



— the Chapel at Seaside —

FROM THE TOWER

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Thoughts...

Andrew and I have been here at The Chapel for about 2 years and 9 months. We knew that moving to The Chapel at Seaside was going to be different, but we still thought, "we will move there and see how things flow and the Lord will certainly give us direction on what to do and how to do it, by next year we will start to have a great idea of where we are going and then we will begin the journey!" Almost 3 years later, we have clarity about a **few** things and we trust that the Lord is doing something awesome in our community and we are blessed get to be a part of it.

As we see summer starting to wrap up for us, it has us looking forward to the rhythms that come with fall. Every once in a while I even long for those early sunsets...it's almost a forced early bedtime! With a new season on the horizon, we wanted to give you a heads up about where we do have clarity and how we are going to be inviting you in.

Here are 2 things we are sure of.

1. It is one thing to tell people they should walk with Jesus, it is another to teach people how and help them be accountable to following in his ways. As they say, you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. We can tell you to pray, and pray for you, but we can't be your spiritual heavy lifter. Each person has to do it for themselves. We see it as our responsibility to equip you in every possible way with the tools necessary to practically *live* a life devoted to the Lord, and then partner with you on the journey.
2. We believe that it is important that you understand scripture. Biblical literacy is so important when it comes to interpreting scripture, growing in faith, and following after Jesus. We know we are called to teach the Bible and help others to know how to read and understand the scriptures..

Here is what these 2 things mean for our church community.

1. We will be doing more intentional teaching of different practices or disciplines that have been instrumental to peoples faith development as long as there have been followers of God. With the teaching, we will be inviting you to try your hand at them. This could be on your own, but we are looking forward to our HomeGroups, both established ones and new ones, participating. When we try things during the week and then come back with our community to discuss how it went and what we learned, we start to see two relationships grow, ours with the Lord, and our relationships with others.
2. We will continue to teach the Bible from the pulpit, as well as in our Bible Studies. We will also be offering resources and classes to help you know better how to engage with this beautifully mysterious and transforming Holy text.



If you have kids in town ages 5yo-7th grade, we would love to have them join us for Kids Church. You can fill out the info below and drop them off with us at the Seaside Neighborhood School, or you can sign them in on site at the Chapel and at 9:55 they will be walked over to the School. We will also be walking them back to The Chapel at 11:00.

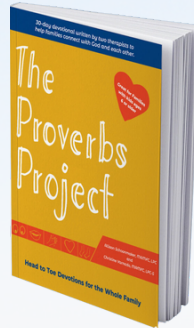
If you want your kids to join us for Kids Church, they must be in our database. You can fill out info on-site at drop-off or ahead of time, right here:

<https://thechapelatseaside.churchcenter.com/people/forms/239938>

The Proverbs Project

Come hear from the authors, get some ideas to connect with your child, and grab your copy of the Proverbs Project.

Sunday, August 6th | 4:00pm
At The Chapel at Seaside



On August 6th, All kids will start the service with us in The Chapel.

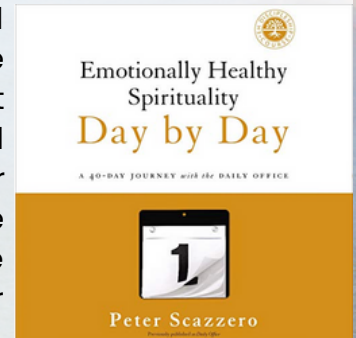
Check in will be at The Chapel. At the top of the service we will pray over all the kids who will be returning or starting school. We will then walk them over to kids church at the Seaside Neighborhood School as usual.

Pick up your kid at the school!

On Your Bookshelf

We have talked to so many people this summer who have been traveling all over the place, visiting beautiful places, friends and family. People here have been hosting (seemingly non-stop) with friends in town, or hosting their adult kids and grandkids like a revolving door. All of these things are amazing and fun and refreshing, but they also can wear us down. By the time the summer rolls to an end, we are ready to get into a flow of rhythm and routine. The rhythms and routine of which you make up your day, are what actually make up most of your life! This begs the question, what habits, rhythms or disciplines to you have?

As you look forward a few weeks, take a few minutes and consider what it is that you want your new rhythm to entail. As we desire to emulate Jesus, we should consider that our rhythms should include not only health habits, relational investments, mental and emotional care, but also, and most importantly, faith development. One of the things that the early followers of Jesus have done throughout history is have regular times of prayer, scripture, and reflection. We often think of this as a "quiet time" or "devotional", but the early church referred to this as a "Daily Office". This is simply a time of morning and evening prayer. It is rooted in the ancient tradition of the Hebrew people to pray the Shema (Deuteronomy 6) twice a day and then it was later adopted by the church in the 1500's. With that, we recommend picking up a copy of Day by Day, a 40 Day Journey with the Daily Office. It is a resource provided by Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and Pete Scazzero, which we recommended earlier this year. This is a great way to create some new healthy habits as you begin this next season.



Previously Recommended

Beholding by Strahan Coleman
I Guess I Haven't Learned that Yet
by Shauna Nieuquist



food for thought

Food For Thought is one of our missional partners because they are doing an amazing work in our community of providing for kids who are faced with food insecurity. We not only support their work financially, we love to serve alongside of the organization packing and delivering bags of food to the local elementary kids.

Food for Thought relocated to an expanded 6,500 sqft building located at 237 Market St, just steps away from the previous location. The 9th annual stock the pantry event is now **Stock the Warehouse!**

The Chapel at Seaside Team will again focus on the collection of food donations as well as fundraising efforts culminating in the "Stock the Pantry" party on August 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM! We would love for you to join us on the 24th at the warehouse for celebration, food and drinks for the whole family! On Sunday, August 20 we will be giving away 50% of our offering. If you would like to make a donation to Food For Thought through the Chapel team, email Sarah@thechapelatseaside.com.

Please spread the word and **mark your calendar**. We would love to have you serve and celebrate with us. [If you would like to know how to get plugged in serving, just click here!](#)




AUGUST 13TH 11:30-1:00

Launch, Lunch and Vision Casting:
Register so we can count you in for lunch!

We believe that relationships thrive around a table; in community where we can honestly discuss how we practice what we believe.

If you are already in a HomeGroup, or don't yet have one, this is the event for you! We will be casting vision, talking about our expectations, and letting you know what is coming in the next few months! If you desire to be in a home group this will be your opportunity to jump in! [Register for lunch and attendance right here at this link!](#)



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

Don't Take Our Word For It.

We know people come from all over the country and even the world to our little town, and end up at our Chapel. People come from all sorts of places and experiences and end up together on any given Sunday morning. So, we are incredibly intentional to say, "in the name of Jesus and everyone who calls this place "home", you are welcome here." The Chapel has people who are here every week, every summer or spring break, every fall break. and people who come just once a year. Many of those people believe Seaside and The Chapel are special places. The phrase we hear the most is "our happy place". We get it! It is ours too. The question we want to ask is "Why?". So we decided to highlight some of these incredible people and a bit about who they are and why do they consider The Chapel a home away from home. We also thought it would be fun for y'all to get to know each other! If you consider Seaside and The Chapel your "happy place" or "home" and have a story to tell, we would love to highlight your family! Just reach out to Sarah@thechapelatseaside.com.

First up, the Washington Family. If you see them in Seaside, or Dallas, say "Hi"!

We are Billy, Marty, Will, and Maggie Washington and are from Dallas, Texas. We added Pat Hollinger to our family in October 2021. Seaside has been a special place for our family for many years. We started vacationing here in the summer of 1996, and over the years, we have experienced this as a place of rest, a place of a refuge, a place of being re-oriented around things that truly matter, a place of relationship with one another, and as a place of relationship with God, the One Who created beautiful things like beaches, sunsets, water, trees, who cares for us, and demonstrated that love by sending His son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. We return year after year and feel more connected with the community by attending the Bible Studies and worship services at the Chapel where God's word is honored and taught.

Our hope is that each of you would experience the same thing while you're here.

-The Washington Family

