



Soundings



To joyfully
share the

love of
Christ as
we...

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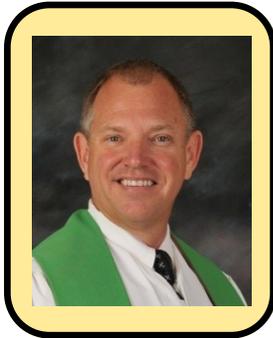
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Cliff's Notes

Rev. Cliff V. Melvin



It certainly was a spirit-filled, Fellowship-infused, and rather bizarre month of April. It was a month of spiritual high with Holy Week worship and cantatas. It was a fun time of fellowship with the golf outing and ladies tea. It was also a sad and strange time with the destruction of our stained-glass windows. I am looking forward to a much more quiet month of May!

I had an interesting couple of exchanges last month about our church that I thought you should know about. One

exchange told about how welcome and friendly our church was as a person came here for the first time and joined the church soon after. But, the other was just the opposite. The person shared that no one spoke to them in worship other than when I greeted them and we gave them a first-time guest bag. They even went to Ratcliff for coffee with the guest bag sitting on the table in front of them, and no one spoke to them. They told one of our members that they would never be back because of how unfriendly we were to them.

I know we can do better than this. I know that you welcome new people who may be seeking a church home or, perhaps, hurting

deeply, and need someone to acknowledge them...to make them feel welcomed and cared for. Here is a suggestion to perhaps help this NOT happen again and so that every person feels the love of Christ here at our church.

I want to suggest that for the first three minutes you are greeting people in church or in Ratcliff Hall that you specifically make an attempt to speak to someone you don't know. And if you see them in Ratcliff Hall with a first-time guest bag that you especially greet them! Let's call this "the three-minute rule". If it helps us keep one person from leaving feeling unwelcome, it will have been worth the effort. Don't you agree?

Peace,

Cliff

Worship



...developing children, transforming lives

**Imani Children's
Choir Concert
Sunday, May 7,
2017 at 3pm**

Imani Milele is a Ugandan phrase that literally means "everlasting faith".

Imani Children's Choir's purpose is promoting and bringing awareness to the plight of the orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda through their craft in music and dance. Their performances have earned them recognition as one of the best children's choirs in the nation. The ministry cares for over 3500 children, providing housing, education, skill training, and Jesus Christ centered values.

The Imani Milele Children's Choir is performing a concert here at Christ by The Sea on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3pm. A free-will offering is appreciated.



**Please, join our summer choir from
May through October 2017.**

**Simply come on Sundays by
9:30 AM to rehearse with our
orchestra the hymns that the choir
will lead for worship that day. No
audition nor robes needed for the
summer choir. You are welcome to
join us any Sunday you are able to
sing with us. Sing a joyful song
unto the Lord!
Amen!**

DON'T FORGET!

We go back to one service the first
week of May.

Sunday School will be at 9:00am.

Worship will be at 10:00am.

See you then!

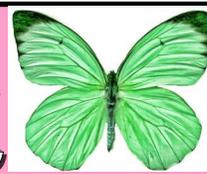
**SERVICE TIME
CHANGE**

THANK YOU!

ALL WHO HELPED
WITH LENTEN
SERVICES, CANTATAS
AND HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP SERVICES.
HE HAS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!



Connect



Early Summer Women’s Bible Study Begins May 11

Consider joining our eight week Women’s Bible Study, Grace: God’s Delivery System, May 11- June 29, 10:00 – 11:00am in the Church Conference Room. Written and led by our own Roberta Forrest, this study will explore the sovereign, mighty and effectual grace of God, shaping Christians’ attitudes toward God, themselves, the present life, and the life to come. Your study book is the Bible – bring it along in book or electronic form!



Roberta joined CBTS last year and quickly became involved, joining the Chancel Choir, accompanying Ladies by the Sea, facilitating in our women’s winter Bible study and now is excited about sharing the truths of God’s grace. As a young child she felt the pull of God’s love and was baptized with a profession of faith at 14 in a rural United Methodist Church. In 1959 she married her high school sweetheart, William, and began a life centered on church and the joy of being a pastor’s wife. Along the way she worked in the Oral Roberts University Prayer Tower and Student Admissions. In addition she was Director of Wesleyan Foundation (Campus Ministry) in Miami, Oklahoma.

Plan to come for Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:30am which provides an opportunity to meet new and old friends. Invite a friend and register at The Connection Point in the Narthex!

Calling for Vacation Bible School Volunteers!

We are looking forward to another great year at Vacation Bible School, July 10-14 all predicated on great volunteers (which has been our experience to date).

Volunteer Opportunities: Registration, Group Leaders, Bible Story, Crafts, Recreation, Snacks, Photographer, Early Morning Drop off Room, and Greeters. Please prayerfully consider joining the Team. It is important we develop it now!

You may register as a volunteer by going to the church website: www.cbtsunc.org, click on events, scroll down to Vacation Bible School and scroll down to “Click Here to Register”. Register as a Volunteer. Please complete the information even if you are not exactly sure what position you would like – that can be left blank. The ability to secure these digital records is so important – and should you not have access to a computer please don’t hesitate - we will help. Contact Chris MacBeth (772-696-1777) or June Traylor (772-231-1661 x302).



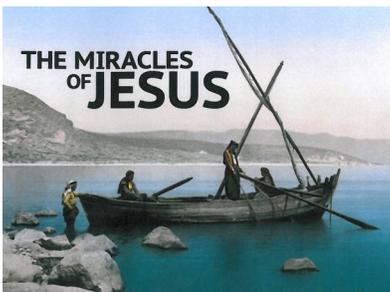
Christ by the Sea UMC
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 3755 Hwy A1A, Vero Beach
 772.231.1661 x 302
cbtsunc.org

DATES: July 10-14, 2017
AGES: 4 - Grade 5
COST: \$10/child, incl a T-Shirt & DVD!

REGISTER: cbtsunc.org or Church Office
MORE INFO: June Traylor, 772.231.1661

Sunday, April 23-May 28

Summer Adult Sunday School



Thinking about joining an Adult Sunday School Class this summer? There are two great options for you to grow in faith, meet new friends and be involved a wonderful discipleship experience. **Remember Sunday School is now at 9:00 – 9:45am each week.** Going Deeper meets in Kussel Chapel and The Miracles of Jesus in the Conference Room.

Conference Room,
Joann Rondeau, Instructor

A study of the morning’s sermon scripture.

Discerning the truth of God’s word in Jesus Christ.

Going Deeper

9:00 am
Adult
Sunday
School Class

Leader:
Dr. Linda Petrilla

Kussel Chapel

Connect



This Summer Meet and Learn From C.S. Lewis First Wednesday Nights Features C.S. Lewis "Festival"

May through August, the first Wednesday of the month, we will join together in Ratcliff Hall for a 5:30PM covered dish supper followed by a film capturing the life and times of C.S. Lewis at 6pm. Plan to join us for these inspiring and informative occasions.

C.S. (Clive Staples) Lewis is one of the most well-known, widely read, and often quoted Christian authors of modern time. Brought up in the Protestant Church of Ireland, as a teenager he said he "lost his faith" turned off by boring church services and the problem of evil in the world. In 1916 he was offered a scholarship at Oxford and became an excellent scholar. However in 1917 his university life was interrupted as he volunteered to join the British army in the First World War. After return to Oxford he became increasingly perplexed by the existence of God and Christianity. Following many evening chats with friends such as J.R.R. Tolkien and Hugo Dyson, Lewis converted to belief in God (theism) in 1929 and became a Christian in 1931. He wrote he felt a reluctant and unwilling convert but felt compelled to accept evidence of faith.

Lewis became an influential apologist for Christianity through publications such as Mere Christianity and Screwtape Letters. His Chronicles of Narnia are loved and enjoyed by children of all ages. He rarely made reference to a particular denomination of Christianity but sought to reinforce underlying Christian values shared by all Christian faiths.

Since his death in 1963 (the same date as the assassination of J.F. Kennedy) his books and influence have continued to grow. (information adapted from Biography ONLINE)

C.S. Lewis Quotes

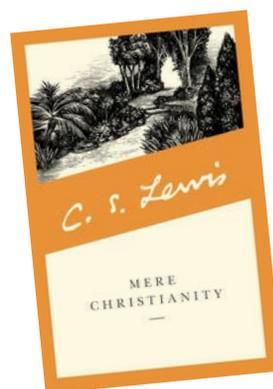
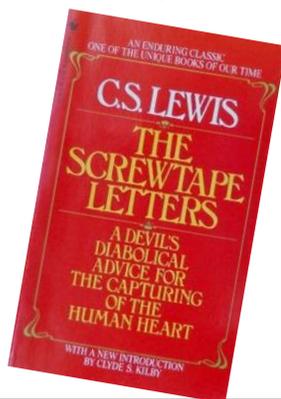
"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

"God can't give us peace and happiness apart from Himself because there is no such thing."

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

So prepare a favorite dish (main, vegetable, salad or dessert) and share a time of fellowship and encouragement. Please indicate your intention to attend at The Connection Point in the Narthex to ensure adequate seating. Wednesday, May 3rd, The Life and Faith of C.S. Lewis; The Magic Never Ends.



CHRISTIANS CARING FOR CHILDREN

Providing school uniforms and more!

One of our local Serve ministries, The Hope for Families Center, houses many families with children. These children need our support. School begins in August and many of these children need uniforms. We seek to provide each student who needs a uniform with two uniforms. We also purchase one set of play clothes and some underwear for the students. The children who don't need uniforms will be given two sets of play clothes and underwear. Each family is given a Bible and/or other Christian materials. Infants and toddlers are given a play outfit, sippy cup, wipes, and training pants or diapers. If you would like to know how to be involved, please come to an informational meeting June 29 at 2:00pm in Ratcliff Hall. There we will distribute shopping lists for each child. You can choose to shop for one or more children. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Kathy Dunlop (772-589-4605) for more information. The clothes will be given to the children at the Hope for Families Center on Thursday July 27, so all shopping must be completed and items delivered to the church no later than Sunday July 23. We do hope you can help.



“...just as you did it to one of the least of these...” (Matthew 25:40)



Our Habitat team helps people unable to make needed repairs to their homes. We support the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative of Indian River County Habitat for Humanity. We help change the lives of people for the better by offering a hand up, not a hand out. **Join us on the next Christ by the Sea Habitat Work Day:**

Saturday, May 6, 7:30 AM to Noon

No special skills or tools required. Contact Howard Leary

howard@hleary.com, (772)205-2569 or sign up in Ratcliff Hall.



Christ by the Sea Blood Drive
Sunday, May 21, 2017
10:00 am—1:00 pm



All donors will receive a free wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Serve

MATCH GIVING SUCCESS!

Thank you for being a Special Angel to our little Church's Spring Matching Gift Program. This program has really helped us more often than not to get over the top with our Finances for Christ By The Sea United Methodist Church. The summer months are our toughest when most of our expenses still happen, but with about half the parishioners as we get in the winter months. We appreciate our Winter Worshipers, and they really care about their little southern Church here in Vero Beach.

This year's Matching Gift amount was a sizeable \$42,500.00, and if matched would bring in \$85,000.00 for our Budget. I am happy to announce that the Angel Gift was not only matched but exceeded greatly. This is truly good news to our Finance Committee, and all concerned with our Church expenses. We still need to be very prudent with our Funds, which I feel we are. But, we also need to move forward to better reach our Community, where I feel we are, also.

We are truly blessed to have support Angels such as you to assist us in making our Goals to better Serve the World, and spread the Word of God.

Gratefully yours,

David Vogt

Matching Gifts



Finance



Christ By The Sea Endowment Fund News and Opportunities

The Endowment Fund at CBTS is a vital part of the church's financial operation. The income from this Fund helps the church preserve our assets and accomplish new goals in our mission to share the word of God with those in our community and beyond. The principal of our Fund is preserved and invested at all times under the guidance of your Endowment Fund Committee, the United Methodist Church Foundation and Raymond James Co.

A recent significant project made possible by a loan from the Fund was the purchase and renovation of property across the street from the church on Greytwig as well as remodeling the parsonage.

There are numerous ways to contribute to the Endowment Fund which provide tax incentives for you and at the same time provide a legacy for the church. These include Charitable Gift Annuities which depending on your age, pay as much as **9% per year guaranteed**. Other means of contributing include Gifts of Appreciated Assets, IRA Charitable Rollovers, Wills, Trusts, Bequests, Life Estate Agreements, Payable on Death items and Transfer on Death which eliminates the need for probate of these assets, as well as additional options.

If you are interested in the future of our church and would like to be a part of that future for all time, please contact the church office or any committee member, to see how you can make a significant difference in Christ By The Sea and in your own financial planning.

Sincerely,

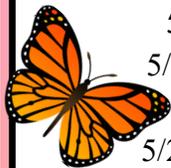
Larry Zeigler

Birthdays

- 1- Kalea Bieber
- 2 - Charlie Burnett
- 5 - Terri Storms
- 6 - Sally Haeffner
- 9 - Janet Leger
- 11 - Myric Laite
- 13 - Jim Brumbaugh
- 15 - June Traylor
Elaine Moore
- 16 - Craig Bassue
- 17 - Jean Wainwright
Dwight Holmes
- 18 - Fernando Coll

- Riana Fletcher
- 19 - Melba Campbell
Neva Crosby
- 20 - Howard Sears
Ryan Sandgren
- 22 - Irene Bates Dunjohn
- 23 - Stephen Barth
Janet Zeigler
- 25 - Frank Marden
Betty Alewine
- 26 - Chuck Benjamin
Ronald Moreland
Nila Moylan

- 27 - Babs Irwin
- 28 - Barb Urban
- 29 - Rosemary Gagliardi
Mary Lou Nicholas
- 30 - Marian Farabee
- 31 - Emily Prospere
Leila Rittmaster

5/03 Andy and Jean Wainwright
 5/07 Linston and Charmaine Hensley
 5/09 Terry and Suzy Hopper
 5/19 Fernando and Alejandra Coll
 5/20 Jeff and Babs Irwin
 5/21 Charles and Janet Troutman
 5/24 Ray and Adriana Lancaster
 5/28 Tom and Serina Halverson

Anniversaries



A special thanks to all who planned, executed, and participated in the highly successful **CBTS Golf Tournament**. Well Done!



A Message from the UMW President

I trust that you all have had a blessed Easter as we did. It was indeed a special one for us having our children and grandchildren gathered in VB. The UMW ladies had a beautiful "English Tea" on April 5 that was attended by over 80 women. Great food, speaker and fun for all. We look forward to seeing you back at our May 3, covered dish meeting, with speaker Justin Knott of the IR Sherriff's Office.

Wishing you all a Blessed Spring and Summer.

Toby Ann Mann



Employment Opportunities at Christ by the Sea UMC

Current Opening: Bookkeeper

Part-time 16 hours per week; Flexible daily business hours. You'll find a complete job description and requirements [here](#).

Interested applicants should submit cover letter, resume, and fully completed application (see below) to Christ by the Sea UMC, Attn. Staff Parish Relations, 3755 Highway A1A, Vero Beach, FL 32963 or office@cbtsumc.org . Reply on or before 05/15/2017 for consideration.

Employment Application

The employment application is available in .pdf (adobe Acrobat) format which you can [download](#), print out and fill-in by hand or in .doc format which you can [download](#), display in Microsoft Word and fill-in on your computer.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10am—Al Anon 7pm—Men's Bible Study	2 4:00pm—Serve Committee Mtg.	3 11:30am—UMW Unit Meeting 5:15pm—Youth Group 5:30pm—Dinner 6:15—Christian Enrichment	4 1pm—Crafts	5	6 Habitat Work Day 7:30am—Noon
7 9am— Sunday School 10am—Worship	8 10am—Al Anon 7pm—Men's Bible Study	9 10am—Grief Support Group 4pm—Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm—Suicide Survivors Support Group	10 10:30am—UMW Board Mtg. 5:15pm—Youth Group	11 10am—Women's Bible Study 1pm—Crafts 1pm—Sacred Circle	12	13 8am—Band of Brothers
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9am— Sunday School 10am—Worship 12:15pm—Serving at the Source 	15 10am—Al Anon 7pm—Men's Bible Study	16 4pm—Finance Mtg.	17 5:15pm—Youth Group	18 10am—Women's Bible Study 11:45am—OWLS 1pm—Crafts	19	20
21 8:30am—Blood Drive 9am— Sunday School 10am—Worship <i>Becoming Committed</i>	22 10am—Al Anon 4:30pm—5year planning Mtg. 7pm—Men's Bible Study	23 4pm—Church Council Mtg. 6pm—SPRC Mtg.	24 5:15pm—Youth Group 6pm— VBS Leaders Mtg.	25 10am—Women's Bible Study 1pm—Crafts 1pm—Sacred Circle	26	27
28 9am— Sunday School 10am—Worship	29 <i>Memorial Day—The Church office is closed</i> 7pm—Men's Bible Study 	30	31 5:15pm—Youth Group			