



Siesta Key Chapel
God's Treehouse

OCTOBER 2023



Key Notes
NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk

~What did you do today, and who did you help?~



A parent's nightly question to their small child at bedtime, *What did you do today, and who did you help?* is a model for us, as we close out the off-season and gear up to begin the joyous in-season.

At the cusp of gathering from north and south, east and west, to worship God in person together, I invite you to the practice of **Daily Examen**. For some, it takes the form of a nightly journal entry; for others, it is simply an evening pause where we **connect with God and review the day** that is coming to a close. Settle in, open your heart and mind to God's presence, and begin by naming a **high point** of the day, whether an accomplishment, a joy or a blessing, and **give thanks**.

Then give voice to a **challenge** of the day, and invite God's help and guidance. Finally, identify a place where you recognized **God's presence** in your day. Close with a **prayer or scripture**, such as the Lord's Prayer or the 23rd Psalm. With such a **spiritual practice**, we become centered, find gratitude, and release ourselves to God's loving and faithful care throughout the night.



Connecting with our membership, visitors, and neighbors:

~Our stellar "Closet Clean-out Crew" (Pat, Joyce, Barry & Karen, along with many helpers) arranged a large donation of unused Church and Nursery items to our neighbors, the **Haitian Baptist Church** on Osprey Ave. in Sarasota, where these items have been put into immediate use.

~In place of our monthly All-Church Brunch, on Sunday October 29, SKC will host a **Welcome Back Sunday Lunch Cruise** on the *Marina Jack II* after worship. Join in an afternoon of fun and fellowship! If the cost would be a hardship, please contact Pastor Ruth, who will confidentially make sure you can join in the adventure.

~**Girl Scout weekend at SKC:** We are looking ahead to a delightful time with the Sarasota Girl Scouts in November. Details forthcoming.

~Please call or email the Church Office if you or another member is in the **hospital**. The Pastor will get the message promptly. Due to HIPAA laws, your phone call is the only way we know if you could use prayers and/or a visit.

Friends, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Pastor Ruth

ALL MEMBERS, SNOWBIRDS & FRIENDS

WELCOME BACK!

**Join Siesta Key Chapel on a "Welcome Back Sunday"
Luncheon Cruise on the Marina Jack II
Sunday, October 29, boarding at 12:30pm**

The narrated Sightseeing Lunch Tour/Cruise features an enjoyable voyage around Lido and Bird Key along with areas past the Ringling Bridge into north Sarasota Bay. The Captain adjusts the cruise as needed and also has great knowledge of the area in his narration. The cruise includes a buffet featuring Chicken Marsala and Chefs Daily Catch, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Rolls and Chefs Dessert selections.

\$46 per person (includes buffet, gratuity, & tax)

RSVP & Payment due by Monday, October 23

941-349-1166 or administrator@siestakeychapel.org

Write checks to **Siesta Key Chapel**, Memo: **Boat Cruise**
4615 Gleason Ave., Sarasota, FL 34242

SKC reserved seating and buffet are on the lower deck.

Cocktails will be available for purchase.

2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota, FL 34236

Valet Parking Available or Carpool from the Chapel



MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST - Conner Stigner



Autumn is upon us! We look forward to the return of our traveling brothers and sisters. Please consider joining us Sunday mornings at 9:15AM to rehearse music for 10AM worship. All are welcome. Our music ministry is an awesome and diverse one and we would love to have you be part of it!

Speaking of music- Music ministers of all denominations tend to contrast the difference between "Sacred" and "Secular" music and especially the differences between hymns and songs. You may be surprised to know that they all have more in common than we might imagine. It all has to do with the meter, or syllabic scheme of the text.

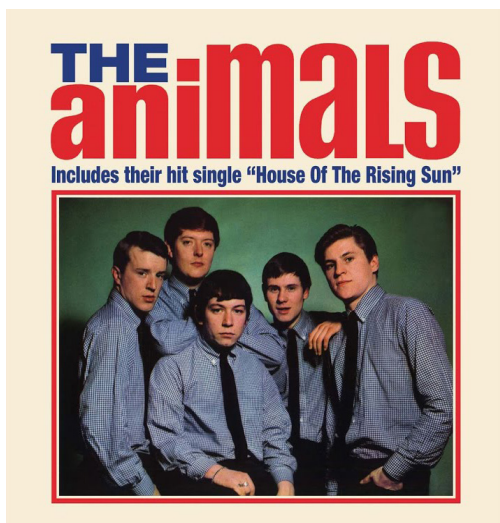
For example, *Amazing Grace* has a pattern of eight syllables, then six syllables, then eight and six again. The pattern is usually written in numeric form below the hymn itself. In this case it would be written as 8.6.8.6.

Coincidentally, *House of the Rising Sun*, made popular by The Animals, has the exact same meter, making the texts and melodies interchangeable.

There / is / a / house / in / New / Or- / leans,
A- / maz- / ing / Grace / how / sweet / the / sound

It's / called / the / Ris- / ing / Sun
That / saved / a / wretch / like / me

Next time we sing *Amazing Grace*,
you will not be able to help yourself from
hearing the text to *House of the Rising Sun*!



BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & TECHNOLOGY - Barry Cline

As the Buildings and Grounds Manager, it is an ongoing project to ensure the proper functioning and maintenance of the Chapel complex. Below are the latest updates from September to share:



Hurricane Idalia Damage: Hurricane Idalia caused damage to some plants. The salty winds stressed the Wild Coffee bushes behind the Memorial Garden. There is hope that they will recover on their own, but that is uncertain at this time.

Classroom 3 HVAC System: A new copper line was installed by Island Air to fix a leak in the copper line for Classroom 3's HVAC system. As a result, Classroom 3 is now cooling properly.

Chapel Windows: The windows in the chapel were professionally cleaned by Crystal Clear. There are additional plans to schedule power washing of the deck in the coming weeks.

Lighting & Electrical Circuits: We are facing ongoing challenges with lighting and electrical circuits, particularly exacerbated by wet weather. Efforts are being made to identify and address old wiring and lighting issues.

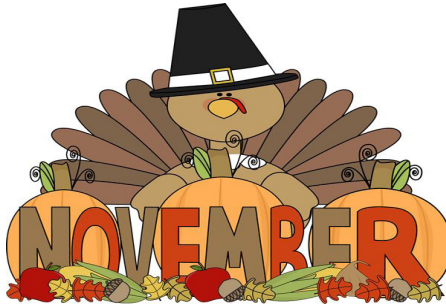
Chapel Ramp Deck Boards: Some deck boards at the top of the chapel ramp had buckled due to heat. Many of these boards did not have screws in them which contributed to the problem. The root cause was identified and the issue has been repaired.

Classroom 4 TV: Classroom 4 has a new large-screen TV that can be used for video conferencing and presentations by SKC committees and outside organizations. The TV is mounted on a rolling stand making it portable for use in other locations as needed.



OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Chapel on the Beach</p> <p>10am Worship in the Chapel World Communion Sunday</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p> <p>3:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	5	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Chapel on the Beach</p> <p>10am Worship in the Chapel</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Knit & Sew</p> <p>6:30pm NA</p>	11	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Chapel on the Beach</p> <p>10am Worship in the Chapel</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>3:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	19	20	21 SKC Hosts Presbytery Meeting
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Chapel on the Beach</p> <p>10am Worship in the Chapel</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>4:00pm Session Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm NA</p>	25	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Chapel on the Beach</p> <p>10am Worship in the Chapel All Saints Sunday</p> <p>1pm Marina Jack II Luncheon Cruise</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>				



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			1 10am Bible Study	2	3	4 Set Clocks Back 
5 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel with Communion	6	7 6:30pm NA	8	9 Cedarkirk Clergy/Elder retreat <hr/> 7pm AA	10	11
12 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel	13	14 9:30am Knit & Sew 6:30pm NA	15	16 7pm AA	17	18
19 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel Thanksgiving Service	20	21 6:30pm NA	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed  7pm AA	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel 12:00 noon All-Church Brunch	27	28 4pm Session 6:30pm NA	29	30		

NEW WORSHIP HOURS - Coming Soon

Summer worship times continue through the month of **October**:

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

Beginning Nov. 5, new In-Season service times:

9:00am Chapel on the Beach
10:30am Worship in the Chapel



SKC Bible Study "BIBLE 101"

Wednesday, October 4 at 10AM

Classes are Free

Coffee and light refreshments
No RSVP needed; Bring a friend!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Paul Piro
- 5 Beverly Chenoweth
- 10 Bee Piro
Jeannie Stueve
- 13 David Young
- 16 Bryan Murdock
- 24 Cheryl Gannon
Rev. Issa Saliba
Susan Loesel
- 25 Carolyn Pruyne
- 26 Joan Heina
- 27 Bill Donaldson
- 31 John Mast

