



— the Chapel at Seaside —
FROM THE TOWER

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Thanks to the Berry family for this video!

We were surprised by snow in January, How will be surprised the rest of this year?

January was awesome. Yes, we had snow here... but what excited us even more was what the Lord has been doing in this place and in the lives of the people who are showing up.

We kicked off January with a Psalm Reading Plan to help give language to our prayers, prayed fervently with 30A Prays during 21 Days of Prayer, and continued our Tuesday Noon Prayer Hour. Bible studies are back in action, which means the Chapel Study Notes podcast is rolling again!

As the year unfolds, we have so many exciting things coming up.

This edition of The Tower is FULL of things you've been asking for, including:

- Dates for the upcoming Lenten Season services
- Parking information and passes for spring and summer
- A whole section on the Chapel Board and its Members.
- And... did I hear someone say, "Hymn Sing?"

We hope you take a few minutes to find out what's going on and see where you can plug in. Whether you're here for a week, a month, or all year, we hope to see you soon!

As we always say: You are welcome here.

Abide in Jesus. Be changed by Jesus. Embody the ways of Jesus.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS

A NOTE FROM NATE

NIGHT OF HYMNS

Did you grow up singing the old hymns in church like I did? Many of us can recall exactly where we were as we sang the familiar melodies of “How Great Thou Art” or “It Is Well.” Hymns have a way of anchoring our faith, reminding us of God’s presence, and bringing to mind all He has done in our lives. As a songwriter, I’ve returned to the lyrics found in these hymns throughout my life for inspiration and reflection.

Some hymns are prayers lifted to God:

♪ “Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea...”

Others proclaim His greatness:

♪ “All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.”

And some encourage us as we walk this journey of faith together:

♪ “Child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in Me thine all in all.”

On Sunday, March 9th, at 6:00 PM, we invite you to A Night of Hymns at The Chapel at Seaside. Come share in the rich heritage of God’s people from every generation, singing the great hymns of the faith.

In addition to singing, we’ll hear the powerful stories behind beloved hymns, share testimonies of God’s goodness, and reflect on scripture that has inspired these songs of faith. Whether these hymns have been part of your life for years or you’re just beginning to learn them, we hope you’ll join us for this special evening of worship.

Come, sing, and celebrate with us—and bring someone who loves hymns! It will be a night to remember.

We would love to see you there!

– Nate Kelly



FEB 16TH – SEASIDE RACE DAY

CHURCH AND PARKING INFORMATION

February 16th is the Seaside School Half Marathon and 5k. This is a super fun Sunday in Seaside!

It is a Sunday, which means, we still have church at 10:00. This is the most casual Sunday ever as we participate and then have church - it's really fun, I promise!

There will be no programming for kids this day.

Here are things you need to know:

PARKING IN SEASIDE® WILL BE AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO PARKING PASS HOLDERS ON RACE DAY.

For Race Day, all SEASIDE® entry points from 30A and 395 will be closed, and only those with a valid pass will be permitted to enter. Each intersection and point of entry will be manned and this policy will be strictly enforced.

PLEASE NOTE THE 30A ROAD CLOSURE AT 6:00 AM ON RACE

If you aren't participating, but you can't stay away, here is your

SHUTTLE OPTION

Complimentary parking and shuttle services are available from Emerald Coast Middle School. Shuttles will run from Emerald Coast Middle School to SEASIDE® from 4:45 AM to 3:30 PM CST. The last pick up from SEASIDE® will be at the corner of Quincy and 30A at 3:30 PM CST.

“HOW DOES THE CHAPEL WORK?”

You know you have asked this question! Everyone has! We have a lot of new faces around here, so we thought it was about time to reintroduce you to the ways of The Chapel. This month we are starting with the governing body...The Board! And to tell you about it is our Board Chair, Mike Cross.



MIKE CROSS

Mike Cross has been our Board Chair since June 2022. Mike and his wife Cynthia have been SEASIDE homeowners since 2015. They have vacationed down here for decades with their two sons; Michael Jr. (wife Annie and two daughters) and William (wife Maddie). Mike and Cynthia spend part of the year in Memphis - but, they spend some of the year here in SEASIDE.

HOW THE CHAPEL OPERATES

The Chapel at Seaside is led by a Board of Directors, and I have been blessed to serve as the Chairman for the last two years. The Board currently has six members, and our bylaws state that in order to serve on the Board one has to own property in SEASIDE. However, we recognized that The Chapel serves a broader community in the area - so, a few years ago, we added Advisory members to the Board from Watercolor, Seagrove and other neighboring communities. While Advisory members cannot officially vote, their voices are heard as we make decisions for The Chapel. The Board meets once a quarter.

Because we are a unique non-denominational church that represents regular worshipers across the Christian denominational spectrum, the process for governance is not pre-determined as it would be if we were part of the Presbyterian, Baptist or Methodist churches (for example). The Chapel has bylaws, which give the Board several responsibilities. First, the Board is responsible for calling a Pastor. We are very, very fortunate that the previous Board called Andrew Beard; we are blessed by having the Beards serving at The Chapel. The Board is also responsible for making the final decisions on staffing for other areas (Children's church, worship leader, sound & lighting, etc.) and, the Board is also responsible for budgeting, approving major projects (like window replacement), and for ensuring that we have proper insurance.

Even though we are not “elders” or “deacons”, as some denominations use as their leadership structure, the Board does thoughtfully and prayerfully work through, pray through, examine and approve documents like our Statement of Faith, which is available on the website, and we are involved in approving and suggesting programming for the life of the Church - for example, our approach to small groups.

Finally, the Board should be available to listen to suggestions and concerns from others attending The Chapel and those who call The Chapel home.

This governance structure is a partnership between the Pastor, staff, board, and advisory members to lead this congregation and community well.

If there are ever any questions you have, please feel free to reach out.

-Mike Cross

WHO IS ON THE BOARD?



BOB GLASGOW

My name is Bob Glasgow and I am a Board member whose responsibilities include the Chapel facilities. We are part time residents of Seaside and call Dallas our home base. I am retired from corporate life and enjoy working with local boards.

RANDALL GUYTON

Hi, I am Randall Guyton and I have had the privilege to serve as Treasurer on the Board at the Chapel for the last 4 years. My duties include: ensuring all liabilities are paid, collecting and depositing all tithes and offerings weekly, working with the accountant to prepare monthly financial statements and presenting quarterly financial statements to the board quarterly, prepare the annual budget and oversee the expenditure of funds in accordance with our policies.

Elizabeth and I moved to Seaside full time in 2020 when our youngest daughter graduated high school. In addition to my role at the Chapel, I work part time at Sundog Books and have been known to help out at Modica Market.



CHRIS JOHNSTON

My name is Chris Johnston and I feel very privileged to serve on the board at the Chapel of Seaside. Kate and I reside in the Dallas area along with our three grown sons, Sam, Nick, and Max. I am a retired executive of a financial services company. My board responsibilities include risk mitigation, investments, and mission outreach support.

When not in Dallas, you will find us at our house in Seaside.





REBECCA REDMOND

Hey, I'm Rebecca. I grew up in the Birmingham, Alabama area, and have been visiting Seaside for approximately two decades. I am an attorney in Alabama Power's corporate real estate department. My husband, Nathan, and I first purchased property in Seagrove in 2012. We have owned a condo on Central Square since 2021. When not in Seaside, we and our dog, Stella, (our rescue pup) live and work in Birmingham and also enjoy exploring Highlands, North Carolina.

LISA SHEWMAKER

Hello! My name is Lisa Shewmaker. I have served on the Board for two years as liaison to the wonderful wedding team in place at the Chapel. My husband, Ritch, and I are from Louisville, Kentucky. Over the years, we've lived in Seaside, in WaterSound and now call Inlet Beach our home away from home. We have three adult children, two dogs and are expecting our first grandchild this summer. I enjoy family time, traveling, playing tennis & pickleball as well as volunteering.



PAT ROBERTS – BOARD EMERITUS

In the early 1990s, Pat and Pam purchased a home in Seaside and became active with the Seaside Beach Church service on Sunday mornings. In 1999, they approached Robert Davis, the founder of Seaside, about the potential of building a church. After that conversation, they began raising funds for the Seaside Chapel. One of the highlights of Pat and Pam's life was the building of the Seaside Interfaith Chapel.

ADVISORY BOARD...AND THE BEARDS

CHIP AND MARTHA CARROLL

Chip and Martha Carroll are advisory members of the Seaside Chapel board. We have been active members of the Chapel community since moving to the area 10 years ago.

As advisory members, our role is to offer insights and support the Chapel's mission, though we do not have voting or decision-making responsibilities.



PRESTON WILLIAMS

My name is Preston Williams, and I serve as an advisory board member. Our family moved from Texas to Santa Rosa Beach full-time in 2021. On any given day you might find me behind a computer screen working on software or sitting in a lifeguard tower working a shift as a part-time ocean lifeguard for Walton County.



ANDREW AND SARAH

Andrew and Sarah moved from Dallas to lead the Chapel in the fall of 2020. Although we lead the Chapel, we do not have voting rights. We both grew up in the church world and have been serving the local church either in a volunteer role or full time paid position since we were in middle school. And when we tell you we have done it all...we literally have, from serving church suppers, working in the nursery, running sound, any job associated with VBS's, organizing programs, doing design work, leading worship,

cleaning spaces, setting up, overseeing a team, leading mission trips, preaching, teaching...and if you can name something else - try us! We have served the local church for 3 decades on our own and 2 of those together. We believe in accountability. Humans need it and for church leaders it is a must! We desire clarity for our community. We love our board, respect them deeply and work to make sure that any ministry decisions are beneficial for the local community, our space, our finances, and for the future of the Church, not just for the The Chapel, but the Church at large. We work very closely with the board to lead this community and we hope that you will get to know them if you don't already!



LENT SEASON SERVICE SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

3.5.25 6:00pm
at The Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE

4.17.25 6:00pm
at The Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

4.18.25 6:00pm
at The Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY
4.20.25

There will be no Kids Church on Easter Sunday

6:00am Sunrise
Seaside Beach

8:30am
At The Chapel

10:00am
At The Chapel



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

We could have never imagined how the Lord wanted to use this space in January.

We believe that what God began in this building during those 21 days will echo into eternity. We began seeking the Lord in prayer and felt prompted to ask the question, "What would God do if we let Him?"

There was community that was formed with people who showed up daily to gather together for the only purpose of surrender and worship. We got to meet people from all around the country who would come to pray while on vacation! Many of them repeat visitors!

We know that the Lord was encountered in this space and that lives were shaped and changed by God because of our obedience to use this space to encounter the Living God.

We are hoping to have some specific stories to share with you soon. If you have a story to tell about how the Lord used these days, let us know!

TUESDAY NOON PRAYER

If you haven't been yet...what are you waiting for? Come and join us as we seek the face of Jesus together. We are learning to pray the scriptures and ask God what He has for us - as a community. We now have Nate leading us in worship for part of our time together; as we like to say, "praying to music". As it's often been said, those who sing, pray twice. This time has been so special for those who are here and we just want to say to you...See ya next Tuesday.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK

We are journeying through the second half of the book of Exodus, and I can guarantee you, it is actually more exciting than it sounds! If you have missed any of the Exodus Bible Study - DO NOT WORRY. We have got you covered. You can go to the Chapel at Seaside Podcast and listen to any episode titled "Chapel Study Notes" to catch up!

Men's Bible Study is at 8am on Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study is at 9:30am on Wednesday

Young Adult (20's and 30's) Bible Study is at 8am on Thursdays

COMMUNION AND PCB COFFEE

Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month and you can join us for our next Communion Service on March 2nd at 9:00am. We will have Daniel Pratt and Panama City Coffee back that Sunday whipping up some delicious lattes between services and after our 10:00am service for a little extra social hour.



FASTING EXPERIMENT

We are currently being submersed into the practice of Fasting. Andrew is teaching it, all of our Community Groups are doing a deep dive, and there are a lot of hungry people in our community! I'm only kind of kidding. We are learning together what what the Lord might have for us if we wait on him, surrender our wants and even some of our needs so that we may hear him more! We are using some resources from our friends at Practicing the Way and put everything together in one spot for you. If you are not a part of our weekly services, you can still access and use all the content! We hope you do! Just go to thechapelatseaside.com/fasting for all the details,

PARKING PASSES

Is this the page you were waiting for!?

The town of Seaside is such a friend to the Chapel. We are so grateful for their care for us as a community inside the community. Beginning in March the parking in Seaside will go back to being paid parking.

We have been given parking passes for the Chapel. It is a different pass/code each Sunday and is good anywhere you can public park (paid or free) in Seaside.

The passes are good till noon on Sundays only.

You can print them out, or write the code on a piece of paper and put it on your dashboard.

If you would like to have these passes

for Sunday mornings,

email: Sarah@thechapelatseaside.com

Subject: "Parking Passes Please"

I will email you a pdf file which you can print.