

## From the Senior Chaplain

I have done it more times than I want to admit. When faced with a major decision or dealing with a serious challenge, my tendency is to rely on my own resources and ingenuity. Typically, I find that I'm not that smart or clever. In all honesty, I cannot begin to count the times I've had to repent of my own self-chosen, self-appointed ways and ask God for His forgiveness and miracle of restoration. I hope I've learned some lessons along the way but like E. Stanley Jones once described himself, "I'm a Christian under construction."

Not long ago I was struck by a statement by A. W. Tozer. It was from a devotional entitled, "Making God Our First Resort." Someone once said that reading Tozer was like standing in front of a blast furnace. The following quote kind of scorched me:

"It is characteristic of human nature to turn to God only after every other avenue of help has been explored and been found useless. This is one of the many evils which sin has visited upon us-the bent to look everywhere for aid but in the right place, and if we do look in the right place, to look there last. No one likes to think that he has been a second choice, but our patient Heavenly Father lies under the shadow of always being at least second, and often third or fifth or tenth choice. For most of us will have to confess that we sought God only after all else had failed."

I trust and pray during this Lenten season that our hearts, minds and spirits will be consistently focused upon making God our first resort. He is everything!

Blessings and peace

Len

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**We are celebrating Holy Communion today by intinction. Both wine and grape juice will be offered at the 9am service with the ministers holding the chalice of wine. Grape juice only will be offered at the 10:30am service. Both services will offer trays of regular wafers with a gluten-free choice in the center of the tray. All who belong to Christ are welcome at the Communion Table.**

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25, 2012

Call to Worship "Church in the Wildwood" Sam Holmes  
and "Were You There"

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

Welcome Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.

Psalm 130 (The Hymnal, p. 848) Rev. V. Lamar Helms

Introit "Holy Radiant Light" Grerchaninoff

Voluntary "The Power of the Cross" arr. Larsen

Invocation Rev. Helms

\* Hymn 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

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

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Walker

Offertory "Set Me as a Seal" Clausen

\* 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. Helms

\* Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Drake

\* Scripture: John 17:25,26 Rev. Walker

Sermon "A Fresh Encounter" Rev. Walker

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister:

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

All:

**Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Hymnal, pp. 13-14)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* Hymn 451 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

\* Benediction Rev. Walker

\* Choral Benediction "Prayer" Clausen

Postlude "The Mighty Cross" Baroni

\* 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  
 Terry and Anne Campbell  
 Dave and Melinda Wesseling

10:30 AM  
 Lois Carter, Millann Fun  
 Louise Morgan, Pat Tipton

### Servers

9:00 AM  
 Kathie and Rick Taylor  
 Bill Holyoak, Richard Hubbard

10:30 AM  
 Jim and Connie Pollner

### Stand-Around

Nick and Jeanelle Brown  
 Dick and Pat Girdler

**The flowers in the Chapel today are given  
 by Norma Eaton in honor of her husband Art.**

## Chapel Announcements

**Save the Date** – Chapel Spring clean-up day, Saturday April 14, 2012, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Come out and help us spruce up the Chapel inside and out! Lunch will be provided by Chapel Men’s Fellowship and the Property Committee. So mark your calendar, Hope to see you Saturday, April 14, 2012. We’ll meet in the Broyles Center. If you have any questions, contact Ron Ceravolo 706.268.3576.

**Book Nook-** Please donate your books, audio tapes, DVD’s etc. to the Tour of Homes Book Nook. Items may be placed in the designated box at the Post Office.

**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.

**PANDAMANIA VBS-JUNE 11-15!** Teachers & Helpers needed! For more info [nancysmith@bigcanoechoapel.org](mailto:nancysmith@bigcanoechoapel.org) or 706.268.3203.

**Spring Issue** of our “**Good News Chronicle**” is available in the foyer and office hallway. Get up to speed on our Christian Ed News!

**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.	3/26	Committee for the Terraces-Room 107	1:00 PM
Mon.	3/26	Library Committee Meeting	3:00PM
Tues.	3/27	MM Out-Sunday school rooms	9:30 AM
Tues.	3/27	<i>Bella Voce</i> Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	9:30AM
Wed.	3/28	“Men’s Journey Group” Teen room	8:00 AM
Wed.	3/28	Guild Bible Study-McCormick, room 102	9:30 AM
Wed.	3/28	MM Out-Sunday school rooms	9:30 AM
Wed.	3/28	Wonderful Wednesday-Cousins Hall	4:45 PM
Wed.	3/28	Stephen Ministers-rooms 101, 102 & library	6:30 PM
Thurs.	3/29	MM Out-Sunday school rooms	9:30AM
Thurs.	3/29	Chapel Technology Meeting-room 107l	5:00PM
Thurs.	3/29	Chapel Choir Rehearsal-McCormick Hall	7:00 PM
Fri.	3/30	Day/Butterworth Wedding Rehearsal	4:00PM
Sat.	3/31	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00 AM
Sat.	3/31	Scholarship Parent Interviews-McCormick Hall, rooms 101, 102, and 107	8:00AM
Sat.	3/31	Day/Butterworth Wedding and Reception	2:00PM
Sun.	4/1	Chapel Worship Service	9:00 AM
Sun.	4/1	Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sun.	4/1	Choir Sings Both Services	9:00AM
Sun.	4/1	No Chapel Stand- Around	10:00 AM
Sun.	4/1	All Sunday School	10:30 AM
Sun.	4/1	Chapel Worship Service	10:30 AM
Sun.	4/1	Christian Ed. Meeting	11:45AM
Sun.	4/1	Musica Variata Concert- N. GA College and State University Choir	5:00PM

## Chapel Prayer List

Home: J. C. Finley, Fred Hintz, Jayne Beske, Margaret Anderson, Fred Omundson, Catherine Grizzle, Dottie Leasman, Gene Boeke, Laura Walker’s Mother, Pete Updegraff;

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,

Jeanelle and I thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of care during my recent surgery. Your support was very meaningful to us. Nick Brown

**We welcome the Lee University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. William (Bill) Green, Dean of the School of Music of Lee University. The chorale is an ensemble of highly motivated vocalists that are selected by audition. Though its members are pursuing diverse majors offered at the university, several of the ensemble members are seeking professional music careers as artists, church musicians and music teachers. We are grateful for the worship music that they are providing today.**

Rev. R. Len Walker Jr.  
 Senior Chaplain

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

Nancy Smith  
 Organist/Music,  
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