



The Chapel Herald

The Gift of Grand-parenting



For those of you who have never been grandparents, and may have asked: Why do grandparents make such a big deal about the experience? Believe me, I can identify. Even with the birth of our first grandchild (a boy, now 3 1/2, with twin sisters, 1 1/2), I still wondered why grandchildren seem to arouse

such overwhelming sentiment in grandparents, on a scale surpassing the birth of one's own children. As one still in awe and trembling at the memory of seeing my son and daughter for the first time, and the amazing experience of parenthood ever since, I've waited to be convinced that grand-parenting can ever match that. Of course, I understand that they're cute and you don't have the full-time responsibility for them as a parent, but is there something more?

Then it occurred to me, during a recent visit with our son's family in Missouri, that there are at least two additional reasons why grand-parenting is a uniquely special gift from God: First, as our Lord Christ, by His sacrifice on the cross, has given everyone who has or ever will live a second chance of reconciliation with God, grand-parenting offers another chance to make a loving and positive contribution in an impressionable life that is still being formed - a life that is an extension of our own in the family of God. This is an opportunity for a new relationship that can enrich both grandparent and grandchild, while bringing out the best in each.

Second, there is the enormous privilege of seeing your child (who will always be your child) as a parent, having learned about parenting directly from you, and now (God willing) improving upon the example you set for your child. Is it fair to say that the hope of grandparents is that our children will become even better parents than we were (as we would wish them to outdistance us in every positive aspect of life)?

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES COMING THIS FALL



Men's Thursday Bible Study- Begins Thursday, September 5th at 4 p.m. The inter-denominational group meets at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd, Pinehurst) and is led by Pastor Ashley Smith. This semester's study will be a chapter-by-chapter study of the Book of Acts. There is no cost or registration required, and it's open to all men of the community.

Seminary Lecture Series - Begins Wednesday, September 4th at 10 a.m. in the large conference room. The DVD/Discussion group will be led by Pastor Ashley Smith and will meet to watch DVD lectures by Dr. Jodi Magness (UNC professor and Archeologist) entitled "The Holy Land Revealed." This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Israel's historical and biblical contexts, and is a great precursor for those going on The Holy Land Trip in 2020. There is no cost or registration required. Handouts will be provided before each class.

For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Ashley at 910-992-8308 or ashleyneilsmith@aol.com

As much as Betsy and I still love and appreciate being parents, as grandparents we can participate in new lives and relationships that will, we pray, glorify God and praise His holy Name! *“Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.”* Proverbs 17:6.

Pastor John

KUDOS to Bob Esselman for his painstaking care to preserve the ashes he found in the large flower pots near the Memorial Garden at church recently. As Bob was replacing the plants, he realized the pots contained the ashes of some former members. Bob took the contents home and carefully spread them out on a tarp. Turning it several times to allow for proper drying and sifting of the remains. He then brought them back to the church and scattered them in the newly planted pots. We all appreciate his sensitivity and devotion in carrying out this task. Thank you Bob.

The Village Chapel Annual

Peach Festival

On Sunday, August 25 following the 10:00 Unity Service

**The 8:15 service will be held as usual*

Chicken, beans, slaw and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a small amount of fruit - uncut - such as 2 peaches, or 2 kiwi, or blueberries, etc., which will be added to the large fruit salad to be made in the kitchen, or bring a desert to share

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE CHAPEL: “As an interdenominational Christian community, we worship God in spirit and truth; teach and encourage the Christian faith; support the spiritual needs of our congregation, and reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT OF YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE: “Prayerfully and earnestly distribute budgeted funds of the Village Chapel to vetted entities through rational giving, while encouraging congregational participation with organizations we support.”

MOORE COUNTY FAITH COMMUNICATION CONSORTIUM

A long and cumbersome name you say? We agree but it is a descriptive title that works for now. A group of representatives from five Moore County churches has been meeting and working since early this year to develop a data base that integrates many of the local non-profits and houses of worship in our county. An impetus for this effort came from attempts to organize existing church listings being used by one particular non-profit. A second impetus was the observation that many churches are short on labor power. Our congregants are either too busy or are otherwise unable to do many of the tasks required of God’s people in our community. However, each church may have a few able bodied workers. How to effectively pull this information together to garner a critical mass of volunteers?

The five churches working to solve this puzzle are Brownson Memorial Presbyterian, Emmanuel Episcopal, Christ Community, Southern Pines First Baptist and The Village Chapel. In short we are creating a data base that has access limited so to protect those involved from being inundated with emails or calls from sales people. Yet the information can be retrieved by participating non-profits and churches. A non-profit can readily see a list of persons serving as liaisons for them at many of the Moore County churches. A few key strokes and a request for help with a particular project goes out to a cadre of persons and churches known to have a significant interest in their mission.

Most churches have Outreach or Missions Committees that coordinate their activities. Once a request is received for help then the designated liaison or the Chair of such committee distributes the information to their congregants. Likewise, when a particular church wishes to communicate with liaisons at other churches, this information will be immediately available. The goal is to help churches and non-profits more effectively harness their efforts toward “putting God’s love into action.” A periodic communication of upcoming opportunities to be involved is an additional aspect of our effort. We seek to have a few more churches involved as CORE PARTICIPANTS in developing our platform of data and many more willing to communicate information regarding their activities, non-profits they support as well as their liaisons. At The Village Chapel this project is being led by Dan Joslin and Guy Veni. Please contact Dan with any questions or ideas. Thank you for taking the time to read this communication.

Dan Joslin, Outreach Chair, The Village Chapel

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International Fair Trade Gift Sale

(Crafts from over 30 countries)

Friday Sept 13

Doors will open at 6:00 pm with coffee and desserts

There will be a showing of films telling the story of many of the products and where they come from and how they benefit their home community.

Sales of the products will be from 7 to 9 pm

Saturday, September 14

9 am to 2 pm

The Village Chapel

10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst

15% of sales to be donated to benefit
Children and Youth ministries



For more information, contact Betty Mangum (910) 215-9093

Farewells



Sadly, the Village Chapel has lost another of its “Greatest Generation” members. Richard Bisbe, a long standing member of the Village Chapel, was called to the Lord on June 25, 2019. He died peacefully at St. Joseph of the Pines where he has been under treatment for the past year and a half. He was 93. He is survived by his wife, Silvia, and a loving family that includes three children, eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Dick was raised in the Catholic Church and Silvia in the Presbyterian Church so they found the Village Chapel suited their situation perfectly. Silvia still attends the 9:30 service regularly.

Born in Brooklyn, New York on December 15, 1925, he was just 16 when the United States entered World War II. In 1943, at the age of 18, he volunteered for a U.S. Navy college training program. Three years later, he graduated from Duke University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Following his Navy service, he began a long career with DuPont which was interrupted when he was recalled to active duty in 1951 after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. Like his peers who served in the Second World War and Korea, he was a patriot, proud of his service and his country. He liked to recall that he logged more than 10,000 miles while serving on three different anti-submarine destroyers.

Dick worked for DuPont for 39 years, reaching senior management positions in the textile manufacturing sector, including five years in Geneva, Switzerland where he met his wife, Silvia, who also worked for DuPont. Following his retirement from DuPont, Dick embarked on a second career in management effectiveness consulting. He and Silvia moved to Pinehurst in 1990 where Dick threw his energies into community service. He served on the boards of the Public Education Foundation of Moore County and the Village Heritage Foundation. He led the initiative in 2005 that financed and built the Village Arboretum entrance building, which increased public usage of the arboretum. He also joined the Tin Whistles in 2000. He was interested in and often spoke out on public issues. He believed strongly in the importance of good local government and an informed public. In 2005, he was awarded a distinguished service award for his contributions.

Dick Bisbe was the epitome of what makes communities and countries great. Industrious, energetic, involved and committed, he succeeded in the military, in business and in life. He left his mark wherever he went and we feel fortunate that the Village Chapel was an important part of his life story. Thank you, Richard Bisbe, for your service.

We have lost other members in July. Look for the Farewells of Fran Raynor and David Anderson in the September issue of The Chapel Herald.

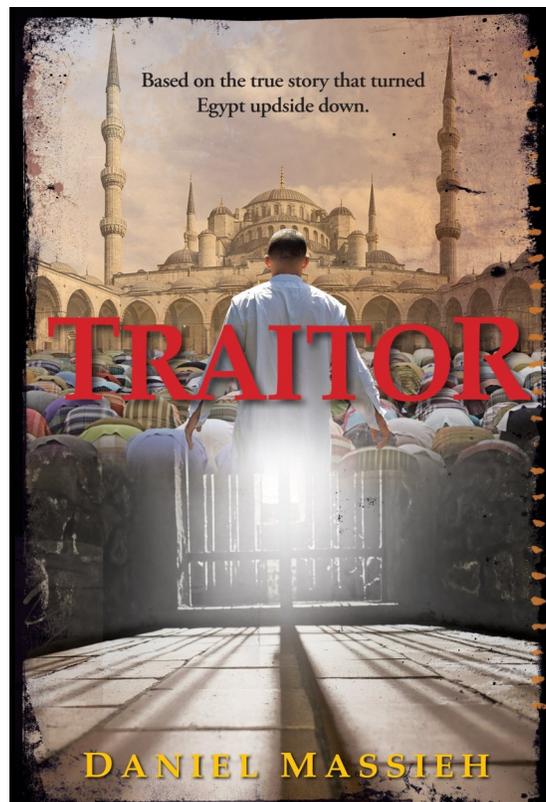
Daniel Massieh

Christian Convert From Islam

Break Night August 28

Daniel Messiah is the author of *Traitor - A True Story That Turned Egypt Upside Down*. Born and raised in Egypt as a devout Muslim, he learned about Christ and became a follower of Jesus as a young man. Imprisoned and tortured for his Christian beliefs, he is author of three books about Islam, an international evangelist, and has trained more than 500,000 Christians on how to witness to Muslims.

The Evening begins with dinner (by reservation, \$10) at 5:45pm, followed by the free program at 6:30. The public is welcome.



Nominations for the Board of Trustees

Each year at this time we have the privilege, right and duty to nominate those who can serve on our Board of Trustees. The membership of The Village Chapel is blessed with an enormous wealth of talent and energy. Your nominating committee does not want to overlook anyone in our congregation who may have considered or wants to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. You may nominate more than one person.

Letters of instruction and nomination forms have been sent by mail to members. Nominations are needed for Three (3) Board of Trustee positions to serve three (3) year terms. The nomination forms must be returned to the Chapel *no later than* September 30, 2019 (earlier is better). All nominations are to be returned to LuAnn Kinney at the church office.

Listed below are some of the qualifications and responsibilities of a Trustee:

- Must be a member in good standing of The Village Chapel and have strong Christian beliefs
- Able to work collaboratively with the other Trustees, Pastors and Chapel Staff
- Have the time and commitment to attend required meetings, do research, and prepare reports, etc.
- Have a background in organizational leadership
- Willing to commit to uphold the bylaws, Mission Statement, and Strategic Plan of the Chapel
- Have the ability to understand and make decisions about budgets, insurance, facilities maintenance, capital expenditures, investments, personnel, etc.
- Serve as a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees of the Village Chapel

Please contact the church office if you have not received your nomination letter of instruction or form or need additional nomination forms. If you have questions, you may contact any of the 2019 Nominating Committee. They are:

Guy Veni, Chair

Jeff Holm

Jane Jackson

Roy Longhta

Bev Raffaele

Doug Smith

Steve Young

Melissa Santos Celebrates her 16th Birthday at the Village Chapel and Days Inn with Family and Friends!



The Festivities could not have been more beautiful for the celebration of Melissa Santos' 16th birthday on June 29th. Melissa chose to honor God first with a service at the Chapel followed by a reception at the Day's Inn. Melissa had a "Quinceanera" style celebration which her mother, Maribel, planned for over a year. Congratulations Melissa.

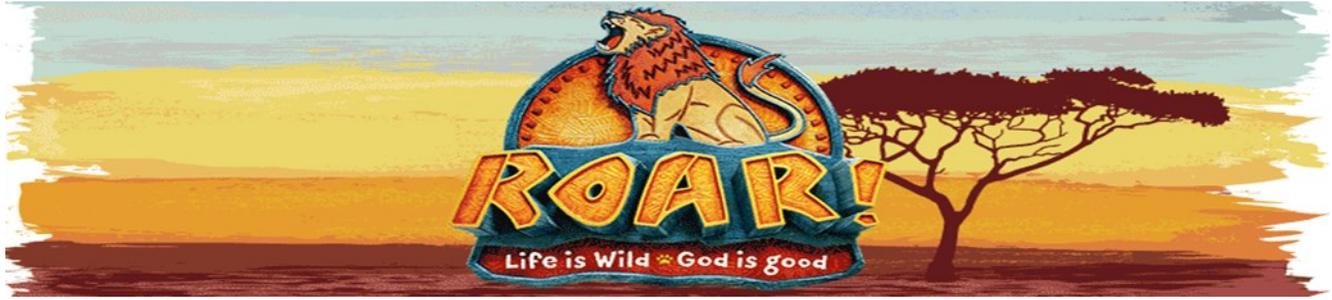


TVC Youth travel to Liberty University for FUGE Camp!

It was a memorable week of service, friendship, worship, and faith as the TVC Youth, along with a 1000 other youth from across the nation, came together in the name of Jesus. Many of our youth rededicated their lives to Christ and one make a commitment to Christ for the first time.



TVC Children and Volunteers "ROAR" through Vacation Bible School



A great time was had by all at this year's Vacation Bible School. Children and Volunteers learned that even when life changes, is unfair, or even when life is good, God is always there. We praise God for a wonderful turnout and for the amazing children and volunteers He sent to the Chapel.

TVC Youth, Nicholas Granata, travels to Guatemala with High School and Family to Serve those in Need.

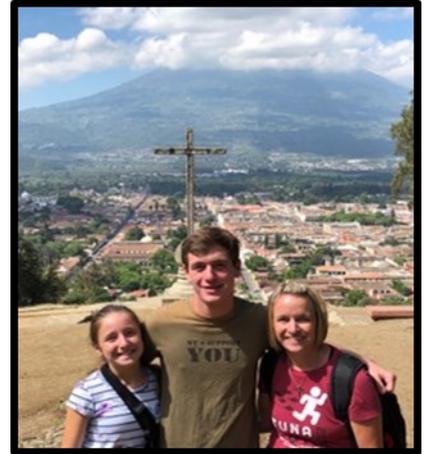
Go, Serve, Love

“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters, but don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13). This verse has a much deeper meaning for me following the mission trip my family and I took to Guatemala last month.

I started each morning on the rooftop of the ruins of an old Catholic monastery where our group stayed, reading my Bible and enjoying the serenity of my surroundings. After breakfast, our group headed out to the nearby mountain village of San Felipe where we spent our mornings working on various construction projects. Prior to our arrival, Refugio (aka The Refuge), the school that serves the underprivileged community, was housed under tents that were weathered and allowed rain to come through. By the end of the week, our group of teenagers, with the help and guidance of contractors, successfully completed the construction of a much-needed roof for the school. Our afternoons were spent playing soccer and participating in various activities with the children of San Felipe. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to interact and bond with these children during our afternoon visits.

I also formed very strong bonds with the group leaders and counselors. Each night after dinner our group would have an optional worship time. This began with one of the counselors, Sarah, playing her guitar while the rest of the group sang praise songs that ended with a different counselor giving his or her testimony. On the last night before we left, the group leaders had a special worship time on the roof overlooking Antigua. The counselors prayed over all the students in the name of the Lord. As said in Colossians 3:16 “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” To me, this verse emphasizes how one should grow in faith throughout his or her walk with God. Through my amazing experiences in Guatemala I have truly grown in my faith, and I feel called to return in the future for additional service and fellowship, through which I know I will only grow further!

~ Nicholas Granata,



August Birthdays

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Jeanne Anderson | 20 Carolyn Holzgraf |
| 3 Bob Wenig | 23 Lilly Corcoran |
| Rosalind Young | Bud Harper |
| 4 Ann Kallam | Rudy Austin |
| 5 Briana Scaletta | Larry Phillips |
| Pam Adams | 24 Greg Grimshaw |
| 6 Tom Hurst | Kathryn Green |
| 7 Robbie Roberson | Sabrina Finkbiner |
| 8 Barbara Floore | 25 Jill Bonacci |
| 10 Robert Corcoran | 26 Kate Shattenkirk |
| Kim Berner | Nicole Vogt |
| 12 Anne Williamson | Liza Myrick |
| 13 Fred Prince | 27 Wayne Hamblin |
| 14 George | 28 Jonathan Nestor |
| Watterworth | Judith Krall |
| Macey Jackson | 29 Alice Irby |
| 15 Linda Eelman | 30 Allen Ashdown |
| 16 Adam Wall | Johanna Edgar |
| Judy Boyer | Timothy Buckley |
| 17 Deen Edgar | 31 Carol Horne |
| Mike Elliott | Alex Del Bueno |
| 18 Cynthia Pizzini | Brooks Macrae |

Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

Happy Anniversary

- 3** Mike & Freida McBrayer
- 5** Bob & Sharon Schnauffer
Charles & Pennie Clack
- 6** Mark & Lori Valentinas
- 7** Don & Carol Pierce
- 8** Lou & Ann Torok
- 10** Mike & Mary Jo Matthies
- 13** Aaron & Natasha Bell
James & Deborah Hart
George & Patricia Watterworth
- 14** Bud & Sue Fisher
John & Shirley Aquino
- 15** Larry & Joanna Martin
- 16** Bill & Malinda Summey
- 19** Joe & Adrienne Oxendine
- 22** John & Liz Skvarla
- 23** Jim & Ellene Busby
- 29** Ray & Barbara Bottoms
- 30** Don & Laurie Hamilton
- 31** Tom & Ilana Steward

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