

From the Senior Chaplain

About 15 years ago, Sally Morgenthaler wrote a book on worship in which she described worship as an absolutely fresh, rejuvenating encounter with the living God. When I read her book in 1995, I was immediately struck by that statement. I found myself reflecting upon many of my own worship experiences that were far from fresh and rejuvenating, much less transformational. I also recall George Barna stating, "What I see the Scriptures telling us is that a successful church is where people's lives are being transformed and becoming more Christ-like." No debate from me on that insight. But then I must ask myself if that is the deepest need and desire of my heart and spirit. Is there something rising up in me that thirsts for more of God? More importantly, what am I willing to release in order for God to transform my heart? I don't really like the discomfort of that thought but I need to be honest about it.

This morning I will preach on the command of Jesus to love one another. I seem to think that Jesus didn't want anyone left with confusion or misunderstanding concerning the nature of the love He was talking about. We are to love others *just as* He loved us. His love and favor is far above and beyond the love that the world presents. Have you ever considered the depth and nature of God's love only to think, "How can I ever love the most unlovable person in the world with a love like that?" And what about one's enemies? What about the one who has offended us?

Whether it's an absolutely fresh, rejuvenating encounter with the living God in transformational worship or loving others as Jesus loved us, there is a clear Scriptural requirement. It is the requirement to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Any competitive obstacle like pride or envy or selfish ambition must be removed. But here's the good news----the Holy Spirit fills us with the love of Jesus and a worship encounter with the living God that will leave us thirsting for more.

O come, let us adore Him,

Len

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!

MOVIE NIGHT-April 15

Men's Fellowship sponsored Movie Night "God's Not Dead." Free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, please be sure and register at Stand-Around, in the Chapel Office, or online.

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.

Congratulations

...proud grandparents, Ron and Cherry Harden, announce the birth of Decklyn Cate, born March 8, in Atlanta, GA. Parents are Brandon and Hollie Harden and big sister is Emery.

WELCOME

...new associate members to Big Canoe Chapel today, 10:30 service, Joe and Cindy Lawson. Joe and Cindy live at 1502 Lawson Federal Road, Ball Ground.

This Week at the Chapel

Mon.	3/23	Library Meeting	3:00PM
Mon.	3/23	Handbells Rehearsal-Cousins Hall	4:00PM
Tues.	3/24	Bella Voce -McCormick Hall	9:30AM
Tues.	3/24	WG Auction Committee-Board Room	9:30AM
Tues.	3/24	AV Team Meeting-Room 107	3:00PM
Wed.	3/25	Ladies Bible Study/Luncheon-McCormick	9:30AM
Wed..	3/25	Creative Stitchery-Room 101	1:00PM
Wed.	3/25	Christian Believer Study-McCormick Hall	4:30PM
Wed.	3/25	Vespers Service-Chapel	5:45PM
Wed.	3/25	Stephen Minister Training-Room 101	6:00PM
Thurs.	3/26	Men's Journey Group -Room 101	8:00AM
Thurs.	3/26	Guild Board Meeting-Room 107	9:00AM
Thurs.	3/26	Mission Committee Meeting-Room 107	9:00AM
Thurs.	3/26	Legacy of Caring Square Training-Rm. 107	10:00AM
Thurs.	3/26	Extra Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
Fri.	3/27	Parents Night Out-Cousins Hall	6:30PM
Sat.	3/28	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00AM
Sat.	3/28	Atlanta Mandolin Orchestra Concert-Chapel	5:00PM
Sun.	3/29	Palm Sunday	9:00AM
Sun.	3/29	Choir sings both services	9:00AM



Worship Services March 22, 2015

"but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

1 John 4:12

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The Celebration of Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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 “Give Ear To My Prayer, O God” R. Haan

Invocation Rev. V. Lamar Helms

* Hymn 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER

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 “The Power of Your Love” arr. Jane Holstein
Men’s Chorus

* 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

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God;

but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.”

1 John 4:7-12

* Hymn 453 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”
(Verses 1 and 4) MORE LOVE TO THEE

Message “A New Commandment” Rev. Walker
John 13:34,35

Hymn 389 “Freely, Freely” FREELY, FREELY

* Benediction Rev. Walker

* 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.”

Postlude “A Solemn Processional” R. Haan

* Please stand if you are able.

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: Mary Ann Williams James and Linda Carter
Gail Cooper Phil and Libby Baldwin
Bill and Peggy Anderson

Greeters: Dick and Anita Wight Marilynn Walker
Jean James

Cart Driver: Wes Connelly

Stand-Around: Phil and Linda Yeakel
Bill and Barb Weagly

Worship Steward: Charley Vick

Acolytes: Aaron Belins
Obie Belins

Audiovisual Technician: Ray Bowyer

Chapel Announcements

The Ladies’ Legacy Luncheon and Accessory Auction is fully reserved. We remind ladies to drop off their accessory *this* Tuesday, March 24th at the Club House from 11:00am-3:00pm. Your tax deductible donation of a *new* scarf, hat, day or evening bag, jewelry, etc. with a minimum retail value of \$45 will confirm your reservation. Reservations not confirmed by that day will be forfeited and persons on the Wait List will be contacted. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Abba House, Dawsonville and the North Georgia Pregnancy Center, Jasper. Questions? Call Rosemary Richie at 706-579-2457.

The 2015 Legacy of Caring Gala, “At the Hop,” will be held Friday, May 15th at the Club House, starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale at **the Women’s Guild meeting on April 9th**; sales will continue at Stand-Around each Sunday, or buy your tickets online at bigcanoelegacy.org. Cost of tickets is \$75.00 per person. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for an evening of great food, good fun, the music we all love, and as always, the Live and Silent Auctions. All proceeds from the Gala and Auctions will benefit charities in Pickens and Dawson counties through the **Big Canoe Chapel Women’s Guild Legacy of Caring initiatives.**

Collectors’ Corner will be accepting donations on March 28th at the storage facility behind Northgate Station from 10:00am until noon. Look around your home for decorative items, lamps, dishes, drapes and such that you can donate. Furniture items must be able to be lifted and moved **by one person. The Collectors’ Corner will be held at the Legacy of Caring Marketplace on May 22nd and 23rd.** Call Verna Rauschenberg 706-579-2249 or Diane LaCharite 706-268-1252 with questions.

The Book Nook. Remember to donate your used books, CD’s, and DVD’s to Collection boxes are in the Postal Facility and the Fitness Center for your convenience. Please, no textbooks or encyclopedias.

Chapel Member Prayer List

Amigos for Christ: Pray for the poor in Nicaragua.

At Home: Phyllis Deane, 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, Dianne Ward, Louise Dodd, Carole Sexton, Pauline Hackney, Dudley DeVore’s mother.

Hospice Care: Dawn Bevis, Spartanburg. SC.

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

Mayo Clinic: Jobeth Yarbrough, (Florida).

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; **Bonnie Martin,** Brookdale, Roswell; **Bill Berry,** The Oaks, 3875 Post Road, Cumming.