lee Arthurs, Buffalo, NY), Kathleen Worthy (sister of Susie Brogdon), Val Doll, Kathleen Ingram.

Hospice Care: Dawn Bevis, Spartanburg. SC.

Hospital: Carole Sexton, Emory.

Rehab: Grady Ireland (Heather Golden’s father); Way Kidd, North Fulton Rehab.

In Assisted Care: Betty Laughlin, Arbor Terraces, Decatur; **Martha Adkins**, Gold City Personal Care, Dahlonega; **Chalmas Holmes**, Sonshine Manor Personal Care, Jasper; **Richard Krajec**, Rock Creek Manor, Jasper; **Margie Hunter**, Brookwood, Roswell; **Ben Johnson**, Mt. Vernon Village, 475 Mt. Vernon Rd., A201, Sandy Springs, GA 30338; **Frances Smith**, Hallmark at Phipps, Atlanta; **Fred Hill**, Pacifica Senior Living, Roswell, GA; **Mike Giles**, Brookdale at Canton, 125 Riverstone Terrace, Canton, GA 30114; **M. J. Davis**, The Oaks @ Hampton, 5610 Hampton Park Dr., Cumming, GA 30041.