

The Village Chapel Volunteer Opportunities

[No Prior Experience Required]

The Village Chapel is a place of worship. It stands as a visible expression of faith in God for Island residents, their guests and visitors. Its services and ministries are based on Judeo-Christian traditions. A volunteer Board of Trustees and its committees provide the guidance and direction for the fulfillment of the Chapel's mission.

Volunteer opportunities for the Chapel include:

Board of Trustees: Members of the Board are in charge of the use and management of the Chapel and its properties.

Altar Guild: This committee assists the minister with worship services as well as Memorial services in the Scatter Garden. The committee also helps with baptisms, decorating the Chapel for Special/Holiday services, and maintaining the Chapel and the minister's condo.

Buildings and Grounds: The chairman and committee are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Chapel and the minister's condo, furnishings and grounds.

Hospitality: The Hospitality committee schedules island residents/visitors to "Greet and Seat" at any services held as well as to schedule persons to be responsible for coffee and refreshments for Linger Longers from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Committee members also arrange refreshments for special events if necessary. Individuals may volunteer for Greet-and-Seat duties without becoming a member of the Hospitality committee. There is an on-going, urgent need for "ushers" during Sunday services, especially in the summer months when there are two services. Two greeters per service are needed.

Investment and Finance: The committee has the responsibility for the receipt of funds and allocation of expenses within the budget and investment guidelines as set by the Board of Trustees.

Outreach: There are two committees, both charged with recommending to the Board service projects that would demonstrate the love of God by benevolent giving of time, talent and financial resources to any person(s) or group. *Off-Island Outreach* identifies Brunswick County volunteer and donation opportunities, attends meetings of community groups which the Chapel supports and participates in the Habitat for Humanity project. *On-Island Outreach* organizes Bible studies, prayer chains, meals and visitation, and coordinates on island special programs. There is also a Prayer Chain. Volunteers may also help with transportation, meals for those in need, visitation and Communion for shut-ins.

Wedding Guild: Volunteers, under the direction of a Trustee, represent the Chapel at each rehearsal and wedding ceremony.

Music Committee: The Chapel and its various musical facilities are provided to meet the worship needs of the Bald Head property-owner community, as well as be available for special services and events such as weddings and concerts. The Village Chapel Choir invites interested choral musicians to join its volunteer group. The Choir consists of full-time and part-time residents, as well as frequent and first-

time visitors/guests. The Choir meets Sunday at 7:45 a.m. to prepare for the 8:30 service and remains after service on most Sundays to rehearse upcoming music.

Website and Audio: Committee members and volunteers update the Chapel website to keep information current as well as assist with audio needs such as amplification for the hearing-impaired or speaker hook-up to cover the outside overflow for large services.

Worship Committee: Island property owners participate in the spiritual enrichment of the Island by sponsoring ministers to serve the Chapel. Ordained ministers and priests are invited guests based on recommendations of Island property owners. Each year, the Worship Chair and committee members help schedule ministers to fill the pulpit for each Sunday morning for the coming year.

For more information, interested volunteers should contact the Chapel Administrator, Pattie Caban at chapelbhi@bellsouth.net or 910-457-1183.