

# Good News!

The Quarterly Newsletter of  
**South Chatham Community Church**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path*



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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

**Wed Bible Study: 6:30 pm**

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**Summertime  
on the Cape**

Lou and Hayden enjoy  
each other's company

## A Message from Our Pastor

YOLO!

I would like to share a brief explanation of an acronym "YOLO" and why it is important to us today.

The Boston Globe published an article explaining how it originated:

"YOLO is an acronym for "You Only Live Once." It shot to fame earlier this year thanks to the rapper Drake, whose song "The Motto" has the hook: 'You only live once, that's the motto...YOLO, and we 'bout it every day, every day, every day.' After a video for the song was released in February, the buzzword spread quickly among the high school and college-age set by word of mouth, not just in person but through the turbocharged vehicle of social media."

The word is largely used as a carefree tag to explain an impulsive choice:

"You want to park illegally in this spot? YOLO!"

"Should I buy these shoes or pay rent? YOLO!"

"I had sex with a person I didn't know! YOLO!"

YOLO is a four letter word that can have huge repercussions!

But...what if we were to alter its current significance and change its perspective?

What if YOLO when expressed wasn't a carefree afterthought, but rather a well thought out life altering positive philosophy of everything we do and say?

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## Summer Celebrations

### Birthdays

*You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the womb. You saw me before I was born. Everyday of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Psalm 139: 15-16*

#### June

6 Christopher Leach  
7 June Herold  
13 Bill Horne  
19 Ryan Leach  
23 Herb Olson  
27 Ann Eldredge  
Phyllis Henrikson

#### July

1 Karen Williams  
6 Dennis Ryan  
8 Judy Johansen  
15 Armando Luna  
20 Mark Farnham  
22 Katherine (Kitty) Emery  
29 Harriet Chandler  
30 Carl Johansen



#### August

3 Diane Zinnanti  
8 Loren Cavanaugh  
11 Ted Sandy  
14 Troy Olson  
17 Elizabeth Baker  
20 Irene Hamjian

If we missed you, we are sorry!  
Please fill out a connection card,  
detach it from the bulletin and  
place in the collection plate or  
hand it to pastor Colby.

### Charles Theodore Goble



We mourned the loss of Charlie Goble when he was called home on Tuesday, April 2 at the age of 98.

We celebrated his life with great joy on Saturday June 7, the day before his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Members of his beautiful family remembered him with heartfelt love, devotion and humor. Pastor Olson spoke of the way in which Charlie lived his life – He was indeed a man after God's heart. He lived the way that God wanted him to live, and we were all the richer for having known him.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.  
Psalm 116:15*

### Grace Elizabeth Deveau



Our newest church baby was born to Heather and Brian Deveau on May 21, 2013.

She is the granddaughter of Gordon and Evelyn Baker and the niece of Bob Baker.

Just when Charlie left us, Grace came into this world. In fact, the first time that Grace attended church was for Charlie's remembrance gathering. He would have liked that.

Welcome Grace Elizabeth. We're glad you're here!

#### **Our Writers & Contributors This Issue:**

Colby Olson, Edith Hardy, John Burgio,  
Irene Hamjian, Joanne Leach Ramona Garon,  
Shannon Neal, Pam Ryan, Sandy Burgio

Fall Issue scheduled for early September.

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I believe we would reevaluate our lives and begin to live differently:

“YOLO! Let’s have a positive impact on the world!”

“YOLO! I need to serve the poor and abandoned.”

“YOLO! I have little time to waste so I will take faith-filled risks to glorify God!”

“YOLO! I am not the husband/wife I should be. I need to truly love my spouse.”

“YOLO! I will follow after God more wholly!”

What does your life look like? You Only Live Once.

The Scriptures say in James 4:14:

“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow.  
What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while  
and then vanishes.”

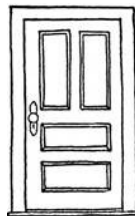
YOLO! What will your legacy be?

In God's Grace,  
Pastor Colby Olson



## A Nugget From Streams In the Desert

submitted by Edith Hardy



I knew Jesus, and He was very precious to my soul; but I found something  
in me that would not keep sweet and patient and kind.

I did what I could to keep it down, but it was there.

I besought Jesus to do something for me, and when I gave Him my will,  
He came to my heart and took out all that would not be sweet,  
all that would not be patient, all that would not be kind,  
and then he shut the door!

## Answered Prayer

by Pam Ryan and Shannon Neal



The big digital clock read 3:00 am. I had been going it alone without God for over an hour – tossing and turning with worry. This time it was about the Children's Ministry. Stacey and Kirsten needed support. The child population within the church was exploding and there was no one else to teach or assist. It was just the two of them. How were we going to find people to step up and help out? I should pray, I thought. Actually, my thought was **why** haven't I been praying about this?. Dear Lord, forgive me for not talking to you about this sooner...please bring people with a heart for children forward to teach and to assist.

Immediately the burden lifted and I fell asleep.

The next morning I received an email from Shannon: *"God woke me up early again today. In the darkness, I sat straight up out of bed with this thought blaring in my head- "Lord, help me to do whatever is your good and perfect and pleasing will." Then God said, "Your car window is open and it's pouring outside." After I shut the window, I was moved to write down the things that started going through my head, and I began to feel like they were things I should share verbally with the congregation..."*

I opened Shannon's attachment and read the words. I thanked our awesome God for his swift and sure answer to prayer. During the service on Sunday, Shannon read the words that God had put on her heart.

*After the service five people signed up to join the Children's Ministry!*

**Read excerpts of Shannon's testimony on page 5.**





## Shannon's Testimony

As told to the congregation on Sunday June 2, 2013

"Hello, some of you know me but for those of you who do not, I am Shannon. I am partially responsible for 4 of the children you see at this church each week. We, and the other parents in this congregation have committed to raising our little ones, outside of the social norm, as children of God. While we work hard at home to instill biblical values, we are so grateful that we are able to count on this amazing spiritual community to help...

Each week, our children shuffle off to be with Stacey and Kirsten, in order to learn about Jesus in a way that excites them. Our children actually look forward to coming to church. Imagine that? ...

Pastor Colby has been talking about serving one another with our gifts, and it has been so wonderful to see all of the names go up on the wall in the fellowship room, to help ease the burdens of those who go over and above to make this house of worship special.

I am speaking today because I see that there is still a great need for people to assist in the children's ministry... God has blessed this church with a beautiful group of children with fresh hearts, eager to learn about serving God. I believe with all my heart that the more we as a church commit to children and their families, the more families we will have pouring through these doors...



*The Neal family dedicates their Children to God:  
Lydia, Maya-Lou, Kyler and Hayden*



**Hayden**

Before I sit, I want to share a brief story with you. Hayden, my 4 year old, looks at me sometimes and says, out of nowhere, "You know, Jesus died on the cross." To this, I always respond, "Yes, He did Hayden, and why did He die on the cross?" I always pray that he will come out with ANYTHING else, but the answer, without fail, is always, "I don't know". And with that, every time this dialogue repeats itself, I use the same words in my response, hoping they will stick. "Jesus died on the cross to free us from our sins, Hayden." Well, the other day, Hayden looked at me and said, "You know, Jesus died on the cross, mom." "Yes, He did, Hayden, and why did he die on the cross?" At this point, I am practically mouthing the words, "I don't know" because we've been down this road so many times. To my surprise, my 4 year old looks at me and says, "Jesus died on the cross to forgive us our trespasses." I can tell you that this response was not

ingrained in him at home, but came from a loving member of this church, who saw the importance of ministering to children so that they may grow up to be servants themselves.

The tables in the fellowship room have cards on them that can be filled out after the service, if your heart is moved today to help in this vital ministry."

## Why is Bible Study Important?

by John Burgio



Just as our bodies need food for nutrition, growth and repair so, too, do our souls need spiritual nourishment for renewal, repair and growth. The study of God's Word should be a daily activity as routine as our sitting down to meals.

*2 Timothy 3: 16,17 tells us that "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be adequate and equipped for every good work."*

My two favorite Bible verses which I have committed to memory and seem to rely upon frequently are:

Proverbs 3: 5,6

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely in your own insight, In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths."*

And Psalm 51: 10-12

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew within me a right spirit,  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit."*

We are called to study Scripture in order to live the Christian life God intends for all of us. Will you respond to the call?

### Bible Study Opportunities

**For Men** Monday Evenings, 7:30 pm

**For Women** Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 am (beginning July 2)

**For Teens** Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 pm

**For All** Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 pm

## Thank you God

by Irene Hamjian



As I sit quietly in my pew  
 All my thoughts turn to you.  
 I know that you are near  
 Watching over us here.  
 I send prayers of praise,  
 Through the bad days –  
 Some good ones, too.  
 You're awesome – it's true!

## Learning to Know God

by Joanne leach

When we call out to God and wait in the  
 silence, we can hear Him – Sometimes he  
 answers prayers and sometimes he guides us.

*“Your help made me so happy.*

*Give me that joy again.*

*Make my spirit strong and ready to obey you.”*

*Psalms 51:12 (ERV)*

I'm learning to hear the Lord. I'm learning to  
 know when he is with me...and what he wants  
 me to do. It is a cool thing!

## A Love Letter To Her Dad and To Her New Church

from Ramona Garon

After we were children and before my father died recently, my family and I had not gone to church. I found this church because we needed a place to celebrate my father's life. I feel so comfortable and welcomed when we come on Sundays. When I hear the songs, I cry. I think of my family, not myself, and then when I go home, I feel better in my heart – just hearing the words and knowing that there are kind people who care. It makes everything better .

Church showed me that all people have their own hurt in their hearts – but if we ask Jesus to help us, he will. I never knew how important one person's life here on earth could be until my dad passed away. I now know that there is something more valuable than working every day. It is the time we spend with our loved ones. I am going to start living my life loving everything I can as much as I can – because that's all that really matters while we walk with others here on earth. From now on I am going to let God guide me. I will never let a day go by without remembering my father and what he taught (so much that I didn't understand until he died) – to enjoy this life and to love as much as I can. I thank this church for opening my eyes to life, not death; and for giving me God back into my life . xo



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**Attention: Pam Ryan**



Philippians  
1:3

Place  
Stamp  
Here

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