



CHARITY CHAPEL DOINGS

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MAY IS MISSIONS MONTH!

CHARITY MART FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

We have been collecting items to give to our missionaries when they come to the Missions Conference. We're creating a store called CHARITY MART. They will be invited to shop following the Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, May 5th.

You can still bring in items for our store, and deposit them in the wooden chest in the Missions Room.

QUALITY FLASHLIGHTS, PACKET MIXES,
LINENS, TOWELS,
FAMILY DVD's, ZIP LOCK BAGS
TOILETRIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

If you would prefer to make a donation toward the purchase of items for the missions store, just label your giving envelope Missions Store or Charity Mart, when enclosing your contribution; make checks payable to Charity Chapel.



THANKSGIVING FEAST! COME ONE! COME ALL!

One of the special times of the Missions Conference for Charity Chapel is the Tuesday Thanksgiving Feast. On noon on Tuesday, May 5, all missionaries and all of Charity Chapel are invited to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Feast.

Many of the missionaries live in countries that do not observe our unique U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving so having turkey with all the trimmings is very special to them.

For those people who have signed up to furnish items for the Feast, be sure to have the dishes at the Gold Building before noon. You might find it helpful to use disposable pans in order not to misplace or forget to pick up your dishes when the dinner is over.

Take advantage of hearing from many of our missionaries and learn about their ministries. Our services will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, and Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm.. At 6:00 pm on Wednesday evening there will be a South of the Boarder dinner prior to the service. Please notify the office or sign up on the Connection Card if you are planning to attend this dinner.



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS?

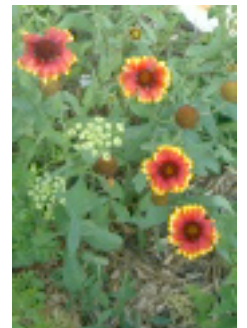
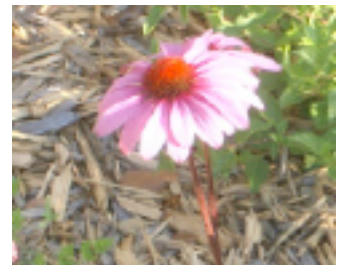
If you have not walked out of church to the Fellowship Hall recently you have probably not enjoyed the beauty of the area between these two buildings.

This is a gift of love to God and our congregation from the grateful heart and skillful hands of Robin Nelson and her children.

As you may observe on the sign to the left, it is more than a simple garden but a real and certified wildlife habitat.

There is a bird bath, numerous bird feeders, hummingbird feeders plus an arched trellis and a path. There are potted plants as well as beds of flowers. Many of these flowers were planted to attract butterflies and some will sacrifice their leaves to support the worms that will produce beautiful butterflies. We are all indebted to the Nelsons for this transformation.

We are also grateful to Mary Wales for planting and tending the beautiful flowers around the front of the church.



We are a people living out God's values, loving each other, and being partners in seeing that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ reaches the rest of the world.



DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

This person was born in Dry Branch, Georgia and moved to Pensacola in his early teens. His father worked as an engineer for the Georgia Kaolin Company. He has three younger sisters. To get a better education in a neighboring county, his mother arranged for him to attend Alexander III Elementary School, and Gresham Elementary. In the sixth grade he went to the local Smith Elementary School (it was so small the 5th & 6th grades were combined). In the seventh grade he went to live with his grandparents to help out because his grandfather was terminally ill.

When he was 5, his mother, sisters and he attended the local Episcopal Church. It was chosen because it was the one place where he did not cry in Sunday school.

The summer of the seventh grade his father was employed as a manager at the new Chemstrand Plant and the family moved to Pensacola. He attended AV Clubs Junior High. The family moved to Perdido Bay and he attended Blount Junior High. He went on to attend and graduate from Pensacola High School. Even though the commute to and from school was a long trip, he was able to be active in sea scouts, and at Christ Church (downtown Pensacola) where he was an acolyte and sang in the choir.

He learned to drive by running a farm tractor when he was seven years old and the next year he learned to drive a car. This led to a lifelong love of driving culminating in spending more than twenty years of owning and driving race cars in amateur competitions.

He went to Alabama Polytechnic Institute (renamed Auburn University prior to his graduation). He studied engineering and became the third generation electrical engineer in his family. His grandfather was an electrical engineer and worked in Peru and Spain providing electrical systems for mines. His father was also an electrical engineer. He co-opted at the Redstone Arsenal working on investigating laser weaponry. by graduation he was married, had a three year old daughter and an infant son. After graduation he was commissioned into the regular army and served in Germany, Vietnam, and in Augusta, Georgia.

During coffee hour at the Episcopal church they attended, he was approached by the plant manager of the Buckeye Cellulose Plant who arranged for an

interview for him with the plant manager of the Procter and Gamble Company. The rest is history. He moved to Cincinnati, Ohio and spent the next twenty four years working for P&G as an engineer making machinery to produce consumer products.

He became a Christian at a Faith Alive Weekend Retreat which led to three major life changes. God challenged him to run to maintain his health. God gave him a concept that led him around the world several times as a "rapid changeover" consultant for P&G plants and their suppliers, and he met and married his current wife. He continues to run, swim and bike to keep himself fit. He has run several marathons and triathlons.

In 1993 he was offered early retirement and thus began a private consulting business. He relocated to Pensacola in 1994. Because of a billboard that Charity had rented, they came to check out Charity Chapel and were so warmly received that they decided to make Charity their home church without looking any further.

Happy Anniversary

**30th CELEBRATION -
June 7, 2009**

We will be celebrating Mike & Pam Collins' 30th Anniversary as Senior Pastor at Charity Chapel. We will have a 10 AM Celebration service and a special combined Children's church at 10 AM in our new East wing followed by Dinner on the grounds under the big tent. Dinner will be sub sandwiches from Subway. The church family will provide salads and desserts.

We invite you to write out any special memories, testimonies or thoughts you may wish to share to create a special "book" for Mike & Pam. Please turn those in to one of the church staff.

Mike loves pictures (old and new) and we would be happy to copy any pictures you have and return your originals back to you. Be sure to write your name(s) on everything you give to us. If you send a family picture, please date it and put everyone's name on them.

You may also wish to send a special love offering for them in honor of the occasion. Make your check to Charity Chapel and designate it "Mike's 30th". You may mail it or drop it in the offering. For further information contact any of the church staff: Pastor Jerry, Pastor Brandon, Brenda or Mary in the church office.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

August 6-7 (Thursday/Friday) are the Leadership Summit dates for some of the most incredibly challenging speakers you will ever hear on the subject of leadership. In our area the Summit is hosted at the Community Life Center of Gulf Breeze UM. Plan now to attend this great training for leaders. Cost is \$95.00 per person and well worth the investment in your life. Contact Pastor Jerry if you are interested in attending. Last year we had 22 of our church leaders that attended and were blessed at the summit.

ABOUT GROWING OLD

Maya Angelou said this:

- *'I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as 'making a life.'
- *'I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.'
- *'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back.'
- *'I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.'
- *'I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.'
- *'I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.'
- *'I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.'
- *'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel..'



CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- * Dr. Doe was the featured speaker for the Seniors Group. He noted that you can often avoid those usual winter colds if you avoid fatigue, loss of sleep and over-creating.
- * Remember the annual spring cleaning of the Singles Ministry Building this Saturday. We need lots of singles to volunteer for the work crew. We have a long list of items to be cleaned. The widows need extra attention.
- * The Rev. Dr. John Doe, our featured speaker for the breakfast, also blessed and blessed and blessed and blessed the meal.

SAVED BY A LIFEBELT

The U.S.S. Astoria was a heavy cruiser that saw duty during World War II. She fought in the Battle of the Coral Sea and at Midway, then was sunk in August of 1942 at the Battle of Savo Island. On board in the final fight for Savo was Signalman Third Class Elgin Staples.

Sometime around 2 a.m. on the ship's last day, Staples was blown overboard when one of the Astoria's gun turrets exploded. In the water, wounded in both legs by shrapnel and in a state of near-shock, Staples was kept afloat by a narrow lifebelt which he had activated by a trigger.

In his book *The Grand Weaver*, Ravi Zacharias tells the fascinating story of what happened next.

Four hours after being blown into the Pacific, Staples was picked up by a passing destroyer and returned to the Astoria. Even though the cruiser had been severely damaged, her captain was trying to beach the ship in order to save her. When his attempts failed, Staples found himself back in the water. By now, it was noon.

"This time it was the U.S.S. President Jackson that plucked him out of the water. On board, Staples studied the little lifebelt that saved his life twice that day. He noticed the belt was manufactured by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, and carried a registration number.

"Allowed to go home for a visit, Staples related his story to the family and asked his mother, who worked for Firestone, the purpose of the registration number on the belt. She pointed out that the company was holding employees responsible for their work in the war effort and each worker had his/her own number. Staples recalled everything about that lifebelt, including the registration number. As he called it out, his mother's eyes grew large. She said, 'That was my personal code that I put on every item I was responsible for approving!'

"His mother had made the belt which had saved his life twice."

Servant Soldiers Ministries

- *As a rule, men worry more about what they can't see than about what they can. -- Julius Caesar
- *"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle
- * "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

Do You Know This Person



Stan Adams

BROTHER MIKE'S BLESSING

I put myself in agreement with God's Word concerning you. That you are the head and not the tail, the first and not the last, blessed coming in and blessed going out.

I put myself in agreement when He said that you can have the mind of Christ, the wisdom of God, a peace that passes all understanding and you can have a joy that is unspeakable. His joy, which is your strength, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

I agree when He said of you, that no weapon formed against you is going to prosper, and that every snare laid out for you is broken and you have already escaped.

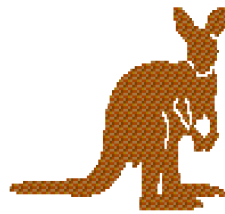
You are not a victim because the Word says you are more than a conqueror through the blood of Christ Jesus.

Most importantly, I agree with His word when He said that He who began the good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

"Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God."

"The most eloquent prayer is the prayer through hands that heal and bless."

Billy Graham



THE BOOMERANG EXPRESS - VBS!

All aboard!!

We are making preparations for our trip to Australia June 15-19. We are looking for several types of contributions that will make this trip super exciting.

If you would like to contribute to our prize/treasure chest throughout the year, that would be wonderful. We are in need of prizes for boys and girls ages 4-12. For information on what type prizes you can contact Mary Wales in the office at 944-5520.

We are also looking for train sets to set up all over the building, especially to be the center attraction on the platform in the fellowship hall. If you have a train set you would be willing to set up for us, please let me know as soon as possible.

Mary Wales, Children's Ministry Director



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

One : Don't miss the boat.

Two : Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three : Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four : Stay fit When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five : Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six : Build your future on high ground.

Seven : For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight : Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine : When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten : Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.



GRADUATES

We would like the names of our graduates this year so that we can honor them. On May 24th, we will honor the the High School Graduates and recognize our College Graduates. If you or someone in your family will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact Brenda or Pastor Brandon in the church office. We need the name, school and if from college, your degree.

This month Charity Chapel will again welcome a series of *Globe International Ministries'* missionaries. A portion of the vast number of these missionaries will be speaking to us on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening.

On Sunday morning we will hear from Brad and Jan Thurston, Jack and Ann Chalk, Danny and Judy Armstrong, David and Suzan Lindsay and Ryan (and Chris) Haney.

Brad & Jan **THURSTON** are veteran missionary leaders, and have ministered in many countries around the world. They have been working in Germany since 1981. In 1990, Brad founded "Globe Europe Missions Agency," a missions organization designed to deploy European missionaries and promote missions in European churches. Jan has an effective ministry to women, sharing from her experiences.

Jack & Ann **CHALK** are second-career missionaries being called to the mission field in 1993. After six years in the mountains of northern Mexico they were directed by God to the war-torn country of Sierra Leone in West Africa. They spent the next six years at a Bible college and establishing a counseling center for women abused during the war. In 2006 they transitioned to Aberdeen, Scotland; their next venture will be relocating to Spain.

Since 1986 Danny & Judy **ARMSTRONG** have mostly ministered in Southeast Asia but have helped influence the church in many nations. They helped start the Center for Southeast Asian Studies in South Thailand. In a partnership between *Globe International* and AIMS, they now serve as Strategic Coordinators to raise awareness of the world's unreached people groups.

David & Suzanne **LINDSAY** have been serving as missionaries in Taiwan since 1999. They served for many years at Morrison Academy, a mission school, but now are involved in church planting full-time. David is a certified teacher and a pastor. Suzanne is a registered nurse. Their focus in Taiwan is discipleship, youth ministry, worship ministry, drama and friendship evangelism

Ryan & Chris **HANEY** grew up in southwest Wisconsin and met at vocational college in 1985. They moved to Scotland in June 2004 to be a part of the team at Overtoun House A Centre of Hope and Healing. Currently, the Haney's provide a weekly children's outreach, Kinrick Kids and assist in other Overtoun ministries that include, Rock Solid Youth Group, Deeper Skate Church, and the Overtoun House Tea Room. Upon completion of remodeling, Overtoun will also provide short term housing for women in crisis, counseling, and life training.

On Sunday evening we will be hearing from Josh and Akiko Jones, Roger and Linda West, Paul and Teresa Koehler, Cheri Thompson, Judy Hernandez and Christina White.

Joshua & Akiko **JONES** are team leaders of "The Village Mosaic" - a church-planting project designed to plant culturally relevant churches in Japan and East Asia. Before serving in Japan, Joshua served for over 8 years in missionary care as director of Emery, a missionary care and support ministry. Akiko is a first generation Christian and a native of Japan. Joshua and Akiko met in a Christian fellowship while attending the University of Alabama.

Roger & Linda **WEST** have been ministering to Mexicans for 50 years, in Texas, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Mexico. They have been ministering in Mexico since January 1967, and have helped plant more than 40 churches in several states of Mexico, Both are gifted teachers. Roger currently serves as the President of the Missionary Revival Crusade, overseeing over 100 missionaries in 20 countries. The West's' children and grandchildren, all worked with them in ministry.

Paul & Teresa **K.** have been teaching on the mission field since 1970. In Mexico he founded VIDA Ministry and Vocational Training Institute, and trained hundreds in a school of missions short-term experience. In India since 1994, the Koehlers now train thousands to minister God's word to non-literate peoples Using story telling to reach people for Jesus Christ and plant new churches, they are also training national story tellers to take the Gospel and the "Oral Bible" to hundreds of remote villages.

Cheri **THOMPSON** went to Kenya in 1987 with her husband, Rick, and three children. In 1992 she began working with street

children and started The Challenge Ministry in the slums of Nairobi. Today this center is lead by former street kids and supported by crafts that they learned to make while attending the program. In 2000, they bought a ten-acre farm. After the death of her husband, Cheri continued the work and opened Challenge Farm in January 2003. Currently 96 children are residents of the center.

Judy **HERNANEZ** has worked in the mountains of Guatemala since the 1970s. Even through personal tragedy (the loss of her husband), she and her children have endured and flourished in missionary service. She founded and oversees a Christian school of 800 children. The ministry also includes a training program for village women, which helps them develop skills in computer and cosmetology.

Christina **WHITE** spent over sixteen years working in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and the Philippines. She is a nurse (LPN), and most of what she has done involves medical outreach and children's ministry...always with the purpose of evangelism in whatever is done. After a year of working with Globe Nicaragua, she will now work independently in Nicaragua doing evangelistic ministry especially geared to children and medical and translation work. She has a vision to work with the handicapped as the Lord opens the doors.

On Wednesday evening we will hear from Andreas Pestke, Jorge (& Rosa) Gutierrez, Jim and Kelly McKeithen, Helen (& Steve) Cobb and Bob (& Melissa) Hill.

Andreas and Marion **PESTKE** are Globe Europe missionaries from Germany. They have been married since 1997. They were pastoring a church in Germany until the end of December 2007 while running a small business in the IT industry. In 2005 they began to sense, that God would use our interest in other cultures to send us to Latin America as missionaries. Marion was excited about this, because she had learned to speak Spanish as a child living with her family in Santiago de Chile. In April of 2008 they joined Globe Nicaragua where their gifts of leadership, pastoral care, teaching and organization have been greatly needed and appreciated

Jorge & Rosa) **GUTIERREZ** and their daughter Shalom and son Melquisedec have been serving the Lord on the mission field since 1988 in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico. They served as assistant pastors in San Fernando, California for six years before being involved with missions. They have planted a church outside the city limits of Guadalajara in a town called " San Agustin." They also started a feeding program for children and families of low income in 1996, in the area of "la Lagunita." They are currently pastoring two churches, one in Guadalajara City and the other in the state of Nayarit in the city of Tepic. They recently opened a new bilingual church in the city of Manzanillo in the state of Colima.

Jim and Kelly **McK.** have a desire and a vision to reach the 400 plus unreached people groups of China with the message of Jesus Christ and have dedicated their lives to that vision through church planting.

Steve & Helen **COBB** have been missionaries to Latin America since 1977. They served for eight years in Honduras, ten years in Ecuador, and in 1996 moved to Guatemala where Steve now serves as Guatemala's National Director for INSTE - the Institute of Theology by Extension. INSTE's "Timothy Project" is a vision to train 250,000 quality leaders in Central America before the year 2010.

Bob and Melissa **HILL** have been involved in missions since 1985. They worked for nine years in Nagoya, Japan and helped plant two churches. In 1994, God called the family to move to Scotland. Bob now pastors His Family Church in Clydebank, a suburb of Glasgow. Their vision also includes Overtoun House Christian Centre, a Victorian Manor House, which is an outreach centre for local children and youth, women in need and Deeper, a skate church.