



— the Chapel at Seaside —

FROM THE TOWER

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Did You Know? Easter

3 years ago, Andrew and I were welcoming people onto the beaches at the sunrise service with a team of people who had gotten up in the dark, stillness of night to carry crosses, set up sound, and freeze their feet off. As 6:00am started to creep up, so did the people. A few at first ... and then more ... and then, when we started the service at 6:00, that flow did not stop until there were hundreds of people on the beach. "Where did they all come from?" was the question I asked. "Where do they all park?!" seemed to be the question asked in response. The morning continued with 2 more services, and the 10:00 service was also beyond-my-imagination kind of full! With this being our third Easter here, we feel much more like a part of this community, and we know a little of what to expect on a week like Easter, but each year it still amazes us.



The thing that matters the most to us during Holy Week and Easter is the thing that matters every week; we don't know why so many choose to attend church on their vacation, but we have a few hunches. But, in reality, the reason they come doesn't matter. What does matter is what happens when they are with us. We pray that the Holy Spirit is palpable. We pray that that whatever preconceived notions about God or Church that people bring with them will be held loosely so there is freedom to explore what the Lord may want to awaken in the hearts of his people. We function at the Chapel because of Easter, and on Easter we function at the Chapel for the Hearts of those who either haven't tasted and seen that the Lord is good, or for those who have just forgotten how good God is.

If you worshipped with us through Holy Week or on Easter, and many of you did, we are grateful that you were with us and we pray that you were drawn closer to the Lord!

If you were unable to join, you can still check out all of the sermons from Holy Week via [podcast right here](#).

Did You Know? Holy Week

On Palm Sunday, nearly 50 kids (ours and yours) paraded through the Chapel and the grove waving palm branches. Y'all, this was a sight!

For our Maundy Thursday Service, we shared in communion and remembered the Passover meal together.

On Good Friday, Daniel Pratt, our worship leader, brought in cellist, Caleb Hernandez to lead along side of him. We ended Friday night having experienced something heavy and beautiful, and left on the edge of our seats as we were then called to wait for Sunday... because it was only Friday and this day contained death, but "Sunday is coming."

Sunday morning the beach was packed with people freezing and excited. The morning was crisp, but that didn't stop the hundreds of people from showing up to sing, celebrate, and watch a dolphin show! Some of you scoffed at us for promoting the 8:30 service as the least attended service, and y'all, it still was with nearly 516 people there to worship. The always surprising service for us is that 10:00 (if you were there, you know!) had over 1,100 people in person. Again, we ask ourselves, "Where do they all come from?" followed quickly with the obvious question, "Where do they all park!"

Over the course of Holy week, we were able to worship with nearly 3,000 of you.

Regardless of where you came from and where you parked, we hope you felt welcome with us! Please let us know if we can help you as you live out your faith wherever you are. Happy Resurrection from our family to you and yours!



Sarah, Andrew, Foster, Keating
...and Brittany...Beard.

TEAMWORK - EASTER

Did you know that the Chapel has only 1 full time staff member, plus a handful of part time and contract employees. And yet, over the course of a week, we worshipped with nearly 3,000 people. How is this possible? It is possible because of an amazing group of people who serve their church and community like crazy.

We have to take a minute and applaud the many hours of work that our people put into making a week like Easter possible. Andrew and I are the people you see, but there is a small and mighty team who is checking every box.

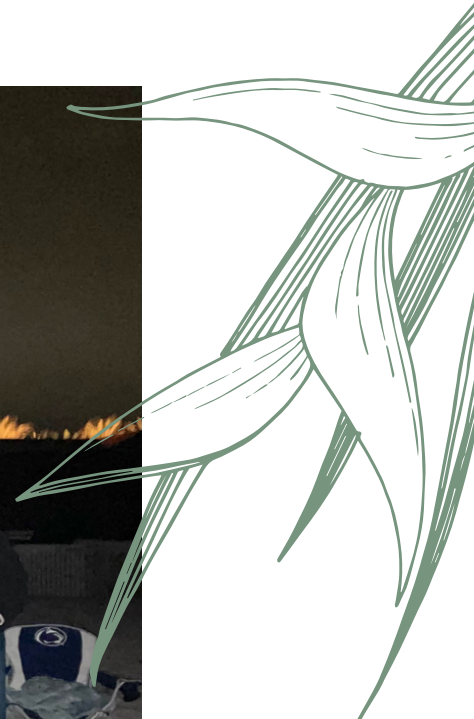
The thing about these people is that they don't want their name out there to be celebrated, but we couldn't have done this Easter without Helen, Randall, Chip, Barry, Mary, Shirley, Chuck, Martha, Josh, Chelsea, Linda, Gary, Patrick, Emily, Steve, Kirk, Mike, Stacey, Allyson, DP, June, Becky, Jeffrey and Jonathan! If I missed you, it is not on purpose! We are so blessed to serve with such an awesome group of people.

Jeff set up sound for that sunrise service and then promptly had his team ready to get everything torn down and reset for the 8:30 and 10:00 at the Chapel. Daniel faithfully led us in worship all morning with his family in tow! What a team we have! We cannot thank them enough!

If you would like to join our team and help set up or tear down chairs, help with kids church, bring in bibles and hymnals after worship, or greet the amazing people with a smile and a bulletin, please reach out to me: Sarah@thechapelatseaside.com



Sunrise
set-up crew



HOLY LAND

I am not a great fiction reader. I'm not sure if I lack the creative ability to imagine people or environments, but it has always been a struggle of mine. But when I can get an idea of what someone looks like or the environment they are in, suddenly reading that fiction book is so much more meaningful. Sometimes people face similar issues with the Bible. Even though it involves real people in real locations and maybe you've even seen pictures of the Holy Land, it is hard to really imagine until you are there. I want to invite you to experience the words you read about, the places Jesus journeyed, and the culture that is the Holy Land. The Chapel is taking a trip to the Holy Land in March 2024 with a great organization called Educational Opportunities. I have been with this group two times before, and Sarah has also been with them. We have had a lot of great interest and signups for the trip already, so much that our initial sign up is full. But, we have a waiting list and if we have enough people, we may get a slightly larger bus to accommodate the extra people. But we won't really know if there is more interest unless people sign up. There is no money at-risk if you join the waiting list, so if you are interested, please sign up. Let us know of any questions you have. Most all the info can be found at the registration page. Just click here to access it!

-Andrew

20's and 30's

We are off and running. We have Bible Studies in the AM and PM and we are launching home groups. To join the 20's and 30's group, [**CLICK HERE.**](#)



SERMON PODCAST

Check out the latest sermons from the Chapel at Seaside on Apple Podcasts or most places where podcasts are streamed.



COMMUNITY GOOD TIMES

We hope you join us for our Spring Bonfire! April 23rd! [Click Here for locations, details, and to let us know you plan on coming!](#)



SPRING BIBLE STUDY READING PLAN 2023

BEFORE THIS DATE...READ THIS

4/12 ▶ GENESIS 39-40
FOCUS: Joseph and Potipher's wife, prison dream

4/19 ▶ GENESIS 41-42
FOCUS: Pharaoh's dreams, rise to power, brothers go to Egypt

4/26 ▶ GENESIS 43-44
FOCUS: Brothers return and Joseph tests his brothers

5/3 ▶ GENESIS 45-46
FOCUS: Joseph provides for and reunites family

5/10 ▶ GENESIS 47-48
FOCUS: Family settles in Goshen, Jacob blesses his sons

5/17 ▶ GENESIS 49-50
FOCUS: Jacob gives blessings and dies, Joseph dies

5/24 ▶ END OF GENESIS
Recap and discussion



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MEN MEET AT 8:30AM
WOMEN MEET AT 10:00AM

Wednesdays

Men 8:30, Women 10:00

Meet at The Chapel

Join us as we slowly work our way through Genesis.

Join our group by clicking below.

[Women's Bible Study](#)

[Men's Bible Study](#)

What are you reading?

Each month we suggest a book to help you in your journey of following Christ.

About 20 years ago we were introduced to this book. Andrew and I have read it and worn it out. This book has had a profound effect on both of our lives and is a book we both refer to and recommend often.

When it comes to living a life in-step with Jesus, spiritual practices are necessary. Now, we call them practices, but the word "discipline" is interchangeable here. You don't just become a pole vaulter, you practice, with discipline and develop into a pole vaulter. While we believe you can become a Christian by belief, walking with God is something that takes practice and discipline. Richard Foster wrote Celebration of Discipline 44 years ago. While you may not think the title is exciting, we believe you will find the content helpful, applicable, educational and when practiced, an absolute call to celebration.

We long to lead a church community that is hungry for a deeper walk with Jesus. Learning more about the importance of a daily journey is at the heart of us being able to face the world with the heart and mind of Jesus.

You can find this book [here](#) at christianbook.com or pick up a copy at our favorite local bookstore, Sundog Books.

MOMS!

If you call the Chapel home for any part of the year and you have a kid at home, we would love to connect with you. We believe that discipleship cannot just happen on Sunday morning, but must happen in the home all the time. We want to gather together, hear from each other and encourage one another. If you want to be a part of our journey of raising kids, would you please email me, Sarah, at Sarah@thechapelatseaside.com