

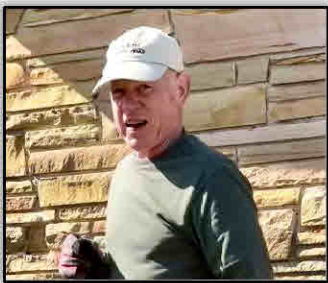


## MAY DATES

- 1 – Beach Worship Begins 8:00am at #4
- 8 – Mother's Day
- 14 – MS Walk (Long Leaf Park) 9:30am #5
- 28-30 – Parking Lot Fund Raiser
- 30 – Memorial Day 

MAY 2022

*The Little Chapel with the Big Heart*



Dear Members of Little Chapel,

Our Easter worship service has come and gone and we continue to live as an Easter people. I believe that all who worshipped were blessed with the music of the choirs and those who worshipped departed from our celebration of Easter with a deepened faith and a larger hope which will help us to live triumphantly. Peter Marshall said of the resurrection that *"it never becomes a fact of experience until the risen Lord lives in the heart of the believer."*

In the April newsletter I mentioned the need to pray for your church leadership here at Little Chapel. Your Nominating Committee draws closer to the formation of the Pastoral Nominating Committee and your Elders and Deacons continue to discern God's will which will have a direct impact upon the pastor you call. Friends, I believe in your leadership and know that they are seeking God's will. As they continue to share and trust each other as the Body of Christ there will soon be an opportunity for them to share with the larger congregation their conclusions which are nothing less than hopeful steps into the future.



Now all of us hold our breath as we enter into summer. The early service heads to the beach on May 1 and the 8@4 service will continue through Labor Day.

How deep the truth: *"the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world"* as we celebrate Mother's Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Brief is our opportunity to forever impact the lifetime of a child that is entrusted to our care. This is true for the families of Little Chapel and also for the larger congregation which values sharing the love of Christ as a church family.

Finally, Memorial Day Weekend will arrive and many of you will be traveling. Of all weekends it is Memorial Day weekend which deserves our prayers for those on the roads and for all who have served, and continue to serve, our nation.



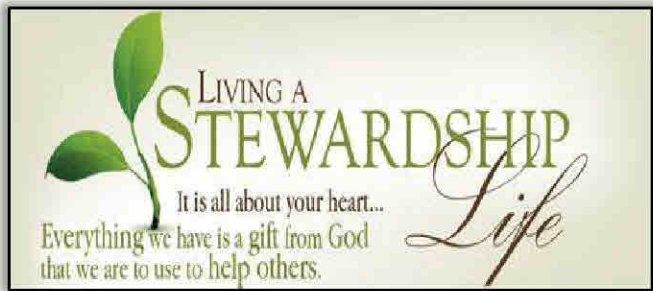
You have warned me of the numerical surge which is about to happen and the variety of reasons people head to the sand and surf. My first awakening happened early Easter morning prior to the sunrise service. I was waiting for the service to begin but noticed a little boy standing down at the water's edge. I joined him staring out at the ocean and asked: *"Are you looking for fish?"* Without breaking a smile, he responded: *"No, my mother told me that if I was going to pass gas I needed to go down to the ocean!"* Following that response, I'm not sure any other response will come as a surprise.

I thank all of you for your continued faithfulness in worship and in your financial giving. Because summer days pull all of us in different directions, please remember that your church depends on your financial giving 365 days a year. We are all individuals who have been enormously blessed and we are blessed to be a blessing to others. My gratitude is shared in knowing that all of us serve Christ here.



*Blessings, John*





“God gave. Now it’s your turn.”

I was sitting behind a church bus at a red light. On the back was painted, “Christ has given everything.” Something about that bothered me. It seemed incomplete. I wanted to go up there and paint another phrase underneath it. I wanted to add. “Now it’s our turn.” I didn’t, so I’m not writing this from jail.

Stewardship is not only about conducting a campaign for pledges in the fall. Stewardship is a lifestyle of managing the talents and treasures that God has given us every day of our lives. It’s about paying attention to invitations to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed every day and to discern what God is inviting us to do about the cries of suffering and need that come to us. Stewardship invites us to be willing to stand for the poor, the suffering, and the outcasts. Each of us is given these opportunities. The Holy Spirit calls us to be more than bystanders, more than observers.

God has given us so much. Now it’s our turn.

As Partners in Christ,

Your Stewardship Committee



## BEACH SERVICE TO BEGIN MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>!

On Sunday, **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will begin what has become an annual event in the life of Little Chapel and that is worshipping on the beach during the summer. On that day, we will gather at access **#4 at 8:00am**. This 30-minute service will continue at this location (weather permitting) for the months of May, June, July, and August, with the **last service Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**. Beginning Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, we will move indoors to the Fellowship Hall. Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for any changes.

This service is well attended each week by members of Little Chapel as well as many vacationers. *Please extend a warm welcome to visitors.* Arrive early to get a close parking space! Remember, Wrightsville Beach begins charging for parking at 9:00am, but be alert to signs for changes.

### HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE BEACH SERVICE...

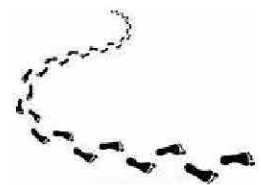
We need volunteers willing to set-up and take-down the equipment and possible backups to pull the trailer to the beach. The trailer contains the sound equipment, including keyboard and other items necessary for the service.

There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex for those who can help with this exciting ministry. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



In order to best facilitate the beach service, and begin planning for the 8:30 fall worship service, the following individuals have agreed to serve on a sub-committee to the Worship Committee. They are:

- Janet O’Neil – representative to Worship Committee
- John Moore
- Barbara Tyndall
- Rhonda Woodell
- Pat Hatcher
- John Earl



If you can assist with the Beach service, please contact one of the above or on the sign-up sheet. **See you at the beach this summer, 8:00am!!!**

