

From the Senior Chaplain

In each of our spiritual lives, we were made for growth and progress. Unfortunately, some have interpreted spiritual growth with a type of “spiritual self-absorption” that sinks into an attitude of pride and comparisons. I’m reminded of an argument of the disciples while traveling with Jesus. Jesus asked them about their argument and it all centered around who would be the greatest in the Kingdom. The Lord made it clear that His Kingdom was not about attaining to their concept of greatness. Rather, He declared, “For he who is the least among you all—he is the greatest.”

As we proceed through the season of Lent, I hope you will spend some time considering the fact that genuine, Biblical and God-honoring spiritual growth is actually reflecting the person of Christ. It is the process of being conformed to the image of Christ. Some said, “It (spiritual growth) reveals the character and ways of God as exhibited through Christ to and through believers.”

A good question during Lent would be—Where am I today in my walk with God that reflects the mind of Christ? Am I more loving? Am I more compassionate? Am I more caring? Am I more patient? You see, reflecting Christ is far more than merely a religious principle or philosophy. It’s greater than a doctrinal declaration or a mission statement. It is the visible manifestation of Christ in the life of the believer in thought, word and deed.

Can I reflect Christ? Can I live in this world with the “mind of Christ?” Can my life manifest the glory of God? Absolutely! The Bible assures us, “For it is God who works in you to will and act according to His good purpose.”

Blessings and peace,
Len

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2012

Call to Worship “Church in the Wildwood” and “Jesus, Remember Me” Sam Holmes

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

“...Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid...” (Matthew 14:27b)

Welcome Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.

Voluntary “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Lloyd Larsen (Chapel Bells Ensemble)

Psalm 105:1-11 (Hymnal, p. 828) Rev. V. Lamar Helms

Introit “O God, You Search Me” Bernadette Farrell (Bella Voce Women’s Choir)

O God, You search me and You know me. All my thoughts lie open to Your gaze. When I walk or lie down You are before me; Ever the keeper and maker of my days. You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, And with love everlasting You besiege me; in every moment of life and death, You are. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding; God of my present, my past and future, too. For You created me and shaped me, Gave me life within my mother’s womb. For the wonder of who I am I praise you; Safe in your hands all creation is made new.

Invocation Rev. Helms

* Hymn 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy” NICAEA

+ 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 “Agnus Dei” Sonja Poorman (Bella Voce Women’s Choir, Brenda Bedingfield Flute)

“Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacern.”

(Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.)

* Offertory Response 298 HAMBURG
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
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. Helms

* Hymn 512 “Stand by Me” STAND BY ME (Vv. 1-3 & 5)

* Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Faith in the Storm” Rev. Walker

* Hymn 529 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

* Benediction Rev. Walker

* Benediction Response 298 V. 1 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 “Impromptu” F. Schubert

* 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 10:30 AM
Bob and Lynn Cooper Nick and Janelle Brown
Bill and Blossom Holyoak Larry and Linda James

Stand-Around

John and Myrtle Marshall
Tom and Frankie Rehg

Chapel Announcements

Free Blood Pressure Screening – 10:00-10:30 today in the library.

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. See insert for details.

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 – Tickets for the upcoming Twilight at the Terraces concert series will be on sale today at Stand-Around.

Book Nook – Please donate your books, audio tapes, DVDs, etc. to the Tour of Homes Book Nook. Items may be placed in the designated box at the Post Office.

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! Volunteer and registration forms are available online and in the office. For more info contact Nancy Smith at nancysmith@bigcanoechapel.org or 706.268.3203.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED-We are continuing Sunday School year round for all of our children and youth. Our Curriculum for June and July will be Super Summer Sundays...great Bible story videos and activities from Superbook! Contact Nancy Smith.

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. Helpers are still needed for the reception. Contact Nancy Smith for more info.

This Week's Chapel Calendar

Mon.	3/12	Terraces Meeting	9:00 AM
Mon.	3/12	Personnel Committee-Board Room	2:30 PM
Tues.	3/13	Bella Voce Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	9:30 AM
Tues.	3/13	MM Out-Sunday School Rooms	9:30 AM
Tues.	3/13	Finance Committee Meeting-Board Room	2:00 PM
Tues.	3/13	BCERT-McCormick Hall	7:00 PM
Wed.	3/14	Men's Journey Group-Teen Room	8:00 AM
Wed.	3/14	Guild Bible Study-McCormick, Room 102	9:30 AM
Wed.	3/14	MM Out-Sunday School Rooms	9:30 AM
Wed.	3/14	Wonderful Wednesday-Cousins Hall	4:45 PM
Wed.	3/14	Stephen Ministers-Rooms 101, 102 & Library	6:30 PM
Thurs.	3/15	MM Out-Sunday School Rooms	9:30 AM
Thurs.	3/15	Nominating Committee Meeting-Board Room	4:00 PM
Thurs.	3/15	Chapel Ensemble Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	6:00 PM
Thurs.	3/15	Chapel Choir Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	7:00 PM
Sat.	3/17	Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Cousins Hall	7:30 AM
Sat.	3/17	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00 AM

Chapel Prayer List

Home: J. C. Finley, Fred Hintz, Jayne Beske, Margaret Anderson, Catherine Grizzle, Fred Omundson

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

The Chapel wishes to express its sympathy to Verna Rauschenberg on the death of her father-in-law, Carl Rauschenberg, Sr., of Dalton, GA.

Fred and Carolyn Omundson and their family thank you for your prayers during Fred's surgery. Fred's cancer, however, has returned according to tests this week. They ask for your continued prayers, but no visits or phone calls at this time.

The Bella Voce music today is sung with all glory to God and in memory of Bella Voce member Lori Johnson. Lori passed away unexpectedly on March 3. Please pray for her husband, Jeff, and two teen children.

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