

Family & Youth Ministry

“Making Disciples with the Families of Christ”



The Village Chapel

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Greetings In The Name of Christ!

On behalf of the members of The Village Chapel, I would like to welcome you and your family! In the following pages you will find my vision for Christian ministry, the theology undergirding our ministries, and discipleship opportunities for the entire family. I would love to answer any questions you have after reading the material, and perhaps meet with you to share my heart for Christian discipleship. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience. The Village Chapel, 910-295-6003; Home, 910-295-0120; Cell, 910-992-8308; and email ashleyneilsmith@aol.com.

Mission of The Village Chapel: *“As an interdenominational Christian Community, we actively worship God, 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 of the Family & Youth Ministry: **“Making Disciples with the Families of Christ”**

Family & Youth Ministry is a vision and means of action for implementing a comprehensive approach of Christian ministry to the families and youth of The Village Chapel and Pinehurst community. Our goal is Christian discipleship from Birth to Adulthood/Parenthood and all the stages of growth and development in between.

The *Family & Youth Ministry* can be summed up with the mission statement: **“Making Disciples with the Families of Christ”**. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and Christian martyr, said “Christianity without discipleship is Christianity without Christ.”¹The Body of Christ has received what has been termed the “Great Commission”, by which Christ commissions the Church to “make disciples.”

Christ taught a small group of twelve the truths of the Kingdom. He demonstrated how the truths were to be applied into daily living. He then commanded them to implement a similar process of reproducing more disciples, truly making them “fishers of men.” We seek to emulate the same model of ministry: Inviting willing participants into Christian community; Teaching them the truths of God’s Word; Teaching and Demonstrating how God’s Word applies to everyday living; Encouraging them to repeat the same process. In essence, we seek to produce Christian disciples, who will then reproduce Christian disciples. We wholeheartedly rely on God’s Grace and the Holy Spirit in every aspect of this ministry.

Here are several passages of scripture that provide a foundation and compass for the *Family First Initiative*:

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and *make disciples* of all the nations,

¹ Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *The Cost of Discipleship*.

baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.** And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:11-16 He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. **Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.** Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, ***becoming more and more in every way like Christ***, who is the head of his body, the church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. ***As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*** (NLT)

2 Timothy 2:2 ***Teach these great truths*** to trustworthy people who are able to ***pass them on to others.*** (NLT)

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ***Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.***

From these Biblical passages, we can summarize our ministry with the concept of making disciples by reaching out to everyone and teaching them how to apply God's Word to their daily lives (Mathew 28). Our aim will be to equip others to participate in Christian ministry, understanding that everyone is important to the overall success of the Commission (Ephesians 4). We can also surmise that discipleship involves reproduction; a continuation of the faith and heritage we have received (2 Timothy 2). In line with our family focus, is the high priority placed on the spiritual development of our children, and that not only is in the context of church ministry, but in the home. Empowering parents to nurture their child's faith is also a priority (Deut. 6). The goal of Christian discipleship is "Christ-likeness!" Together we can commit ourselves to the cause of Christ, and make a difference as His Church, in our Community, for Eternity!

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Worship Services at The Village Chapel:

8:15 a.m. Holy Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Family Service with Children’s Sermon

11 a.m. Traditional Service

I. Family Ministries

II. Adult Christian Education

III. Community Outreach (Families & Youth)

IV. Volunteering & Training Opportunities

V. Resources for Parents & Families

I. Family Ministries

A. Family Service (Sundays 9:30 a.m.)

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Village Chapel offers a “family” service. The services include a “Children’s Sermon” time when the children are invited to gather at the Chancel steps to hear a brief, relevant message based on scripture. The children are given an opportunity to answer questions, share their thoughts, and close in prayer. Hearing the children lead in prayer is one of the most moving experiences for parents and adults present.

“Village Life” Sunday School ministry begins in the Family Service, with the children being dismissed after the Children’s Sermon. (Details are listed under “Village Life” Sunday School)

Holy Communion Here at The Village Chapel, we fully include our children and youth in the larger community of faith. We allow and encourage them, with their entire family, to come to the Lord’s Table

and partake of Holy Communion. We actually have a chalice with two sections, the large side is wine, and the smaller side is grape juice. **On the first Sunday of each month**, the children remain in the service with their families to participate in the entire Family Service (Worship, Prayer, Preaching, Holy Communion).

****Parents who have children that have not been baptized are encouraged to prayerfully consider meeting with Pastor Ashley or Pastor John to discuss the importance of baptism and to schedule a time for a Baptismal Service.**

Advent Season Each Advent 4 families volunteer (selected) to read the appropriate Advent Readings as a call to worship, and to light the appropriate Advent candle on the Advent wreath. Families that have participated report the experience as meaningful and memorable.

Advent Family Reading Director:
Mrs. Darlene Skinner
dskinner4@nc.rr.com
Phone: (910) 215-0003

B. Nursery (Birth to Pre-K)

Available for all three worship services.

Volunteer Director: Mrs. Janis Sholtis
Phone: (910) 638-2092
Email: janissholtis@gmail.com

C. “Village Life” Sunday School

Available on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Sundays from 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for Birth to 12th Grade. “Village Life” begins

in the 9:30 a.m. Family Service with a Children's Sermon. The children and students are then dismissed to Chapel Hall and classrooms for Bible teaching, study, and reflection. Parents pickup students in Chapel Hall at 10:30 a.m. After the Family Service (9:30-10:30), Parents have the opportunity to attend the 10:45 Adult Sunday Class at the Care Cottage (55 Community Dr.) For the parents who attend the 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class, Nursery is available in Room 100.

Directors: Pastor Ashley & Vickie Smith

ashley@tvcpinehurst.com

Church Office: (910) 295-6003; Cell (910) 992-8308

"Village Life" Sunday School Curriculum:

Explore the Bible is a book-by-book Bible study for small groups and Sunday School classes of all ages that takes participants deep into the context of God's Word and challenges them to live it out in their own context. From preschool to adults, *Explore the Bible* presents a rich, age-appropriate study experience that pursues biblical context through:

- Balanced study plan
- Archaeological and historical background
- In-depth Bible commentary
- "Context passage" that reveals larger biblical context
- Engaging group discussion questions for every book of the Bible

Explore the Bible is the first study of its kind to join every age group in book-by-book Bible study. *Explore the Bible* allows adults and students to study the same passage while Kids study the same book and concepts incorporating narrative elements from throughout the Bible, as necessary, to make challenging concepts more kid-friendly.

Explore The Bible classes currently being offered:

Pre K-K – Chapel Hall (Middle)

1st & 2nd Grade- Chapel Hall (Front)

3rd- 5th Grade- Chapel Hall (Back)

6th- 8th Grade- Pastors Board Room

9th-12th Grade – Room 101(Beside Nursery)

D. Children's Choir (Sundays 4-5 p.m.)

For Elementary School students. The students will be singing periodically in the 9:30 Family Service. Parents and youth have discipleship opportunities available during this time, (see *Marriage and Parenting and Youth*).

Rehearsal Dates: 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7

Sing in Worship: 3/5, 4/9, 4/16, 5/14

No Rehearsals: 2/5, 3/5, 4/9, 4/16, 5/14

Director of Music Ministry: Mr. Stephen Gourley

Church: 910-295-6003

stephen@tvcpinehurst.com

Children's Choir Director: Deb Holden

E. Parent's Night Out/ Fun Gym on Fridays

Available on the last Friday night of each month, during the Fall & Spring Semesters from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The ministry is open to all students with Nursery provided at the Chapel upon request.

Fun Gym is an unstructured, well supervised open practice time at Sandhill's Gymnastics in Aberdeen. The qualified staff are on hand to supervise as the children work on the events and skills they choose. Fun Gym is open to nonmembers of the gym. Parental

supervision is strongly suggested for children under 6 yrs. old. A parent or legal guardian will be required to sign in and out every time before a child can participate (Id's will be checked by our staff at the door).

*Last Friday of the month is 9\$ for two hours per child)

Dates Spring Semester: 1-27, 2-24, 3-31, 4-28, 5-26

Sandhill's is located off of Hwy 5 behind the Food Lion Shopping Center in Aberdeen at: 220 Ampersand Road, Aberdeen, N.C., 28315. (910-295-0724)

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F. Vacation Bible School: Summer 2017 (July 10-13)

Details and registration information will be posted.

Directors:

Shannon Fox (443) 789-1076 sfox@emgcorp.com

Katie Barrett (910) 783-4969 uncktb@gmail.com

G. Centri-Kid Summer Camp

Available for 3rd - 5th graders. Hosted on the campus of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. The students stay on campus overnight for the week. The students participate in daily activities known as track times (specialty themes) and group worship services in the evening, with dynamic Youth speakers. The dates for 2017 are **June 19-23**. (Cost \$302; Registration required).

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H. Scripture Readers

Available for students in the 6th Grade and up; The youth volunteer to read the selected scriptures in the 9:30 Family Service during the first Sunday Holy Communion Service. It's a great way to involve our youth and develop their public speaking abilities.

Director: Mrs. Darlene Skinner

dskinner4@nc.rr.com

Phone: (910) 215-0003

I. Youth Ministry

1. Youth Revolution (Sunday Nights)

(2/12/17 – 5/7/17)

Youth meet on Sundays 4-5 pm at “The Underground” of the Care Cottage. The group meets for discipleship ministry and is available to 6th- 12th grade.

Dates Class Does Not Meet: 2/5, 3/5, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 5/14

Director: Vickie Smith

vickiecarsonsmith@aol.com

Cell Phone: (910) 992-8309

2. YoungLife of the Sandhills

High School student ministry that meets on Mondays from 7:29 – 9 p.m. Dates for Spring Semester 2017:

Jan. 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; Mar. 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 10, 24; May 1

(Sandhills Children's Center: 1280 Central Dr. Southern Pines, N.C. 28387)

YL CAMP: Sharp Top Cove (Jasper, GA): **July 2-8**

3. Wyldlife of the Sandhills

Middle School student ministry that meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Dates for Spring Semester 2017:

Jan. 24; Feb. 7, 28; Mar. 21; Apr. 11; May 2

(Sandhills Children's Center: 1280 Central Dr. Southern Pines, N.C. 28387)

Wyldlife Camp: Windy Gap (Weaverville, NC):
March 3-5, 2017

YoungLife Directors: Greg & Lucy Noble

nobleyl@yahoo.com

(910) 315-7949

<http://sandhills.younglife.org/>

J. Junior Altar Guild

Available for young women and men, 5th grade and up. The Junior Altar Guild work directly with Senior Guild members who mentor them in this sacred ministry.

Director: Mrs. Janis Sholtis

janissholtis@gmail.com

Phone: (910) 638-2092

K. Acolyte Ministry

Available to youth 5th grade and up. The students minister in the 9:30 a.m. Family Service (on the first Sunday of each month) and each Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service. (Training is available).

9:30 Family Service Director: Mrs. Betty Mangum

Home: (910) 215-9093

Cell: (910) 639-7977

bettymangum@embarqmail.com

11:00 Traditional Service Director: Mrs. Vickie Smith
vickiecarsonsmith@aol.com
Cell Phone: (910) 992-8309

L. X-Fuge On Mission- Summer Camp

Available for completed 6th graders and up. The camp is an overnight, weeklong camp hosted in Hilton Head, SC. The students participate in community outreach and missions projects during the day, with activities and worship services in the evenings. The students hear the most dynamic youth speakers in the nation, and fully engage the community through missions. The dates are: **July 17th-21st 2017**

(Cost: \$363 per student; Registration required)

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M. Marriage & Parenting Class (2/12/17 – 5/7/17)

Available on Sunday nights from 4-5 p.m. The ministry meets in the Conference Room (#101) The ministry covers a broad range of topics, and runs congruently with Children's Choir and Youth Revolution. Nursery is provided.

Dates Class Does Not Meet: 2/5, 3/5, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 5/14

Director: Pastor Ashley Smith

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II. Adult Christian Education

A. Seminary Lecture Series

Available on Wednesdays in Conference Room. The class watches a 30 minute DVD lecture from a seminary professor, and discusses the subject matter covered. (No cost or registration required for class; (There is a fee for course book if a book is requested).

Spring offering: February 1st- May 10th 2017

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. "Jesus and His Jewish Influences"

Dr. Jodi Magness is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She earned her B.A. in Archaeology and History from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. A trained archaeologist with more than 20 years of field experience, Professor Magness has excavated throughout Israel and in Greece and has codirected excavations of the Roman siege works at Masada and a Roman fort at Yotvata.

Dates class does not meet:

March 1st (Ash Wednesday)

April 12th (Holy Week)

April 19th (Pastor Ashley Vacation)

Convener: Pastor Ashley Smith

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B. Bible Study (February 1st – May 10th 2017)

Wednesdays, **11am-12 p.m.** in Conference Room. The class consists of a chapter by chapter look at the theology, historical background, and the practical application. **Spring 2017 book: I Corinthians**

Dates class does not meet:

March 1st (Ash Wednesday)

April 12th (Holy Week)

April 19th (Pastor Ashley Vacation)

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III. Community Outreach & Events (Families & Youth)

Easter Egg Hunt- April 15, 2017 1 p.m.

Easter (Holy) Saturday- Chapel Hall.

Vacation Bible School- July 10-13, 2017

Fall Festival- Wednesday, Oct. 25th 2017 (5:45-7:30)

IV. Volunteering & Training Opportunities

A. “Village Life” Sunday School Volunteers

There are ministry opportunities at every level. From lead teacher or assistant teacher (as an individual or couple) to registration/attendance assistants. After you have prayerfully considered the way God may desire to use you in this ministry, and you are still interested in serving in some capacity, contact Pastor Ashley to set up an appointment for a brief meeting to discuss ways that you could best use your talents. (Spiritual gifts assessment is available).

After the initial meeting with Pastor Ashley, depending on the service opportunity, you will receive training and materials, and a back-ground check will be initiated. We use a training model that involves observation, assisting, and then leading. All efforts will be made to fully prepare you for service. We will also offer ongoing training and support on an annual basis, and as needed.

I want to encourage you to make yourself available to our Lord to reach others with the Gospel. Your life can and will make a difference! I am praying for you, and look forward to meeting with you soon.

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B. Summer Camps, Youth Outings, and Outreach Events

Chaperons are needed for summer camps, certain youth outings in the community, and almost every community outreach event.

Contact: Pastor Ashley Smith
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Cell: 910-992-8308
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C. Online Training Opportunity “Dimensions of Faith”

<http://my.gordonconwell.edu/dimensions/>

The *Dimensions of the Faith* program is for any Christian who desires foundational knowledge in the Old and New Testaments, Biblical Interpretation, Church History, Theology, and World Missions.

An Integrated Learning System:

The questions and outlines in the study guides help you take your learning beyond mere information gathering. Study guides are available for download in PDF format. If you would like to purchase a print form of the study guides, please call 800-294-2774. The *Dimensions of the Faith* courses are also available for purchase in

MP3 and Audio formats. To purchase, visit the *Ockenga Institute Online Store*.

Complete all ten courses and receive a *Dimensions of the Faith* Certificate from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Students who complete all 10 courses are also eligible for a scholarship for up to \$1000 if they enroll full-time at Gordon-Conwell. The *Dimensions of the Faith* courses cannot be used toward any degree. See our Frequently Asked Questions page for more details or contact us at 800-294-2774 for more information or E-mail us at dimensions@gcts.edu.

The *Dimensions of the Faith* is a program provided by the Ockenga Institute of Gordon-Conwell. The Harold John Ockenga Institute exists to equip the church for renewal, global outreach and cultural transformation by extending the vision and capabilities of Gordon-Conwell through multi-faceted educational resources.

V. Resources For Parents & Families

- A. 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Stories (over 100 Illustrations) by Daniel Partner **Free to all families!**
- B. Magazines: ***Home Life; Parenting Teens; Parent Life***. Available on information desk outside Pastor Ashley's office. Read and return system; one copy of each magazine available.
- C. Family & Children Devotions for Phone APPS and Online Resources **(ALL FREE)**
 - 1. Daily Bible Devotion Daily, morning, and evening devotions, with Bible Trivia & even humor! (Search for App on your phone)

2. Keys For Kids (Online or iPhone APP; Google Play Written or Audi Devotion by “Uncle Charlie”; Has the ABC’s of Salvation!

<http://www.cbhministries.org/ForKids/KeysforKids/ReadListen.aspx>

3. Vanderbilt Divinity School Library-
Revised Common Lectionary:

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php>

4. Sermons4Kids.Com Sign up free for children’s sermons and devotions by email!; Daily devotions.

<http://www.sermons4kids.com/key4kids.htm>

5. Right Now Media: In home resources that gives access to parents for TV and Online media for children and students. Request a link by emailing Pastor Ashley and expressing your interest. Then you will receive an email link that will allow you to set up a username and password, that will allow access to many resources! For more information go to www.rightnowmedia.org and click on two minute demo video.

The Christian Year (Liturgical Calendar)

The Village follows the yearly Christian calendar. Enclosed is a brief description of the themes and colors of the year. We also follow the weekly readings of the Revised Common Lectionary. RCL is a three year collection of scripture readings that we use in all three worship services. For more information please feel free to contact Pastor Ashley or Pastor John.

Advent

When: Begins four Sundays prior to Christmas. Includes all days until Christmas (or Christmas Eve). Length varies according to date of first Sunday. The beginning of the Christian year.

Themes: Waiting; Expectation; Hope; Yearning; Our need for a Savior. A minor theme of joy. Christians remember the Jewish yearning for the “advent” (from Latin for “coming” or “visit”) of the Messiah. We also get in touch with our hope for the Messiah’s second advent.

Christmas

When: December 25th through January 5, a twelve-day season. Many Christians begin celebrating Christmas on Christmas Eve. Of course most people think of Christmas as a day, not a season. But, as the song narrates, there are twelve days of Christmas.

Themes: Celebration of the Incarnation of the Word of God; Salvation; Joy; Kingdom; Peace; Giving.

Epiphany

When: January 6, the day after the season of Christmas.

Themes: Some traditions emphasize the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) and the universal import of salvation in Christ. Other traditions focus on the baptism of Jesus.

Ordinary Time

When: Times during the year when there is not a special day or season. Ordinary time begins the day after Epiphany and extends until the day before Lent (Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday). Ordinary time begins again after Pentecost, extending until the day before Advent.

Themes: Ordinary time is not “plain, boring time,” but rather “counted” time. Different traditions include many celebrations during ordinary time, such as Trinity Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, All Saints Day, and so

forth. The themes of ordinary time include the basic elements of the Christian life.

Lent

When: Forty weekdays prior to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. The precise dates vary according to the date of Easter, which can range from March 22 to April 25. The six Sundays during the season of Lent are not counted in the forty days.

Themes: Penitence; Morality; Human Limitations; Need for a Savior; Self-Denial; Preparation for Good Friday and Easter. Some Christian traditions emphasize Lenten fasting (from food and other delights). Other traditions focus on adding spiritual disciplines.

Holy Week

When: The last seven days of Lent, prior to Easter. Holy Week includes: Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Themes: The last week of Jesus' life; The death of Jesus and its meaning; Love for one another (Maundy Thursday). Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus as king, but leads into a solemn preparation for remembrance of his death.

Easter

When: A fifty-day season of the year, beginning on the evening before Easter and continuing for seven Sundays until Pentecost. Includes Ascension Day. Easter Sunday or Resurrection Day is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox (March 21). (The Eastern Orthodox Easter occurs a week later.)

Themes: Salvation; Victory; New life; Joy; Christ reigns.

Pentecost

When: The seventh Sunday after Easter.

Themes: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit; The birth of the church; Power for service in the church and the world; The inclusion of all of God's people in ministry. "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word for fifty, from the phrase "fiftieth day [after Easter]." In some traditions it is called Whitsunday (White Sunday), perhaps owing to the white garments of those baptized on this Sunday.

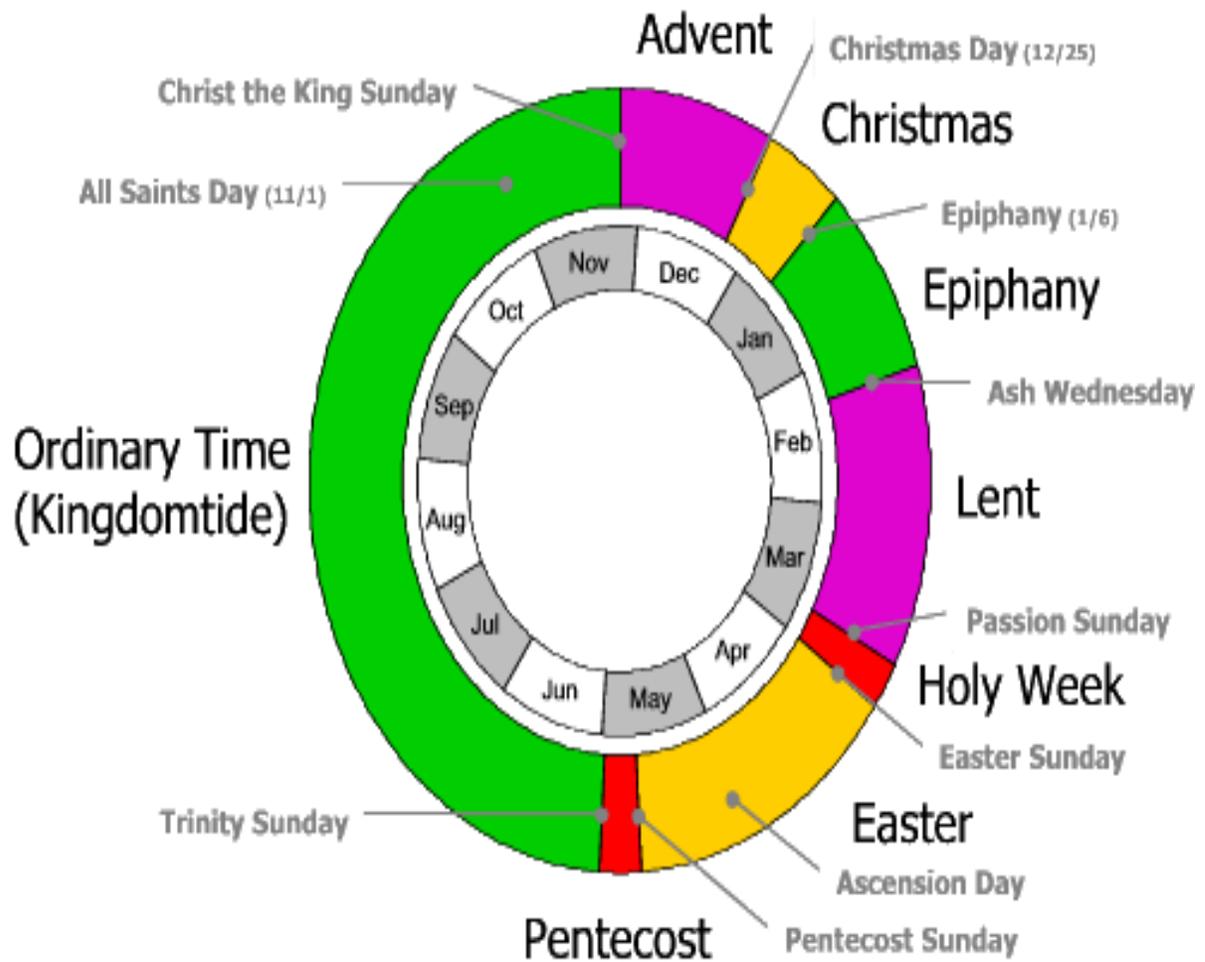
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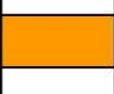
When: From the day after Pentecost through the day before Advent, about five months.

***Just a guide (Not definitive)**

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The Christian Year



Day or Season	Date(s)	Theme(s)	Meaning of Color(s)	Color(s)
Advent	From four Sundays before Christmas Day to Christmas Eve	Waiting; expectation; hope; longing; joy	Purple (or sometimes blue) for solemnity and royalty; pink for joy on third Sunday	
Christmas	Twelve days from December 25 to Jan 5	Birth of Jesus; Word Incarnate; Celebration; Joy; Light; Salvation	White and gold for celebration, light, purity	
Epiphany	January 6	The "epiphany" (manifestation) of Jesus as the Son of God; the visit of the Magi; joy. Sometimes the baptism of Jesus is celebrated here.	White and gold for joy and celebration	
Ordinary Time	January 7 to the day before Ash Wednesday	"Ordinary Time" describes the Christian year when there is no unusual focus	Green for life and growth	
Ash Wednesday	The Wednesday seven weeks before Easter	Penitence; mere humanness; sin; our need for a savior; mortality	Black or gray for sinfulness and death; purple for penitence and solemnity	
Lent	The 40 weekdays before Easter, not counting Sundays, includes Holy Week	Penitence; solemnity; spiritual focus; self-denial; preparation for Easter.	Purple for penitence and solemnity	
Holy Week	The week before Easter (including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday)	Preparation for Easter; remembering the last week of Jesus's life; the death of Jesus	Red for passion and the blood of Christ	
Palm Sunday	The Sunday of Holy Week	Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem; Jesus as king	Red for Holy Week; sometimes gold or white or purple (for royalty)	
Maundy Thursday	The Thursday before Easter	Remembering the "new commandment" to love one another (<i>mandatum novum</i> in Latin, from which we get "Maundy")	Red for passion and Christ's sacrifice	
Good Friday	The Friday before Easter	Remembering the death of Jesus; sorrow; confession; anticipation	Black for death, sorrow	
Easter	The Sunday after the first full moon after Vernal Equinox (more or less)	The resurrection; eternal life; victory; joy; light; life	Gold and white	
Eastertide	Seven weeks after Easter (including Ascension Sunday)	Continued joyful celebration of the resurrection and its implications	Red (for the church); gold and white for Easter	
Pentecost	The seventh Sunday after Easter	The outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the birth of the church; God's power.	Red (for power)	
Ordinary Time	From Pentecost to the day before Advent	Growth in Christ; can include special celebrations such as Trinity Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, etc.	Green (for life and growth)	
Trinity Sunday	The Sunday after Pentecost	Recognizing the presence and power and majesty of the Triune God	White or gold	
Christ the King	The last Sunday before Advent	Honoring Christ as the King of the present and the future	White or gold	