



SOUNDINGS

AUGUST 2017

To joyfully
share the
love of Christ
as we...

Cliff's Notes

Rev. Cliff V. Melvin

WORSHIP

GOD

CONNECT

TO GROW

&

SERVE

THE

WORLD



What a fabulous Vacation Bible School we had in July! Over 50 kids were cared for, heard the Good News of Jesus, and had a wonderfully fun week! Thank you again to the 35+ volunteers!

Here is an update on some of our Long-Range Plans which our Five-Year Planning Team have been working on:

A new worship service begins August 22, 6:30pm in Ratcliff Hall. It is called Café Worship and will feature a coffee bar at 6:30pm with a Bi-lingual Contemporary worship at 7:00pm.

A new outdoor lighting scheme has been developed to add much need light to parking areas. This should be completed by this Fall.

We are negotiating with Brennity (old Pointe West) to have their bus bring our members to worship and concerts.

Our bathrooms on the North and South wings are being redesigned by a local architect to be updated and accessible.

Our Connect (small) Groups are getting ready for their fall recruitment to continue expansion.

The Walk To Emmaus Retreats have taken off. We have a good core of folks who have now attended and we have four more folks attending in the Fall. These retreats are a dynamic time of learning, filled with serendipitous surprises, and all surrounded with loving, caring people.

We are in the development stage of a very clear, focused Spiritual Growth Process for our church members. This process will give a guiding plan on how to deepen your walk with Christ.

And, on top of all that good news, we also have had a member pay off our loan from the parsonage renovation. This will save the church over \$135,000 over the next several years in principle and interest. This can now go into other needed improvement projects and it helps reduce our budget! Hooray and Thank you to our anonymous donor!

We certainly have an exciting year ahead!



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WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Psalm 150:1-6

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ...

Psalm 100:1-2

A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Ephesians 5:19

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Psalm 71:23

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

1 Corinthians 14:15

What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

Psalm 33:3

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

James 5:13

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Psalm 149:3

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

2 Kings 3:15

But now bring me a musician.” And when the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him.

Psalm 150:4

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

John 4:24

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

CONNECT

James: Mercy Triumphs – Fall Women’s Bible Study
Thursdays September 07-October 26
10:00am – 11:30am

Join the Christ by the Sea Fall Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study as noted Bible teacher Beth Moore takes us on an eight week journey through the Book of James, written 45-50 years after Jesus’ resurrection. The author James, Jesus’ half-brother, later became the head of the first Christian church in Jerusalem. Although James wrote this letter to the scattered Jewish people dispersed throughout the Roman Empire, Moore helps us understand the importance of how these words relate to Christians in today’s world. Through weekly video presentations and group discussion, your life will be enriched as you live to serve our Heavenly Father. Karen Spaulding (772-643-0044) facilitates our study and will be glad to answer any questions. Register at The Connection Point to ensure adequate materials. Study books \$8.00 and will be distributed at the September 7 meeting. Joins us for coffee and conversation at 9:30am in Ratcliff Hall with the study from 10:00 – 11:30am.



Our Church Community Prays

Recently it came to our attention a number of CBTS folk were unaware a weekly Pray and Praise List (affectionately referred to as the Blue List) was created for our Christ by the Sea Family and available at each of the Sanctuary entrances. Consider picking up a copy and praying– some persons you won’t know – but God knows. You may request your name, or that of another (with the person’s approval) be added to the weekly list by completing the section on the Friendship Register passed in worship, or on the prayer request card located in the pew, or by calling June Traylor, 772-231-1661 x302.

Most weeks CBTS member Tom Bugg is at the church making calls to persons on the list assuring them they are being upheld in prayer. The church sanctuary is reserved each Thursday morning 9:00- 10:00am for prayer. All are invited to take advantage of this dedicated time to pray in a quiet and worshipful environment.

Should you be looking for a good book on prayer, Timothy Keller’s 2014 publication *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God* is available in our church library.

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

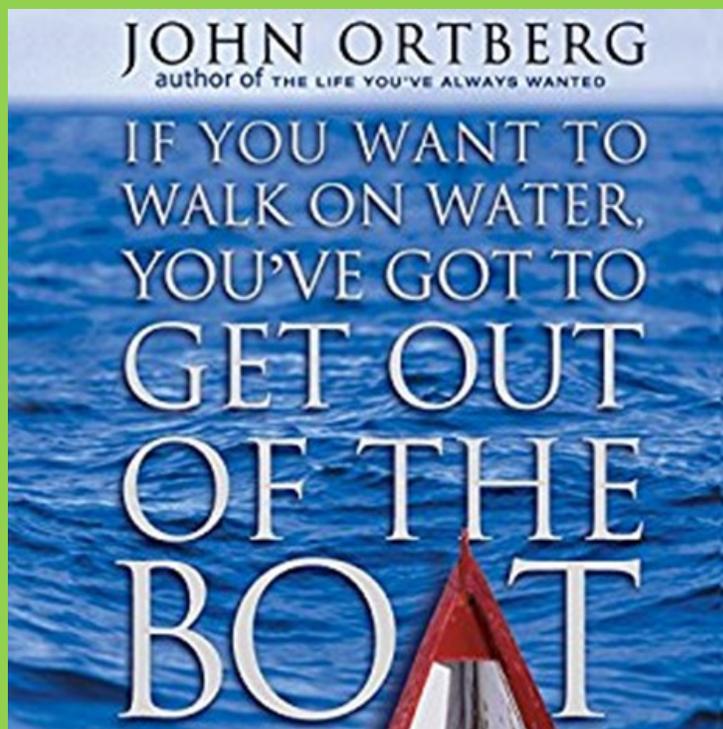
CONNECT

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat **Wednesday Night Christian Enrichment**

Starting September 13, 6:15pm, following Wednesday Night Dinner, Denny Bauman facilitates a six week John Ortberg Video Study based on Matthew 14. This study calls for us to re-discover God's unique calling.

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Ortberg suggests Jesus' invitation to walk-on water is for us as well. This study submits practical tenets to answering Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, transcending fear, managing failure and trusting God. Moving beyond the comfort zone we create and deepening our character and trust in God are Ortberg's objectives.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Ratcliff Hall at 5:30pm provides a wonderful way to fellowship with the CBTS community. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person and required reservations may be made at The Connection Point or by calling the church office no later than noon on Monday. However, you are invited to attend the Christian Enrichment Sessions even if you choose not to join us for dinner – just arrive by 6:15pm.



SERVE

Handy Helpers – Band of Brothers at Work!

Since its inception in 2012, Handy Helpers has been active in assisting our Christ by the Sea Church (CBTS) Family in completing simple home projects which do not require the skill of a licensed person. Their help has included (but not limited to) screen repair, minor plumbing, window repair, light bulb replacement, door repair, picture hanging, painting, lock replacement and HURRICANE SHUTTERS!



In 2015 Handy Helpers Team became an extension of Band of Brothers while still functioning under the auspices of CBTS Serve Ministries. Much appreciated assistance has been enjoyed by many.

You should know that:

- Handy Helpers is a volunteer ministry under the auspices of Serve Ministries at Christ by the Sea.
- Handy Helpers volunteer their time without financial compensation.
- Handy Helpers are available to do simple projects which do not require the skill of a licensed person.
- Individuals requesting assistance complete a Request Form (aka work order) with detailed description of requested project.
- Individuals requesting assistance are responsible for the cost (or purchase of) supplies needed to complete the project.
- The Handy Helper Chairperson (David Althoff, 772-234-6053) determines the feasibility of the requested assistance.
- If approved, The Handy Helper Team assigned will schedule the project at their convenience.
- Handy Helpers holds all information in strict confidence.

If you would like assistance – do not be shy. Just complete a Handy Helper Request Form and deposit in Handy Helper’s Mailbox in the Church Workroom.

If you are not a Band of Brothers member – BUT would like to help with this endeavor –
PERFECT!

If you would like more information about assistance – PERFECT!

Contact David– he would love to hear from you.

FINANCE

ENDOWMENT



An endowment is a fund that holds its principal in perpetuity and only pays out a small portion that goes to the church Trustees to be used to support capital expenditures directly related to existing property or acquisition of church property. Endowment investments have dual goals: to grow the principal and to generate income. Our investment program seeks the highest possible current distribution to the Church, within investment policy, while providing for sufficient growth of principal to ensure that payments from the endowment fund are as at least as meaningful in the future as they are today.

Giving back has always been an important part of your life. With an endowment fund at the Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church, you can continue to provide for the ministries you love for generations to come. These funds can be created to celebrate an event or honor a loved one, and will directly benefit your congregation or another cause dear to your heart. Most importantly, our endowment funds are designed to last forever, helping to preserve your life's passion and create a lasting legacy. An endowment contribution can be given in your own name, as a legacy in memory of a loved one, or in the name of the mission you choose to support. It can be funded using a variety of assets, such as cash, stocks, mutual fund shares, real estate or other property. Additional gifts to the fund can be accepted at any time from you or those wishing to support your chosen mission or ministry – allowing family and friends to contribute as well.

Endowment fund gifts may also provide tax benefits. By using appreciated assets to establish a fund, you may avoid the capital gains tax you would incur if you sold those assets. You may also reduce the size of your taxable estate. If you itemize allowable income tax deductions, you will be entitled to claim a charitable contribution as permitted by IRS regulations. It is important to consult your tax advisor and/or financial planner with specific benefits and questions.

We will be presenting additional information to our congregation to raise awareness of the endowment opportunity at Christ by the Sea. Thank you for your continued support of our church and the important mission we embrace.

Jay Hart, Endowment Committee

SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee thanks you for exhibiting your faith by making contributions to the Endowment Scholarship Fund. This year's recipients of the Scholarship are **Melina Zohn** and **Steven Coll**. Please congratulate them after church on **August 6** at our cake and coffee celebration following worship.

Chairman Byron Himelick welcomes your inquiries.

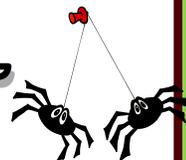
Anniversaries

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| 8/1—Sylvia Watts | 8/16—Shirley Murphy |
| 8/1—Tom Ellis | 8/16—Kathy Dunlop |
| 8/2—Bonnie DeRenzo | 8/17—Nancy Briggs |
| 8/6—Stephanie Moreland | 8/19—Lorraine Schrecongost |
| 8/7—Peg Kindy | 8/20—Shirley Heyd |
| 8/7—Terry Hopper | 8/20—Kathe Melin |
| 8/7—Lindsey Bassue | 8/21—Nancy Sayford |
| 8/9—William Forrest | 8/23—Mary Ann Roussin |
| 8/9—Allen Clement | 8/27—John Bryan |
| 8/9—Jean Ueltschi | 8/27—Janet Cole |
| 8/10—Nora Smith | 8/27—Jack Fekety |
| 8/11—Adrian Bakker | 8/28—Marjie Ritter |
| 8/13—Nancy Hamilton | 8/28—Judith Walck |
| 8/15—Ronald Kindy | 8/29—Dorothy Horning |
| 8/15—Robert Otto | 8/31—Cathy Kosco-Laite |
| 8/16—Ron Farabee | |

- 8/1— Myric & Cathy Kosco-Laite
- 8/6—Alfred & Kathleen Whittet
- 8/8—William & Roberta Forrest
- 8/8—George & Eureka James
- 8/11—Richard & Kathy Dunlop
- 8/11—Ellis & Terri Storms
- 8/13—Al & Betty Jean Sammartino
- 8/13—Ronald & Stephanie Moreland
- 8/13—Robert & Jeanne Holmes-Buttner
- 8/17—Ralph & Betty Alewine III
- 8/18—Don & Judy Combs
- 8/20—Rev. Roy & Marian Herndon
- 8/21—Byron & Deanna Himelick
- 8/21—MacDonald & Patricia Rice
- 8/23—David P. & Pat Moon
- 8/30—Chuck & Sandra Stevens



PUMPKIN PATCH



We have now run successful Pumpkin Patches the past several years. It is a fun project for our church that brings us all together and welcomes neighbors and folks from the community of Vero Beach. As we have said many times “The Patch” is a great marketing tool for our church! We get very positive publicity! We also get the chance to work with and get to know our fellow parishioners—young and old! Our pumpkins from the Navajo Indian reservation are always the best around.

Scheduled delivery is Friday 4:00 PM on 10/13. We will be up and running by Saturday 10/14 thru 10/31. As we all know this is a demanding project and requires many volunteers. We hope those of you who migrate north will come back early and enjoy the fun and great October weather! Naturally those of us who call “paradise” home year round will be needed as well.

It is hard to believe that Pumpkin Patch 2017 is just around the corner. This is just a red alert with more information to come in the next couple months. Get ready to serve “The Patch”!

Peace—David and Kathie Althoff



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:30am –Staff 5:30pm—Dinner 6:00pm Christian Enrichment	3 1pm- Crafts	4	5
6 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service	7 10am—Al-Anon	8 10am—Grief Support Group 4pm—Trustee Mtg.	9 10:30am –Staff	10 1pm- Crafts 1pm—Sacred Circle 6:30pm—Suicide Grievers Support Group	11	12 8am—Band of Brothers
13 9am—Sunday Worship 10am—Worship Service 12:15pm—Serving at the Source 3pm—Symphony of Americas/ Summerfest	14 10am—Al-Anon	15 4pm—Finance Mtg.	16 10:30am –Staff	17 1pm- Crafts 11:45am—OWLS	18	19 10am—District VSG Mtg.
20 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service Becoming Acquainted	21 10am—Al-Anon	22 4pm—Church Council 6:30pm—Café Worship	23 10:30am –Staff	24 1pm- Crafts	25	26 4pm—Broadway Concert Mtg.
27 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service	28 10am—Al-Anon 4pm—5yr planning Mtg.	29 6:30pm—Café Worship	30 10:30am –Staff	31 1pm- Crafts	