



The Chapel Herald

Praying in a New Year



As our calendar proceeds through the winter and into a new year, our prayers might become more fervent than usual – which may be understandable – although let’s hope it doesn’t take an ice storm or loss of electricity to bring us to our knees. After all, there are all sorts of “storms” we must weather in our

lives, and there is no particular season for suffering and stress.

Perhaps it’s during a crisis when we are especially moved to ask: Does prayer work? Does it make anything happen? Can we really influence God to intervene on our behalf or those for whom we intercede? And if the answer to any of these prayers is “Yes,” then it compels the follow-up: Then why does prayer seem to “work” sometimes, and not others?

Well, before we wade into theological quicksand, let’s affirm what we know: (1) God is always good, loving, and compassionate; (2) God is completely aware of our needs and concerns - with or without our prayers; and (3) whether the circumstances are good or bad, we – with our sinful and limited perspective – cannot possibly understand why things happen from a divine and eternal point of view.

So, if the foregoing is true, then why pray at all? We pray, as instructed by our Lord, that God’s will may be done and accomplished in our lives; and by praying, we humbly submit ourselves to God’s sovereign authority over our lives. Nothing we can do in this life is more powerful than calling upon the help of our Creator, and nothing better displays our identity as Christ’s own forever.

Happy New Year!

Pastor John



Serve The City 2019

This year, The Village Chapel will have an opportunity to serve the communities of Moore County, alongside other parishioners from other Moore County churches. The one-day event will take place on May 4, 2019 (the first Saturday in May), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will have the choice of serving with different project teams, being led by the various participating churches. The Village Chapel will be leading three projects: washing the police cruisers of the Pinehurst Police department (great youth project!); serving in the Habitat Store; or serving on-site at a Habitat build. Members of the Chapel can "cross-register" with other churches and serve on their project teams- those projects will be available for registration at a later date. Churches involved thus far are: Grace Church, Christ Community Church, Redeemer Church PCA. More specific details and registration information will be available as the event approaches. This is a great opportunity for the Church to put our faith to work-- within an ecumenical collaboration-- to serve others in Christ's name. For more information or to share a preliminary interest, please contact Pastor Ashley at 910-992-8308 or by email: ash-leyneilsmith@aol.com



Men's Thursday Bible Study-

Will resume on Thursday, January 3rd at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd, Pinehurst). We are studying the Apostle Paul's letters to the Philippians and Colossians. The group meets at 4 p.m. and is led by Pastor Ashley. There is no cost for the study and weekly questions are emailed to participants prior to each class. The study is a community-wide study, with participants representing many different community churches. Come and join us as we grow in our knowledge and love of Christ. If you would like to be added to the weekly emailed questions, please contact Pastor Ashley at 910-992-8308 or ashleyneilsmith@aol.com.



Seminary Lecture Series-

Will resume on Wednesday, February 6th at 10 a.m. The group meets in the Conference Room and is led by Pastor Ashley. The two lectures we will be covering are: St Augustine and The Apocalypse. The class listens to two 30 minute DVD lectures by talented professors from leading national seminaries and universities, then we have lively and educational discussions. Class notes are provided prior to each lecture. There is no cost for the class and is open to the community. For more information, please contact Pastor Ashley directly at 910-992-8308 or ashleyneilsmith@aol.com.

Women's Discussion *January 2019*

Faith Unraveled is the title of Rachel Held Evans' account of struggling as her own faith unraveled one unexpected question at a time. Telling of her own spiritual journey from certainty to doubt to faith, Evans challenges the reader to not be afraid to pose hard questions and trust in a God who is big enough to handle honest queries. A selection from her book will be the focus of The Women's Discussion Group at the next meeting, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock on January 10th in The Village Chapel Choir room. Copies of the reading are located in the rack outside the office of Heather Dunn. All women of the church and community are invited to attend.

Bake Sale Success!

Buyers and Bakers Rejoice!
Thanks to all of you, the bake sale was a brilliant success! We raised over \$500 for the Women of the Chapel.

Thank you all for bringing in your special treats and to all of those who bought them. Special thanks to Mary Callow and Pennie Clack for all their support and hard work.

~Carrie Jackson



THE VILLAGE CHAPEL IS AN APOSTLES BUILD CONGREGATION

Each year Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills engages the faith community by providing the opportunity to support a home build. Each year a portion of your Outreach contributions goes toward funding this. In addition to helping fund the build each church also has the opportunity to actually help with the construction process. The Outreach Committee is asking for ten volunteers of any skill level, including no skill, who are age 18 or older to help on the 2019 Apostles Build. We have reserved the following as our group build dates: MARCH 28, 29 AND 30 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) The Outreach committee is asking you to look at your schedules for these dates and contact Dan Joslin, Outreach Chair if you feel you may be able to help or have any questions about Habitat.



Michael and Glenda Dudley are in the process of becoming homeowner partners. Michael works three jobs to support his beautiful family. He occasionally will catch a nap in his car when he gets a break between ending one job and starting at another location. Glenda grew up in the Philippines. She and Michael have two delightful girls, Miki and Fiona, who are neatniks, as Amie Fraley at Habitat will attest. I had the privilege of being their elf escort at our recent Angel Tree gift distribution. Glenda was so humble as she expressed her appreciation and surprise at the generosity extended to her children. No doubt when you come to help with this build you will have the pleasure of meeting some or perhaps all members of this incredible family.

What will be involved as you work as a volunteer on

the Dudley home? Bring nothing but do wear comfortable work clothes allowing for inside or outside work. No tools required and any skill level will be fine. Just arrive at 120 Fullers Way in Aberdeen by 8:00 a.m. We will gather for a short safety briefing and a prayer. Then we break down into small work groups. The professional and patient construction staff of Habitat, will give each group their first jobs for the day. Believe me, we can all do this.

Sometime mid morning a snack will be provided. Habitat has a group of ladies who regularly provide goodies. Two of these women are from our congregation, the indomitable Betty Wardle and our Chair of Hospitality, Susan Joslin. By this time in the work day, the team has already gelled into a unit and camaraderie is present. The feeling of accomplishment while in the service of our Lord is a reward in itself.

We all feel blessed at having the health, time and talent to do this work. By the time we finish work at 1:00 p.m. our attention goes to wondering when we will get together again with good friends to help another hardworking deserving family achieve a dream of purchasing a new home. Come join me in this gratifying spiritual adventure.

Dan Joslin
Outreach Chair
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KUDOS KORNER

A 21 KUDOS salute to the 21 Village Chapel carolers who serenaded members at their residences on December 19. The gracious reception of the carolers was a special Christmas reward. Stephen Gourley and Darlene Skinner who organized the outing and played some lively piano duets (plus Stephen drove the van) get extra credit. And then Barbara and Hunter Hess earn a couple KUDOS for their generous and joyful party they hosted after the caroling. Well done all.





TVC Youth Put Faith In Action

(Youth working with Ron and Brenda Burt at the West End Volunteer Fire Department)



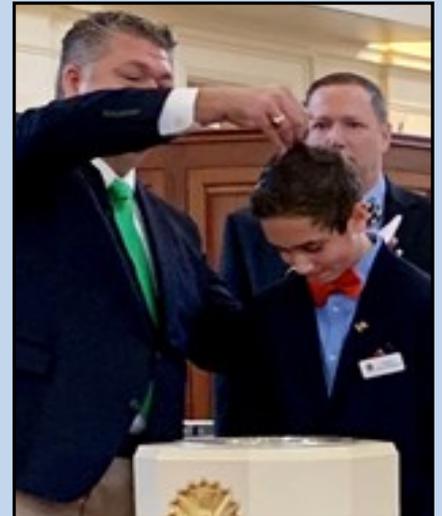


Caroling through the Pines



Baptisms

Ayden Richardson
(both right photos)



Kurt Clausen
(left)

Miss Adonna Obi
(right)



January Birthdays

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| 1 Gary Gearhart
Jerry Slade
Malcolm Ware
Alice Schalz
Larry Martin
Shirlene Bremer
Charlie Abner | 15 Bill Matthews
Zoe Wall
Mary Jo Matthies
Curtis Anaya
Devina Sherwood |
| 2 Freida Powers
Charlie Roberts
Allen Turner | 17 Sam Clay
19 Judith Sherer |
| 3 Hannah Smith
James Hart | 20 Diane Tate
Sherry Wood
Ellen Brown
Ellisa Granata |
| 4 Amita Sherwood | 22 Al Mangum
Alex Grimshaw
Pamela Bradley |
| 5 Edna Devansky
LuAnn Schneider | 23 Juanita Williford
Bill Wetmore
Susan Culp |
| 6 Ted Williams
Laura Goodman | 24 Jack White |
| 9 Lindsey Lashmit | 25 Ralph Newman
Dan Joslin
Lee Carbaugh |
| 10 Martha Romero
Teresa Graham | 26 Harriet Neely |
| 11 Jane Leonard
Victor Aguilar | 28 Liz Skvarla |
| 12 Robert Adams | 29 Pat Vickers
Nathalie Scott
Charles Meyer |
| 13 Janis Sholtis
Jonathan
Newman | 30 Walter Bull
Dick Haefele |
| 14 Jim Busby | |

Happy Anniversary

- 3** Charlie and Lyn Roberts
- 8** Gene and Jill Bonacci
- 9** Al and Edie Ashdown
- 10** Rich and Cricket Cowell
- 18** Tim and Lesley Woodruff
- 23** Henry and Louise Weiss
- 30** Charles and Diana Meyer

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



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



Thank you to all who helped make the
2018 Angel Tree event a huge success!

The Village Chapel was able to bless so many people through this ministry.





The Village Chapel Music Series

Sounds of Broadway

Friday, February 8, 7:00pm in Chapel Hall

As part of our Music Series, The Village Chapel Music Program is looking forward to offering a program of Broadway tunes spanning ten decades. Included on the program are hits from classic shows such as *Show Boat*, *Carousel*, *Flower Drum Song*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and *Mamma Mia*. Also included are selections from newer successes on the Great White Way such as *Dear Evan Hansen*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Hairspray*, and the global sensation *Hamilton*.

Performing on this program will be Catherine Kelly, Claire Fields, Craig Brown, and Steven Hall. Ms. Kelly and Mr. Brown are both voice teachers at the Ravenscroft School in Raleigh, and have a breadth of performing experience to their credit. Ms. Fields is a Moore County resident, and in addition to her full-time teaching position in Scotland County, also sings regularly in the area. We have enjoyed Claire's singing at The Village Chapel many times over the last several years. Mr. Hall is a singer/songwriter based in the Durham area. He has two records to his credit and performs/records regularly. Our Director of Music, Stephen Gourley will accompany.

As this program will be held in Chapel Hall and there is limited seating, reservations are encouraged. Coffee and dessert will be served at intermission. There is no charge for admission. Join us for this wonderful evening of Broadway tunes!





THE VILLAGE CHAPEL
MUSIC SERIES

presents

Carolina Brass



MUSIC FOR BRASS AND ORGAN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:00PM

The Village Chapel, Pinehurst



The flowers displayed around the Altar during Christmas services were given to God's glory and to the birth of His Son Jesus by the devoted members and friends of **The Village Chapel**.

In Loving Memory, Celebration, and Honor:

- In memory of loved ones (by Luan Aaron)
- In memory of our mothers, Charlotte Acker and Dorothy Merry (by Mark and Esther Acker)
- In loving memory of Mrs. Beverly Blandford (by Bob Blandford)
- In loving memory of our daughter, Michelle Bonacci Marks, and our parents, Marius & Philomena Bonacci and Norman & Agnes Waters (by Jill and Gene Bonacci)
- Stella Butters (by Charles Butters)
- In memory of Lou Clay (by his family)
- In loving memory of Virginia and Emerson Cole (by Alan Hall & Diane Cole-Hall)
- Mr. and Mrs. John Albert Lacey, Capt. John T. Collins USN (by Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Collins)
- Michael Sean Murphy (by Lynette and David Crosby)
- In honor of our daughters Leslie and Diane (by Don and Mary Delauter)
- In memory of Bob DeSandy (by Florence DeSandy)
- Robert M. Duncan (by JoAnn Duncan)
- In loving memory of Charles E. Fallon (by Ginsey Fallon)
- May E. Flanagan (by Tom Flanagan)
- Our children & grandchildren (by Fred and Anne Fox)
- Judge and Mrs. Robert L. Gavin
- Our Parents (by Peter and Sigrid Gross)
- Ruth and Dan Hollis
- In honor of Dr. and Mrs. David O. Wright (by Jeff and Ruth Holm)
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Scanlon (by Jeff and Ruth Holm)
- In memory of our parents (by Betty and Tom Hurst)
- In memory of my husband, Harry Johns and my son, Scott Johns (by Addie Johns)
- Richard G. Kinsey (by his wife, Carmen C. Kinsey)
- David A. Kocher, Lyn Michele Kocher, Doris J. Carichner (by Grace E. Kocher)
- In memory of Jess and Trace Krall (by Judith Krall)
- In remembrance of Tove Longhta, beloved wife and mother (by Roy Longhta)
- Burlin Lowry (by Janet B. Lowry)
- In honor of Karen H. Morrow (by Jan and Marjorie Ludwig)
- Mike and Frieda McBrayer
- In memory of our daughter-in-law, Maria Milam (by Juanita and Ron Milam)
- Gerald Montgomery (by Joan Montgomery)
- Honor our family and friends (by Harriet & Jack Neely)
- Our great-granddaughter, Ava Catherine Salzman (by Cheryl and Charles Nickerson)
- The dearly departed of the Obis and Oluwole (by Jim and Bose Obi)
- In memory of my wife, Ella M. Pardue (by Warren Pardue)
- In memory of Bro Park and Jeff Park, Bro's son (by Dee Park)
- Mary Prange (by Gerry Prange)
- Patricia Campbell (by Fred and Terry Prince)
- With praise to God for our family, answered prayers and our many blessings (by Jack and Beverly Raffaele)
- John and Kathy Rowerdink
- Tom Schillerstrom (by Marian Schillerstrom)
- LTC William J. Shannon (by Ellene Shannon and son, John W. Shannon)
- Our children and grandchildren, Matt and Lauren Skvarla, Kate, Jeff, Winton and Avery Cutshall (by John and Liz Skvarla)
- Nancy A. Strickfaden, beloved wife, mother and grandmother (by Gary Strickfaden)
- Andrew Thomas (by Nathalie Thomas)
- In honor of our dads, Alfonso Ragonese and Nicholas Veni (by Guy and Cheryl Veni)
- In loving memory of the parents of Jim and Eleanora Voelkel; Stephen and Eleanora Selle, Mildred and Ethan Voelkel (by Jim & Eleanora Voelkel)
- In loving memory of William Wardle and son Charles (by Betty Wardle)
- Donald W. Weaver (by Carole Weaver)
- In loving memory of my dear husband, J. Ray Woodard (by Mrs. J. Ray Woodard)
- In memory of loved ones (by Robert and Elaine Workman)
- Sean Ian Bennett, Stephen William McBride Bennett, Eleanor and Wilfred McBride, Mary Eleine Hill
- In appreciation of my wonderful children: Johanna, Richard, and Christian
- In loving memory of Barbara Taylor and Bill Barnes



The Junior League of Moore County

BODIES ARE NOT COMMODITIES

clinic

For: Teen Girls 13-17

Date: Jan. 26, 2019

Time: 10am-12pm

**Location: Aberdeen Lake
Park Recreation Center**

**Cost: FREE (donations
welcome to benefit
Friend 2 Friend)**

**Attendees are encouraged to
bring a supportive adult**

**Visit www.jlmcnc.org for more
information or**

**<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2601097/false#/invitation>
to reserve your spot (100 attendees max)**



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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."

THE LIFE CARE PREGNANCY CENTER

The Life Care Pregnancy Center is an organization that promotes the sanctity of life. Women who are pregnant are given accurate information, pregnancy testing, the initial ultrasound, material assistance and guidance for the future, including learning about God.

This center is located at 261 Niagara Carthage Road. The majority of its clients are from Moore County, but everyone is welcome. They do not receive any federal or state funding and their revenue sources are: individuals, churches and through fund raisers.

When a mother comes to the center she is immediately helped to receive the best prenatal care to promote the health of her baby. Maternity clothes, diapers and baby items are donated to the center. Mother and baby remain in their system for two years. The Life Care Pregnancy Center will also inform mothers of agencies that she may need in the future. Our church is funding them for 2018. We are also collecting larger size diapers for them. They typically have a need for these that goes beyond their usual supply on hand. Please help by bringing in larger sized diapers to Heather's office.

Thank you.

Susan Joslin, TVC Outreach Committee liaison to The Life Care Pregnancy Center

Starting this month, the Women of the Chapel will host a "House Warming Shower" for Habitat for Humanity new home owners. This is a perfect way to donate unwanted, but *new* items, by regifting them to our Shower. This first month (January) we are asking for kitchen items (i.e. tea towels, dish, cloth, manual can opener, dish soap, placemats, cereal bowls, spatula, table cloth, paper plates, napkins, etc.) are a few suggestions. We will pick a different room for future showers. Cleaning supplies are a great gift for new owners. When you are shopping for yourself, pick up an item for our new Shower project. **DO NOT GIFT WRAP.** Items will be taken to HFH and displayed in their Shower Closet for homeowners to make their selection on dedication day. A drop off box is located in the Atrium. If you need more information, contact Freida Powers at 910-235-9284 or Molly Thomas at 910-693-7897.



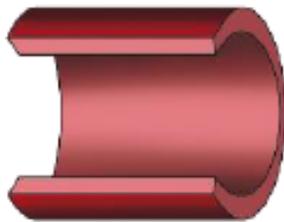
Keep doing the things you love.

Catch health problems before they go too far.

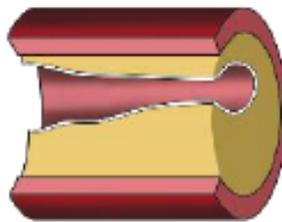
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Plaque buildup in the arteries can lead to heart disease, aneurysm or stroke.



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