



— the Chapel at Seaside —

FROM THE TOWER

FALL, 2024 | VOL 23 | GEARING UP

HOLY DAYS

The holiday season is almost upon us. I think it officially starts when pumpkin spice is everywhere—around the 5th of July these days—and runs until 12:01 a.m. on January 1st. From fall, cinnamon, traditions, decorating, Thanksgiving, Christmas shopping, Christmas, Christmas returns, resolutions, and failed resolutions, this time of year really does seem to have something special about it.

But the term "holiday" comes from the words holy and day. As we've shared before, holy means set apart for God and God's purpose. So, to have a holy day means it is a day set apart for God and God's purpose. Do we approach the fall and winter as times to be set apart for God—or just panic about how many days are left until Christmas?

It's been said that the Hebrew people dedicate about a third of their calendar to holy days. That means a third of their lives are spent remembering, worshiping, celebrating, and being set apart for God.

What if we didn't reserve just a few weeks or a few days a year, or even one day a week, to be set apart for God's purpose—but instead viewed every day as holy? What if we saw the changing seasons, the rhythms of life, the warmth of summer, the cool of winter, the beauty of fall, and the hope of spring as reminders of a God who consistently loves us despite our shortcomings, who invites us into relationship even though we consistently turn away, and who has plans to work in and through us, even when we often get in the way?

The holiday season is upon us. Holiday is here. Are you here for the holiday? Are you here to be set apart for God? I hope you see that you are a vital part of what God is doing.

Andrew Beard

Abide in Jesus. Be changed by Jesus. Embody the ways of Jesus.
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS

The Book of **EXODUS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 6. 9:00am
Communion service**

Coffee and pastries
between Communion and
10:00am service

October 6. 5:00-7pm



**BEACH
BONFIRE**

5:00-7:00PM

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL THE
INFORMATION

**October 20. 12:00pm
After Church Fried Chicken
Dinner**

**November 17th - 6-7:00pm
Night of Worship**

**Fall Bible Studies Are in
Session**

Wednesdays at the Chapel

Men - 8:00am

Women - 9:30am

Thursdays at The Chapel

20's and 30's - 8am-9:30am

If you miss it, no worries!

Follow along on the Podcasts titled
Chapel Study Notes

Just go to podcast streaming service and search
"The Chapel at Seaside"

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
US FOR OUR
PRAYER HOUR
gathering
WE MEET EVERY
Tuesday at noon!



PODCAST

Never feel like you are disconnected. Keep up with us by
tuning in weekly via our Podcast.

Download your Podcast app. (or Spotify) and search "the
Chapel at Seaside". You can tune into the Teaching from
Sunday Mornings and our Weekly Bible Study Notes with
Andrew and Sarah.

THE CHAPEL AT
Seaside



Chapel Study Notes

Christmas is Coming!

I'm not here to cause a panic, I promise! But being ahead of schedule helps create a more peaceful holiday season. Christmas brings a range of emotions, but we're focusing on the warmth of generosity and the excitement of gathering together on Christmas Eve.

Read on for two ways you can get involved.



Angel Tree

We are excited to partner with Caring and Sharing again this Christmas through the Angel Tree program! This year, we're helping provide gifts for **60 children**, and we need your support to make it happen.

We invite you to participate, **even if you're out of town**. If you'd like to sponsor a child but can't shop in person, we're happy to shop on your behalf!

Here are the key details:

- **Sponsorship amount:** Plan to spend \$100 per child.
 - If this amount is beyond your budget, consider partnering with another family.
 - If you'd like to do more, consider sponsoring additional children or donating gift cards.
- **Drop-off dates:** December 2–4, between 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Caring and Sharing.

If you're interested in adopting an angel, please email me at Sarah@thechapelatseaside.com, and I'll add you to the list. **If you're out of town, we'll handle the shopping for you!**

Christmas Eve Service Times

This year we are offering 2 Christmas Eve Services. They will be largely attended and we will have a tent, extra screens for viewing and warmers (and blankets) We hope you will join us for one of our Services Christmas Eve, December 24th at

4:00pm & 5:30pm