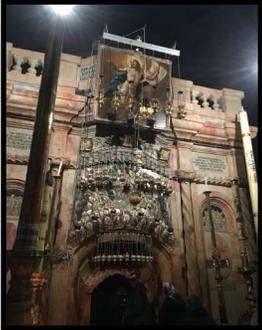




The Chapel Herald

Holy Memories

By Pastor John Jacobs



Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Memories can be a complex thing - positive and negative - welcome and unwelcomed. We seem to remember events that are immaterial and irrelevant, while forgetting things we want so desperately to remember - and vice versa. Our capacity to remember and forget is a mystery - even to the medical profession - and especially to those of us who have questioned people under oath about what they remember - to be the truth and nothing but the truth, in the name of God.

Some people today would like to erase memories of the past they either want to forget or have never understood. Others want to preserve memories that confirm an identity they want to recover. Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would help them remember the things about Jesus they would need to proclaim to all the world. As Christians today, I believe the Holy Spirit is there for us - within us - to enable us to remember the people, things, and events we need to hold onto, that will shape and form the person Christ wants us to be. One thing Christianity and Judaism have in common is remembering and preserving the past. In contrast, a common attribute of paganism in the past and Islam today is eradicating and distorting the past.

As for Islam, we have only to consider the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem - the third most holy site in Islam. This mosque covers the site most Jews and Christians believe is Mount Moriah - the location where God spared



Dome of the Rock

Abraham from sacrificing his son, Isaac, preparing us for the sacrifice God would make of his Son. We don't have access to this holy place because the Muslims have prevented its admittance to non-Muslims - on the fictitious assertion that Mohamed ascended to heaven on a white horse from that spot (even though Mohamed's tomb is in Mecca, and he never came anywhere near Jerusalem a city not even mentioned in the Qur'an.)

A Bucket List Trip Becomes A Reality

By Dr. Ashley Smith



On behalf of the Holy Land travel group, I want to thank you for your prayers while we were in Israel. It was a physically challenging trip for all of us, but the Biblical sites we visited were well worth the effort. It was an honor for me to baptize the majority of our group, either by full immersion—imagine the water temperature in January—or by pouring. I also had the opportunity to baptize Carla, a young lady from Brazil, who too was making her Christian pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Of the many highlights, the "Tomb of the Prophets" ranks at the top. The tomb was well preserved, dating to the 6th century B.C. It was the tomb of Zechariah, Haggai and Malachi, and their devotees. The group unanimously agreed that the Sea of Galilee with its surrounding sites and history was truly meaning. The day we visited the Temple Mount, we were the only group present, and as you can see from the pictures, it was a beautiful morning to contemplate the significance of the site, and to appreciate the views of the Mount of Olives.

As you know, we needed God's healing intervention on behalf of Roy Longhta, and God, being consistent with His nature, did intervene; upon landing at RDU airport I was able to say the words of Christ: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." (John 18:9 NIV).

I plan to offer a trip to Israel at least every other year, with the next trip being in 2020. I am currently trying to coordinate a Christian-themed trip for January of 2019—so stay tuned. Again thank you for your prayers!

Shalom,
Pastor Ashley

As for paganism, consider the Roman emperor Hadrian. 130 years after the birth of Jesus, when Hadrian discovered that Christians in the Holy Land had long been venerating the site of the birth of Jesus, their Lord, he erected pagan churches where the locals claimed Jesus had been born, crucified, and buried - but that backfired for the enemies of Christianity. 170 years later, when the Roman emperor Constantine declared Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, he appointed his mother, Helena, to locate and establish the important Holy Land sites for Christians, so that these locations could be remembered and venerated by shrines and churches. Helena's commission was made easier because Hadrian had already determined the three most important sites for Christians - the birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus - by the placement of his pagan temples. Constantine lost no time in tearing them down and building Christian churches (the Church of the Nativity and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher) for the faithful to give thanks for the Incarnation, sacrifice, and Resurrection of our Lord, on sites that are open *for everyone* to visit - which a number of our Chapel members - and their pastors - have been privileged to see last month.

Let us give thanks for the memories that hold us close to each other and our blessed Savior, and let us pray always for the peace of Jerusalem.

Pastor John




Vickie Smith Joins First Health as a Chaplain Associate CPE Resident

On January 17, 2018, Vickie Smith began spending 20 hours per week in class time and clinical praxis at First Health (Pinehurst) in the role of CPE Resident. CPE stands for Clinical Pastoral Education and it is a semester long course offered through Campbell University Divinity School. The course represents 2 electives in the Master of Divinity Degree. Vickie will be fully immersed in the discipline of Healthcare chaplaincy and Christian ministry to those being hospitalized.

Although Vickie's ministry interests lie in serving her local church, the clinical exposure she will receive in the medical context will serve her and others well in ministry in the years to come. She is scheduled to graduate from seminary in May of 2019!

The Women's Discussion Group

The book, "One Day My Soul Just Opened Up" is Iyanla Vanzant's proposal for personal healing and transformation. A renown speaker and author, Vanzant writes from personal experience about issues of faith, trust in God, self-awareness, and honesty. The selection from her book for the Women's Discussion Group February meeting addresses prayer, simplicity, affirmation and gratitude.

All women are invited to join the conversation on Thursday morning, February 8 at 10:00am, in The Village Chapel Choir Room. Copies of the reading are located in the rack outside the office of Heather Dunn. For further information: Nelda Cockman (nrc67@icloud.com)

The English-Speaking Union's Sandhills Shakespeare Competition

February 10
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
in the sanctuary

All are welcome! 



Photos of Israel



Temple Mount



Pinehurst #2



Masada



Baptism in the Jordan River



Sea of Galilee Boat Ride



**Aqueduct Built by
Herod The Great at Caesarea Martima**



Lou Clay Remembered:



The Village Chapel lost another of its pillars in January. Lou Clay was not only a devout Christian believer; he was the enactment of Christian behavior. He led, as he no doubt did in the Marine Corps, by example.

Lou was born in Lynchburg, VA, on August 9, 1930. In 1948, at the age of 18, he joined the US Marine Corp where he served for four years and was honorably discharged after achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was justifiably proud of his Marine Corps service and remained a strong supporter of our military families throughout his life.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Lou went to the University of Arizona where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. He went on to excel in business, serving as Vice President of operations at Babcock and Wilcox Automated Machine Tool Division and as President of Ipsen Industries in Rockford, IL.

Lou pursued his life in Pinehurst, with the same sense of purpose that was reflected in his business success. He served on the Drug Free Moore County Board and as President of the Pinehurst Planning and Zoning Board. At The Village Chapel, Lou seemed to be everywhere. He served on a number of different boards and committees and was always ready to volunteer for special projects and programs. He attended Break Night and encouraged members to volunteer their service to the Chapel.

It is no surprise that he was one of the most popular and most highly esteemed members of the Village Chapel. And so we bid farewell to a man who made us all the better for knowing him and we give our profound thanks for his service.

HAPPY 100th MALCOLM !



Our good friend and faithful servant, Malcolm Ware, turned 100 on January 18. What a joyful day to celebrate!

Many of you who attend the 8:15 or 9:30 service may not know Malcolm. Too bad. Mack, as he is known to his friends, has been a member of the Village Chapel since 1981. He truly is an icon, a man who commands respect and radiates a generous and caring spirit. One of the speakers at Malcolm's birthday luncheon compared him to the Farmers Insurance spokesman who tells us "we've seen a lot of things so we know a lot of things." Malcolm has, indeed, seen a lot of things.

He was born January 18, 1918 in New Jersey, went to Lehigh University in Allentown, PA, joined the US Navy, served on board a minesweeper in the Atlantic Coast anti-submarine escort service and returned to civilian life a few years later.

After years in the private sector as a highly successful marketing and sales executive, Malcolm and his wife Margie settled in Pinehurst, joined the Village Chapel and the rest, as they say, is history. Never resting on his laurels, Malcolm threw himself into Village Chapel work, served on the Village Zoning and Planning Commission, headed up the Tin Whistles and Hackers as well as the Country Club Duplicate Bridge Club. Malcolm was forced, reluctantly, to give up golf a few years back but he still plays bridge.

All this is to say that we have been fortunate to observe this signal occasion and to have had Malcolm with us these many years. Although he concedes that he has become very good at sleeping and can do it almost anywhere, he is remarkably fit, still tells a good story, has a wonderful sense of humor and is an inspiration to all of us.

Thanks so much, Malcolm, for sharing your life with us and smooth sailing into your second century.





The Sandhills Children's Center 1280 Central Drive, Southern Pines

By Ellen Woodard

The Mission at Sandhills Children's Center (<http://sandhillschildrenscenter.org>) is to provide services of the highest quality for children with and without special developmental needs, ages 6 weeks through 5 years. The staff members believe that every child is unique and deserves the best start possible. There are 132 children enrolled at this time with 90 childcare children and 42 children who have special needs.

The program includes customized physical, occupational and speech therapies, community field trips, transportation for children with special needs (ages 3-5 years), family support services, and personalized intervention plans. In 2008, the center opened a campus in Rockingham.

The volunteer opportunities include: helping teachers in the classroom; rocking babies; reading to children; repairing equipment; helping with the office filings; helping with yard work; serving on the Board of Directors; and helping with special events such as the Festival of Trees.

The Children's Center is a wonderful, happy place, full of love and caring for children.

Please contact Ellen Woodard and Susan Joslin for more information.



February Birthdays

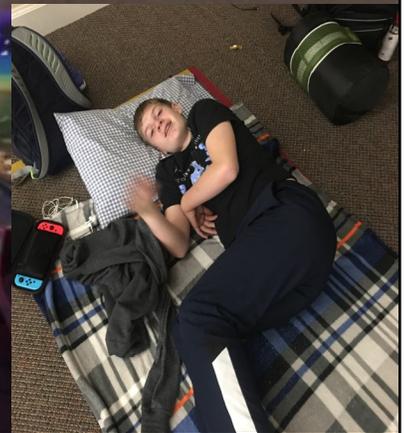
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| Patsy Parkhill | Henry Dalgleish |
| Fred Fox | 19 Al App |
| Stefanie Robinson | 20 Ceil ten Braak |
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| 5 Ed Reeves | 21 Susan Jacobsen |
| Jon DeVault | 22 Margaret Elliott |
| Jack Wood | Lesley Woodruff |
| Trisha Glover | 23 Natasha Bell |
| 6 Lori Morse | 24 Roy Longhta |
| Ruth Holm | Taylor Edrington |
| 7 Don Edwards | Grace Edrington |
| Cayleigh Ana | Lou Torok |
| Kruse | Cate Goodman |
| Whitley Barrett | 25 Marian |
| 8 Jane Jackson | Schillerstrom |
| Bob Harding | 26 Richard Ballard |
| Gemma Torok | Marie Hopping |
| 9 Pennie Clack | Art Romero |
| Lin Cook | Gary Strickfaden |
| Don Lee | 27 Polly Kefauver |
| 10 Mike Bradley | |
| 11 Bev Blandford | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 John & Laurie Wiles |
| 7 Rob & Bev Blandford |
| 8 Walter & Nancy Bull |
| Jack & Nancy Sadler |
| 14 Don & Vickie Taylor |
| 23 George & Joann Drengrer |
| 24 Charlie & Jane Jackson |
| 25 Greg & Tanner Page |
| 26 Chandler & Kelley Adams |



YOUTH EVENTS 2018





LIVING PROOF *Live*

BETH MOORE WORSHIP BY
TRAVIS COTTRELL

BOONE, NC MARCH 9-10, 2018
GEORGE M. HOLMES CONVOCATION CENTER

Women of the Chapel and Friends
Come to Boone, North Carolina and experience
the powerful biblical teaching of best-selling au-
thor **Beth Moore** LIVE and IN PERSON!

Event Cost: \$69. Payment due by Monday, Feb. 19th. Tickets are non-refundable.

Lodging: \$179+tax per room, which can accommodate 1 – 4 people. 2 double beds in each room. Holiday Inn Express – Blowing Rock. Breakfast is included.

Transportation: We will carpool or possibly use the Chapel Bus.

Schedule for Friday, March 9th:

Leave Pinehurst early, arrive in Blowing Rock for lunch and shopping.

Check in at the hotel. Early dinner before event.

Event begins at 7:00, ends at 9:30.

Schedule for Saturday, March 10th:

Event begins at 8:30 and ends at 12:15

Travel back to Pinehurst

For more information or to register for the event contact :
Janis Sholtis (910-295-1057, janissholtis@gmail.com)
Eleanora Voelkel (910-986-0450, voelkelje@gmail.com)

You may register now but payment for the event (\$69) due by Monday, Feb. 19th. Please let us know your room preference – single, sharing with 1 or more persons. Hotel payment for your room is due on arrival at the hotel.

Meet the Choir



Many hours are spent by our choirs during the year preparing music for Sunday worship and special events. This new series is to help the congregation get to know the members of our music ministry and their backgrounds and the contributions they have made over the years to the music program here at The Village Chapel

Deb Holden joined the Village Chapel Choir in January 2014 as soprano section leader and has found her way over to the alto section and now directs our children's choir. Since she has been at the Village Chapel, she has grown to love the choir members and director as family, as they joined her in celebrating her marriage to Dick Holden and helped her move to Whispering Pines while Dick was overseas! Now they're living happily with their small family of two dogs and lots of time out on the lake, enjoying the "Land of the Pines" and married life.

Juan Russ is our tenor section leader and has sung at The Village Chapel for approximately 20 years now. One of 13 siblings, Juan was born in Pinehurst and was raised primarily in Moore County. Having sung in choirs since the sixth grade, he also sings with the Golf Capital Chorus barbershop chapter, two male quartets, and the Moore County Choral Society. Juan is also on the executive board of MCCS.

Shanon Sheppard Venable has been soprano section leader for 2 1/2 years here at The Village Chapel. She was born and raised in Southern Pines and has over fifteen years of experience working in the entertainment industry. Shanon was Miss Moore County 1999 and after singing at the Miss North Carolina pageant, she was offered the opportunity to sail around the world as a singer and dancer for Ray Kennedy Entertainment. She continues to teach privately and adjudicate vocal competitions around the state. She and her husband Johnny have three children, Nora Grace, Eva Rose and Braxton Calvin.

Save the Date



*Ladies Annual Tea
Tuesday, April 3*