sand lake Chapel

November 2026

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Sunday Worship Service – **10:15 a.m.**

Monday Women's Bible Study –**10:00 a.m.**
(Not first Monday of the month)

Men's Book Club - **Tuesday Nights at 8:00 p.m**
See Pastor Zach for location

Kids Sunday School - **9:00 a.m.**
No Sunday School November 29th

Adult Sunday School - **9:00 a.m.**
No Sunday School November 29th

- Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 1, 2026
- Veterans Day — November 11, 2026
- Christ the King Sunday — November 22, 2026
- National Bible Week — November 21-28, 2026
- Thanksgiving Day — November 26, 2026
- First Sunday of Advent — November 29, 2026
- Second Sunday of Advent — December 6, 2025
- Third Sunday of Advent — December 13, 2025
- Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 22, 2025
- Christmas Eve — December 24, 2026
- Christmas Day — December 25, 2026
- New Year's Eve — December 31, 2026

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Board meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If the first Monday is a holiday or extended holiday weekend, the meeting will be on the first Tuesday.

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Sand Lake Chapel Purpose Statement

"To introduce people to Jesus, and membership in His family; develop them to Christ-like maturity and unity in the faith, equip all the saints for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to glorify God's name."

Sand Lake Chapel is a member of the 4 C's - Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

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TPS was former President Biden's solution for suspected political benefits, given to and held out lastly for the Haitians who came into the USA. They came mostly for a better life and work to be able to send money back home to their families. TPS has now ended. It may be a long drawn out process for ICE as so many Venezuelans and Cubans came in on the same conditions. I do not speak about the illegals. Situations created here in the United States may seem complicated and not popular with many protestors, but try living in Haiti. Life there is beyond complicated. The TPS Haitians will now begin to arrive home to a situation of anarchy.

Church called the Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men, where 'Jesus is the only Lord'

Haitian politicians running for office have visited safer areas from gang controls to announce that there was to be an election. In order to vote, displaced persons would have to find their way back home. 1.3 million people at last count have been displaced from gang invasions and shootings. Many schools have been forced to close, which made existing churches illegal with their government. Churches in Port au Prince and Central plateau have been forced to close due to the violence and murders of the various gang invasions. At the beginning of this summer, the gangs in Central Plateau encouraged through either radio or social media, "Come Back!" "You can come back to your homes. It will be all good", while gangs sequester in Mirebalais and celebrate in the streets. They ransack homes and steal livestock at gun point to feed themselves in Central Plateau and Port au Prince. Gangs control all roads with roadblocks and extortion fees to pass through. Busses with passengers were able to pass for large fees. The large church Pastor St Luc built re-opened. Many members were missing, but worship and prayer continued under duress. About 2 weeks ago, the deaconess was gang murdered when Sunday church session was interrupted. Three died. Pastor St Luc was able to officiate at her funeral in the north. Family was able to put her body on ice and travel to a safer city to say their farewell with a Christian funeral. Is there safety of travel? A bus driver with a bus full of people was just be-headed at one of the Goat Mountain road blocks.

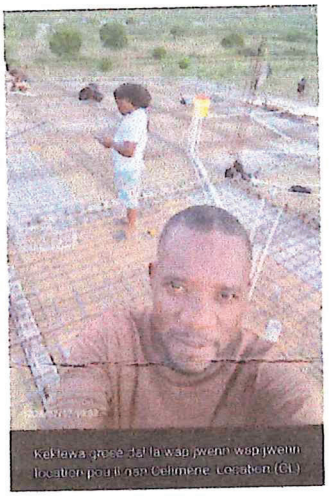


Labastille Church in Central Plateau opened again for worship and gang murders interrupted services.

Haiti is far beyond chaos. Some areas where life can continue, prices are absolutely crazy expensive, for basic items. What was worse economically? President Clinton's embargo or now? What items are shipped into the safer north port of Cap Haiten, are held for months and with no regulations, high prices are charged, prices that match their value

plus shipping charges of the items sent. This is double indemnity. Then they will release the humanitarian supplies to be then transported on dangerous roads.

I remember a man who survived WW2 in Britain. He said, "No matter what is happening in a country, life still goes on." Life goes on in Haiti. I get so tired of repeating this same line, life is difficult and continues to become more difficult. Samaritans Purse no longer sends Christmas shoe boxes, nor manage earthquake communities. They have only one orphanage and will not disclose its location. Haiti is too unstable. Smaller, less known missions, like Helping Hands Ministries, and I imagine most likely others, have had their effectiveness and impact lessened as well. Yet the need is so much greater.



Admil Capre building a church in Nan Vincent

Helping Hands (HHM) supports Jean Robert Nelson in Anse Rouge. He is head or bishop of several churches with the Interdenominational Churches in the north of Haiti. The churches were formerly under the direction of Stenio Capre. Due to the road blocks, JnRobert is unable to manage his duties. When the gangs attacked these churches in Central Plateau, we were able to supply dispersed refugees through out the plateau and cities in the mountains with emergency money for food. Clovis Capre, a nephew of Stenio, took over JnRobert's responsibility and was able to travel to the peoples in need until they got 'established' in new areas. HHM dispersed more food money through Pastor St Luc and his leaders for other pastors who housed and fed displaced refugees. Now, JnRobert Nelson is sending me photos of his house needing repairs and is asking for assistance. If you feel he needs finances to repair his home, I will make sure he receives your donations.

Admil Capre, another nephew of Stenio Capre, lives in the north. He continues the church ministry in Nan Vincent in the province of North Quest. He is now constructing a new church building. The water well still flows for safe drinking.



Women at the Revival Center inviting voudou protestors to the church where Jesus is the only Lord.

Pastor St Luc had been dislocated to an interesting area near Cap Haitien in the north. He cannot return to Central Plateau upon the insistence of his church members. The recent killing incursion, I just wrote about, proved their advice. He now resides, until peace comes to the country, in a place called Bwa Kay Men, roughly translated it means hand hewn timber, or woods. This is the area that during Haiti's war with Napoleon, we acquired the Louisiana Purchase, Haiti dedicated themselves to voudou and sacrificed a pig under a large tree there. Every year they sacrifice and practice voudou, pounding drums and chanting at that tree location. People are possessed by loas (demons) and slither up that tree like a snake, not using arms or legs. Drums beat this year all night but the drummer died in the morning. There were no manifestations of demons. Black magic, witches and devils had no power.



Voudou worshippers protesting with sign. Down with Colonial Jesus, when voudou worship is powerless.

The voudou worshippers came to protest at the door of "Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men Church", where now, Pastor St Luc is in charge. Dedicated members pray and fast every morning at 4 a.m. in the church. St Luc just had a huge meeting with area and visiting pastors. They performed baptisms. As the protestors demonstrated in front of the church carrying a sign "Down with Colonial Jesus", the church women invited them to come into the church, which was refused.

Below: school children receiving back packs with school supplies through AGEHPMDNG



What HHM will be doing is to help children attend school. We have contact with the nephew of St Luc who leads a legal social organization called in English, *'The Evangelistic Association of Groups for the Preaching to the World and the Development of New Generations'* or **'AGEHPMDNG'**. It's a mouthful, but they will try to accommodate area school children in many communities with tuition, uniforms, supplies, and shoes. They have been successful to work in the past with Food for the Poor to provide safe drinking water just across the school building HHM built years ago in a community called Vielle Terre near Jean Rabel. (See photos) We will be giving children a chance at life.



Madam Josphat directing school handouts of food and shoes for school children

So our involvement in Haiti is still viable, regardless of all the trouble there. I am so thankful for the assistance our Lord and Savior, King Jesus, who provides through you as you partner with Him in this ministry. Praise the Lord!

Mesi Anpil,



Left: Baptism at the Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men

Right: Pastors from around the area at the Harvest Meeting at the Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men



Oct 8-2026

Hello from Annecy, France,

Well fall has come to Annecy. Not in that crisp air pumpkinny sort of way but in the typical damp and rainy way France has of celebrating fall. Summer did an overtime for the month of September, but now cool October has taken over. Maybe I would be more positive about this if they would turn the heat on in my building. However I did put out a fraction of the autumn decorations that Dale had accumulated to brighten the house.





It has been 4 months since Dale's homegoing and I am finally beginning to take control of my new life. We had a lovely celebration of life service at the end of June with all the kids and grandkids present. And many friends in the area came despite it being so hot and no air conditioning. My daughter Kirsten stayed several weeks afterward to help sort through the decorator items in Dale's office. He was an inveterate collector, but he kept it all organized, so there was so much that was not visible. He also left a music library for which I am hoping to find a home.

In August I took 3 weeks to visit my brothers in Colorado and a quick stop in VA to see my granddaughter Valerie. I hadn't flown anywhere for over a year, so it was great to go. I also had some things to settle on the estate in the US. I didn't walk many places as I was hindered by an Achillean tendonitis. I have just this month been able to get a treatment that has calmed it so I can walk without major pain. While I was gone, a major leak in the apartment 2 floors above mine led to damage on the ceiling of my kitchen. I got back when everything was over, except the insurance forms and the repair, thanks to my neighbor and the friend who was watering my garden flowers during the extreme heat.

Starting in September I have been active in organizing the senior group at ABBA. We have had 2 meetings already and many of them attended the church weekend at the center Champfleuri. We changed our program for the month of September as the church was making an emphasis on prayer and fasting. The young elder, who had kept the church running during the 4 years we were without a pastor, was diagnosed with a brain tumor while on vacation in August. The church body was significantly shaken up by this event. Cyril was operated on at the end of September and is now recovering at home, but suffers from great pain. Please pray for Cyril and his family. His prognosis remains undetermined as yet.

I have had a number of occasions recently to encourage and counsel friends, colleagues and relatives who are passing through similar circumstances to what I had the past year. I pray that I can be of real help to them.

My son Alan came from Miami to be with me for 2 weeks. He worked from here on a Miami schedule, so I saw him mostly at meals. At the end of the month, I will be attending the conference for Team missionaries in France and Irland. I am also signed up to once again attend the monthly courses for retirees at the Geneva Bible Institute. In between I will continue sorting through the boxes of things Dale left.

Thank you to all who wrote and prayed for me and my family at this time of life. I plan to continue serving and living here in France as long as possible. And I appreciate all those who have given to the ministry here.

Still in His service,

Sherry Anderson

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October 11, 2026

Dear friends at Sand Lake Chapel,

Summer is over and I'm back to the routines that give my life structure and purpose. September was rough with some travel, added responsibilities, and then a conference with a speaking opportunity. I'm not used to having so many irons in the fire at once, so the month was stressful. But I came out on the other end thankful for opportunities to serve the Lord.

The highlight of the year was a reunion near Grand Rapids, MI when my mission family met to celebrate **100 years of the Gospel in Chad**. Being together again with dear friends was WONDERFUL!! We were 44 adults and a few children. The first missionaries hiked into southern Chad in 1926 and established a foothold at Koutou village, near what is now the town of Moundou. I prepared a Power Point presentation giving an overview of the years, and also an 11 page synopsis of TEAM's work in Chad and the progress of the Church. I could send you a copy of that document by email if you are interested. It is full of names and locations that you won't be familiar with, but you might get a feel for the progress of the Gospel in the face of various adversities. The early pioneers had a remarkable vision for church planting that laid a solid foundation for growth and leadership training that leaves the Church (over 2500 congregations) in a good position for continued expansion into unreached areas. Over a year ago the American missionaries had to leave Chad because of visa restrictions, but we are satisfied that the Spirit of God will continue to bless that Church and cause it to grow.

Only days after returning from that big weekend, **Steer, Inc** held their annual *Hold The Rope Summit* at an event center in Rapid City. I bet you haven't heard of Steer Inc. Back in 1957 folks in Middle America put together a plan for supporting mission work around the world. The concept is simple. Donors give to Steer. Steer buys a heifer and places it with a rancher who keeps it with his herd. A year or so later he has a calf that is sold, currently for around $2500, and the money is given to missions; to the mission of the rancher's choice, or the donor's choice, I'm not sure about the details. The next year that cow has another calf and money is given again for missions. Steer generates over 1 million dollars for missions each year. So I was invited to represent **Perspectives**, that 15 week class about missions held each spring in local churches all around the States. I also did a breakout session at the Summit on Organic Multiplication of Churches.

Whew, after all that I was glad to settle back into my usual routine of teaching Bible on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. I'm teaching about **Heaven** on Tuesday and teaching the **Letters of John** on Thursday. I also attend a book club on Friday mornings. So I have Monday and Wednesday each week free to prepare, and the weekends, of course. This letter makes it look like I'm so busy, but I'm not. I was free all summer, and I can handle my usual class work through the winter months. I can't just sit in my recliner; I have to do something while I have the strength.

Thank you for your gifts given so regularly. I note each one and I will be forever grateful for your kindness to me. I want to be found faithful in all that the Lord has entrusted into my hand.

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