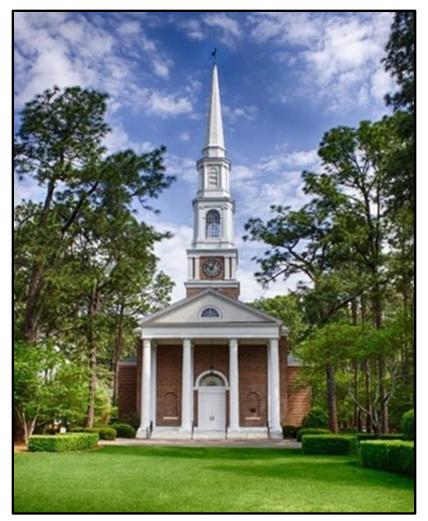


Pinehurst, North Carolina

### May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day/Graduate Sunday



### **Our Mission**

As an independent, interdenominational Church, we unify all Christians through the Word of God, worship God in spirit and truth; teach and encourage the Christian faith; support the spiritual needs of our congregation and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through community outreach.

### **The Hillage Chapel** An Enduring Vision for Christian Community

As an independent, interdenominational, Christian community, we look to the authority of scripture and the Lordship of Christ in all matters of doctrine and practice. Our mission is founded upon the precepts of worship, learning, and service.

First, The Village Chapel exists to worship God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together, the Trinity are "worshipped and glorified," as we, and Christians throughout history, profess in the Nicene Creed. In the Gospel of John, our Lord teaches us, that the Father seeks worshippers (John 4:23). Therefore, we assemble together as a community of worshippers to give God our praise and thanksgiving, and to exalt His name in The Village of Pinehurst and Moore County. The Village Chapel is a place of worship, and we are His worshippers—not only on Sundays, but every day, and everywhere.

Next, we are called to become learners of Christ. Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, to learn from Him (Matthew 11:29), and He commissioned us to teach people about Him (Matthew 28:20). Christian living is Christian learning. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, "Christianity without discipleship, is Christianity without Christ." Jesus desires for us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him, so we can be equipped to teach others, sharing the message of the Gospel—learners becoming imitators of Christ.

Finally, we are called to be servants—to serve God and to serve one another. Jesus said that He "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) We are not to be "hearers" of the Word only, but "doers." (James 1:22) Following the Lord's example of sacrificial service, we too are to live sacrificially in our service to God, His Church, and others.

Upon these three pillars, is the vision of The Village Chapel founded.

Worship. Learn. Serve.

Rev Dr. Ashley Neil Smith, Senior Pastor

If you are looking for a church home, the pastors would like to meet with you at your convenience. The process for membership is simple and straightforward. Once a new member application (one page) is submitted - applications can be requested from our office, filled out online, or found in our visitor folders in the narthex - then, a meeting with a pastor is scheduled. Because we are an interdenominational community - including many Christian faith traditions - we offer dual membership. Dual membership allows you to be a member of The Village Chapel and another church. Also, transfer letters are not required, but can be requested at your behest. We look forward to worshiping, learning, and serving with you and your family, in the days to come.

#### HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 A.M.

+ Congregation stands

Opening Voluntary Beside the Still Waters	Gwyneth Walker
Minister's Informal Words	Rev. Trey Majure
† Opening Hymn Lift High the Cross	287
† Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
<sup>+</sup> Collect for Purity	
† Summary of the Law	
Minister: The Lord be with you.	
People: And with thy spirit.	
Minister: Let us pray.	
(kneel or sit)	
Collect of the Day	
First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43	(bulletin, p.7)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.	
People: Thanks be to God.	
New Testament: Revelation 7:9-17	(bulletin, p.7)
Reader: The Word of the Lord	
People: Thanks be to God.	
† Gospel: John 10:22-30	(bulletin, p.8)
Prior to the reading the congregation says:	
Glory be to thee, O Lord.	
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.	
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.	
Meditation	Rev. Dr. Vickie Smith
† Nicene Creed ( <i>People</i> )	
I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, an	nd of all things visible and invisible;
and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God: begotten of	his Father hefore all worlds. God of

and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. *Amen*.

Prayers for the Church and People

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of General Confession (People)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time, most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Absolution

Comfortable Words

Sursum Corda

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

#### People: It is meet and right so to do.

#### Preface (proper prefaces as appointed)

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

#### Sanctus (People)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer (*People*)

Prayer of Humble Access (People)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen*.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (People)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

#### + Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him, above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen † Hymn In the Garden

Benediction

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the closing voluntary.

Closing Voluntary

Reader: Mike Fusselbaugh

Altar & Greeter: Jan Jeffress

300

#### THE 9:30 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Nursery is available in Heritage Hall. + Congregation s	
Opening Voluntary Processional	William Mathias
Words of Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Greg Wetzelberger
+ Entrance of Our Graduates	
A Litany for Graduates	(bulletin, p. 12)
Blessing & Recognition of Graduates	
*Children will be dismissed to Sunday School at this time.	. Youth will remain in the service.
Call to Worship	
† Opening Hymn Lift High the Cross	287
Choral Anthem Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	Ruth Artman
† Doxology	
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,	
Praise Him, all creatures here below,	
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,	
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen	
† Hymn In the Garden	300
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer ( <i>People</i> )	
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Nar	
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And	
that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptat	
kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever	
First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43	(bulletin, p.7)
† <i>Psalm 23</i> (Read in unison)	(bulletin, p.7)
New Testament: Revelation 7:9-17	(bulletin, p.7)
Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30	(bulletin, p.8)
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Vickie Smith
† Apostles' Creed ( <i>People</i> )	
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaver Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of	the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the	
ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand o	
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the	
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resu	urrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.	
+ Closing Hymn To God be the Glory	66
Benediction	
Closing Voluntary Toccata in 7	John Rutter
Greeters: Tom Campbell & Tom Cecka	Acolytes: Harriett Tew & Anna Grace Burgess
Reader: John Rowerdink	A/V Intern: Andrew Burgess
Guest Musicians: Ed Martel, pianist; Kelly Shea, flutist	
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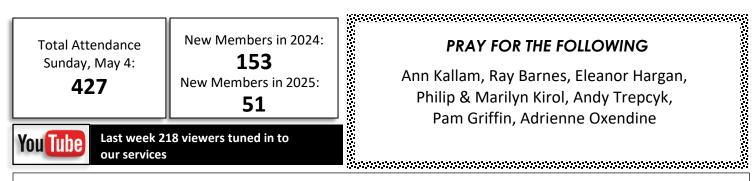
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#### 11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

+ Congregation stands

	ow all to prepare themselves in reverence for worship.
Opening Voluntary Beside the Still Waters	Gwyneth Walker
Words of Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Trey Majure
Call to Worship	
+ Opening Hymn Lift High the Cross	287
Prayer of Confession (People)	
	sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we
	Ve have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not
-	sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus
	ve may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory
of thy Name. Amen.	
Assurance of Pardon	
Hymn of Praise <i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>	Robert Powell
First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43	(bulletin, p.7)
+ <i>Psalm 23</i> (Read in unison)	(bulletin, p.7)
† Gloria Patri	734
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to th	•
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall	be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.	
New Testament: <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>	(bulletin, p.7)
Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30	(bulletin, p.8)
Minister: The Lord be with You. People: And with thy spirit.	
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer	
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+ Hymn The Lord is My Shepherd Sermon	Rev. Dr. Vickie Smith
+ Apostles' Creed ( <i>People</i> )	Rev. DI. VICKIE SIIILII
	heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our
	porn of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
	b hell; the third day, He rose again from the dead. He
	hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, He shall
	e in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, t	he resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.	
Choral Anthem Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	Ruth Artman
† Doxology	
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,	Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,	to Thee we sing:
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,	Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen	Protect us by Thy might, great God our King! Amen.
+ Closing Hymn In the Garden	300
Benediction & Choral Response	
The congregation is invited to remain seated for th	ne closing voluntary.
Closing Voluntary Toccata in 7	John Rutter
Ushers: Jack Wood, George Watterworth, Russell	Zumwalt Reader: Lyla Elliott
Guest Musicians: Ed Martel nianist: Kelly Shea flu	

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Please reach out to John Roberts with any prayer requests at pstrjohnroberts@gmail.com. You can also share your prayer requests on the prayer cards on the back of the pews and deposit them in the prayer boxes in the back of the church. They will be prayed for by the Upper Room prayer team.

If you or one of your family members are in the hospital, let us know so we can provide you with pastoral care. Please call the office.

#### Flower Dedication for Sunday, May 11

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John Killian in memory of Jeannette Killian.

The Hymn Board flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastors Ashley and Vickie to celebrate 25 years of marriage (May 14) and Pastor Ashley's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday (May 16) and to celebrate Rev. Dr. Vickie Smith's graduation.

The flowers on the Pedestal are given to the Glory of God by Sharon Trail in honor of Sharon and George's 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary and the second anniversary of George's passing.

The additional floral arrangement is given to the Glory of God in commemoration of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing to Glory of Bosé Cecelia Obi by her husband and children.

#### **Scripture Readings**

Acts 9:36-43 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Revelation 7:9-17** After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne

and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

John 10:22-30 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

#### May 18 Scripture Readings

Acts 11:1-18 • Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35 • Psalm 148

#### **MEN OF THE CHAPEL**

<u>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</u> The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Thursday, **May 22**, at the Pine Crest Inn. The cost for the breakfast is \$20 which includes tax and gratuity. Coffee is available at 6:45 with breakfast at 7:00. Please email **jimvoelkel74@gmail** if you are able to attend.

**Family outing, Durham Bulls Baseball** August 16, 6:35 p.m., the Durham Bulls versus the Nashville Sounds at the Bulls Athletic Park. This year we will sit along the 1st base line in Section 204, rows T & U. The tickets are \$24 each. Email Joe Derosa if you will attend and how many in your party, **deros15@gmail.com**. Additionally, let Joe know if you wish to ride the bus.

#### WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

#### All women who come to the Chapel are invited and encouraged to participate

<u>Steering Committee</u> monthly meeting will be on **May 13** at 9:30 a.m. at the Care Cottage, 55 Community Road in Pinehurst.

<u>Cross Ties Luncheon</u> will be on Tuesday, **May 13**, at 11:45 a.m. at The Pine Crest Inn. The cost for lunch is \$20. If you plan to attend, please remember RSVPs are due by noon on Friday, **May 9**. If you have any questions contact **Jan Cooke 910-280-0602, cheznous@windstream.net or Renee White 910-315-1799**,

**renejenningswhite@gmail.com.** No response is needed by those who have planned to attend monthly, unless unable to attend. Cancellations must be received by noon on Friday, **May 9**, to avoid being responsible for the cost.

**WOC looking for new Vice Chair** The Vice-Chair will assist the Chair in overseeing the WOC Steering Committee in developing programs to further spiritual growth and develop a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Vice-Chair will also assist planning faith and fellowship events for the women of our congregation. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and our church and meet the women of our congregation.

**Faith & Fellowship Walk** All ladies are invited to gather for our next monthly walk on Saturday, **June 7**, at 9:00 a.m. outside Heritage Hall. Betsy Barnard will lead the way as we walk along the lovely path behind our chapel, sharing Bible verses and other inspiring words. Children and leashed pets are welcome! Email **Betsy ekbarnard@yahoo.com** for details.

<u>Group Exercise Class</u> Once a month Ruth Holm leads a group exercise class for ladies interested in light to moderate exercise. Her next class will be Saturday, **June 14**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. Each class includes chair exercises and breathing techniques for all levels. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and bring a bottle of water. All ladies are welcome!

**Book Club** Our next monthly meeting will be on Friday, **June 13**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Care Cottage. We will discuss "Stepping Heavenward" by Elizabeth Prentiss. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact **Renee Cassidy reneeacassidy@gmail.com** for details.

<u>Retreat Committee</u> We are looking for new chairs. If you are interested, please contact Lyla Elliott 910-773-0256, womenofthechapeltvc@gmail.com.

<u>Annual Remembrance</u> We are starting a new annual project of Remembrance for members who have gone Home to be with Jesus. This year we honor those who passed away from January 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025. We propose to have the Remembrance on display in the Narthex on All Saints Day on November 2. It will then be moved to Chapel Hall for our Fellowship Dinner on **November 5**. If you would like to help with this project, contact **Mary Boucher by texting 910-215-6607 or email maryboucher6607@gmail.com**.

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights will meet in Heritage Hall from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

<u>Children's Sunday School</u> will be held in Heritage Hall. Nursery is available during all three services.

<u>American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA</u> is an active part of TVC. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:45 p.m. There are many opportunities to get involved or be an assistant with minimal time required. Volunteers are needed to make these ministries successful for the church and the community. Don't hesitate to contact Jeremy Lashmit at Jeremylashmit@gmail.com for Trail Life and Lindsey at putz.lindsey@gmail.com for American Heritage Girls. We will meet on May 14 & 28.

Youth Bazaar The Village Chapel will host a Youth Bazaar for the benefit of our Youth Ministry. The event will take place on Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for crafters and artisans who would like to reserve a table and sell their crafts - \$30 per table and 1 donated item for the youth table. Additional information can be found in the weekly eblasts. Contact Anne DeRosa annederosa00@gmail.com for details.

#### **CARE OF THE CONGREGATION**

<u>Meal Ministry</u> offers a meal to our members who may be experiencing a recent hospitalization, an illness, a birth, death, relocation, or other need. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please contact Anne DeRosa at annederosa00@gmail.com or Agnes Fusselbaugh at fusselag@gmail.com.

**GriefShare Support Group** Aberdeen First Baptist Church, located at 700 N. Sandhills Blvd, Aberdeen, will be hosting the spring session of GriefShare with weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., through **May 28**. There is time for support group discussion as well as personal study and reflection guided by workbook exercises during the week. The registration fee is \$20 to cover materials. Call AFB church office at 910-944-1421 with any questions or to sign up. You may also learn more at griefshare.org, or by contacting **Carole Weaver at 910-975-0983**. **Dementia Care Resources** can now be located on the Care of the Congregation page on The Village Chapel's website. The page hosts video links, blog posts, general and local information on support groups, information on the Senior Enrichment Center, and more! Check the Chapel Herald and weekly eblasts for more information.

#### MUSIC

<u>Chapel Choir</u> The Village Chapel Choir rehearses Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and leads all musical elements of the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services as well as special services during the year. Contact **Stephen Gourley at stephen@tvcpinehurst.com** for more information.

The Children's Choir rehearses most Sunday mornings following the 9:30 a.m. service and sing monthly in worship. Contact Deborah Holden, Director, at debdrey@gmail.com.

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**

The Al Mangum 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class will meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd) For questions on the class or how you can get involved, please contact Greg Wetzelberger at 850-549-7806, John Rowerdink at 910-235-0644 or Bill Bremer at 910-690-4076.

**<u>Revelation in a Year</u>** On the first Wednesday of each month, Greg Wetzelberger will lead the "Revelation in a Year" class. Join us for the next class on **June 4**, in Heritage Hall at 4:30 p.m.

<u>Defending Your Faith</u> Pastor Trey and Ken Dickson lead a class on how to defend your Christian faith in a rapidly changing world. This course is designed to help you discuss your faith with friends and family, and how to defend it against common objections. Our next meeting will be Sunday, **June 1**, in Heritage Hall at 5:00 p.m. and we will be discussing the "Hard Sayings of Jesus." If you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Trey at** trey@tvcpinehurst.com

Seminary Lecture Series Join Pastor Ashley as he explores the History of Christianity. The class begins with a 30minute video lecture by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D., followed by a 30-minute discussion of the subject matter. The class meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next lecture is Wednesday, May 28, at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd-Pinehurst), and is entitled: "The Distinctive Issues of the Latin West." There is no cost or registration required, and all are welcome! <u>Practicing the Way</u> It's not just that it's hard to follow Jesus by ourselves, it's that we can't! We were created to follow Jesus together with others - just like Jesus did. Our next practice is "Community" where we'll learn together how to foster more authentic, Christian relationships of depth and love. We will meet at the Care Cottage on alternate Tuesdays on May 13 & 27 and June 10 & 24 from 4:30 - 5:45pm. To register or to learn more, please contact Steve & Bonnie Jo Wurzbacher at bonniewurzbacher@mac.com

<u>Thursday Bradshaw Bible Study</u> We will be concluding our study of the first 15 chapters of the Gospel of Matthew on May 22 and will then be taking a break for the summer. We will resume classes again after Labor Day this fall. For questions, please contact **Stan Bradshaw at stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com** 

<u>Community Men's Bible Study</u> Greg Wetzelberger will lead us in studying the Book of Revelation. Please consider joining us on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Care Cottage. If you would like to purchase a study guide, the link can be found in the weekly Adult Christian Education e-blast.

<u>Women of the Chapel Bible Study</u> "Share Jesus Without Fear" just started on April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Care Cottage. It's a four-week study to help you discover ways to guide a witnessing conversation without fear of failure or rejection. This easy-to-use, relational approach to witnessing teaches that you cannot fail in sharing your faith if you depend on the power of God for the results. Contact **Christy Forrest at CT4est@gmail.com** for details and to register. The study guide is available on the Lifeway website and also on Amazon. Be sure to order the blue copy.

**Tables of 8 Fellowship** Are you interested in connecting with church members in a small group setting? Join us for a monthly meal and the opportunity to make new friends. Your group is waiting for you! For questions or more information, contact **Julie Huggins at hugginsj4@gmail.com** 

#### OUTRAEACH

<u>Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bedding Drive</u> Donations of twin-sized bedding for our Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bedding Drive are still being collected in the Atrium as well as in the Narthex through the month of May.

<u>Habitat Apostles Build April 15, 16, & 17</u> Register online at sandhillshabitat.org/volunteer-4/ to help with the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build located at 370 Addor Road, Pinebluff, NC. Links for registration are also in the Outreach Opportunities eblast that was sent on Friday, May 9.

<u>Tom Lineberger YoungLife Golf Tournament</u> will be held on Monday, May 19, at Pinewild Country Club. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be provided at 11:00 a.m. and a shotgun start will be at 12:00 p.m. The registration link is on our website as well as the Outreach Opportunities eblast that was sent on Friday, May 9.

#### "Faith & Longevity" Saturday, May 31, 2025 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Chapel Hall

This first event in our Women's Health Education series will concentrate on women's overall whole-body health, emphasizing the importance of holistic well-being, the significance of faith and our connection with God, and the essential role it plays in helping us to age with grace. Please join us and register by scanning the QR Code or by emailing womenofthechapeltvc@gmail.com. There is no charge, and the

event is open to the community. (Childcare will be provided)



#### **TVC Singles Social Group**

Our next get together will be on Tuesday, May 27, for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Table on the Green (in Midland Country Club) on Midland Road. Please call to make your reservation with Carole Weaver at (910) 975-0983 or cdweaver813@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you there.

#### **This Week**

	Sunday – Ivlay II	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Family Service with Graduation Recognition	on Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Children & Youth Sunday School	Heritage Hall
10:45 a.m.	Al Mangum Sunday School Class	Care Cottage
10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Heritage Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Monday – May 12	
4:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds Meeting	Board Room
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (Women's)	Conference Room
	Tuesday – May 13	
7:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group	Board Room
9:30 a.m.	WOC Steering Committee	Care Cottage
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Staff Conference Room
11:45 a.m.	Cross Ties Luncheon	Pine Crest Inn
2:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting	Conference Room
	Wednesday – May 14	
12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
2:00 p.m.	Keys To Freedom	Board Room
5:45 p.m.	AHG/Trail Life	Heritage Hall
	Thursday – May 15	
2:30 p.m.	Bradshaw Bible Study	Care Cottage
4:00 p.m.	Men's Community Bible Study	Care Cottage
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

If you would like to receive our weekly eblasts, please scan the QR Code and complete the form.





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Scan the QR code or go to <u>https://onrealm.org/TheVillageChapel</u> to access our Realm Connect site! Once you get to the log-in page, click "Sign Up" to request access. Don't forget to download the "Realm Connect" app to your mobile device!

### WONDER JUNCTION VBS

**JUNE 16-20** 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



Registration is now open!

Scan the code to register your child and/or volunteer!

### **A Litany for Graduates**

Minister: We are gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of members of our community.

#### We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.

Minister: One part of your life's journey is complete. You will prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places. As you prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember the ones you leave behind.

We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey, remember the times we all have shared with you.

Minister: Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path. Trusting in Christ's saving grace, continue ever forward, following God's Spirit, as the guide upon which we must all rely.

We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.

Minister: Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.

We pray that you will make wise and rational decisions, always turning to God for help. God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Do not forget that. Always keep in mind that God is present, and if you turn to him, his Holy Spirit will guide you.





# Congratulations Class of 2025 Graduates

### Zaira Noemi Aguilar

Zaira is currently a Senior at Pinecrest High School. She will attend Sandhills Community College in the fall. Zaira enjoys painting and plans to become an Art Teacher in the future. She is the daughter of Clara and Sergio Aguilar, sister to Victor, Sergio, and Ivan, and granddaughter to Maribel Santos.





### Melissa De La Cruz Santos

Melissa is a graduate of Sandhills Community College with an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice Forensic Science. This program afforded Melissa skills in crime scene investigation, evidence collecting, and analysis of crime scene data. She hopes to continue her education in the future. She is married to Shrawan Kumar and is the daughter of Maribel Santos and sister to John David.

### Alexander Lewis Grimshaw

Alex is graduating from Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania. While at Mercersburg, he was on the swim team. Alex also enjoys playing golf. He is attending North Carolina State University in the fall majoring in Polymer Color Chemistry in the School of Textiles. He is the son of Greg and Mandy Grimshaw, the brother of Ford and Riley, and grandson to David and Barbara Kuhn.





### **Frances Grace Edrington**

Grace is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a Bachelor of Arts in Tourism, Recreation, and Sport with a concentration in Sports Management, and a minor in Journalism. While at UNCW, Grace was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, UNCW's Teal TV Seahawk Central Sports, and Rho Phi Lambda Academic Fraternity. After graduation, Grace plans to look for an engaging career option in her preferred field. Grace is the daughter of David and Tish Edrington and twin sister to Taylor.

### **Taylor Mintz Edrington**

Taylor is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a Bachelor of Arts in Tourism, Recreation, and Sport, with a concentration in Sports Management and a minor in Journalism. While at UNCW, Taylor was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, UNCW's Teal TV Seahawk Central Sports, and Rho Phi Lambda Academic Fraternity. After graduation, Taylor plans to look for an engaging career option in her preferred field. Taylor is the daughter of David and Tish Edrington and twin sister to Grace.





### **Riley Noelle Medlin**

Riley is a graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. While at Clemson, Riley was a member of the Tiger Strut Club Dance Team and competed in numerous dance competitions and events. Riley has accepted a full-time position with Underwood and Roberts Accounting firm in Raleigh as a tax consultant while studying for the CPA exam. She is the daughter of Jeff and Angie Medlin, sister to Shane and Tucker, and granddaughter to John and Harriet Riley.

### Olivia Anne Newman

Olivia is a graduate of the Sandhills Community College Transfer Degree Program with an Associate in Arts and an Associate in General Education-Nursing. Currently, she is pursuing an orientation and shadowing program with First Health of the Carolinas. Olivia believes that working in such an environment will allow her to serve others and to grow in her faith. Olivia is certain that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen her to become all that God has called her to be. She is the daughter of Jonathan-Boyd Newman and sister to Tucker-Boyd Newman. She is the granddaughter of Ralph and Ann-Boyd Newman.





### Landen Ashley Smith

Landen is a Senior at Calvary Christian School where she is a member of the Student Government Association, and a Teacher's Aide. Landen is also part of the Moore County Teen Court, the Moore County Mock Trial Team, and the Moore County Moot Court team. She was recently awarded "Best Orator" at the Moot Court Competition. Landen is an active member of The Village Chapel Youth group where she is a "Youth Leader." Landen is also a teacher in the Youth Sunday School class. She will life guard this summer at Pinehurst Resort before attending Campbell University Honors College in the fall majoring in Economics and Finance. She is the daughter of Ashley and Vickie Smith and sister to Abigail, Sarah, and Hannah.

### Sarah Elisabeth Smith

Sarah is a graduate of Campbell University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. During her time at Campbell, Sarah was afforded an opportunity to study abroad a semester at Oxford University, where she studied Anthropology. Sarah was recently hired as a Registered Behavioral Technician in Cary, NC and plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Psychology. She is the daughter of Ashley and Vickie Smith and sister to Abigail, Hannah, and Landen.





### Vickie Carson Smith

Vickie is a graduate of Campbell University Divinity School with a Doctor of Ministry Degree. Vickie is the Minister of Children and Youth at The Village Chapel, a position she feels extremely blessed to have. Her love for The Village Chapel's interdenominational context is what led her to research Interdenominationalism as her doctoral thesis. She is married to her best friend, Ashley Smith, and is the mother of four beautiful daughters, Abigail, Sarah, Hannah and Landen. She is the daughter of Eddie Wayne and Margret Carson and twin sister to Steve Carson.

### Ava Taylor Walker

Ava Taylor Walker will be graduating from The O'Neal School. During her time there she was a part of the Varsity Tennis, XC, Swim, and Track and Field teams where she was a captain of the Tennis, Swim, and Track and Field teams for her senior year. She also was president of her school's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Event Coordinator of Key Club, Editor and Chief of the school's yearbook, a member of Honor Council, and a student ambassador. She also was a part of The National Honor Society and received an AP Scholar with Honors award. Ava Taylor plans to attend Auburn University to study Biomedical Sciences on a Pre-Med track through the universities' honors college. She is the daughter of Jim and Laurie Walker and sister to Radford and Collins.





## Heather Nicole Wiggins

Heather is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Heather's academic excellence at SNHU landed her on the Presidents List. She is currently the Executive Associate at The Village Chapel but has been a part of TVC for over 14 years. Heather is married to Tyler Wiggins, and is the mother of two precious boys, Levi and Carson. She is the daughter of Kellie and Mark Dunn and sister to Mark Jr. and Ryan.

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