



The Chapel Herald

Our Nation at Prayer



In this transitional (and perhaps pivotal) year in our country's history, as we move from one presidential administration to another, and with Americans divided and polarized on so many issues crucial to our national interest, this year's National Day of Prayer is a needed opportunity for Christians throughout America to gather in their places of worship and lift their voices in prayer - seeking

God's holy wisdom and divine guidance. As George Washington knelt in the snow at Valley Forge, invoking God's grace and interceding for a people dedicated to freedom from tyranny, let us also thank God for the great nation and its liberties we have inherited - and are duty-bound to preserve and defend.

As a community of faith within a larger community of neighbors, we are invited to join together in worship and prayer on May 4 at 10:00 am at The Village Chapel, in observance of our National Day of Prayer. This will be a service of music, readings from scripture, and prayers for the diverse concerns of our lives together.

In addition (and for those who cannot attend the Thursday morning service), we will host a Wednesday evening "family-style" dinner in Chapel Hall on May 3, featuring as guest speaker Nick Picerno - businessman and former County Commission chairman - who will speak on the power of prayer in his life. Families are expressly welcome, and the nursery will be open. The community is invited to both events, so please bring a friend!

Everyone in our Village Chapel family is urged to participate in our observance of the National Day of Prayer, and may God's holy Name be blessed by our prayerful presence in His house.

Pastor John

An Easter Miracle



Over a decade ago, the church board where I was serving wanted to give a "love offering" to a woman who had lost her home due to fire. The plan was for me to take the offering

to her and convey our congregation's sympathies and prayers. Being unfamiliar with some of the more rural areas in the parish, I enlisted the assistance of the town's maintenance worker who was a longstanding member of our church and my personal friend. I asked, "Steve, can you tell me where to find 'Ms. Gloria'? I need to deliver this check to her." "Sure," Steve replied. "In fact, I'll take you myself!" After miles of wheat fields and winding roads, we came upon a humble dwelling. "This is it," Steve said. I went to the door and knocked. A lady opened the door and invited me inside. My initial thought was that if this is "Ms. Gloria," then I have the wrong person. Gloria is an African-American, and this lady is Caucasian! So I asked, "Are you Gloria?" "Yes, and this is my husband David" she said. David was sitting in a recliner in the living room. He didn't look well - pale with sunken facial features. "Hello David, I'm Pastor Ashley," I said as I reached out my hand to shake his. David said, "I know who you are and I thank you for coming by to pray for me." I have no idea who these nice people are; I have never seen or met them before. So I just went with the flow (more like the Holy Spirit's leading). I learned that David was battling cancer. After listening to his story and sharing some scriptural encouragement, he allowed me to lay my hand upon his head for prayer. We asked God to heal him of cancer. I wished him well, hugged his wife good bye, and went back out side to where Steve was sitting in the town's truck. "Steve, I think we have the wrong Gloria! Can you take me to 'Ms. Gloria' whose house recently burned down?" "Sure, I know right where she lives!"

Almost a year went by, when I was invited by the local Baptist church to speak at their Easter Sunrise Service (the Baptist pastor and I would rotate each year doing the Easter Sunrise Services and Thanksgiving Services at each other's church). Before it was my time to



speak, Pastor Sammy McLamb shared with his congregation and mine, how happy they all were to have a congregant back in worship after a long, grueling ordeal with cancer. The congregation began clapping. Before the applause could end, I heard a man's voice begin speaking from the back of the church. Sitting on the front row, I turned to see the man that was speaking (I didn't recognize him). This man began praising God for his healing. He was filled with joy and thanksgiving to His Lord and to his church family for their prayers and support. And then he said--while pointing at me-- "I believe that God sent that man to pray for me". I then realized it was David! David and Gloria! I didn't have the wrong "Ms. Gloria" after all...

God is good, All the time!

Pastor Ashley

The Women's Discussion Group will meet at 10:00 AM in The Village Chapel Choir room on Thursday, **May 11, 2017**. This will be the concluding meeting until September. Discussion materials may be picked up in the wall holder outside TVC offices. The discussion will be from "The Gift of Years, Growing Older Gracefully" by Joan Chittister. We will discuss personal limitations, spirituality, and legacy.

Since this is the last meeting for several months, we will continue the tradition of going out to lunch following the discussion. If you would like to join the stimulating group please call Molly Thomas for information. (910) 693-7897.

National Day of Prayer Family Observance

Wednesday, May 3 5:45 PM

Speaker Nick Picerno, businessman and former Moore County Commission Chair, will discuss the importance of prayer in his life.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling (910)295-6003.

National Day of Prayer Worship Service

**Thursday, May 4
10:00 AM**

Join us as we gather as a community to pray for our nation, its leaders, and our life together

Special music provided by area musicians



Sally Brown Cherishes the Chapel's Warmth and the Love

by Yvonne Gale



Sally Brown says that she spends a lot of time at The Village Chapel because she feels a special bond with the church. "When I walk in to the Chapel, I feel warmth and love from the pastors and the people. I appreciate all who do what they can to serve on the committees. Their service warms my heart."

Growing up in Evanston, Illinois, outside of Chicago, Sally remembers loving Girl Scouts. She was a Girl Scout for eleven years, beginning in the second grade until she was a junior in high school. Sally said, "I loved scouting because of the love and the camaraderie. Scouting helped me to learn to share and care about others." After her junior year, she took up golfing due to her father's influence.

Her parents did not go to church; nevertheless, Sally's spiritual life started in the third grade when she decided to accompany her sister to church. Sally says the Father of the church "kept after us." He urged us to participate in church activities, and eventually Sally joined Holy Comforter Episcopal Church.

After graduating from high school, Sally began studies in international business. She studied one year abroad at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. She came back home and met her husband Louis, who ironically had attended Franklin College also.

Louis and Sally married in 1977. They were married for 31 years until Louis's death in 2008. They had three children Louis, 39, who lives outside of Chicago; Nicholas, 38, who lives in Lenior, NC, and Jennifer, 35, who lives in Sicily. The Brown Family has six grandchildren.

Sally fondly remembers that the family had a lot of fun when the children were growing up. Louis was in the international steel business; therefore, she and he traveled to a lot to places in the Far East like Hong Kong and China. When she wasn't traveling, Sally volunteered at the Junior League and at her children's daycare centers and schools. Sally is close to her family, she says, "They are all wonderful. They are successful and hard working."

Sally and Louis visited Pinehurst regularly because Louis's grandparents, Mary and Louie Meyer, lived in Pine-

hurst. They moved permanently to the area because they both loved playing golf. Sally still plays golf four times a week. She has won the Pinehurst Country Club Championship for Women for four years.

"Golf, traveling, volunteering, and my grandchildren are my hobbies and interests," according to Sally. One of the important volunteer jobs she held in the community was serving on the Board of Habitat for Humanity for four years. Sally is currently a volunteer with the USO.

The Browns joined the Chapel in 2005. They attended the church because Louis's family was involved with the Chapel. Sally has served on the Board of Trustees and on numerous committees such as Volunteer Chairperson, Stewardship, Membership, Communication, Strategic Planning, and Chapel Servant, all while being active in the choir.

When asked why she has been so willing to serve in so many capacities, she said, "It is important to serve the church because you are serving God and Jesus." When her husband died, Sally says that the church became an important support. "It got me out of myself and serving others."

When asked what her Christian faith meant to her, she replied: "Everything. It means trust, loyalty, not having fear, love and being able to count on God to pull me through."

Christ stressed the importance of service during his ministry on Earth. Sally acts upon her faith through her service to the Church and to others. She is a dedicated servant to the Chapel, but more importantly, to God.



Sally with her only grand-daughter, Marit



CHURCH STAFF REORGANIZATION

APRIL 1, 2017

Submitted by: Shirley Nelson, HR Chair

The following reorganization of church staff is effective April 1, 2017.

According to the By-Laws of The Village Chapel, the Senior Pastor is the spiritual leader and responsible for the planning and execution of religious services while delegating certain authorities to the Associate Minister and other ministerial employees. The Board of Trustees is the governing body of The Chapel accountable to the congregation. The Board is responsible for the Administrative function. Both areas coordinate with each other in order to carry out the mission of the Chapel.

Effective immediately, we are pleased to announce that LuAnn Kinney is now our Church Administrator reporting to the Board Chairman. All matters pertaining to administration will be directed to LuAnn. LuAnn's previous position as Executive Communications Director for the Chapel has been incorporated into her new position, eliminating the communications position.

We are sure that LuAnn will do well in her new position and we congratulate her on this promotion. We are pleased to report that Susan Benefield has been appointed to the position of Church Accountant. Susan will report to the Administrator on day to day matters and will liaison to the Treasurer on financial matters. Susan brings a wealth of experience in the accounting field, and will work on a part-time flexible schedule.

This reorganization and personnel changes come about due to the resignation of Candice Peoples who has been Manager of Finance and Administration for the past 6 years. Candice has resigned in order to pursue a new career. We wish Candice God's Speed as she embarks on this new endeavor. She will be missed.

Men's Ministry

May 13th: Our Men's Ministry meeting will be in the Chapel Hall from 0900-1030. We will review our action items and have the opportunity to hear Rev. Richard Payne share his experience as a NASCAR Chaplain. Richard works for the RCRacing Team (Richard Childress). Rev. Payne is the only active NASCAR Chaplain on the circuit. We will have coffee and donuts for you!

May 18th: Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the Pine-Crest Inn from 0815 – 09:30. Please bring a TVC brother or a friend. We will have a 15-minute devotional period and hear a sharing. Cost is \$13 person and includes tax and gratuity. Beginning in June, we will start earlier, from 0715-0830.



Memorial Day Service (May 28) -- Remembering Those Who Have Died

In keeping with our tradition, The Village Chapel will honor those members of our church who served in the military, but have since passed away. A special presentation will be shown at all three services on Sunday, May 28. We invite family members to submit photos (originals or electronic copies) to Heather at The Chapel office (Heather@tvcpinehurst.com) of those they wish to be remembered and honored for their service. Originals will be returned to their owners. Along with the photos (preferably in uniform) should be the deceased member's name, branch of military service, period of military service, and highest grade attained. **The families of Chapel members who served in the armed forces of US allies are encouraged to participate.**

There is no need to resubmit photos that are currently on file unless the family member wishes to do so. If there are any questions, please contact Don Goulet (246-0077 or dougoulet002@nc.rr.com) or Jack Raffaele (295-3031 or jackraffusa@gmail.com). **To meet preparation schedules, submissions must be received no later than May 17.**



The Village Chapel Music Series
Presents

The Village Chapel Choir

in concert

Ralph Vaughan Williams: *Five Mystical Songs*
and assorted hymns and spirituals

Sunday, May 21, 4:00pm

Eric Loftin, baritone
Anne Dorsey, guest conductor
Stephen Gourley, Director of Music

Camp Out Getting S'More of Jesus

ATTENTION CAMPERS and VOLUNTEERS!

**July 10-13
9am-12pm**

Register on our website today!

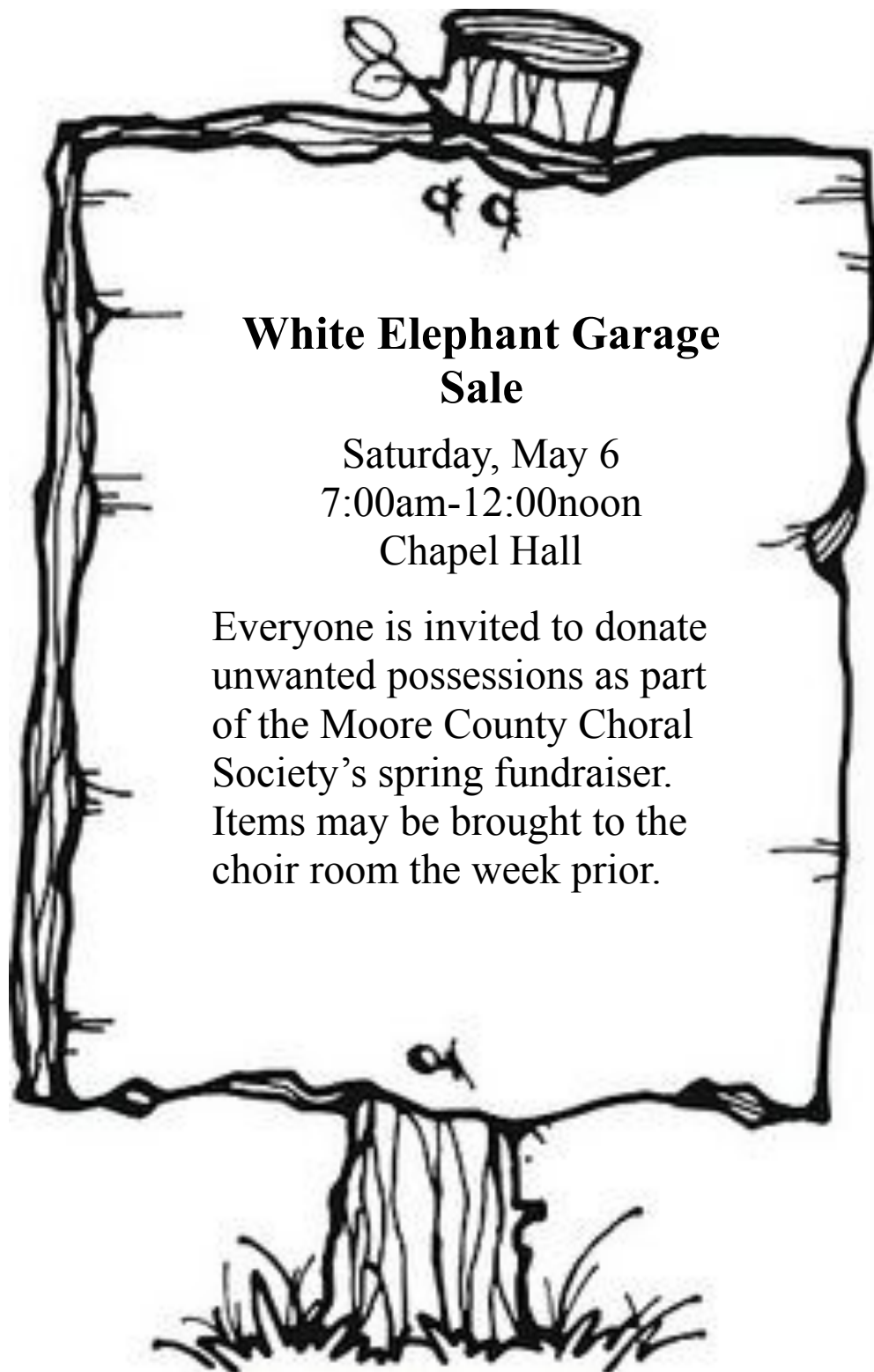




2017 Ladies Tea

A special "Thank You" to all the ladies who worked so hard to make the Annual Tea a success!

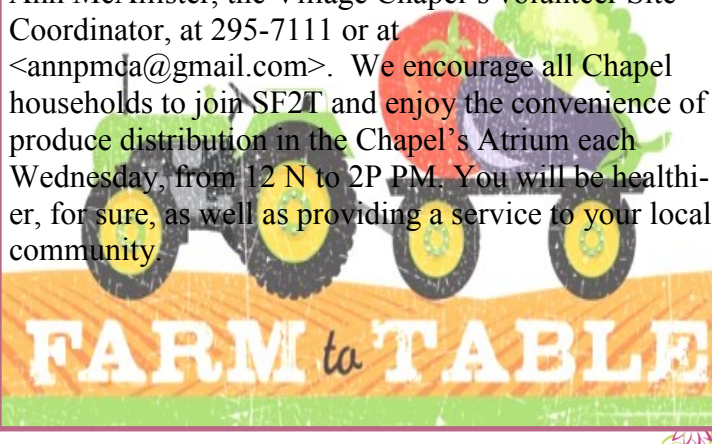




“We’re All in this Together” is one of the guiding principles of our Moore County food cooperative, Sandhills Farm 2 Table (SF2T), which is beginning its eighth year in our area and also at the Village Chapel Distribution Site, on April 17. Since its inception, Moore Co. farmers and the SF2T membership have been equal partners, planning and working together to provide and enjoy the freshest possible fruits and vegetables at a cost comparable to grocery stores. An SF2T goal is to keep Moore Co. farmland in the hands of farm families, thus ensuring the future of our local food supply.

In 2016, our SF2T membership exceeded 1500 area households and \$500,000 in revenue within Moore Co. One important factor is that 85% or more of this sum is returned to the local farmer, in contrast to 15% or less being returned to the growers when food is handled through grocery stores. As one of the nine distribution sites in Moore Co., the Village Chapel receives about \$1.50 for each produce box delivered to the site, which can become a substantial figure over the course of the year; this has provided additional funds to the Village Chapel’s Ministry Programs, including the Interfaith Food Pantry in Aberdeen. As an example of the co-op’s emphasis on service to all our community, SF2T donated over three tons (6000 lbs) of extra produce in 2016 to low-income Moore Co. families.

Yearly membership to SF2T programs is available on-line at www.SandhillsFarm2Table.com; the website explains the subscription process for the 18-week (weekly produce delivery) or 9-week (bi-weekly) spring/summer delivery season, and the various choices available among the different produce boxes. A Fall season will begin in September and continue through November, with similar arrangements. Questions about this new program and SF2T? Please contact Ann McAllister, the Village Chapel’s volunteer Site Coordinator, at 295-7111 or at [<annpmca@gmail.com>](mailto:annpmca@gmail.com). We encourage all Chapel households to join SF2T and enjoy the convenience of produce distribution in the Chapel’s Atrium each Wednesday, from 12 N to 2P PM. You will be healthier, for sure, as well as providing a service to your local community.



The National Alliance on Mental Illness

(NAMI) of Moore County is offering the Family to Family course **FREE** to family members, caregivers, and friends of those with mental illnesses. The course begins **May 13 and will run subsequent Wednesday evening and Saturday mornings until June 17**. You will learn of all current information about the sever and persistant mental illnesses and addictive disorders and up to date information about medications and current research. You also gain empathy by understanding these illnesses and the lived experiences of a person with a mental illness, while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening and communication techniques. You will be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver. You will be given guidance on locating appropriate supports and services within our community, and information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services. For more information or to register, call 910-295-1053. Space is limited.

NAMI Moore County
namimoorecounty@gmail.com
 (910) 295-1053

Last Call!

June begins our digital transition for The Chapel Herald. Over the past few months, we have emailed the Herald out to the congregation as well as mailing copies. The Chapel Herald has always been made available to view on our website either the last day of each month or on the first day of each month. To increase money saving efforts and become a bit more environmentally friendly, we have made the decision to only mail copies of The Chapel Herald to those who have expressed the need or who do not have access to a computer. Paper copies will still be printed and made available for pick-up during the month in the atrium.

I wish to continue to receive a printed Herald mailed to me each month.

 Name

 Address

Farewells

James Miller Dawson, 83, of Pinehurst, passed away at his home on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

A memorial service was held at The Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst, Tuesday, March 21, at 2 p.m.

Jim was born Nov. 15, 1933, in Alton, Ill. He grew up in Ferguson, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, graduated from the University of Missouri and married Elizabeth "Buff" Addison of Salem, Mo., in March 1955. Drafted into the U.S. Army, Dawson served in the Philadelphia area from 1956-1958. In 1958, he joined Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians as one of 15 singers. He recorded several albums with Fred Waring before accepting an offer to join his brother in a real estate development company in Madison, Wis.

In Madison, he performed with the Madison Theatre Guild, being awarded an "Elemer" for his role as Mr. Snow in "Carousel." He was a soloist in the choir at the Episcopal Church, where he served as a Lay reader and on the vestry. Dawson sang for five years with The Executives quartet throughout southern Wisconsin. A 32nd degree Mason, he was president of the Shrine Chanters. In real estate, he established Dawson Realty and was a state committee chairman for the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

Accepting an offer to be vice president of a development company in Florida, he and his family lived from 1967-1977 in the Clearwater area, where twice he was a tenor soloist with the Clearwater Symphony. He also sang the male lead role in a light opera, "The Red Mill," at the Daytona Beach Playhouse. Following the sellout of six subdivisions, Dawson joined the Realty Development Division of U.S. Steel as its director of sales for three condominium developments. During this time he was co-founder of the USS – American Cancer Society Celebrity Invitational golf tournaments which brought in stars from the movies, television, baseball and other sports to play golf and raise money towards the cure of cancer. Dawson served on the committee of 100 for Pinellas County, and was vice chairman of the board of trustees at St. Paul's Episcopal school, president of the board of governors for the Florida Gulf Coast Art Center, vice president of the Clearwater Concert Assoc., and a trustee of the Morton Plant Hospital.

Pinehurst Inc. brought Dawson to Pinehurst in 1977, as vice president of sales in land development shortly before a consortium of banks took over the holdings of the corporation. Dawson joined Century 21 and helped establish franchised real estate offices throughout North and South Carolina, keeping the Pinehurst location for himself. Once settled in his office in the Razook building, Dawson got involved helping to start the Golf Capital Barbershop Chorus, becoming its first choral director and second president. He served as the chairman of the Professional Standards Committee of the Moore County Board of Realtors, was a candidate for Pinehurst's first village council, served as a director of the Board of Realtors, director of the Pinehurst Business Guild, director of the Sandhills Little Theatre, director of St. Andrew's Society of N.C., director of the English Speaking Union, founder and president of The Century 21 Investment Society of the Carolinas, was president of the men of the Chapel at The Village Chapel, and as president of the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, where he was recognized as a Distinguished Past President in 1997 and Kiwanian of the Year in 2006.

Dawson was a member of the Moore County Shrine Club. He served as director of music for the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta for national conventions and spoke at several national conventions, such as the National Home Builders, the National Association of Realtor Boards and Century 21 International. He authored two newsletters, and was featured writer and restaurant critic for Tampa Bay Magazine, wrote for Private Clubs magazine, and for eight years was a theater and opera critic for The Pilot newspaper, interviewing Luciano Pavarotti on two occasions. At one time Dawson had his own local radio show, "Broadway Cavalcade," on WEEB, which ran on Sunday afternoons for one year.

During his more than 40 years in Moore County, Dawson was a soloist at The Village Chapel and several other area churches. For over a decade, Dawson contributed his voice as a soloist with the Blackstone Singers at Moore County Nursing Homes and Retirement Centers. He performed with the Pinehurst Dinner Theatre, Mannie's Dinner Theatre and the Sandhills Little Theatre, appearing as part of the quartet in two different productions of "The Music Man" and in about a dozen other shows. He and his daughter, Lisa, sang with the Norman Luboff Choir on a seven-state Christmas tour in 1985. The following year Dawson helped start Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst before establishing US1 Realty on U.S. 1 in Southern Pines, which he sold at age 60 and retired.

In 1991, "Buff" and Jim Dawson started the Squire's Pub on US 1 South in Southern Pines with their daughter-in-law, Dierdre and their son, Scott, who was a chef and restaurant manager from Atlanta.

Dawson had visited all 50 states and more than 40 countries on five continents. For civic clubs he shared his travels with photos of pubs in a slide presentation entitled, "The Sun Never Sets on the British...Pub."

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Buff" Addison Dawson; daughter, Lisa Gessner and her husband, John; son, Scott Dawson and his wife, Dede; and grandchildren, Devon and London Gessner and Sean and Tyler Dawson.



May Birthdays

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| 1 Jean Ann Doern | Joann Baker |
| 2 Geoff Taylor | 19 Molly Taylor |
| Gary Jacobsen | Betsy Jacobs |
| Katie Wilson | Chris Imperial |
| 5 Rich Cowell | 20 Lori Valentinas |
| Tim Woodruff | 21 Barbara Fulghum |
| 6 Peyton Page | 22 Sarah Smith |
| 7 Glenn Bower | Anna Page |
| Don Goulet | 23 Dave Edrington |
| Adrienne | 24 Ham Webster |
| Oxendine | John Rowerdink |
| 8 Ilana Stewart | 25 Betty Jane Wardle |
| Martha DeVault | Sarah Baucom |
| Jus Bazil | 27 Barb Beatty |
| 9 Ronald Milam | Dean Scaletta |
| 13 Juanita | 28 Ron Whitley |
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Happy Anniversary

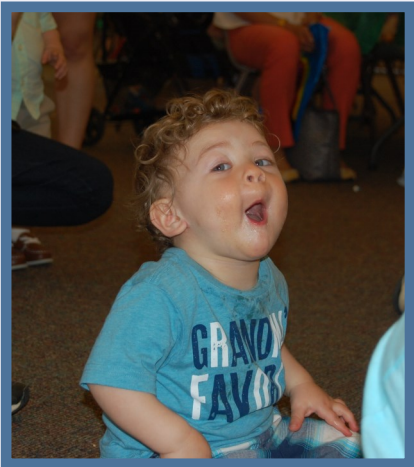
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| 12 George & Sharon Trail | 25 Rich & Lisa Wingfield |
| Julian & Sarah Hawes | 24 Nathan & Amy Whitfield |
| Stephen & Holly | Jerry & Judy Townley |
| Ingham | 30 Jack & Judi Wood |
| 14 Ashley & Vickie Smith | Richard & Pamela |
| 15 Jim & Amy Corcoran | Pabst |
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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.

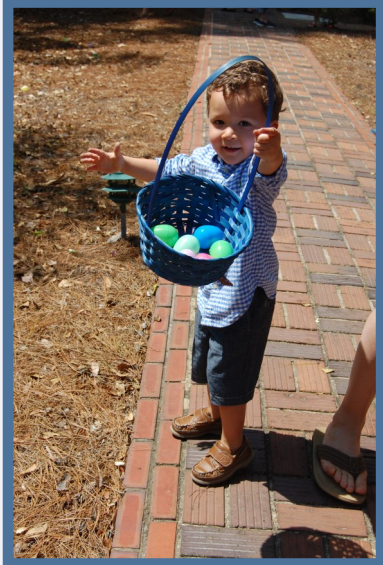
Kudos Corner

A very special "Kudos" to Candice Peoples for serving The Village Chapel as Manager of Finance and Administration. Candice has been a tremendous asset to The Village Chapel as not only a faithful employee but as a friend to so many. We wish Candice the best as she takes the next step in her journey.





2017 Easter Egg Hunt





April was a very active month in the relationship between The Village Chapel and Habitat for Humanity. First, on April 1 we had a large contingent present at the 2017 Habitat Gala. Secondly, on the 19th the Chapel hosted the monthly Faith Relations lunch for Habitat. This is a forum for sponsoring churches and Habitat to review their combined efforts. And later in the month, TVC provided a group of volunteers to finish off the Apostle Build in Robbins. Please contact Dan and Susan Joslin at danjoslin2@aol.com or Rosemary Weber at (910)295-1934 to learn more about how to be involved with Habitat on behalf of The Village Chapel.

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