



the Chapel at Seaside FROM THE TOWER

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

Explore this Tower to celebrate baptism and dedications, engage in Scripture, get excited about youth group, gear up for Christmas, learn about Affiliation membership and find out more about our outreach partners!

Giving Thanks

With Thanksgiving on our minds, we just want to say thank you to each person who makes The Chapel what it is.

The Chapel would not be what it is without our small and powerful staff, our volunteers who make everything happen, or our Board of Directors who help us clarify our vision and execute faithfully all while keeping us on track with all the business that comes with it.

Thank you to everyone who has visited this year. To each of you who went out of your way to introduce yourself to Andrew and me, it was an honor to meet you. To each of you who show up every time you are in town, you bless us with your presence. We hope to see you this holiday season.

To those of you who call The Chapel "home"...well, you are the heartbeat of this place and we are grateful to serve our community alongside of you. It is a joy to watch you grow and welcome new people into our community every Sunday. What a gift!

Happy Thanksgiving to you.

The Year in Review

What a wonderful year this has been at The Chapel at Seaside! We are so blessed to have Andrew leading us, and we are also blessed to have Sarah joyfully welcoming the congregation every Sunday. The weekly Bible studies are so enriching, and the Beard's "tag-team" study notes are awesome. Weekly attendance continues to grow, and we have more and more young people engaged on a regular basis. I truly believe that under Andrew's leadership many of us are growing in our faith, abiding more in Jesus, and being changed by Him.

In the past year, we have made big improvements to the west side of The Chapel in order to have a safe place for young families and toddlers. The Chapel is also nearly 25 years old now, so some capital expenditures have been/will be needed. The windows on the north, south, and west sides have been replaced. The windows on the east side will be replaced in January. The bell tower will be repaired, and the bell will be re-installed early in the year. And, we are planning to re-paint the exterior of The Chapel next year.

In addition to these investments for the building and grounds, our youth program is growing. In addition to our kids church on Sundays, we now have a youth group that is serving several local families. The weekly prayer hour continues to grow as The Chapel is a place for people longing to meet with Jesus. We now have 120 people in small Chapel Community Groups, and we are excited about the new "Affiliate" program. We hope that you sign up for "Chapel 101" and move forward with establishing a formal relationship with The Chapel.

We continue to give back about 25% of what you give on Sundays (and at year-end) to the community through our partners that are doing "Kingdom Work."

On behalf of the Board, the Beards, The Chapel employees and our community partners, we thank you for your continued generosity, and we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. We hope that you will consider making a year-end donation to The Chapel to support all of these initiatives and more.

Mike Cross
Board Chair

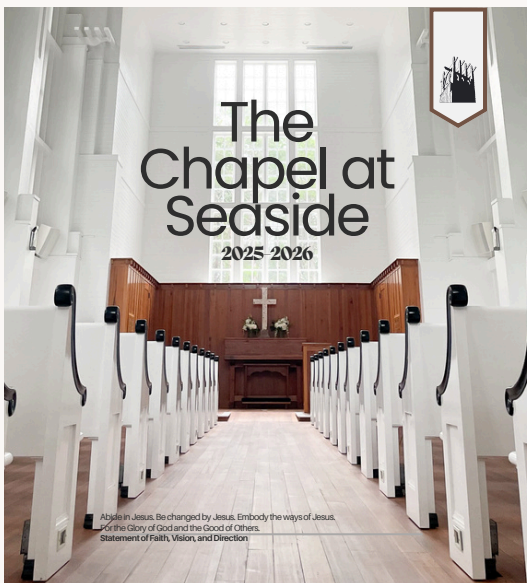


For more information on who we partner with, [click here](#) or to access our giving site, go to thechapelatseaside.com/give.

Chapel 101 – Affiliate

As Mike mentioned, we now have the opportunity for you to participate more fully as an Affiliate member of The Chapel. If you want to know more about how, or if you are just curious about what The Chapel believes, we hope you will sign up for a Chapel 101 Class.

These small group gatherings are a chance to learn who we are, what we're about, and how you can become deeply connected to the life of our Chapel community. [Click here to register](#) — new classes will continue to be added – If you are not here full time, we will also be adding a few zoom classes.



New Chapel Affiliates

Carrie Ainsworth
Elizabeth Alexander
Geoff Barlow
Mary Barlow
Kimberly Barnes
Steven Barnes
Chris Baum
Jim Clemmons
Mark Dennis
Matt Ellis
Kate Farhart
Kristen Freeman
Trey Freeman
Paula Garner
Nikki Gerwig
Terry Gerwig
Clark Gore
Elizabeth Guyton
Randall Guyton
Mike Heflin
Stacy Kneibert
Tyra Luhrsen
Laurie Markoe
Cindy McCarley
Kirk McCarley
Gerald Meinecke
Betty Nichols
Jeff Nichols
Joana Precup
Ruben Precup
Don Schilling
David Scisciani
Lisa Shewmaker
Ritchie Shewmaker
Allen Taylor
Elizabeth Turner
Carol Twiddy
Chelsea Waddell
Kevin Wright

Angel Tree

This year we were able to partner with Caring and Sharing of South Walton's Angel Tree Program. This year we sponsored 65 kids! Thank you to everyone who sponsored and who was willing to lend a hand to make this happen!

Communion

Each month we gather for a special Communion Service. Join us on Dec 7th at 9:00am. for the next one. Join us for our open table and stick around for coffee and pastries.

Noon Prayer

Tuesdays in December
12/2, 12/9, 12/16

12:00–1:00pm

Join us for live worship and self guided prayer. You can come and go or stay the whole time.

That's a Wrap!

We have finished up our Fall Bible Study through the book of Hebrews, if you missed it and want to tune in to see what we talked about,, you can go at your own pace by streaming our Chapel at Seaside Study Notes podcast. [ACCESS NOW](#)

Bible Study will pick back up in the new year. Details to come.

Christmas Night Of Worship Sunday, December 7th at 6:00pm

Christmas Night of Worship at The Chapel. It'll be a joyful evening that gives you just a taste of what's to come on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Christ together.

CHAPEL AT SEASIDE PODCAST



Stay up with our Sunday Sermons and Weekly Bible Studies wherever you stream your podcasts. Just search, "The Chapel at Seaside" or [click here](#) and start listening now!

Advent Guides are Here

Advent is a wonderful time of year. It is a season of expectation and excitement as we look forward to the birth of Jesus. As we work to turn our hearts and minds towards truth throughout the holidays we hope this year's Advent Guide and Playlist serve as a helpful tool for you and your family. If you are in person with us at The Chapel you can pick up a hard copy, but if you are not, you can download a pdf!

Here is a link to the [Advent Guide](#).

If you are looking for some extra goodies...here is a link to the [Chapel Advent Playlist](#).



CHRISTMAS EVE *at the Chapel* 2025

One Big
Outdoor
Service

4:30pm

Have you ever shown up for Christmas Eve or Easter really hoping to sit inside, but ended up in overflow? You're not alone — with only 175 seats inside this seems to be the case for the majority! This year, we're going above and beyond to create the best experience possible and we couldn't be more excited. We're inviting everyone to one big Christmas Eve service!

Join us outside The Chapel for our Christmas Eve Service at **4:30 PM on December 24th**. Come early (around 4 PM) to enjoy the pre-service music and cocoa with your family. Bundle up and bring the whole crew! If you'd prefer to stay warm or worship in the building, our overflow will be inside The Chapel.