



— the Chapel at Seaside —

FROM THE TOWER

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

SUNDAY AT THE CHAPEL and the 80/20 Rule

The saying goes, "20% of the people do 80% of the work!"

I don't feel like this is true of The Chapel. We have so many people doing so many little things to make this place be alive. What a gift!

With that being said, we are in a season of growth...and that means that there are a lot of you who are ready to come into the fold of those who are serving, but you just don't know how.

Here is our chance to make the 80/20 rule a lie for the Church.

We know that you know that there are a lot of pieces that make a Sunday morning all that it is. From bulletins being created, printed and picked up, to the chairs out in the lawn, yes...someone puts those out every week! Our greatest desire in every part is that you feel loved and welcomed when you show up so that you can experience a taste of God's love for you.

Hospitality is a sign of the people of God and followers of Jesus. This is truth that goes all the way back to Genesis. Abraham was a man who went above and beyond to welcome all and make sure that people were cared for; it is a mark of the Hebrew people and should still be the mark of a Christ follower today. This Tower is dedicated to sharing with you how you could be a part of what happens at The Chapel, and why we serve the way we do.

Our prayer is that as our church, The people of The Chapel at Seaside, develop spiritually, each of us start to identify what our role is inside this functioning body of Christ.

So, this Tower is dedicated to helping us figure out how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our amazing little beach town. If anything excites you...just follow through with the link!

If you are not local...and join us for worship. You could sign up for water, help stack chairs after service, make sure you help others around feel welcome by introducing yourself, or grabbing the trash around the area and tidying up!

Mostly, we just want you to feel at home!

Oh, hey there...

Our Church is so unique in that each week we have people from all over the country join us for worship. We have no idea why they are there or where they came from or what their journey has been up to this point. We also don't know what they are currently walking through.

What we do know is that they are here...and as I say EVERY SINGLE WEEK, "This is the Church and in the name of Jesus and everyone who calls this place home, you are welcome here."

For those of you who are only here a week or two a year and love this place, we want you to know that we hope you feel invited into this space carrying the culture of hospitality to the others who are visiting. We hope you get your kids some toys from the front room and point others to do the same. We hope you get older kids checked into Kids church and point the way for a visitor. We hope you take a second to introduce yourself to the people in the seats around you so that everyone understands that Church is about community and this is a really strong, welcoming and fun loving community! We pray that you feel able to be the hand and feet of Jesus to others who may not feel comfortable in a new space. I already said we are a unique community...you NEVER know who you are going to get the chance to bless by just saying "good morning."

If you are someone who calls this place home for even a few weeks a year, have you considered that you could quite literally be the face that represents Christ to someone who needs to know that they are welcomed in this space?

Did you know that it takes at least 9 volunteers to get people seated, hand out bulletins, make sure blankets are out in the cold seasons and fans in the hot seasons. We need someone to stand in the street to help people cross safely, to collect offering, and tidy up after a service? Did you also know that we live in a very transient community where people travel a LOT. If you have called this place home for any reasonable amount of time, we would love for you to consider being someone who welcomes our worshipers...what a privilege it is to say, "you are welcome here."

To take the next step in becoming a welcome team member just [follow this link!](#)

Water anyone?

In the name of hospitality, we have an awesome way to make to people feel loved. Did you know that The Chapel building only holds 175 people? Did you also know that on Sundays we are averaging around 300 people? Did you also know that it gets kind of warm here in Florida? haha. We have some fans that run to keep people cooler, but you know what else makes someone feel loved...WATER!!

You may not know this...we don't have a water fountain. So it's our joy to have water bottles on ice in coolers for people who are just too hot.

So, here is the easiest way you can embody Jesus this summer. **Whether you live here or are just visiting one week and want to participate**, there are 12 weeks we are going to provide water to our community and if you are one of the people who do a lot already...maybe wait a few days before signing up to give someone else a chance to serve. All you have to do is click here and sign up! Show up a little early with your water bottles or ice and drop them in a cooler already in the grove!

Sunday Morning Water Bottle and Ice Sign up!

Let's get down to business

Most of us love the idea of serving when it seems easy, but a lot of us are a little more timid when we are asked to step out of our comfort zone.

As you have surely noticed, The Chapel is working to create a community of prayer and we our hope is to also become a community who shows care.

We are partnering with **30A Prays** to do some prayer training in order to build a Prayer Team that will provide opportunities for people to receive prayer on Sunday Mornings. This is a beautiful way to be used by God each week...and the training will be helpful for you every time you feel called to pray for someone, but don't know what to do.

Just to be clear...you can totally attend a training and not join a prayer team, we just want you to be able to feel equipped to what the Lord calls us all to do.

If you want to sign up for the next training, **you can do that here**. NOTE: you **can** do the training and not serve in the tents.

We are also building a team of people to follow up with people who may need care or check-ins. This a way to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We have a prayer email that goes out weekly that is for the people who pray!! We would love have people who are faithful in prayer to be covering the prayers of our people.

To sign up for any of these teams or email, just fill out the volunteer form **here and mark Prayer and/or Care teams**.

What about the Kids?

By now, you've likely seen the new commotion taking place in de Bicci park every Sunday. For a moment, I want to ask you to picture this: the morning sun peeking through the trees, the laughter of families, the sound of waves, and the joy of making an impact—all wrapped into one! How is this possible? By serving at Chapel Kids!

As our community grows, we are looking for help to make it extraordinary. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Children's Ministry team.

WHAT IS CHAPEL KIDS?

Chapel Kids exists for K-5th grade+ who need a place to learn about Jesus in their context...which includes lots of fun while learning about a life of faith. Over the years it has slowly grown from bags with worksheets handed out in service, to picnic benches in the woods, to planned services in the Seaside Neighborhood School. We're still at the ground floor of opportunity here and we can't grow it alone. So, we're asking you if you'd consider joining us!

AM I QUALIFIED?

Whether you're a master storyteller, an artist of crafts, or simply someone who loves to see kids smile, there's a place for you at Chapel Kids. Imagine the joy of sharing Bible stories in Seaside that bring the life of Jesus alive. For a moment, consider the impact you would make by setting up supplies during the week for upcoming services. Think of the Kingdom impact you'll impart on young people looking for some sound Godly wisdom.

If you're ready to have a blast, make new friends, and inspire young hearts, you're invited to join us! Your time, energy, and love can make an incredible impact. Let's create something amazing together!

To serve with our kids, just fill out the [volunteer form here](#) and mark "Kids"



If you have any hesitations or questions about serving with our kids, please reach out to Michael Pratt, our Director of Next Gen Ministry.
Michael@thechapelatseaside.com

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If you love to host and have a house with a space for families with kids to play and swim, we are looking for places to host gatherings so this community can be in a confined space where they can visit and play and order food. If you would ever want to host an event in your home or space, would you let me know at sarah@thechapelatseaside.com

What else?

Join us the first Sunday of every month at 9:00am for our Communion Service followed by coffee and pastries in the grove.

SUMMER BIBLE Studies

Men and Women

9:00-10:30 am at the Chapel
June 19, 26, July 10, 17

THE BOOK OF
JAMES

20's and 30's: 8am-9:30am at the Chapel

June 20, 27, July 11, 18

EXODUS

Noon Hour PRAYER

Tuesdays 12:00-1:00

The Chapel will be open
for an hour of prayer.

Led by 30A Prays

**30A
prays**

THIRD THURSDAYS

If you have a newborn-Senior in HS, we are creating space for our families to get to know one another. Join us each month on the 3rd Thursday to hang out. Details for **June 20th** will come via email!

GUEST pastors

There are only 2 dates this summer that Andrew will not be behind the pulpit so here is a heads up of our lineup so that you you can be sure to be there, welcome our guest preachers, and be sure to be blessed by the teaching of not just one, but two Brandons...Brandens...you can discuss the "right" way to spell it.

Branden Campbell - June 9th.

Branden is not only a dear friend to the Chapel, but he, his wife Katie and their 3 daughters call the Chapel home. Branden has preached at the Chapel many times and we are always delighted for him to open up the Word and teach us.

Dr. Brandon Shields - July 28th

We are so excited to welcome Brandon to the Chapel this summer. This will be his first time preaching in Seaside, but he is no stranger to our town. He has been vacationing here for the last 18 years! We met Brandon through our work with Practicing the Way where he serves as the *Director of Pastoral Engagement* but also is a Lead Pastor and Elder in his Church, SOMA Midtown church in Indianapolis.