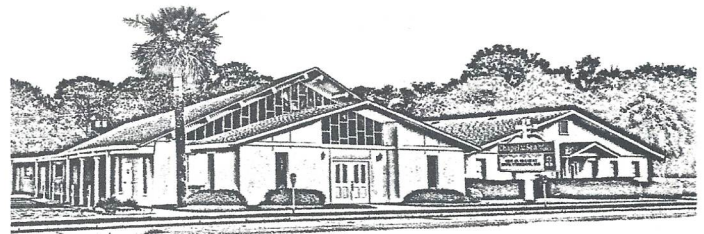


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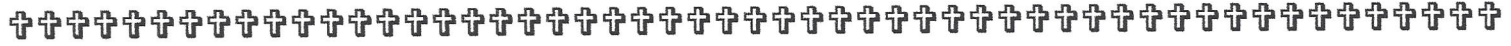
Weekly Services

Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday
 Worship 11:00 AM Sunday
 Worship 7:00 PM Sunday
 Worship 7:00 PM Wednesday

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“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13



Pastor’s Pen... A new year has arrived with its challenges and opportunities. Many will set about to make new year’s resolutions – a list of things to accomplish or to change. Yes, it is a time of new beginnings. Looking forward has both its delights and doubts. What will this new year set before us? Our thoughts can carry us down many paths when we think about another new year.



Of all the many things that we can anticipate in this new year, should we not consider the possibility that Jesus could return for His own. The scriptures tell us that Jesus has given promise to His people that He would one day return for the purpose of taking them to the Father’s house. This promise is given in John 14:1-3.

Paul speaks of this wonderful event in passages such as 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Titus 2:11-13. Dare we imagine that Jesus would make a promise and not see it through? The promise of Jesus’ return for His people is rightly referred to as “the blessed hope.” Could there be a better word to help set the pace for the coming new year than the word “hope?” Let us face this new year with a spirit of hope.

Bro David Laughner



New Study Series

During the month of January, we will begin a new Sunday morning series of study entitled, **THE CHURCHES “3-E” STRATEGY.**

As a church, do we know what Jesus has required of us?

Let us learn how to define a biblical ministry as set forth in God’s word.

Our new Sunday evening series is entitled, **REASONS TO REJOICE.**

This series will build upon the Book of Philippians.



Thank You, Dedicated Servants

On January 27th, we will say our thank you and farewell to **Marie and Joe Harbuck.**

This will be the final Sunday for Marie leading our Chapel Choir. We will have a “covered dish” lunch at the end of the morning service. Let us express our thanks to Marie and Joe for their time here at Chapel.

We will also recognize **Millie Scoggin** for her many years of serving our Lord in the music ministry.

Together these 2 ladies have blessed our church family greatly for many years and they will be sorely missed. Please be with us for this special day as we honor these dedicated servants of our Lord.



It has been said "When words fail, music speaks". How true that is! The Christmas musical the choir presented on December 16th is a prime example of that. It was obvious that each choir member was spirit-filled (and a little emotional) as this musical was presented. Words could not have expressed the gratitude, love and adoration we have for what God did by sending His

Son from the glories of Heaven to the humble beginnings of a food trough, a manger. The music spoke loudly and clearly as we lifted up His precious, wonderful and beautiful name. We hope it was as much a blessing to you as it was to us in presenting it.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven..." Most of you know that January 27th will be my last day at Chapel by the Sea as Music Director. I can't begin to express the blessing being part of such a loving church and having the privilege of serving these past 6 years as Music Director has been. Maybe I need to find a song because words fail to express the gratitude in my heart for each one of you. Please pray for Joe and me as we seek, one day at a time, God's will for this next chapter in our lives.

I can't leave without thanking ALL of you for your love, support and encouragement. Specifically, I want to thank Brother David and Ginger for always encouraging us and making sure we had everything we needed for our ministry. Thank you to Wayne, our wonderful drummer; Mary who kept Facebook updated each week; and June and Jerry, our sound technicians, who always worked diligently to ensure the sound and videos were top notch – not an easy job.

Finally, to you, Chapel Choir, there just aren't words to express the love and appreciation I have for each one of you. I've said this so many times before, but can never say it enough; your commitment, your faithfulness, your willingness to work hard and give so much of your time never ceases to amaze me. It's because of you and your heart for God that this choir has been so richly blessed. God has great things ahead for Chapel Choir under Royann Harley's leadership. Know that my thoughts and my prayers will be with each one of you daily. I love all of you so much and will always be thankful for the time we shared together. Thank you for the friendship, the laughter and the tears. Until we meet again:

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

In His Love, Marie Harbuck, Director



Let us be Faithful Stewards.

Financial Report thru December 9, 2018

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>
Yearly	\$263,618.50	\$261,890.71
Weekly	\$ 5,069.59	\$ 5,349.63 (Wkly Avg.)

A Giving Church is a Living Church!

Chapel extends Christian Love & Sympathy to the family of Tillman Anderson and to Jo Ann Shuman in the death of her cousin.



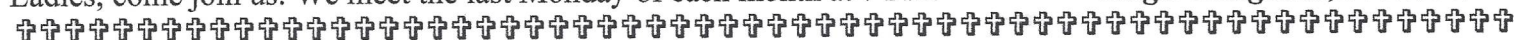
As we look back at this past year we have many high and some lows that come to mind. Some of our church family has experienced loss of their spouse, child, parent or other loved ones. Some have had health issues or other hardships. But God is faithful! How wonderful, how marvelous, how all-sufficient Christ is! As we begin this new year, may we all resolve to remain faithful in our personal relationship with Christ, and may we continue to lift each other up as one family. Let's remember what Christ has done for us in years past, what He's doing in and through us now, and what He will do in our future.

Thank you for a wonderful WMU year. I look forward to seeing what God has planned for 2019.

"For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting. His truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:5.

Ladies, come join us. We meet the last Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Ginger Laughner, President



A prayer without faith is just wishful thinking.

Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering to date \$38,651.02

All praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you, Chapel family, for showing your sincere love for foreign missions and being obedient to God in what He directs you to give. This is an astounding amount that signifies that you realize that not all can go to the foreign mission field but all can give that others may go and carry the Word.

Thanks, Chapel, and to God be the Glory!



Tots by the Sea: It's the most wonderful time of year and Tots by the Sea has truly already been blessed this Christmas season. The Owens donated a 3 hour trolley with Old Savannah Trolley tours to us. I was thrilled beyond measure and quickly began organizing this event for the children.



To encourage Tybee residents to decorate their homes with lights for the children to view, I called several local businesses to request donations of items for a prize gift basket for the best decorated home. Every business I called said yes. I finally stopped making calls because I realized this prize was rapidly gaining value and not one person was rejecting the idea of donating. It was truly a blessing to see the way the merchants of Tybee responded to my requests.

I put out some posts on social media that a contest for the best decorated home would take place with a gift basket up for grabs. Over 15 residents responded saying they wanted to participate in the decorated home contest. I started getting messages and texts from citizens wanting to dress in Christmas movie characters to meet us to give out treats to the children. There was a true feeling of Christmas spirit. Parents were contacting me doing their best to insure they got to ride the trolley with their children and entire families.

It was suggested a donation be taken up so as to ensure the passengers who signed up in advance showed up. Since Chapel by the Sea was in the middle of its Missions March for Lottie Moon Foreign Missions Offering, God led me to decide that this was where the donations should be contributed. A donation of \$5 per passenger was suggested and within an hour all seats were filled, with more waiting.

On December 15th at 5 PM 34 passengers, including 17 adults and 17 children, were greeted with gift bags containing special Christ story Christmas ornaments, light up necklaces, and a printed copy of a list of houses to judge. We joined together in the fellowship hall at Chapel which was beautifully decorated for Christmas by our WMU ladies. The parents and children enjoyed food and drinks donated by the Chapel choir members, for the preboarding party.

The families on the trolley had a fantastic time following the route of homes registered in the decoration contest. I only missed one turn navigating the trolley for the driver! And although I missed the same turn 3 times, nobody complained! We all sang Christmas Carols on board and shared memories of Christmas times of the past that different songs brought to our minds. The trolley driver made several stops that had home baked treats, candy canes, treat bags for the passengers and one stop had a live dancing Santa by a bonfire. The trolley bell rang all over the island. I was overwhelmed by the supportive residents of Tybee and people already are planning for next year.

After one last ding of the trolley bell we safely arrived back at the church and unloaded for a vote on who had the best Christmas decorated house. The winner was chosen and everyone said their goodbyes expressing what a wonderful time they had.

On the way home, I went to give the gift basket to the winning home at 202 Jones Ave. It's amazing the amount of work the owner of the home put into decorating. When I arrived he was outside listening to 'OH, HOLY NIGHT' over his outdoor sound system at such a high volume that it just reached deep into my soul bringing me to tears of joy. There couldn't have been a more perfect ending to what I believe is our first annual Tots by the Sea Christmas trolley ride. And no one went home wondering what Christmas was all about, they knew that it was a celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Sunday morning following the trolley ride, on behalf of Tots by the Sea, I presented Pastor Laughner with a donation of \$260 for the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering. I will personally cherish this Christmas memory for a lifetime. To God be the Glory, Great things He has done!

"Lord, how can I keep from singing your praise? You are an awesome mighty God! My king, my Jehovah Jireh, my provider! My heart has truly been blessed by all the love and support of my church family and friends on Tybee.

But most of all by my God and His outpouring of love for me."

In loving service to our King, **Christy Davies, Director**

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A New Year's Poem for Christians

by Mary Fairchild

Instead of making a New Year's Resolution
 Consider committing to a biblical solution.

Your promises are easily broken
 Empty words, though earnestly spoken.
 But God's Word transforms the soul
 By His Holy Spirit making you whole.
 As you spend time alone with Him
 He will change you from within.

<i>Birthstone – Garnet</i>		<i>January 2019</i>			<i>Flower - Carnation</i>	
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Happy New Year!		1 <i>New Years Day Holiday</i>	2 <i>Fellowship Supper 6 PM, Bible Study 7 PM</i>	3	4	4
6 <i>Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM</i>	7 <i>Tots by the Sea 10 AM</i>	8 <i>Stretch & Nutrition Class 7:30 PM</i>	9 <i>Fellowship Supper 6 PM, Bible Study 7 PM</i>	10	11	12
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20	21 <i>Tots by the Sea 10 AM</i>	22 <i>Stretch & Nutrition Class 7:30 PM</i>	23 <i>Fellowship Supper 6 PM, Bible Study 7 PM</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>Covered Dish Lunch for Marie & Millie</i>	28 <i>Tots by the Sea 10AM, WMU at 7PM</i>	29 <i>Stretch & Nutrition Class 7:30 PM</i>	30 <i>Pot Luck Supper 6 PM, Bible Study 7 PM</i>	31		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Edwards 1/3, Kelly Eason 1/4, Christie Davies 1/8, Ken Grainger 1/11,
 Cooper Estes 1/16, Tom Owens, 1/22, Herman Peavy 1/26

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Royann Harley 1/13



Read the Bible Through Datebook/Calendars are free on the table in the front hallway.