



The Chapel Herald

120 Years of Christian Unity



When the Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham arrived in Pinehurst as The Village Chapel's chaplain in February, 1908, this was his first impression of the fledging community founded by James Walker Tufts: "The thing that impressed me most as I began to enter into the activities of this little village was an atmosphere of reality. Here were to a certain extent pioneers, and one got the impression that they were

not lopsided, intent only on a life of fun, or business, or social enjoyment, but balanced and stable. They left one with the idea that they were laying the foundation for a resort that was to have a distinct individuality in the years to come.

"There were no religious fanatics among them and they all seemed to have a conviction that religion would be as important in the life of Pinehurst as golf, or tennis, or horseback riding. It was as natural for them to go to the Chapel on Sunday as it was to go to the Country Club on Monday. This was the spirit of the young Pinehurst and it was this spirit that created the atmosphere in which The Village Chapel took form. "

While it is commendable that the early villagers of Pinehurst recognized their need for spiritual nourishment through regular Sunday worship at the Chapel, I wish they could have given *greater* priority to God than to golf, tennis, riding, etc. But the Rev. Cheatham had only just arrived. After the village had felt the impact of his ministry for several decades, Pastor Cheatham observed: "The Village Chapel has stood here through all these years, with its slender spire, its beautiful proportions, its chaste simplicity, its friendly and devout spirit, to bless and inspire those who come under its influence. Some have been gracious enough to say that the Chapel is the heart of Pinehurst. Certainly there has grown up within it a spirit of sincerity, devotion and reality that can properly be called a holy fellowship."

For the next three Heralds, I will use this space to recount the story of The Village Chapel as a force for Christian unity in Pinehurst and beyond. On Sunday, October 28, 2018, we will invite the larger community to celebrate with us the 120th anniversary of our Chapel's founding. Please plan to attend.

Pastor John

A New Generation of American Leaders



Recently Vickie and I had the honor of attending a Change of Command Ceremony for Lt. Col. Nathan Whitfield. While listening to Nathan's speech, a deep sense of pride and confidence arose in my spirit. Perhaps for the first time, I felt as though my generation (Nathan and I are about the same age)

was more than capable of continuing the national heritage passed down to us. Most of my life I have heard heroic stories about past leaders. However, the stories seemed so distant and far removed from my present cultural context-- until Nathan. Finally I was beginning to associate excellence in character, fortitude, intelligence, industrious work ethic, and love of country with my generation. Our nation's future looks bright with people like Nathan at the helm. No doubt, there are many men and women who are cut from the same American cloth, and I praise God for each one of them. And to think this man and his wife, aka "the general", teach our Pre K & K Sunday School class and work with our youth! I am grateful to Nathan, Amy, Seth, and Eden, (Team Whitfield) for helping me to grasp the inherit greatness in every generation, especially mine.

God Bless America!

Pastor Ashley



A reminder from The Village Chapel Office Staff

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

THE TIME HAS COME TO UPDATE

The pictorial directory is a great tool to have as a member of The Village Chapel. A way to put a face to each name. For some time now, a new directory has been in the works and we are excited to announce that it is time to get this production underway. Lifetouch has taken on the task of producing our new directory that will include a printed booklet as well as an online copy that will be accessible via the member portal of our website and the ChurchLife App. We are now taking reservations for photography appointments. Each appointment will take between 10 and 15 minutes. Participation is required to receive a complimentary directory. Participants will also be given a complimentary 8 x 10 photograph. Members are not required to purchase photographs or packages so understand there is no obligation to make a purchase. For participants who wish to purchase packages, Lifetouch has extended discounts to our congregation. Anyone who brings in 5 non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry will receive \$5.00 off your package purchase. Additionally, all who sign up prior to August 26 will receive 20% off their package purchase. Other great perks will be added as more information becomes available. Check your weekly bulletin to see when online registration begins. Until then, please contact Heather Dunn at (910)295-6003 to schedule your appointment today!

Photography dates: September 12-15 and October 2-5, 7

Meet The Sherwood Family



The Sherwood family moved to Pinehurst in August 2015. They visited several local churches to find a church home and were hooked following their first visit to The Village Chapel. With its picturesque setting in the Village, the beautiful balance of the Pastors'

preaching styles, and Vickie Smith's children's sermon, they knew they had found a church family.

Here is their story.

Each born and raised in Pennsylvania, Douglas Sherwood and Amita Mittal attended Pennsylvania State University. A common focus on Economics eventually led to their meeting. While they had been in the same social circles and venues multiple times in their college years, it wasn't until their senior year that they met through mutual friends, and realized they were in the same senior-level Economics class.

Fittingly, when Doug and Amita were engaged in September 2002, the proposal occurred on Penn State's campus. Doug orchestrated an elaborate backdrop to pop the question, to which Amita could not turn down. They were married on November 1, 2003, in Philadelphia – Amita's hometown.

Between 2000 and 2002, Doug and Amita resided in Connecticut and Ohio. In 2002 after the formation of the Department of Homeland Security, Doug felt called to join the newly-

formed agency, which led them to Alexandria, VA. He spent six years in various positions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) fighting illegal immigrant criminal activity across the country. Building on his law enforcement experiences, Doug transitioned to working with the Department of Defense as an analyst. In 2015, Doug was offered a position with the Army at Ft. Bragg, which led to the family's move to Pinehurst.

Amita began her professional career by completing a two-year leadership development program with General Electric Capital. After three and a half years, Amita transitioned into a consulting role guiding Department of Defense organizations with implementing operational excellence initiatives. She then worked for a small family-owned training and consulting company where she learned many aspects of the business including content development, client delivery, sales, and marketing. Amita used these experiences to build her own consulting firm, which she has now operated for five years.

Doug and Amita are blessed with two amazing daughters – Devina (8) and Roslyn (6). Amita and the girls were baptized together in June 2014, and have grown in their faith as a family unit ever since. The girls attend Sandhills Classical Christian School and just completed 2nd grade and Kindergarten. While the family stays busy between work and school schedules, they enjoy time together cooking, reading, playing games and puzzles, hiking, and at the pool. Each fall, they especially enjoy cheering on Penn State Nittany Lions football.

Family Promise of Moore County NC (FPMC)

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide shelter, food and opportunity to homeless women and their children.

SHELTER PROGRAM: Families without a home of their own are able to find the support, encouragement, and assistance that will enable them to achieve independent living. Those eligible for our services include mothers and children who are without housing or who will be without housing in the near future, employed or able to find work in the near future, not currently using drugs or alcohol, or suffering from an untreated mental illness. Guests may stay in the program for an initial sixty days. After sixty days, guests are given an additional thirty days providing they are moving forward in their goal of independent living.

Once a family enters the program, an individualized case plan is developed, which clearly states the goals the family wants to accomplish during their stay in the program. Adult family members meet with the director or case manager one to two times a week to review their case plan, monitor their progress and make any necessary modifications.

BRIDGING THE GAP PROGRAM: This program is made possible through a grant from St. Joseph of the Pines and has two goals: (1) Homeless prevention which can help those families facing a one-time crisis that puts them at risk of losing their housing by providing funds to prevent eviction; (2) Rapid re-housing which provides help with security and utility deposits to shorten a family's stay in shelter. Applicants must be referred by a Social Services Department.

HARVEST THE PROMISE: A major fundraiser for FPMC. Delicious dishes from your favorite restaurants along with lots of unique silent and live auction items. Call 910-944-7149 for more information. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Date/place/time: Oct 11, 2018, The Fair Barn, 6:00 pm.

RECENT HISTORY - FPMC'S IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY FOR 2017: 11,232 volunteer hours; 4,224 nights of safe, secure shelter provided for 19 families (including, 54 children), which included providing over 5000 meals, and 60% of families transitioned to permanent housing. Additionally, 4 vehicles were made available through the Wheels to Work Program.

FPMC continues to be one of the local non-profit organizations that The Village Chapel (TVC) supports annually. Volunteers are the heart of FPMC. From preparing a meal, spending the night at their shelter or playing and reading to the children in the early evening or helping with fundraisers; there is a volunteer job for everyone.

As part of our community of faith, members of TVC may have an opportunity to provide further assistance to this organization by coming alongside a partner church to assist with meal preparation and sponsorship during specific host weeks. Please contact Esther Acker at 910-488-1402 or via e-mail at ejacker97@gmail.com if you are interested in serving to these families at some time during the coming year. Volunteer training will be arranged with FMPFMC in the coming months and Esther has forms for interested volunteers.

The TVC Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a month of giving to FPMC through a Paper Products drive in the month of August. Please bring any and all types of household paper products to the Chapel and leave them in one of the bins that will be provided in the front and back of the Chapel and also in the Atrium. Thank you for supporting this community effort to prevent homelessness for children in Moore County.

Esther Acker
Outreach Committee Member

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
FOUNDER'S DAY

at

The Village Chapel

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF
MINISTRY AT THE VILLAGE CHAPEL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00AM

All are invited as we join together to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the founding of The Village Chapel. Founded in 1898 as the Pinehurst Religious Association, The Village Chapel stands as one of the first inter-denominational communities in the United States. Please follow future issues of the Herald for more information on the service.

Farewells

May and June have been difficult months for the Village Chapel. In rapid succession, we lost three devoted and beloved members whom we will miss dearly. We take solace in knowing that all three are in the loving arms of their Lord and Savior but it is always sad to say goodbye to valued and long standing members and friends. So we can only honor their memory and console their families.

Sherran Reif died on May 23 surrounded by her loving family. She was born Sherran Gingrich in Washington, DC on June 29, 1949 and married her husband, Mark Reif, in April 1973 after which they began raising a family together. As everyone in the family attests, Sherran was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and grandmother. She was the anchor that provided the family the stability and structure on which they all relied.

Quiet and self effacing, Sherran was, in fact quite artistic and creative, gifts which she shared with everyone she knew. Sometimes it was in the form of a gourmet meal. Sometimes in handmade decorations or original art work. She was perhaps best known in the community for her business - Cakes by Sherran - where she created beautiful masterpieces for numerous special events and occasions.

Sherran Reif leaves behind her husband of 45 years, Mark Reif; her daughter, Sherie Beth Wilson; her son, Christopher Reif; four grandchildren; her father, Calvin Gingrich; two brothers, John and David Gingrich; and a sister, Patricia Frye.

Sherran was taken from her family and from us far too early but we all are grateful that we had the opportunity to share her life.

Johanna “Ann” Hannah passed away peacefully at FirstHealth Hospice in Pinehurst on May 28, 2018. Now there was a lady! Born Johanna Bruckmann in 1920 in the Hague, Holland, she lived through the Great Depression and the extreme hardships of World War II, when her family was forced to house occupying German soldiers. The university in Rotterdam where she had planned to study business administration was destroyed by German bombing and she wound up working as a secretary for an insurance company in Amsterdam from 1942-1945. She actually worked in a building next to Ann Frank’s hiding place. After the war, her family received a note from the mother of one of the young German officers who had occupied Ann’s home, thanking them for the kindness to her son, who had died during the Nazi invasion of Norway. After Europe was liberated by the Allied forces, Ann bicycled 60 miles each day to her place of work in Amsterdam - on a bicycle with wooden tires. No rubber available!

It was during this time that she met her future husband, John Hannah, a Canadian army officer. They were married in the Hague in January, 1946 before moving to Canada. Together, they had three children and traveled the world while John was working for Caltex oil company. They lived in Indonesia, Libya, Bahrain and New York before retiring to Pinehurst in 1985. Ann loved playing golf and bridge and was a volunteer in the Women’s Exchange. Ann also loved the arts and regularly attended the symphony and theater and live broadcasts of opera and ballet at the Sunrise Theater until she became too ill to do so. Her husband, John, died in 1993.

Ann so loved the Village Chapel! Even in the past few years as her health declined and she lived in assisted care facilities, she never missed an opportunity to attend the 11:00 service. And anytime members of her family visited, she was proud to bring them to the Village Chapel. This devout Christian, who had experienced so much was an inspiration to us all and we are grateful that she shared that life with us. Thank you, Ann, and rest in peace.

After a lengthy decline in his health, **Alan Charles Birchler** passed away peacefully in hospice on June 8, 2018 with his loving wife, Molly Thomas, and his daughter Ann at his side. He was 86 years old.

Born on April 28, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio, Alan graduated from Cleveland's St. Ignatius High School before matriculating at Purdue University. He graduated from Purdue with a BS in mechanical engineering in 1954. After two years in the U.S. Army, Alan joined Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, Indiana and later, in 1963 moved on to Dana Corporation in Toledo, Ohio. In 1994, after 31 years of service with Dana Corp, Alan retired and in 2004, he and Molly moved to Pinehurst.

Alan was an activist wherever he was and whatever he did. He remained very involved with the alumni programs of Purdue University and a strong supporter of Purdue's athletic programs, especially football. Alan was a very keen golfer and became a member of the Longleaf Golf Club after he and Molly moved to Pinehurst. Earlier he had been a member for 35 years at the Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.

Molly and Alan were always active in the church wherever they went. She was raised a Protestant and he a Catholic. When they arrived in Pinehurst, they decided they wanted to attend the same church, so they chose the Village Chapel. Alan continued his community involvement by establishing, with Molly, the Bill Birchler Scholarship at the Sandhills Community College, in memory of their son.

Alan was a man who lived life to the fullest, accomplishing much and demanding nothing in return. He was for many years a devoted member of the Village Chapel and while we grieve his loss, we honor his memory and his life and are grateful that we could share it with him and Molly

July Birthdays

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| 1 Carolyn Smith | 18 Gene Horne |
| 2 Seth Whitfield | Louise Weiss |
| Emma Lashmit | Ale` Scaletta |
| 3 Tom Flanagan | Chloe Bowen |
| Warren Pardue | Joan Montgomery |
| Mary-Ellen Morris | 19 May Caldwell |
| Greg Page | Dave Anderson |
| 4 Mack Verhyden | Bud Fisher |
| Dian Moore | 20 Sharon Trail |
| 5 Margaret Shaw | Shirley Aquino |
| Marge Behning | 22 Jerry Townley |
| 6 Patricia McLean | Charlotte Cable |
| Sallie Webster | 23 Nancy Wetmore |
| Darlene Reeves | Rob Barrett |
| Greg Singer | 26 Darlene Skinner |
| 8 Jack Raffaele | 27 Adysen Robinson |
| 9 Nancy McNally | 28 Charles Clack |
| 10 Laura Spence | 26 John Skvarla |
| Terry Prince | Olivia Fox |
| 11 Marian Maag | 29 Loyd Nelson |
| Lynn Roberts | Doug Smith |
| 12 Donna Traylor | Jim Schneider |
| Nathan Vogt | 30 Jean Sundstrom |
| 13 Jean Williams | Betty Austin |
| Cricket Cowell | 31 Marc Granata |
| 15 Carty Davis | |
| John Breting | |
| 16 Don Auch | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 1 Rob and Katie Barrett |
| 2 Bob and Florence DeSandy |
| 4 Ron and Jan Kelly |
| 6 Rob and Susan Culp |
| 9 Dave and Tisha Edrington |
| 13 Ron and Ann Whitley |
| 17 Jim and Jane Lewis |
| Jim and Eleanora Voelkel |
| 20 Mark and Vikki Priest |
| 21 Don and Cecile Hanson |
| 22 Robert and Kathy Hawks |
| 28 Ham and Sallie Webster |
| 29 Mike and Kristen Obst |
| 31 Gary and Jean Ann Doern |

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

Kudos Corner

On Sunday, June 24, the Village Chapel choir made their last appearance before taking a well deserved summer break. They deserve a collective KUDOS for the work the put in - week in and week out - to bring us (we may be biased) the best religious music in town. We look forward to their return in September.



TVC Kids Attend Centrikid!

Hundreds of children descended upon the grounds of Campbell University for what has become known as a week of "Organized Mass Chaos." What is so wonderful is that this "chaos" is done all in the name of Jesus! What a wonderful sight it was for Ms. Vickie, Pastor Ashley, and Maribel to witness our TVC children building a relationship with Christ and one another. We thank God for a memorable week.

TVC Youth Gearing Up for Summer!!!

The TVC Youth will continue to meet through the summer on Sunday's from 5-7pm at the Care Cottage. They will have many activities and service projects keeping them busy as they learn to love Christ and one another.



- Carowinds
- Car Wash
- FUGE Camp Charleston
- Emerald Point Waterpark!!



Vacation Bible School

GAMES * INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORIES * CRAFTS
SNACKS * FRIENDS * FUN

Join us this summer at VBS 2018 for "Shipwrecked!" Kids will venture onto an uncharted island and learn about the truth that anchors us all... Jesus carries us through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless.

PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS, REGISTER VIA
THE TVC WEBSITE TODAY!!



The Village Chapel



International Fair Trade Gift Sale

(Crafts from over 30 countries)

Saturday, September 22

9 am to 5 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

Home Communion Volunteers Needed:

On the last night Jesus spent with His disciples before His death and resurrection, He instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This is so important in the life of a Christian, that He asks us to do this today as a remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice of His body and blood for us.

Home Communion volunteers enable our homebound church members to participate in this blessed worship. Volunteers would be trained by "shadowing" one of our current servers until they feel comfortable. The service is simple and brief (less than 10 minutes) and is printed on a guide sheet to follow. Each homebound recipient is visited once a month and each month the server is rotated. This is a wonderful, caring ministry to those who are homebound—it reminds them that they are a loved member of our congregation. It is truly a blessing to both the recipient as well as the server.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact one of the pastors or Betsy Jacobs (910-986-7215) betsy@tvcpinehurst.com.

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