

August 4 - Senior Potluck  
August 5 - 6pm In Touch Dinner  
August 10 & 24 - 9am Parable of Talents Craft Classes



# CAPITALCITY CHRISTIANCHURCH

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LOVE CHRIST. LOVE OTHERS.



## Senior Potluck August 4<sup>th</sup>

Bring a dish to share!  
Come join us in our ef-  
fort to reorganize the

Senior Ministry. We Need Your Help!  
**Immediately following the  
morning services.**

## *In Touch Ministry Dinner Meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Everyone Welcome*

**This month's devotional is a must for all  
church attendees, come check it out!!**

## PARABLE of the TALENTS ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 & 24  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
THE SENIOR LIFE RESOURCES CENTER  
Contact: Dona Cormier



## When Others See You, Do They See Jesus?

I'm sure many of us have heard of the lady parked behind another car at the stoplight. The car in front did not notice the light had turned green, and the lady in the car behind is laying on the horn, yelling out the window, flipping him off, and pounding her fists on the steering wheel. She is irate that the driver in front is not paying anymore attention to the traffic light. She does all of this just in time for the light to turn yellow and then red. The absent minded driver up front pulls away in time, but she is stuck just in time for another red light cycle. A police officer pulls up behind her, notices the Christian fish on her car, the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker right beside the "Honk if you love Jesus" sticker. The officer blues his lights, ARRESTS the lady, puts her jail, only to apologize at the end of the ordeal that since he was certain the car was owned by a Christian he assumed by her actions that she had stolen some Christian's car.

I don't know if that has ever described you. Unfortunately it describes me on occasion. Sometimes the message we send to a community around us doesn't quite measure up to the kind of life and character we claim to have through Christ. Our current sermon series has been looking at the "I Am" statements that Jesus makes in the gospel of John. If you haven't gotten a chance to read through that gospel I encourage you to do so. If you've already read through it, read it again. Make note of the places where Jesus describes himself with the words "I am..." Jesus is revealing to his audience how HE emulates the characteristics of his Father. The claim Jesus is making is this: As you see me, so you see the Father in Heaven. Our sermon series simply asks the question, "When people see you during the week, do they see Jesus?" John's gospel shows us that when we see Jesus we see the Father. Will others see the Father when they see us? There is another preacher in Central Florida that puts it this way: Jesus is. Are we? In other words, when Jesus describes how he is like his Father, are we at least TRYING to emulate the same? It's no wonder the world looks at Christians as hypocrites. Let's not give them a reason for their accusation.

Hope to see you Sunday as we look at another "I Am" statement from Christ. See ya there.

In His Service,  
Allen G.

### STUDENT MINISTRY

**WAKE @ 5pm on Sundays**  
**Ultimate Wednesdays @ 7pm**

Sunday evening WAKE has been moved to 5:00pm  
Join us on Sunday nights  
for exciting new opportunities!  
Contact Nathan Allcorn or Allen Gonzalez

### OUTREACH

#### Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry provides food for those in immediate need. You can make monetary donations to the pantry by designating 'Pantry' on your check and placing it in the offering or you may place donated food items in the Pantry.

#### Miccosukee Food Distribution

Next distribution will be on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Come help share!

#### Cleaning Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the worship area and bathrooms on a weekly basis. If you would be willing to help please contact Trish at the office 850-877-7315.

### COMING EVENTS FOR August

August 3 - 6 pm Lafayette Oaks HOA Meeting  
August 4 - 6pm Senior Potluck  
August 5 - 6pm In Touch Dinner Meeting  
August 6 - 7pm HOA Meeting  
August 10 - 9am Parable of Talents Craft Class (everyone welcome)  
August 10 - 6pm A Doctor's Heart Fundraiser  
at the Monticello Opera House  
August 24 - 9am Parable of Talents Craft Class  
August 24 - FAMU Grape Harvest Festival (using parking areas)  
August 25 - Presentation by Mike Kocolowski from CFR  
August 11 & 25 - 6pm Crossbridge Fellowship Meals (using F. Hall)

#### Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday in the SLRC Classroom. For more information contact Jenny Corlett.

**New Series begins August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Grace! What is Grace? We will begin a new 8 week study on "GRACE" by Max Lucado. We will have a video to open each study with a discussion to follow. Come and join us each Wednesday at seven pm. New class begins August 14. All ladies are welcome to join as we go deeper in our walk with Christ.

## Communication From the Leadership

### Pressing Forward

Last week we placed nomination forms for Elder on the table for your use. This is your opportunity to nominate men who you feel would be best qualified to lead Capital City Christian Church. As you consider men for service, consider what it is you need them to do. Too often elders are nominated based on name recognition or popularity and not upon qualifications for the job.

Most of you have read the qualifications for an elder in 1 Timothy 3. An elder must first desire the task, then he must be; above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money, manage his own family well, not be a recent convert, and have a good reputation with outsiders.

But this doesn't really tell you what he needs to do at Capital City Christian Church right now. Give some thought to the skill set we need to move Capital City forward. Most people assume the elders make all the decisions for the church, but that is not their job. They need to set the strategic direction for the church, but they don't pay the bills, clean the pews, or change the light bulbs. Don't get me wrong, an elder must be humble and willing to do any of those things, but most importantly, an elder must be a shepherd to the flock. They should be peacemakers, prayer warriors, teachers, and leaders by example. These are men you must be able to bare your thoughts to as much as you might to the minister. Do you want these men to visit you when you are sick? To pray with you when your loved one passes away? Do they pray and study regularly? Do you trust them to set a vision for the Church? Can you follow them even if you disagree with their decisions? Do they have leadership skills? Can they plan for the future or do they just react to the past? Can they look at what is best for the Church and not just for them or their preferences? Do you trust their spouse to be discreet and not share confidential information? Can they build consensus and work with the other elders and ministers?

The position of elder is not to be taken lightly. Our bylaws require a minimum of two elders, serving a three year term. Consider carefully who you want to set the direction of Capital City Christian for the next three years.

God bless and keep you,  
The leadership team at Capital City Christian Church.

## Senior Life Resources Center



### A Dish and a Dollar Potluck

*A Penny for Your Thoughts.* You have probably seen that phrase many times and, of course, know what it means. However, the phrase, *A Dish and a Dollar.* What's that all about? Read on. We'll explain.

We appreciate so much the large turnout we had for our last Seniors Potluck. If you were there, you know we had a great response from the group expressing their wishes to keep the senior ministry active.

Our next **Potluck, August 4**, we will reveal all the information we garnered from the surveys filled out at our last meeting. Plus, some ideas for future senior activities. At that meeting, we discussed also, we would like to build up our funds, just a little, to help with upcoming expenses. Therefore, we would like to ask your help. For a few of our future Potluck events, would you please donate a dollar, along with a dish, to help us with some of our smaller expenses while we prepare for our next big fundraiser, the Parable of Talents.

A dollar may not seem much, but if we all contribute, it will certainly help. Besides, it's a lot more than a penny! So, think about it. This is voluntary. We still want you to come and eat with us, but the dish and a dollar will be a big help over the next few months.

At our next **Potluck, August 4**, we will reveal how you can help, now that we have reviewed your input from our survey. Your support will make the senior ministry be what you want it to be: fun, fellowship, and a time to reflect on just how much we can do for each other, and our church—if we continue to keep God first.

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich....” Proverbs 10:22

The seniors have been busy reorganizing!  
Please check the sign-up sheets in the SLRC room for upcoming events.

**SLRC Bible Study Class,**  
**Wed. Morning, 11am**  
Contact: Don Meeks

**Providing a Meal for Hope House**  
Contact: Randy & Juanita Tatum

**August 10**  
**9:00am Craft Class**  
**for Parable of Talents**  
*No craft experience needed.*  
*Please come help create items for the Parable of Talents Senior Fund-raiser!*

Contact: Dona Cormier  
Come, “live life abundantly”  
(Jn. 10:10)

## Perspectives on Creation

There is no such thing as an unbiased opinion. Two scientists can look at the same information and come to two completely different conclusions. We all look at things through the lens of our beliefs and experiences. If you choose to look at things from an evolutionary perspective, then you will find evidence for evolution in everything you see. But if you believe in God, then you will find God wherever you look. Isa 6:3 *"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."* Either case takes faith.



When scientists look out at the Universe, galaxies appear to be moving away from us. To explain this, scientists proposed that about 46 billion years ago all the matter in the Universe compressed into the space of a pin point and then exploded. Matter was viewed as rushing out from that first hot explosion to form the universe.

But where did the matter come from? Scientists used to say it was just there. Some scientists now say a process known as vacuum fluctuation created what astrophysicists call a singularity. From that singularity, which was about the size of a dime, our Universe was born. Energy existed in the form of photons. Some of the photons became quarks, and then the quarks formed neutrons and protons. Eventually huge numbers of Hydrogen, Helium and Lithium nuclei formed. The process of forming all these nuclei is called big bang nucleosynthesis.

### In other words – something created the elements out of nothing.

John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

Col 1:16 *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible*

### In other words – something created everything out of nothing.

**Ps 90:10** *The length of our days is seventy years — or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. NIV*



On the first day God created the cow. God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's a kind of tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty years and I'll give back the other forty." And God agreed.

On the second day, God created the dog. God said, "sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give back the other ten." So God agreed.



On the third day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty year life span." Monkey said, "How boring, monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?" And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years." Man said, "What? Only twenty years? No way, man. Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty cow gave back, and the ten dog gave back, and the ten monkey gave back. That makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God. "You've got a deal."

So that is why for the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, enjoy, and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit in front of the house and bark at everybody.

**“Our purpose is to *LOVE CHRIST*, and *LOVE OTHERS*”**

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP:

Scripture Encounter	9:00 AM
Coffee Break	10:00 AM
Worship Encounter	10:30 AM
Rice Life Group	4:00PM
Sunday Evening Small Groups	6:00 PM
Wednesday Midweek	7:00 PM

### YOUTH & CHILDREN

Sunday Evening	6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM

### OUR STAFF:

Allen Gonzalez	Associate Minister
Nathan Allcorn	Youth Minister
Mike Seay	Interim Worship Director
Trish Rice	Administrative Assistant

### 2013 Leadership:

Don Meeks, Andy Morgan, Homer Rice, Dave Sterling

### STATISTICS FOR July 2013

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>Average</u>	
AM Worship	84	
Sunday School	n/a	
<u>GIVING</u>	July	Budget Need
General Giving	\$17,037.49	
Missions	\$ 3,360.00	\$4,400.00

**ASL MINISTRY:** Capital City Christian has an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter available for our 10:30am Sunday service.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ~ The Deadline for the September 2013 Newsletter is August 26<sup>th</sup>**