Today is a new day. The trucks are beginning to move our belongings back into our home. Since our house fire 6months ago it has felt at times like I was living out some kind of a parable. If Jesus were telling the story he would begin it this way. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a pastor whose house was struck by lightning…

Here’s what I’ve learned through living this parable.

**Things are often worse than they first appear.**

Looking back it seems hilarious that way we were thinking the night of the fire. I mean we literally thought we would be back in the house in a day or two. No one told us that, call it coping, denial, or whatever but we actually thought we would clean the place up, patch a few holes and be back to life as normal in just a day or two.

What we discovered is that the more the walls got peeled back the more damage there was and the more work required to restore our home. Seriously, for the first month it seemed like we were receiving daily updates that things were ‘worse than we initially thought.’ By the time the peeling was done, it would be discovered that several roof trusses were compromised.

You know we are all damaged goods. Life has dinged us all. And it’s when we dig below the surface that we discover the real structure problem that exists. And it is deep within, for own safety, that the real work must take place. Things are often worse than they appear on the surface.

**The Hope of ‘Better’ helps when things get ‘Worse.’** Early on in the demolition of our house, even though we couldn’t visualize it (at least I couldn’t) we were promised that when the project was over our home would actually be better than before. Now, I can tell you when I first heard that I was like, I don’t want better I just want what we had. Just give me back what we had. In fact, if someone would have made this offer - Terry you can have ‘better’ in 6 months or ‘just like it was’ right now. I would have picked the ‘like it was (worse), but right now’ option. That is human nature. Most of us will choose familiar over better every time. That is why we need leaders - that is why we need God, (acts of God) to push us toward better.

I remember vividly one day last fall when the dire reality of the situation hit me. It was in October and it had been a few days since I had been to check on the progress of the house. I re-member opening the front door and everything was gone. No furniture, no dishes, no cabinets, no interior doors, no flooring, no walls! It then hit me… this is bad. I know. I’m sharp, right? But in a cascade of emotions the severity of what had happened and the enormous scope of the rebuilding project pounded me. Things were at their worst. It was the flickering promise of ‘better’ that brought light in my moment of darkness. When things look bad it is the hope of better that carries us through.

Immanuel Kant, philosopher of a few centuries ago said that three keys to happiness are having something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for. I think Kant is on to something there and we can’t underestimate the third, something to hope for.

**Over the past several months, mirroring our house rebuild has been some significant rebuilding at Bayside too.** Things have been good but God is calling us to great. And there were days over the past few months that things looked worse rather than better. The more we dug the worse it looked. Deep change and deep hurt. But it was the Holy Spirit whispering to us the promise of better that carried us forward.

Today there are moving trucks are at my house. Things are better. The house is incredible! God has blessed us beyond what we could have imagined. Our house at Norris Way is better today in practically every way than it was before the fire.

**I’ve learned that the journey from good to great is actually one from good…to worse…to great.** Most people quit when it gets worse.

And there will soon be moving trucks heading to Bayside bringing a dear family to us - Kevin, Marie, Jane and Oliver. We are so excited about adding the Stamper family to our ministry team. Pastor Kevin is a great friend, a tremendously talented young leader that will be our Creative Arts Pastor. They will make us better! We are excited to welcome them.

The smoke has cleared, the worst days are behind us, and we are moving toward awesome days ahead! A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful. Amen!

You are Loved!

Pastor Terry
The Harbor Café is open every Sunday from 8:30 AM to 10:35 AM. All types of donuts, bagels, sweets, and a variety of café beverages are offered.

Bayside Staff:

- **Pastor Terry Rolen**: Lead Pastor
- **Pastor Chip Taylor**: Pastor of Student Ministries
- **Molli Craddock**: Director of Adult Ministries
- **Jeannie Zier**: Director of Children’s Ministries
- **Pastor Tim Willoughby**: Pastoral Counselor
- **Annie Mayberry**: Interim Worship Leader
- **Rick Kuntz**: Children’s Ministry Assistant
- **Emily Baber**: Office Administrator
- **Sheila Lopreato**: Admin. Asst. & Receptionist
- **Heidi Petitt**: Adm. Asst. to Children’s Ministry
- **Tracey Glisson**: Adm. Asst. to Worship Ministry
- **Lori Horne**: Adm. Asst. to Student Ministry
- **Ross Howsare**: Facility Manager
- **Ron Crum**: Technical Director

Join Us For Worship
**Sunday:**
Sunday School & Morning Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:**
Activities for children, students and adults at 7:00 p.m.

New to Bayside? Sign up for the Next steps

If you are newer to Bayside, we are so glad you are here! We welcome you and want to celebrate the journey that has brought you our way. Do you want to learn more about the history, beliefs, and ministries of this congregation? If so, join Pastor Terry for an information-packed session as you discover Bayside.

The next session will be Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available. Please register yourself and your child by calling the church office at 727-669-7212 or by emailing Molli Craddock at molli@baysidechurch.net.
We welcome you to Bayside MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) as we embrace and celebrate our Beautiful Messes!

Our group meets in the Kids Club on the first Friday of each month from 9:30-11:30 am. MOPS is open to any mom who is pregnant and/or has a child age newborn through Kindergarten. Our goal at Bayside MOPS is to encourage young moms and give a much-needed break to relax, connect with other moms, build friendships and inspire a deeper walk with the Lord. Childcare is provided just steps away from the meeting. We also offer many play dates and activities during the month to stay connected.

For more information, contact Julie Miller at julgator@gmail.com, visit www.mops.org or find us on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BaysideMops

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**Matthew Reading Plan For February**

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**Bayside Bootcamp**

Bayside Bootcamp is a fun, innovative, full body workout using a variety of supplies and resources to help tone up muscles and lose weight.

5:15 AM and 6:15 AM classes are offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Once a month we will have a Saturday workout starting at 7:00 AM. All you need to bring is a set of dumbbells (5 or 10 lbs), a jump rope and a mat. The cost is $25 per month with payment due on the first workout of the month. The primary location will be at Bayside Community Church in the Kid’s Club. Call Travis Bates 727-215-1143 or travismbates@yahoo.com with any questions.
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Weekly budget need: $25,182

*Thank you for continued support to God and the ministries of Bayside!*

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**Bayside Connections**

**March 29**

**ATTENDANCE**

**OFFERINGS**

**WORSHIP**

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**THE MAIN EVENT!**

**February 27**

**6:00—8:00pm**

Every 4th Thursday of the month @ 6pm, Bayside Biz will host the “Main Event”. This is where we will meet in the Church Lobby, learn about each others’ businesses and how we can refer business to each other, network, learn effective networking skills, and generally support the group and our visitors.

Also check out the Bayside Business Directory online at [http://baysidebiz.org](http://baysidebiz.org) for many of your needs! If you would like to be added to the Bayside Business Directory please email info@baysidebiz.org for more information.

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**Save the Date!!**

**Fish Fry**

**Appreciation Dinner**

For all Men’s Ministry Leaders and Volunteers

**Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, April 19**

**Fox Hollow Golf Club**

Money raised at this tournament will help buy supplies for service projects as well as help students finance their expenses for upcoming experiences offered this year.

For More Information or Questions
Contact Chip Taylor
Email: chip@baysidechurch.net
Church Phone: (727)669-7212

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**Giving online**

baysidechurch.net

Now available.

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For all Men’s Ministry Leaders and Volunteers
**SPRING CONNECT GROUPS FORMING NOW!**

Now is the time. You’ve been thinking about it. God is nudging you to join a small group. Let us help you.

Beginning February 2 and running through February 23 you will have an opportunity to join a “Connect Group” here at Bayside. This is a group of 8-12 people who meet on a regular basis to knit together relationships with Jesus Christ as the thread. It is inside these valuable relationships we can be healed, recharged, reflective, imperfect, purposeful – human. With the Holy Spirit and the Word of God doing the work, we have the ability to not be alone but become the body of Christ and function as we all were designed.

Groups of various types meet during the week in homes, restaurants, at the church, and other locations. Some meet weekly, others twice a month. Topics will vary depending on group and leader interest.

**New groups will be starting** up in early March and run through Easter and beyond.

We are currently looking for **new group members AND group leaders**. If you are interested in **either one**, please let us know today!

If you are ready to get started, here’s how:

- Register online: baysidechurch.net/adults/connect groups.
- Drop by the Connect Group table in the lobby
- Email Bruce Inverso at bruce.inverso@verizon.net

Questions? Contact Bruce Inverso at bruce.inverso@verizon.net or 727-254-8836.

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**NEW FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Gatherings – Starting Feb. 2**

Don’t miss the kick-off of this new, on-going Sunday group! The focus of this group will be Christian community, friendship, and open discussion for young adults and college students. Rob and Becky England will be facilitating the group. The first meeting includes a FREE BREAKFAST hosted by the Press On group! Bring a friend and come to room 201(2nd floor) at 10:30 am to meet others and learn more about how you can get connected!

**Monday Small Group – Starting Feb. 3**

Starting Monday, February 3, young adults and college students are invited to gather for Biblical study, conversation, prayer, and friendship. The group will meet at 7pm in the Harbor Café at Bayside. Andy Blair will be the discussion leader for men; Annie Rehn will be the discussion leader for women. **Spread the word, invite a friend, be there!**

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**40 Days in the Word**

*40 Days in the Word* is a series of lessons written and presented by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. This series is for anyone who wants to dig deeper to understand Scripture on a personal level. It is designed to help you love the Word, learn the Word, and live the Word like never before. We will use a combination of teaching on DVD by Rick Warren, workbooks, and classroom discussion to help you learn:

- Six methods for reading and meditating on Scripture
- Proven techniques for a meaningful quiet time with God
- How to memorize Scripture
- Sound principles for accurate Bible interpretation
- A step-by-step process for applying God’s Word to your life

The class will take place Wednesdays at 7pm beginning April 2 and running through May 21. Children will enjoy free activities and programs provided at the church by our children’s department.

To register please visit [www.baysidechurch.net/adults/classes](http://www.baysidechurch.net/adults/classes). Please register by March 1 so that materials can be ordered. A participant’s workbook will be available with a suggested donation of $10. Questions? Contact Molli Craddock at molli@baysidechurch.net or 727-669-7212.
Women’s Retreat - February 21st - 23rd, 2014

- Register and pay $105 for the weekend, $79 for students (High school and college) or $35 for the Saturday day trip.
- Roundtrip Bus from church is available (register early to take advantage of the bus transportation)
- Gift certificates available at table in lobby
- Register online @ www.baysidechurch.net

The Dove Circle
This lovely ladies group for women of all ages meets at noon on the 3rd Sat. of the month—Feb. 15th this month—at Kally K’s in Dunedin to enjoy lunch and wonderful fellowship. Contact Maxine Dove 727-796-0169 for more information.

Café Chocolat—An experience where women can savor sweet moments with God and each other.

Saturday, May 3rd

High School backpacking trip
March 26th - 30th, 2014

Northern Georgia, Appalachian Trail
The cost is $85.00. This covers your equipment, transportation and food. Registration & payments can be dropped in the Mail Slot on the Welcome Wall by the Café.

Trip availability is on a first come, first serve basis. The trip is open to the first 15 paid registrations.

After that, we will start a waiting list. If we have 10 more sign up, we will add a second group with the same itinerary. Money & Registration Due March 9th

Middle School Conference
February 28-March 1

A two day event specifically for Middle School Students. Packed with high energy worship, Biblical teaching, and one-on-one interaction.

Where: Orlando, FL
Cost: $40—covers registration, transportation, food and lodging.
Deposit & Registration Due February 23rd
Registration and payments can be dropped in the Mail Slot on the Welcome Wall by the Café.
This semester in the Harbor we have dedicated ourselves to teaching, learning, knowing and engaging in the great story of God on Sunday mornings! We are doing a semester long study from Creation to Jesus to the first Church and cannot be more excited! Many students (and adults for that matter) know the main Bible stories. But when it comes to understanding how Abraham is connected to Moses, and how the prophets are connected to certain time periods of the Exile, and how the Kings, Judges, Joshua and Joseph, slavery and the promise land all connect to God’s epic story many of us can be confused about it!

Through one of our ministry teams in the Harbor called the “Thirst Team” we are challenged to read the word of God regularly through daily text messages where we will dive deep into the stories. On Wednesday nights during Connect Groups we will open up the word and discuss together as well.

One of the things that hit me is sometimes the Spirit doesn’t seem to be moving or is moving at a slower pace and so keeping “in step” is pretty easy. Other times it seems that the Spirit is moving at a rapid, almost sprinting pace, and so keeping in step becomes even more challenging.

Right now in the Harbor, it seems the Spirit is moving at a rapid pace and we are sprinting as fast as we can to keep up with him and it is so unbelievably exciting. Some recent highlights include several new students going through our Launch Lunch which officially welcomes them to the Harbor family. We spent some of our Christmas break with Mattie Williams kids at Gatti Town. Our Connect Groups started again on Wednesday nights and will run to Spring Break. We had an event for middle school students called FUEL and another event for our high school student called Underground. FUEL had a Dodgeball and Donut Party and the Underground went to the Lightning game! There is an excitement in the Harbor as we continue to tell the Story of God! Thanks for your continued support of teenagers at Bayside!

In His Grip,

Chip

Save the Dates

Believe Conference - February 28th—March 1st
High School Backpacking Trip - March 26th—30th
Middle School Camp - (MSC) June 9th-13th
International Youth Convention (IYC) for all High School students - July 1st—9th
Empowering MORE Kids to Live for Jesus!!

Be a STAR for Jesus—Your kids have been challenged to be EXTRA-ordinary to their friends, family and neighbors. It is like the old “W.W.J.D.” (what would Jesus do?) As they tell us about these events, they add a star to our Bayside galaxy! As they shine for others, they inspire others to do good!!

♦ So far we have a sweet 6 year old who was saved during VBS, earnestly praying for her parents to be saved and asking her grandparents to pray with her for their salvation!!
♦ We have a young girl feeding a homeless man in her neighborhood.

Your children will bring home challenges, we will post communication on our Children’s Ministry Facebook Page, and we look forward to celebrating their accomplishments!!

Mark your calendar for the following special dates:

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30—8:15 = Be a STAR Talent Show*
*If your child has a talent they wish to share, they MUST RSVP by FEB.12
Parents are invited to join us for the show!! Pizza Provided.

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30—8:15 = SHINE “Glow” in the Dark

Our curriculum is ALL about JESUS this winter as we lead kids toward His ultimate sacrifice during the Easter Series in April.

Class Reminders: A Small Group Class is available in Rm. 101 each week for ALL preschool and Kindergarten children. Grade age children that prefer small group instead of the large group in the Kids’ Club are welcome to join this class.

Family Wednesday Nights

Don’t miss Wednesday nights for your kids!! This is a grade specific small group that allows your kids opportunity for relationship building with students and the same Coach each week and a chance to ask questions and dive deeper into the Word. Pastor Terry will be leading a New Testament series, Middle and High School Students will be meeting in small groups and The Kids’ Club will be serving pizza at 6:30 on each Special Event Wednesday (see dates on previous page))!! Bring the family!!

Student Leader & Volunteer Training Sunday, March 2nd @ 9:00

Easter EggStravaganza ● April 12 ● 9:30am—12:30pm

Plans are underway, sign up to volunteer in the Kids’ Club or email Jeannie@baysidechurch.net! We are excited about some new things!!

Child Dedications Mother’s Day, May 11

Vacation BIBLE School—August 4—8

Jeannie Zier
Director of Children’s Ministries
One of the greatest challenges facing the homeless is having access to shoes and socks. Rain-soaked feet, ill-fitting shoes, constant standing and diseases like diabetes take their toll on the feet. Clean socks and durable shoes are a staple of homeless health care and you can make a real IMPACT in the lives of needy people in our community. During the month of February we will be collecting new socks and new or gently used shoes which will be distributed in our local communities. So check your closet for any shoes that you can spare and consider purchasing some new socks next time you’re out shopping. Although the majority of the homeless population consists of adults, we will also be collecting children’s shoes & socks, which will be donated to local shelters and charities in the area. Donations can be dropped off at the Mission’s table every Sunday during the month of February.

Want to keep up on current and future Impact 12 opportunities? Pick up a 2014 Impact 12 yearly calendar at the missions table for a $5 donation.

Where’s Heather? Last month Heather Roush shared with us about the World Race, which she began in January. She will be serving in 11 countries over the next 11 months and currently she is in Zambia.

To find out more information on The World Race or if you would like to support Heather financially, visit heatherroush.theworldrace.org
**Please Remember In Prayer:**

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Our deepest sympathy and prayers to:

- Frank Moseley on the passing of both his sister and aunt recently.
- Shelley Hageman on the passing of her mother Betty.

**Serving God and Country:**

- 1st LT. Matthew Mangru - son of Daniel & Roma Mangru - Afghanistan
- SGT. Daniel Hurst - son of George & Sharon Hurst - Afghanistan
- Staff SGT. Steven Fisher Jr. - son of Steven & Diana Fisher - Afghanistan
- William McMillan - son of Rusty & Kay Kelly - Japan
- Katie Seiple - daughter of Susan Godwin - serving in the Navy
- Naval Petty Officer Corey Loveless—grandson of Dan & Nita Boesswetter
- Staff SGT. Cory Smith - grandson of Brenda Medeiros Keller
- Specialist Timothy Hildebrant—grandson of DeWayne & Jody Huhl—Afghanistan
- Specialist Zebulon Rehn—brother of Annie Rehn—Kuwait

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**Prayer Ministry at Bayside**

**Who are we?**

We are just like you. A praying Christian is not some kind of “Super Christian”. After all, if Jesus needed to pray all the time, then we certainly do too!

**What do we do?**

We pray. We would like to provide a prayer covering for things such as:

- **Bayside Church Meetings**
  - Property and Finance Committee
  - Board of Elders
  - Missions Committee

- **Special Church Events**
  - Men’s retreat
  - Women’s retreat
  - Student retreats and conventions
  - Prison Ministry events
  - Easter Eggstravaganza
  - National Day of Prayer
  - Vacation Bible School

- **Other**
  - Individuals who come to pray at the altar after services
  - Any special church needs

**How can you get involved?**

Do you have a heart for prayer and for this local church body? Whether you can come to the church or pray from home - we have a need for you. Any amount of time you can commit to pray is appreciated. Contact Larry Bean for more information: (727) 420-9698 or Lbean4@tampabay.rr.com
The Primetimers Valentine luncheon will be Tues, Feb 11, noon in the Kids Club. It will be potluck so sign up at the welcome center and bring a dish and a friend. We will have a speaker from Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc. who will give a presentation regarding amplified telephones and will have equipment available to those who qualify.

Tues, Feb 18 we will ride the bus to the Sr. Adult Rally in Lake Wales. Cost is $7.00 which includes lunch. Meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. We will stop at Parksdale Strawberry Farm to purchase strawberries and the best sundaes!! Please sign up at the welcome desk.

Primetimers will be attending a Rays/Blue Jays spring training game on Fri, Mar 7. See Jane to reserve your ticket. Cost is $20.