

The Village Chapel

Pinehurst, North Carolina

September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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 Village 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	Prelude on <i>Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Minister's Informal Words		Dr. Trey Majure
† Opening Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	106
† Minister:	<i>Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</i>	
People:	And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.	
† Collect for Purity		
† Summary of the Law		
	<i>Minister: The Lord be with you.</i>	
	People: And with thy spirit.	
	<i>Minister: Let us pray.</i>	
	(kneel or sit)	
Collect of the Day		
Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21		(bulletin, p.7)
	<i>Reader: The Word of the Lord.</i>	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
New Testament: Romans 14:1-12		(bulletin, p.8)
	<i>Reader: The Word of the Lord</i>	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
† Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35		(bulletin, p.8)
	<i>Prior to the reading the congregation says:</i>	
	Glory be to thee, O Lord.	
	<i>Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.</i>	
	People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.	
Meditation		Dr. Ashley Neil Smith
† Nicene Creed (<i>People</i>)		
I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; 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. <i>Amen.</i>		
Prayers for the Church and People		
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer of General Confession (<i>People</i>)		
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. <i>Amen.</i>		
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 *Now Thank We All our God*

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Benediction

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

Closing Voluntary

Reader: Chris Imperial

Altar/Greeter: Anne and Kevin Chalk

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

* Nursery is available in Heritage Hall.

† Congregation stands

Opening Voluntary	<i>Fanfare, from Four Extemporizations</i>	Percy Whitlock
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Trey Majure
Call to Worship		
† Opening Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	106
Children's Sermon		Dr. Vickie Smith
Choral Anthem	<i>I Wanna Be Ready</i> Claire Fields, soloist	Rosephanye Powell
† 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	<i>O God Beyond All Praising</i>	64
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer (People)		
	Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.	
Old Testament:	<i>Genesis 50:15-21</i>	(bulletin, p.7)
† Psalm 103:1-13 (Read responsively)		(bulletin, p.7)
New Testament:	<i>Romans 14:1-12</i>	(bulletin, p.8)
Gospel:	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	(bulletin, p.8)
Sermon		Dr. Ashley Neil Smith
† Apostles' Creed (People)		
	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our 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 third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	
† Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life and Let it Be</i>	466
Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Prelude on Croft's 136th</i>	Hubert H. Parry

Greeters: Jon DeVault and Steve Wurzbacher
Reader: Eleanora Voelkel

Acolytes: Katherine and Nathaniel Walker
Guest Musician: Tatiana Wright, piano

Gospel Alphabet

September 13



KNOCK, and it will be
opened to you.
[Matthew 7:7]

September 20



LOOK to Me, and be saved,
all you ends of the earth!
[Isaiah 45:22]

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

† *Congregation stands*

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- Opening Voluntary *Fanfare, from Four Extemporizations* Percy Whitlock
Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Trey Majure
Call to Worship
- † Opening Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 106
Prayer of Confession (People)
 Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*
Assurance of Pardon
Old Testament: *Genesis 50:15-21* (bulletin, p.7)
† *Psalms 103:1-13 (Read responsively)* (bulletin, p.7)
† Gloria Patri
 *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen. Amen.*
New Testament: *Romans 14:1-12* (bulletin, p.8)
Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35* (bulletin, p.8)
 Minister: *The Lord be with You.*
 People: And with thy spirit.
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
- † Hymn *O God Beyond All Praising* 64
Sermon Dr. Ashley Neil Smith
- † Apostles' Creed (People)
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our 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 third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
 Amen.
Choral Anthem *I Wanna Be Ready* Claire Fields, soloist Rosephanye Powell
- † 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 *Take My Life and Let it Be* 466
Benediction and Choral Response *Go Ye Now in Peace* Joyce Eilers
 The congregation is invited to remain seated for the closing voluntary.
Closing Voluntary *Prelude on Croft's 136th* Hubert H. Parry
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Ushers: **Jack Wood**, Cam Cantelou, and Russell Zumwalt
Reader: Charles Webb

Flower Delivery: Liz Skvarla
Guest Musician: Tatiana Wright, piano

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Total Attendance
Sunday, September 6:
431

New Members
in 2025:
127
New Members
in 2026:
57

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Kallam, Andy Trepcyk, John Patota, Patsy Parkhill

Have a special prayer request? We want to pray for you.

Please reach out to John Roberts with any prayer requests at prayer@tvcpinehurst.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.



Last week 257 viewers tuned in to our services

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, September 13



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Harriet Yearby Ballard by Richard Ballard and her family and friends.

The flowers at the hymn board are given to the Glory of God by Jan Cooke in celebration of Bill Cooke's birthday.

The flowers on the pedestal are given to the Glory of God in honor of the Reverend Dr. Vickie Smith's birthday from friends.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Janice Cantelou at atncrunner@gmail.com

Scripture Readings

Genesis 50:15-21 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalms 103:1-13 (Read responsively)

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Romans 14:1-12 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 18:21-35 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

September 20 Scripture Readings • Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11 • Psalm 145:1-8 • Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

Visual & Hearing Enhancements Available

Visual: There are large-print hymns and lighted magnifiers available in the Narthex and Sacristy for your use. Please remember to return magnifiers before you leave. Hearing: Load the YouTube app onto your smartphone or tablet. Connect to Wi-Fi (network: TVC-Guest, password: Village1). Turn the sound off and closed captioning on. You can now read every word that is being spoken on your device. Please note that there will be a short delay. For additional information or one-on-one assistance, please contact **Christy Forrest at (910) 695-1957**.

TVC Amazon Storefront



We are excited to announce that The Village Chapel now has an Amazon storefront! When you shop through our link, the Chapel earns a small commission on every purchase. Check it out by scanning the QR code or visiting www.amazon.com/shop/tvcpinehurst to find resources for bible studies and other recommended reading.

MEN OF THE CHAPEL

Men's Fellowship Breakfast The next men's fellowship breakfast is on **Thursday, September 24**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at the Pine Crest Inn. Coffee and fellowship are available at 6:45 a.m.! The cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to **Jim Voekel** at jimvoelkel74@gmail.com.

CARE OF THE CONGREGATION

Meal Ministry offers a dinner or two 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 needs a meal, please contact **Anne DeRosa** at annederosa00@gmail.com or **Agnes Fusselbaugh** at fusselag@gmail.com.

Dementia Care Resources are 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!

WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

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

Steering Committee The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We encourage all women to come, learn about upcoming events, and participate in the discussions. We welcome new ideas! Contact **Wendy Schreiber** at wendy@dougandwendy.com for more information.

Women in the American Revolution As we continue to celebrate our Nation's 250th anniversary, please join us at the October **Cross Ties Luncheon** for a special presentation "Women in the American Revolution" by Harriett Riley. The luncheon and presentation will be held at the Pine Crest Inn on **Tuesday, October 13**, at 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$25. Register by October 9 by texting **Rene White** at **(910) 315-1799** or contacting **Christy Forrest** at **(910) 695-1957** or ct4est@gmail.com. And as is the Cross Ties custom, women with birthdays in October will receive a free lunch!

Book Club We will meet on **Friday, October 9**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss *The Last Sin Eater* by Francine Rivers. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact **Renee Cassidy** at reneeacassidy@gmail.com for details.

Billy Graham Library Tour Christy Forrest is facilitating a one-day trip to Charlotte for the "Journey of Faith" tour at the Billy Graham Library on **Wednesday, September 16**. Visit <https://bit.ly/46fJvHH> for more information. Contact **Christy** at **910-695-1957** or ct4est@gmail.com to sign up.

Jennifer Rothschild Retreat Wendy Schreiber is organizing an evening trip to Monroe, NC to attend Jennifer Rothschild's "Hope of Heaven" tour on **Sunday, October 18**, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$32 to \$70 and sell out quickly. Contact **Wendy Schreiber** at wendy@dougandwendy.com for details or visit <https://bit.ly/4gVvnYV> to register.

Sisters in Faith This program was developed to connect women in Christ who are at similar stages of life. Meetings are resuming now following summer break. Groups are designed for women interested in attending small, intimate group gatherings, and are formed based on areas of interest, schedule and size. To learn more, contact **Lyla Elliott** at lylaelliott23@gmail.com or **910-773-0256**.

Save the Dates

Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 3**, at 11:30 a.m. at Forest Creek Golf Club. Arrangements are well underway for this very popular event, which is being chaired by Betty Greer. Stay tuned for details. **Annual Spring Tea** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 20, 2027**, at 2:00 p.m. in Chapel Hall.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights resumes tonight, **Sunday, September 13**, at 5:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

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

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 5:45 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 22**. For more information, please contact **Lindsey** at putz.lindsey@gmail.com or **Vickie Smith** at vickie@tvcpinehurst.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

9:30 Adult Sunday School Class will begin on **Sunday, September 20**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will study *Stringing Pearls*, a study on discipleship. Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for fine pearls and that disciples find these pearls [Matthew 13:45, 52]. For more information, call or text **Jan Mullis** at **(828) 244-6811** or **Gary Mullis** at **(828) 320-6115**.

The Al Mungum 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class meets on **Sundays** at 10:45 a.m. in the back room of Chapel Hall. We are studying *The Book of Proverbs*, taught by Esther Acker. Please call **Bill Bremer** at **(910) 690-4076** or **Esther Acker** at **(910) 322-5245** with any questions.

Defending Your Faith is an exciting class dealing with the complex interaction between faith, culture, and truth. Each session, Pastor Trey tackles subjects that Christians face in everyday life and helps provide answers in a chaotic world. The class meets the first Sunday of each month in Heritage Hall beginning on **Sunday, October 4**, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact **Pastor Trey at trey@tvcpinehurst.com**.

The Surprising Lives of Christian Saints The next class, led by Ben Lewis, will meet **Sunday, September 20**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. For more information, please contact **Ben Lewis at bdcalvin@gmail.com**.

Practicing the Way – Sandhills on Sunday will continue the practice of Sabbath today, **Sunday, September 13**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We invite folks to come and join us on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. For details, please contact **Julie Poplin at julie.poplin@gmail.com**.

WOC Bible Study resumes on **Monday, September 14**, at 10:00 a.m. in the back room of Chapel Hall. We will study *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story* by Anne Graham Lotz and her daughter Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright, a story of incredible faith and patient perseverance in the face of devastating trials. Please contact **Christy Forrest at ct4est@gmail.com** or **Nancy Hobby at nhobby50@gmail.com** for more information.

Practicing the Way In their teaching on "Heaven", both John Mark Comer and Randy Alcorn begin by asking us to forget everything we think we know about heaven! Join us on **Tuesday, September 22**, as we continue to explore how "going to heaven when we die" and "the new heaven and new earth" at the "end of the age" unite in Scripture. We meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome. For more information, please email **bonniewurzbacher@mac.com**.

Seminary Lecture Series is led by Pastor Ashley and will meet in the back room of Chapel Hall on **Wednesday, September 23**, at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Phillip Cary, PhD's DVD lecture entitled *The Gospel of John* will be followed by discussion. For more information, contact **Pastor Ashley at (910) 992-8308 or ashleynelsmith@aol.com**.

Thursday Faith & Fellowship Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, September 17**, at 2:30 p.m. in the back room of Chapel Hall. We will continue our study of Isaiah, using *God Saves Sinners* by Ray Ortlund as our guide. The book is not required to attend class. Please contact **Stan Bradshaw at Stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com** with questions or to be added to the email list for updates. All are welcome!

Community Men's Bible Study resumes **Thursday, September 17**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. **Daniel Cannon** and **Pastor Greg** will lead us in the study of the Epistle to the Romans. We will use John MacArthur's study guide for Epistle to the Romans, which you can purchase from the TVC Amazon storefront.

Conversations of Faith & Theology meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Friday, September 18**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Each class is shaped by the questions and conversations of those present, offering a Spirit-led space for deeper understanding, fellowship, and growth in Christ. Contact **Pastor Greg at 850-549-7806** for details.

OUTREACH

Lifecare Pregnancy Center TVC is collecting diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 and new baby clothes in sizes up to 18 months for Lifecare Pregnancy Center. A collection box is located in the Atrium of the Admin Building.

Sandhills Student Assistance TVC is collecting shelf-stable food items for hungry students across Moore County. For a list of accepted items, please visit the Outreach page on our website. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex and in the Atrium of the Admin Building.

TVC Confirmation Classes Start Today

Confirmation is a process of discovery, formation, and growth in the Christian faith. Together, we will explore the gospel and salvation; the Apostles' Creed; prayer and the Lord's Prayer; the Ten Commandments; justification and sanctification; the seven sacraments; and the Christian life. We will also learn more about The Village Chapel—its history, statement of faith, three worship services, and the rich symbolism found throughout the Sanctuary. Classes will meet from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall on **September 13, 20, and 27, and October 11, and 18**. October 25 will serve as a make-up day, with Confirmation Sunday taking place on November 8. Register on Realm or by using the QR code.



The Village Chapel Music Series
12th Season Kickoff

Organ Concert: Stephen Gourley and Dr. Homer A. Ferguson, III

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the renovation and refurbishment of the Chapel's 80-rank Austin/Zimmer organ and the 30-year tenure of Director of Music Emeritus, John Shannon, who oversaw this project in 2001.

Friday, September 18, 7:00PM

This Week

Sunday – September 13

8:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	<i>Family Service with Children's Sermon</i>	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Heritage Hall
10:45 a.m.	The Al Mangum Adult Sunday School	Chapel Hall
11:00 a.m.	<i>Traditional Worship</i>	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Heritage Hall
4:30 p.m.	Ralph Lassen Memorial	Memorial Garden
5:00 p.m.	Youth Sunday Nights	Heritage Hall

Monday – September 14

10:00 a.m.	Women of the Chapel Bible Study	Chapel Hall
12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	Church Office
6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Meeting	Conference Room

Tuesday – September 15

7:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group	Board Room
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Staff Conference Room

Wednesday – September 16

4:00 p.m.	Executive Board of Trustees Meeting	Board Room
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Thursday – September 17

9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Staff Conference Room
2:30 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship Bible Study	Chapel Hall
4:00 p.m.	Men's Community Bible Study	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday – September 18

2:00 p.m.	Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Conversations of Faith & Theology	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	<i>TVC Music Series Organ Concert</i>	Sanctuary

Nominations for the Board of Trustees

All decisions to ensure the successful operations of the Chapel are made by the Board of Trustees, and we need dedicated, competent people to serve in this important capacity. The membership of The Village Chapel is blessed with an enormous wealth of talent and energy. Your nominating committee does not want to overlook anyone in our congregation who may have considered or wants to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. Letters and nomination forms will be sent to members. Nominations are needed for three (3) Board of Trustee positions to serve three (3) year terms. The nomination forms must be returned to the Chapel by September 30, 2026. Please contact the church office if you do not receive yours or need additional nomination forms.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Nhambure, Chairperson (919) 579-1710	
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First Wednesday Fellowship - October 7, 2026

New Member Welcome & Orientation

*FWF is a monthly opportunity for members, non-members, and newcomers to connect and develop lasting relationships. All are welcome as we gather in **Chapel Hall** for music and genuine Christian fellowship. The meal begins at **6:00 p.m.** and is catered, so reservations are required and may be made by scanning the QR code, registering on Realm, or by contacting The Village Chapel office at **(910) 295-6003, ext. 101**. Donations are graciously accepted to offset the cost of the meal. Please notify us as soon as possible if you are unable to keep your reservation. **Reservations must be made by MONDAY, October 5, at noon.***



Thank you for your cooperation.

Name _____ Number for Dinner _____

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