

Summer Worship Hours

8:30am Chapel on the Beach 10:00am Worship in the Chapel



Siesta Key Chapel

God's Treehouse



Key Notes

Newsletter

Summer 2023

From the Pastor's Desk



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people (Acts 2:42, 46-47).

"See what great love the Father has for us that we should be called children of God!"

These are the words with which I closed Sofia's baptism the first Sunday of June. At five months of age, Sofia, grand-daughter of Pat Chandler Smith, Clerk of Session, doesn't yet know the story of this great love for her. But she will, because her parents and grandparents; aunts, uncles and cousin; and our whole congregation promised to tell her about God's love.

This summer at Siesta Key Chapel we have abundant opportunities to learn about and share the story of God's love; to **live transformed lives** in the company of believers through the joys of breaking bread and praying together, engaging in joyful fellowship, and studying God's Word.

Sunday June 18, Father's Day, we'll gather for a **church picnic service** out in the back Grove. What a wonderful occasion to invite a friend or neighbor to **worship God** over an **agape meal** and to **fellowship** under the shade of palm and oak trees.

Wednesday June 28, our **Summer Bible Study** series begins. Together, we will dive into the old, old story of God's love for us in exciting new ways. "*Bible 101*" here we come!

Dear people of God, this summer, let your **joy overflow** out of glad and generous hearts.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Ruth

*Sofia Elisa
Baptized
June 4,
2023*



Pastor Ruth and Sofia



Baptism of Sofia, grand-daughter of Pat Chandler Smith

MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST - Conner Stigner



Greetings, all!

Another Summer is upon us! I am very proud of what we have accomplished musically over the past liturgical year. We gave voice to innumerable local musicians through our Concert Series events with programs that ran the gamut from Jazz to Opera to Classical to Latin to Baroque, including composers as well known as Mozart and some less commonly known, although no less talented, including Women and Latin composers of many different musical periods. After several years away, it is marvelous to see our events regaining traction in the public eye with many visitors that had never stepped foot inside our beautiful chapel!

I'm particularly proud of the success of our Beach Ministry. While admittedly I had little experience with services such as this, I thoroughly enjoy, like many I'm sure, the relaxed nature and warm intimacy of our humble beach gatherings. Abundant thanks to **Dr. Zach Johnson** who makes the music at these services 'tick'.

On May 28th we hosted our annual Pentecost Jazz Service supported by **Kevin Çelebi and the Harmonic Sanity Jazz Band**. I take great pride in our music program's mission to present a great variety of music. Prior to my time at SKC, my experience had been in "High, Holy" and "Cathedral" sounding music which does certainly have its place. I'm grateful to Pastor Ruth for not only giving me license to program a wide variety of music that I find moving, but also for introducing me to an abundance of music that I had yet to enjoy!

Our **Siesta Key Chapel Choir** will take a summer hiatus and will reconvene in September. If you have enjoyed the music we have created please take some time over the summer to discern joining our merry troupe of singers. I do recognize that stairs can perhaps create a problem for some of our musicians; however, I aim to do a good deal of choral singing from down front.

As always, please do feel free to reach out to me with thoughts, suggestions, or any commentary. I'm always happy to listen and do what I can to make our worship experience a moving one for all.

Conner



Dr. Zach Johnson



Chamber Music Society of Sarasota



Kevin Çelebi and the Harmonic Sanity Jazz Band featuring Michele Pruyne

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & TECHNOLOGY - Barry Cline

Wish List

Renovations

- Fellowship Hall, significant remodel for events (including wedding receptions) various options \$90k-\$300k
- Knit and Sew Bathroom – ADA Compliant, est. \$20K
- Hurricane Sliders, Doors, and Windows:
 - Chapel, Upper and Lower Sliders and Windows 340k
 - Music Building, windows and doors \$89K
 - Administration Building, Windows \$30K
 - Fellowship Hall, Windows and Doors \$130K
- Pavilion, Ladies Room – add Stall (currently Member Sponsored)
- Lower Chapel Classroom, Deep Clean & update \$2k



Outdoor Upgrades

- Irrigation Extension – est. \$2k-\$4k
 - Behind Memorial Garden
 - Anne Blechta Garden
- Landscape Lighting
 - Updated parking lighting with poles and remove failing “tree” lights, est. \$20k
 - Add walkway, up-lighting, and décor lighting along front of Sanctuary to Fellowship Hall, \$15K
- Paved Driveway Entrance Aprons (Funded) – Both Gleason Ave Entrance Aprons were recently paved. This upgrade will drastically improve erosion control, drainage, and aesthetics to those entrances.

Audio Visual

- Sanctuary Stage Lighting Enhancements (to enhance both in-person and live stream experience) \$7k-\$15K
- Sanctuary Decorative Side Lighting enhancements (LED) est. \$10- 15k

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & TECHNOLOGY - continued

Outdoor Maintenance

- Campus Palm and Tree trimming this summer - (Scheduled)
Very important to protect our buildings during hurricane season

Items

- Chapel Christmas Tree – Replace existing damaged and fire hazard tree with new 12’-14’ LED Tree, est. \$1200-\$1800

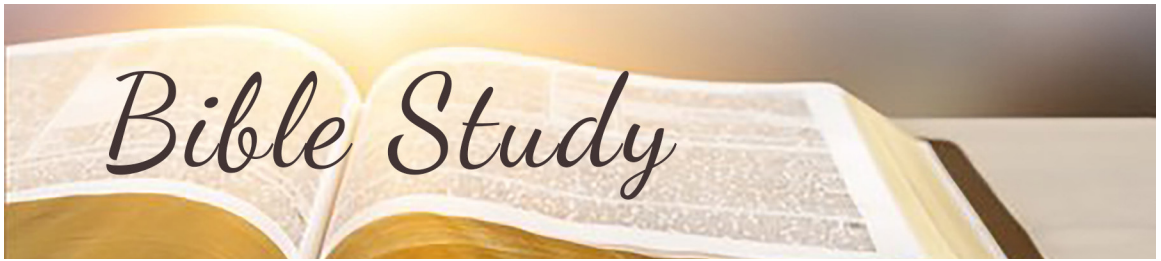
How to Contribute to the Wish List

If you wish to underwrite or contribute toward a Wish List item, please send a check with a clear memo, or contact Sherry Davis, Treasurer at finance@siestakeychapel.org.

For more information on any project, contact Barry Cline at barry@siestakeychapel.org or Tim Gannon at bgt@siestakeychapel.org

Many thanks for being part of our ongoing plan for improved safety & accessibility, renovation & restoration of our beautiful campus for the mission and ministry of Siesta Key Chapel.





"BIBLE 101"
SKC Bible Study, Summer/Fall 2023

Have you ever wondered:

What came first, the Exodus or the Exile?

Join in our Timeline Project!

Have you ever thought:

*I wish I had learned "x" in Sunday School or Confirmation Class;
Lord, I'm eager and ready to learn/refresh/make the Bible relevant
to my life today.*

Engage in lively discussions about the Bible; curiosity and questions cheered!

What: Six-month study of the Bible: Overview & deeper exploration

Who: Members, Neighbors, and Visitors all warmly welcomed to participate

Where: Siesta Key Chapel Fellowship Hall

When: Once/month on specific Wednesdays, **10:00am**-11:00am

Bring: A physical Bible (extras will be available); notebooks optional

Notes: Classes are Free

Coffee and light refreshments will be served

No RSVP needed; just show up whenever you are in town.

Bring a friend!

Dates:

Wed. June 28

Wed. July 12

Wed. August 23

Wed. September 13

Wed. October 4

Wed. November 1

Looking ahead: Bible Studies Winter 2023 & Spring 2024:

December 2023: Advent Bible Study

January, February & March 2024: Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for all

CHAPEL ON THE BEACH - Sundays 8:30am

Find **faith and fellowship** at *Chapel on the Beach* every Sunday at 8:30am. The half-hour contemporary service offers a variety of music and musicians, scripture, prayer and an inspiring message, along with free coffee and bakery. Join us, and invite your friends and neighbors to meet at the beach on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to join in the joy of worshiping God in nature at Patriots/Sunset Pier, 10 Beach Road.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Julia & Mark Musto

Adult Christian Education wrapped up a successful Spring session with Craig Holliday presenting on the architecture history of Siesta Key Chapel and Dr. Chris Cortman speaking on "Forgiveness revisited."

Summer brings a brief hiatus, then back to renewal and learning beginning January 2024. We look forward to Rev. Melania Scruggs kicking off the Winter session. Rev. Scruggs will spend five weeks with us discussing Biblical Foundations and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church. ACE will continue throughout the Spring of 2024 with many great speakers.

A special thank you to Joyce Tucker for your leadership and hosting with wonderful breakfast and coffee! Come join us!



Craig Holliday

MEMBERSHIP - Margie Kraft



All-Church Brunches will continue through the Summer on the fourth Sunday of the month, **June 25, July 23, August 27**. Watch for location announcements in the Friday News email and SKC website homepage & calendar.

To RSVP, sign up Sundays at the coffee table, call the Administrative Office at 941-349-1166, email administrator@siestakeychapel.org, or sign up on the website homepage: www.siestakeychapel.org

SIESTA KEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Pictured left to right, Anne McFall, Trish Ivey, Roxi McCarthy, Barry Cline
Thanks to Co-Sponsor Roger Sandt!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Dick Ulrich

Men's Fellowship is a Christian organization for the men of Siesta Key Chapel and their male friends. The group will take a Summer hiatus and start again in the fall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The gatherings begin at 8:00 AM with a light breakfast and Christian fellowship, current topics, study, and stories. All men are welcome and it is a wonderful way to start the day, with good old-fashioned fun and laughter in a relaxed atmosphere.



Ice Cream Social - May 28

Left to right: Roger Sandt, Derek Haight, Nick Pearce, Bob Lane and Dick Ulrich

DEACONS - Gary Rhodus



"Write a Card" Table

Write a Card after worship on the deck to brighten someone's day with a card of Thanks, Happy Birthday, Get Well Soon, Thinking of You, or Sympathy.

Cards are available for you to personalize. Address the envelope and the Deacons will add the stamp and make sure it goes out in the mail.



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| 4 8:30am Chapel on the Beach 10am Worship with Communion and Baptism | 5 | 6 6:30pm NA | 7 | 8 7pm AA | 9 | 10 |
| 11 8:30am Chapel on the Beach 10am Worship in the Chapel | 12 | 13 9:30am Knit & Sew 6:30pm NA | 14 | 15 7pm AA | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Happy Father's Day 8:30am Chapel on the Beach 10am Worship Picnic in the Grove | 19 | 20 6:30pm NA | 21 | 22 7pm AA | 23 | 24 |
| 25 8:30am Chapel on the Beach 10am Worship in the Chapel 12:30am All-Church Brunch | 26 | 27 6:30pm NA | 28 10am Bible Study | 29 7pm AA | 30 | |
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SUMMER BIRTHDAYS - June, July & August



JUNE

- 1 Amy Parker
Brad Vincent
- 3 Pete Barnhart
- 6 Lee Valenta
- 8 AD Johnson
- 10 Jim Shaffer
Richard Schultz
- 14 Marge Matsock
Margie Kraft
- 17 Karen Koblenz
- 18 Richard Edging
- 21 Margo Balaski
- 30 Dorothy Emmick

JULY

- 6 Carol Ann Henderson
Mark Musto
Marvin Cundiff
Sam Tucker
- 7 Susan Padfield
- 8 Anne Linn
- 12 Deborah Yates
Diane Block
James Stevens
- 14 Fred Heina
- 16 Jane Daniel
- 21 Pastor Ruth
- 22 Janice Million
Mary Jane Smith
- 26 Joe Andrews
- 27 Bert Curry
- 28 Nick Pearce
- 29 Louise Schultz
Marsha Tucker

AUGUST

- 1 Bob Lane
Dianne Ramsey
Jim Hastings
- 13 George Wagner
- 17 Leanna Moen
Sharon Roush
- 18 Joyce Tucker
- 19 Brad Koch
- 23 Joan Kyle
Robert Million
- 26 Wendy Weiss
- 30 Bob Doll
Julia Musto
- 31 Roger Sandt