

CONNECTION



A Word from Pastor Scott

Dear faith family,

Consistently and recently in my newsfeed: the epidemic of loneliness, the horrific rise of OD's from opioids, the precipitous decline of churches, and the viral articles from pastors who are joining the great resignation. That is a depressing newsfeed. But it is also not fake news.

I'd love to say that if everyone would just go back to church they wouldn't need to self-medicate, wouldn't be lonely, and pastors wouldn't be burnt out. And I might not be wrong to say it. But we know it's not that simple.

Churches have sometimes been places of pain and loneliness. Churches have sometimes been guilty of mistreating clergy – even while growing. Churches are places filled with people. And we all know what that means. Lots of imperfections.

Pastor Scott con'd

FALL CONNECTIONS

SEPTEMBER

13--FALL KICK OFF!

Wednesday

Programming Begins

OCTOBER

1--LOFT 1st Sunday

6pm

1--World Communion
Sunday

8--All Church Picnic

29--All Saints Sunday

29--Trunk or Treat

5:30-7pm

NOVEMBER

5--LOFT Friendsgiving

6pm

11--Parking Lot Sale

8am-noon

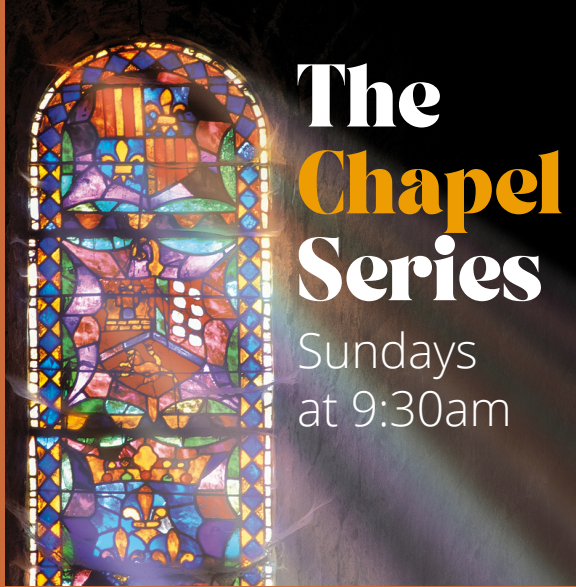
12--"Taco 'Bout

Gratitude" Luncheon

Coming this Advent-
Children's Advent
Party, Choral
Christmas, Women's
Advent Gathing, ... and
more!



Bayshore Spotlight



The Chapel Series

Sundays
at 9:30am

Join us for discussion-based studies, where scripture is the starting place. Each month we will engage with one another on Sunday mornings on subjects that are meaningful in our lives as Christians.

We welcome any adult or youth to join the conversation!

September 10, 17, 24:
Pastor Sara Hunt-Felke
"Won't You Be My
Neighbor?"

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:
Janet Salyers
"Grief: A Path Through
Loss and Disappointment"

So, resisting the temptation to moralize in over-simplistic ways, let me write what I know to be true. I know this not simply because the "Bible tells me so," but also because I've experienced it my entire life: churches filled with sinners can have people filled with holiness. Churches filled with the half-brained and the partly educated can nurture intellectual and spiritual growth. Churches where very different people gather, can grow into a unified family of people who love, support, care, and encourage one another. I've see people flourish in ways they would NEVER have, because of church.

If enough people gather with a commitment to see others as children of God, then Jesus shows up. And like he did with those rag-tag group of disciples he creates a true community. If enough show up, in the shadow of Jesus' teachings, with willingness to agree to differ, unite to serve, and resolve to love, then the result is greater than the sum of the parts. All those strange parts become a body. If enough show up in the right Spirit, so does Jesus. And it only takes 2 or 3.

As we journey on ...
Scott

Come to the

All-Church Picnic & Pot-luck!



Join us for games, fun & fellowship!

Bring your “Tried and True” side dishes and treats, we’ll bring the fried chicken and lemonade!



SUNDAY
8 OCTOBER 2023



TIME:
12PM - 3PM



PICNIC ISLAND
7409 PICNIC ISLAND BLVD
SHELTER 605



FOLLOW BAYSHORE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
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Shore Kids
Fall Kick Off
 September 13 at 6:30pm!

**RECREATION
 MUSIC
 MISSIONS**

Wednesday Nights
 6:30-7:30PM



BAYSHORE INVITES YOU TO
TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29
5:30-7PM
 3111 W. Morrisson Ave.

Are you interested in decorating your trunk and passing out candy? We need trunks! Please call the church office to sign up. We will also be collecting candy for the event, please bring any unopened bags of candy to the staff kitchen.

TREATS - HAUNTED HOUSE - HOTDOGS



Shore Kids
 Birth - 5th grade children

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
 @9:30

Every Sunday, our children explore Bible lessons and learn about the love of Jesus in an age-appropriate environment. Bible Study classes use the Orange curriculum with a focus on a monthly theme and Bible verse. Bed babies to 5th Graders welcome!



Save the Date

**SHORE KIDS
 ADVENT PARTY**
 December 3rd

PEACE ON EARTH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR



FALL

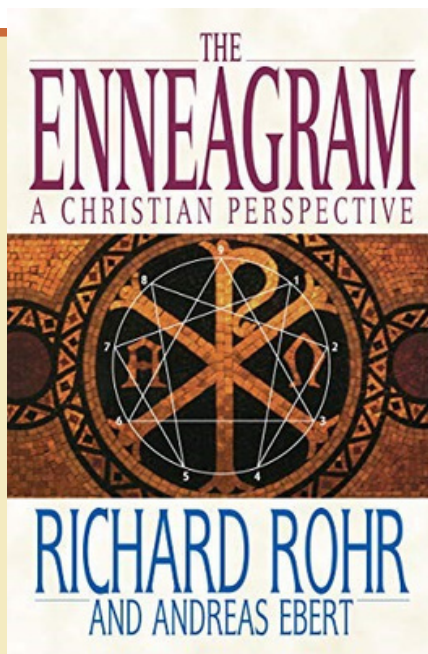
KICK OFF

SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 6:00-7:30PM
LET'S GET BACK TO WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS TOGETHER! DINNER,
GAMES AND COMMUNITY! INVITE
YOUR FRIENDS AND WE'LL SEE
YOU THERE!

LOFT Families,

As we kick off a new school year together, I'm reminiscing on this time last year. I had just begun my work as Associate Pastor here at Bayshore, and we were busy getting to know one another and dreaming of what the LOFT would be in the coming year. My oh my what a year we have had! I am so proud of the ways you all have shown up, been enthusiastic to learn and grow, and the amazing ways our Loft community has grown closer together! Last year at the Fall Kick Off we were deciding what our theme of the year would be and we put it to a vote...you all chose FRIENDS "I'll be there for you." Our verse of the year was 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Encourage one another, and build each other up." You have done just that, and how beautiful it has been to watch! You surely have encouraged me as your pastor, and I can't wait to see what is ahead in the coming year for this group! Let's get together in the Loft on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00PM as we kick off the new year together. Bring your friends along as we have dinner, games and all sorts of fun planned! (We will even vote on this next years theme...you don't want to miss it!)

See you there!
Pastor Sara



Starting Wed., Sept. 13, join Pastor Scott in a conversation about the Enneagram. We will use Richard Rohr's work, The Enneagram, A Christian Perspective, as a guide.

The session will start at 6:30pm, but you are invited to bring takeout from 5:30pm. The exploration will be more than an effort to discover "our number." It will be a journey of learning to see our motives with greater clarity & other people with more compassion.

Adult Connections

Women's Morning
Bible Study
Wed 10:30am

Wellspring
Women's Group
Wed 6:30pm

Rev. Bill Scarle
Bible Study
Wed 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal
Wed 7:30pm

Tai Chi
Mon & Thurs 10:30am

Book Club
1st Thursday of the
month

BUDGET NUMBERS AS OF 9/6/2023

Budget Year to Date: \$555,219

Giving Year to Date: \$477,328

Amount Under Budget: **\$77,891**

**Expenses as of 8/31/23 \$426,656*

BAYSHORE BACKPACK MINISTRY

FOOD



DRIVE

Please bring **SINGLE SERVING** packages of granola bars, cereals, mac & cheese, Spaghetti O's, chili, soup, ravioli, Vienna sausages, cookies, fruit cups, fruit snacks, etc, to fill the backpacks of our friends at
West Shore Elementary School!

Donation baskets located in the vestibule and main lobby through September 24

Bayshore Baptist Church
3111 W. Morrison Ave.
Tampa, FL 33629