

From the Senior Chaplain

In Psalm 73, the psalmist expresses a deep sense of disillusionment and discouragement. Nothing seemed to go right. Envy had entered his heart and his faith was at the breaking point. He spoke of “the prosperity of the wicked” and the arrogance of those who had denied the omniscience of God. While the psalmist struggled with the common and daily challenges of life, he cries out, “This is what the wicked are like – always carefree, they increase in wealth.”

It finally comes to the point where he believes serving and honoring God is in vain. He even thinks that faithfulness to God results in punishment rather than joy and peace. He exclaims, “When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me.” It’s the picture of one toiling under the heat of the noonday sun and every drop of energy is depleted. Another step cannot possibly be taken. Discouragement is like that, isn’t it? It’s especially true when we have a mistaken view of the character of God. Is God really just? Is He truly the God of love and grace? Does He actually meet me at the point of my most desperate and profound need?

In the midst of all these questions of faith, the psalmist enters the sanctuary of God. In other words, he flees into that place of intimacy and fellowship with the Father. He draws near to the heart of the One who created him for His glory. And do you know what happens? There is a new and deeper level of spiritual understanding. He declares, “It is good to be near God.”

I trust and pray that during the season of Lent you are drawing near to the God who created and sustains you. He wants us energized in faith and living in joy. And it’s all found in the intimacy of His presence. Yes, it is good to be near God.

Blessings and peace,
Len

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2012

Call to Worship “Church in the Wildwood” and “Lamb of God” Sam Holmes

(Please use this time to sit reflectively, observing silence.)
(Also, please sign and pass the Friendship Pad.)

“...give me this water so that I may never be thirsty...”
(John 4:15a)

Welcome Rev. R. Len Walker

Voluntary “Adaghietto” A. Alain

Psalm 95:1-7 Rev. V. Lamar Helms

Introit “Fill My Cup, Lord” R. Blanchard
(Lamar Helms, solo)

Invocation Rev. Walker

* Hymn 185 “When Morning Guilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

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

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Helms
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” J.N. Beck
(The Chapel Choir)

* Offertory Response 298 HAMBURG
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

* Offertory Prayer Rev. Walker

* Hymn 472 “Near to the Heart of God” McAFEE

* Scripture: John 4:1-14 Rev. Walker
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Grand Invitation” Rev. Walker

* Hymn 453 “More Love to Thee, O Christ” MORE LOVE TO THEE

* Benediction Rev. Walker

* Benediction Response 298 HAMBURG
When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Postlude “Allegro Moderato” A. Alain

* Please stand, if you are able.
+ On the last verse of the hymn, children are invited to join Rev. Walker for the Children’s Message.
Hearing devices are available from an usher.
Nursery is available downstairs during 9:00am and 10:30am services.

Today at the Chapel

9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
9:00 AM	Worship Service
10:00 AM	Stand-Around
10:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 AM	Worship Service

Ushers

9:00 AM
Marty Anderson
Aime Baars
Sue Leonard
Nancy Popp

10:30 AM
Ed Bookhultz
Bill and Shelby Collins
Bob Layfield

Stand-Around

Roger and Marilyn Klask
Bob and Juanita Vaughn

Chapel Announcements

Baby News – Congratulations to Justin and Jessica Jordan who welcomed baby Christian Scott Jordan into the world on March 1, 2012.

Spring Forward – The time changes next Sunday, March 11. Set your clocks one hour ahead so that you do not miss any church services.

Board of Trustees Nominations – There is an insert in this bulletin to make nominations for the Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees. The congregation will be selecting five new Board members, each to serve three-year terms as Trustees. Nominations are due by March 23 and can be placed in the collection plate or returned to the Chapel office.

Chapel Men's Fellowship – Breakfast (coffee at 7:45, breakfast at 8:15) is scheduled for Saturday, March 17. Our speaker will be Rev. Charlie Scott who founded the Good Shepherd School in Port of Prince, Haiti. We invite men and women to join us. Make your reservation at Stand-Around or the Chapel website, Men's Fellowship. The cost is \$10.

Tour of Homes Sale – The Women's Guild is hosting a presale of ferns and mint at Stand-Around. Ferns are \$17; Mint is \$4 for a 5 1/2 inch pot. Make check payable to BCCWG.

Twilight at the Terraces – Ticket sales for the upcoming Twilight at the Terraces concert series will begin today at Stand-Around.

Bear Paw Bakery – If you are able to donate goodies or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Brenda Bedingfield, Gail Cooper or June Lewis.

TouchPoint-Does the Chapel have your current email address? Be sure you are receiving *TouchPoint* every Friday and other major announcements. To subscribe to the list or update your address, please contact Valerie Doll at 706.268.1868 or valerie.doll@wright.edu.

TOH Greeters and Hostesses Needed! This year's Tour of Homes is May 18 and 19. We are in need of a few more greeters at the Chapel (Dianne Ward, 706.579.2585) and home hostesses (Margo Vallone, 706.268.6446) for a 2 1/2 hour shift. Please call if you can help.

PANDAMANIA VBS-JUNE 11-15! It's not too early to volunteer! Teachers and helpers needed in all areas! Volunteer and registration forms are available online and in the office. Come and be part of the very best week of the year at the chapel! For more info contact Nancy Smith at nancysmith@bigcanoechapel.org or 706.268.3203. Free staff T-shirts!

MUSICA VARIATA – Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday, 5:00 PM. Our first concert of 2012 will be the North Georgia State College and University Choir under the direction of Dr. John Broman. The choir is exceptional and will bring us a variety of Sacred and secular pieces. Please put this on your calendar! Helpers are still needed for the reception. Contact Nancy for more info.

This Week's Chapel Calendar

Mon.	3/5	Visitation/Membership Mtg-Board Room	1:00 PM	Rev. R. Len Walker
Tues.	3/6	Directory Photo Shoot-Sewing Room and 102	All Day	Senior Chaplain
Tues.	3/6	Bella Voce Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	9:30 AM	
Tues.	3/6	MM Out-Sunday School Rooms	9:30 AM	Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Tues.	3/6	Pine Needle Quilters-McCormickHall	1:00 PM	Associate Chaplain,
Tues.	3/6	Men's Fellowship Meeting-Room 107	3:00 PM	Director of Music
Wed.	3/7	"Men's Journey Group"-Teen room	8:00 AM	
Wed.	3/7	Directory Photo Shoot-Sewing Room and 102	All Day	Nancy Smith
Wed.	3/7	Guild Bible Study-McCormick, Room 102	9:30 AM	Organist/Music,
Wed.	3/7	MM Out-Sunday School Rooms	9:30 AM	Christian Education
Wed.	3/7	Wonderful Wednesday-Cousins Hall	4:45 PM	
Wed.	3/7	Stephen Ministers-Rooms 101, 102 & library	6:30 PM	
Thurs.	3/8	MM Out-Sunday School Rooms	9:30 AM	Sam Holmes
Thurs.	3/8	Women's Guild Meeting	10:00 AM	Chapel Pianist
Thurs.	3/8	Handbell Choir – Cousins Hall	7:00 PM	
Sat.	3/10	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00 AM	Dr. Vernon S. Broyles
Sat.	3/10	Seekers – Cousins Hall	4:00 PM	Founding Chaplain

Chapel Prayer List

Home: J. C. Finley, Fred Hintz, Jayne Beske, Margaret Anderson, Catherine Grizzle, Frank Garner, Joy Bookhultz, Shirley Griffith, Pete Updergraff, Jo Beth Yarbrough, Phyllis Churchill Moore, Megan Sheridan, granddaughter of Jim and Janice Yahres

Assisted Care: Betty Laughlin, Arbor Terraces, Decatur, GA, Martha Adkins, Gold City Personal Care, Dahlonega, GA, Bill Almand, Heritage of Sandy Plains, GA, Jean Payne, Grandview, Jasper, GA, Dottie Leasman, Manor Care, Gene Boeke, Brian Center, Canton, GA

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