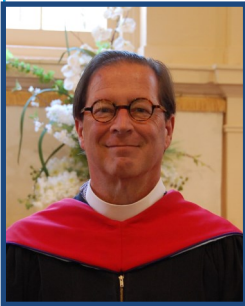




The Chapel Herald

A Centered and Meditative Approach to Prayer and Scripture



Beginning this September, a method of contemplative prayer, called "centering prayer," will re-commence (having been suspended since the pandemic), coupled with a meditative approach to scriptural reading called "*lectio divina*" (sacred reading). The two are ordinarily presented individually, but we are offering an experience of both together, complementing what each can provide as a contemplative and meditative pursuit of God's will and God's word.

Centering prayer is silent, contemplative prayer, for 20 minutes, after we – as a community of faith – have addressed our pastoral concerns. It is meant to open us to God's presence, that we, in silent listening, might receive and discern God's will, as guided through the Holy Spirit.

Lectio divina, which follows centering prayer, involves four steps: Reading a scripture verse or passage; meditating on and discussing the scripture; praying; and contemplation. After we read a verse of scripture, we discuss it for 10-15 minutes; pray for spiritual discernment; and then contemplate what the Holy Spirit means for each of us to learn, in our deepening knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Beginning in September, Pastor John will lead this group each week for one hour. If you're looking for something more by way of contem-

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New This September: First Wednesday Fellowship



Beginning Wednesday, September 1 (First Wednesday), The Village Chapel will be observing a monthly fellowship meal in Chapel Hall. The meal will be catered and is open to every member of the congregation, including families with children.

The purpose of the FWF is to provide a monthly opportunity for members, non-members, and newcomers, to get connected and develop lasting relationships. The fellowship continues in the spirit of Break Night, attempting to unify the church across three services, but with more emphasis on fellowship than programming. The fellowship will include a time of music and information sharing, and will meet monthly instead of weekly.

There is no cost but reservations are still required. Small group leaders and hosts are highly encouraged to invite the newcomers to their groups to come and experience the Chapel's larger community of faith.

For more information, please feel free to contact Pastor Ashley at 910-992-8308 or ashleyneilsmith@aol.com.



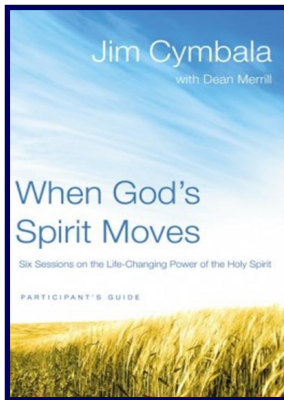
plative meditation, please call the church of-
fice at 295-6003, or contact Pastor John at
986-7230, or jacobsjr81@gmail.com

The time and day of the week for our meet-
ings will be based on your responses.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor John

10:45 Adult Sunday School



Jim Cymbala has served as pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle for more than thirty-five years. He is the author of many bestselling titles, including *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire; Fresh Faith; and Fresh Power*, and curriculum, including *When God's People Pray* and *When God's Spirit Moves*, which is linked to his book *Spirit Rising*. He lives in New York City with his wife, Carol, who directs the Grammy Award-winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir.

We begin the class at 10:30, sing a hymn, have prayer request, coffee, and refreshments. After the 30-minute DVD one of our class members leads the discussion. We would love to have you join us.

Biblical Themes Concerning Sin found in The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Beginning 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 10, at the Chapel, will be a Bible Study led by Yvonne Gale. Each class will last from one hour to one hour and a half.

Prerequisite: Read two to three chapters of the novel before each class meeting.

Topics discussed:

- Puritans' beliefs about God and sin – Hawthorne's ties to the Puritans
- Is a theocracy a desired form of government?
- How did the Puritans view sin and how did they deal with sin?
- How does culture shape our views of sin? How do our values and/or religious beliefs shape our views of sin?
- Are we accountable for the sins of our parents or ancestors? Are there examples of this accountability found in the Bible?
- How are the effects of sin developed in The Scarlet Letter through the main characters – Chillingsworth, Dimmesdale, Hester Prynne, and Pearl?
- Biblical and societal punishments/accountability
 - A. Secret sin
 - B. Shame
 - C. Guilt
 - D. Isolation
- Is it possible for a person to be so consumed with evil that he or she becomes the personification of the Devil?
- What is the "ultimate" sin that Hester, Dimmesdale, and Chillingsworth commit?

*Stories in the Bible will be presented as examples of the themes of sin found in the novel such as the story of David and Bathsheba.

Please contact Yvonne Gale if you are interested in this study at ygale2@nc.rr.com.

Pastor Ashley's Board Report July 2021

Board of Trustees,

This report comes in the wake of a two-week respite. Although I did return to do a scheduled wedding and a memorial service- both at the Chapel- and attend an unexpected funeral of my grandfather in New Bern, Vickie and I were able to recharge ourselves and are both looking forward to getting back to work.

At the beginning of the year, my initial focus was on the reintegration of the Christian Education and Membership committees. We have seen tremendous progress in both. As of late, we will have over a dozen small groups meeting in the Fall, with the majority of these groups being new. We couldn't have a more competent team and their accomplishments are only a foretaste of what is to come next year.

The current small group offerings are listed on the Chapel's website and will be promoted in the next couple of months. Another orientation for small group leaders and venue hosts will be schedule before September.

Membership has also been productive. Invitation Sunday went very well, seeing both old and new faces coming to worship and enjoying the reception afterward- both were well attended.

Another Invitation Sunday is scheduled for October 31st (5th Sunday). This service will be a Unity service format, with one service at 10 am, including Holy Communion.

First Wednesday Fellowship (formerly known as Break Night) will begin Wednesday, September 1. This will be a monthly meal for the purpose of fellowship and information shar-

ing. It will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The meals will be catered at no cost, we just require reservations to be made to the Chapel office.

Soon I will turn my attention to the Care of the Congregation committee. Vickie and I will meet with Ms. Betsy and take notes on what she and the other committee members are currently doing. My goal is to have the committee meeting monthly for regularly scheduled meetings. The Stephen Ministry is of a particular interest to me.

Pastor Vickie is currently working with the newest pastoral committee, Children and Youth Committee, to plan for the occupation of Heritage Hall. Sunday School for children and youth will begin Sunday, September 12. Confirmation class will begin September 12 as well, and will end with a confirmation service in the 9:30 Family Service on November 7.

Youth are currently meeting on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. Youth are scheduled to participate in a Habitat build tomorrow (7-24-21) in Robbins, NC.

Mr. Gourley continues to bless us and our community with his music and ministry gifts.

The Chapel Staff continue to serve the Chapel well and we are blessed to have each one.

My voice surgery is Tuesday (7-27), so please keep me in your prayers. Seven days with no talking and a couple of weeks rehabilitative voice exercises are required. I'm planning on preaching August 22.

I'm excited about the future of the Chapel, and still consider myself blessed for the opportunity to serve you and our Lord.

Pastor Ashley



THE VILLAGE CHAPEL PRESENTS

Steinway Piano Dedication

DR. KRISTINA HENCKEL

CONCERT PIANIST

Music of Beethoven, Liszt, Smetana, and Chopin

AUGUST • 17 • 2021

7:00PM

**The Village Chapel, Pinehurst
10 Azalea Road**



THE VILLAGE CHAPEL MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS

SING FOR JOY: Hymn Festival

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
SINGING OUR GREAT HYMNS OF
FAITH, LED BY OUR CHAPEL CHOIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 4:00PM

The Village Chapel
10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst

From the Director of Music

Dear Chapel Family,

How wonderful it has been to continue to welcome members of the laity back to leadership roles in our services, most notably readers at all three services and choir members at 9:30 and 11am. Our Chapel Choir will resume rehearsals and offering anthems weekly in September. We are especially grateful for our dedicated altar guild members and greeters and ushers for their continued efforts during the past year. It is deeply meaningful to be able to join in corporate worship and raise our voices in song as a community, something we have all missed so much.

As you are reading this, I have returned to Pennsylvania for another summer with the Stuttering Association for the Young's summer camp at Pocono Springs. After last year's virtual summer camp, we have returned to in-person camp with many protocols in place. This will be my fourth summer (third in-person) serving as a counselor and staff member for this extraordinary summer experience. I encourage everyone to visit their website at www.say.org or www.campsay.org to read more about their extensive programming during the year and summer.

During my time away, you will be gifted with the presence and talent of Janelle Francis, who has become an extended member of our Chapel music family over the past several years. Janelle's talents at the piano will enhance and lead our worship services admirably.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Stephen

FAREWELLS

Summer has come with all its promise but sadly it has also been a season of loss for The Village Chapel. Two of our long standing and devoted members left us for their heavenly home in June.



Elizabeth "Betty" Reid was born in Sumter, South Carolina October 7, 1923 but grew up in Rockingham, North Carolina where she was raised by her aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and Henry Clay, in the historic Leak-Wall House. She graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1944 and married Jim Smith on September 15, 1945. They moved to California after their marriage and had three children there before returning to North Carolina in 1954.

Back in Rockingham, Betty became an innervate volunteer, motivated to give back to the community where she was raised. She served on the Hospital Auxiliary, the PTA board, and was a Cub Scout den mother; she worked on the Altar Guild, taught Sunday School, and did needlepoint. Even after relocating to Pinehurst with Jim, she maintained her ties with Rockingham by supporting the Richmond County Historical Society and helping to restore the Leak-Wall House and Garden and a country cemetery.

After Jim passed away in 1998 Betty moved to Belle Meade where she continued her active life - courses at the Sandhills Community College, volunteer work at the Horticultural Gardens, tai chi, and yoga. She was a great organizer and always willing to help and give of her time to others.

In 2000, Betty married Walter Reid III. They loved traveling and Betty cared deeply about continuing education, historical preservation and health care. Walter Reid's invention of the

Charms Blow Pop enabled them to generously support their favorite charities. The First Health Reid Heart Center is named in their honor and Betty was a generous donor to our Heritage Hall project.

Betty Reid was indeed a woman of many talents - energetic, resilient, generous, and personable. When she died peacefully at Belle Meade on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 she had spent her 97 years in this world well, enjoying life, and helping others. We are fortunate that she was a devoted member of The Village Chapel and grateful that she shared her life with us. It was a good life, well spent. Now she is at rest in God's enduring grace.



Gene Bonacci was called home to the Lord in the early morning hours of Friday, June 11 2021. He died at home in the arms of his loving wife, Jill. They had been married for 55 years.

Gene was an accomplished man whose achievements can be traced to his strong sense of integrity, his drive for excellence, and his resiliency. These were characteristics he displayed all his life. Born December 32, 1939 in Trenton, New Jersey, Gene graduated from Pennington High School in 1947, entered Bordentown Military Institute in 1958 and graduated second in his class from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York in 1963. His military background developed in him a self-discipline that would serve him well throughout his life. Accountability, responsibility and integrity were at the core of his value system.

Gene's career centered on transportation and logistics. He was Vice President of Operations of a family owned trucking company in Trenton and later became Chief Operations Officer of Matlack Systems in Wilmington, Delaware. He and Jill retired to Southern

Pines in 2002.

We will remember Gene for his strength and faith. He and Jill suffered the loss of their daughter to cancer several years ago but their strong faith saw them through. For years, almost without fail, both Jill and Gene would be seen at the 9:30 service at The Village Chapel. Gene also served on the Board of Trustees and both were devoted to the Chapel.

Over the past few years, Gene had endured many health issues. More recently, he was seemingly recovering from serious illness and encouraged by his doctor to continue his exercise regime. Then, suddenly, he had a relapse. We will miss him but his suffering is over and it is consoling to know that he is at rest with his maker. We are truly grateful for his service and devotion to The Village Chapel. Rest in Peace, Gene.

Heritage Hall Help Pave the Way

Many thanks to all who have purchased a brick so far! We have now sold over 100 bricks – a great start. Based on the order lead time of 8-12 weeks and the estimated installation date, brick sales cut-off will be in the 10/1 -11/1 time frame. If you have been considering a purchase, please don't wait. We intend to fill the plaza with brick pavers that include special messages from the congregation and church friends. Full details are on the church website and flyers in the church office and narthex. You can order and pay for a brick online if you like and create your special message. Each brick costs \$125.

On Sunday, August 1, Russell Zumwalt was recognized during the 11:00 service for his 25 years of service as a Village Chapel Usher.



Board of Trustees Nominations

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thank you for your diligence to The Village Chapel and this process. To date, your Nominating Committee has numerous nominations because of your efforts. During normal times we would ask you to return a nomination form to the Chapel office by September 30. Once again, this year we are attempting to get ahead of the timelines. If you have a prospective nomination who:

- is a member of the Chapel and dedicated Christian;
- possesses business, financial, and organizational skills;
- is congenial, a good communicator, a team player;
- is willing to support the Pastors ministry efforts, uphold the Chapel’s By-Laws and Mission Statement, and execute the directions in the Chapel’s Strategic Plan.

Please call that individual and seek their interest in being a nominee. If the individual is “willing to serve,” then simply contact any member of the Nominating Committee listed below by email or phone and they will assist you in moving the nomination forward.

Name	Email	Phone
Carole Southon	dsouthon@nc.rr.com	910-295-5385
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Carole Weaver	cdweaver5@embarqmail.com	910-975-0983
Faith Clay	faithclay@icloud.com	248-765-7213
Jim Voelkel	jimvoelkel74@gmail.com	910-295-4664
Jack Raffaele	jackraffusa@gmail.com	Home: 910-295-3031 Cell: 919-389-8810
Rich Cowell	cowellr@aol.com	Home: 910-673-3779 Cell: 703-399-6055

Invitation Sunday



Don't Forget

Fall 2021

Write It DOWN!!!!

A Look Ahead!

Heritage Hall-A-Palooza

Wednesday
October 13th, 2021
The Fair Barn

Live Auction
Jordan's BBQ,
Live Music - McKenzie Brothers
Raffle!

Fundraiser to benefit the furnishing of
Heritage Hall! (Details to come)

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Fall Family Cookout



(Sponsored by Men's Ministry)

Sunday, September 19, 4-7pm at Canon Park. Bring
your Softball Glove.

TVC "Youth Sunday"

October 3, 9:30am Family Service.

Pastor Vickie Smith will deliver the sermon.



TRUNK OR TREAT



Friday, October 29th 5-7pm.

Church Parking Lot!

Volunteers needed! Contact Ms. Vickie

**YOUR
ATTENTION
PLEASE**

Sunday School Kick Off!!!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
9:30AM FAMILY SERVICE
 (CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL DISMISS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER THE CHILDREN ' S SERMON)

Acolyte Ministry Returning
Sunday, September 5th
 If you are interested in having your child Acolyte in the 9:30am Family Service,
 please contact Betty Mangum at 910-639-7977 Cell
 910-215-9093 Home
 bettymangum@embarqmail.com

confirmation 

Contact Ms. Vickie if you would like your Youth to attend. 910-992-8309 or vickie@tvcpinehurst.com.

Fall Confirmation Class
Begins Sunday,
September 12th
3:30-4:30pm
 at the Care Cottage
 Grades 5-12th Grade
 Concludes on November 7th with recognition in 9:30am Family Service.

TVC Youth Help Landscape Habitat House in Robbins



TVC Youth helped plant bushes and shrubs on the front and sides of the Ophelia Home in Robbins on Saturday, July 24. They also planted trees, spread grass, laid straw in the yard, and installed a mailbox. They enjoyed a pizza lunch after their hard work.

Children's Choir Resumes!

Come and enjoy brunch and ice breaker activities as well as check out the plans for this Fall as Children's Choir comes back into action with your Children's Choir Director, Deb Holden!

Gather with us in the back of Chapel Hall on **Sunday, August 29**, after the 9:30 Family Service to participate and see if Children's Choir is a good fit for you! The children sing monthly in worship and in special services during the year. They will also be preparing a musical offering for our Heritage Hall auction in October. New and returning members are encouraged to come learn more and have some fellowship together!

Rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 5 following the 9:30 service.

For questions, please contact Deb Holden at debdney@gmail.com or Stephen Gourley at stephengourley@my.unt.edu



August Birthdays

Happy Anniversary

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| <p>3 Bob Wenig
Lisa Rogers
Rosalind Young</p> <p>4 Ann Kallam</p> <p>5 Briana Scaletta
Pam Adams</p> <p>7 Robbie Roberson</p> <p>8 Barbara Floore</p> <p>10 Robert Corcoran
Kim Berner
Diane Lisevick
Anna Grace
Walker</p> <p>11 Jackie Woodward</p> <p>13 Fred Prince
Caroline Krom</p> <p>14 George
Watterworth
Macey Jackson</p> <p>16 Adam Wall
Judy Boyer</p> <p>17 Deen Edgar</p> | <p>Mike Elliott
Jim Raine</p> <p>18 Cynthia Pizzini
David Chapman</p> <p>20 Tom Moynihan</p> <p>23 Lilly Corcoran
Rudy Austin
Larry Phillips</p> <p>24 Greg Grimshaw
Kathryn Green
Sabrina Finkbiner</p> <p>25 Jill Bonacci</p> <p>26 Kate Shattenkirk</p> <p>27 Wayne Hamblin</p> <p>28 Jonathan Nestor
Judith Krall</p> <p>29 Alice Irby</p> <p>30 Allen Ashdown
Johanna Edgar
Timothy Buckley</p> <p>31 Alex Del Bueno
Brooks Macrae</p> |
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| <p>3 Mike & Freida McBrayer
Dale & Pat Krech</p> <p>5 Bob & Sharon Schnauffer
Charles & Pennie Clack</p> <p>6 Mark & Lori Valentinas</p> <p>8 Lou & Ann Torok</p> <p>10 Mike & Mary Jo Matthies</p> <p>13 Aaron & Natasha Bell
James & Deborah Hart
George & Patricia Watterworth</p> <p>14 Bud & Sue Fisher
John & Shirley Aquino</p> <p>15 Larry & Joanna Martin</p> <p>16 Bill & Malinda Summey</p> <p>22 John & Liz Skvarla</p> <p>29 Ray & Barbara Bottoms</p> <p>30 Don & Laurie Hamilton</p> <p>31 Tom & Ilana Steward</p> |
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Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE CHAPEL: “As an interdenominational Christian community, we worship God in spirit and truth; 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 STATEMENT OF YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE: “Prayerfully and earnestly distribute budgeted funds of the Village Chapel to vetted entities through rational giving, while encouraging congregational participation with organizations we support.”

THE ARC OF MOORE COUNTY

Founded in 1960, the mission of The Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) Moore County exists to enhance the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families through advocacy, support, and services. Their programs include:

- (1) Respite Care - Quality care for the family member with a disability to relieve the primary caregiver of the day-to-day stress of caring for a loved one who is disabled.
- (2) First in Families - A program that links families to community resources unavailable to them through the traditional system and funding sources.
- (3) Advocacy - The ARC Moore County works through a variety of channels to foster respect, raise awareness, and change attitudes about people with I/DD to help remove barriers to full inclusion and acceptance in the community.
- (4) Aktion Club - The ARC is their lead sponsor, a community service organization for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Members participate in a variety of educational, inspirational and entertaining programs that help them become more independent while learning important leadership skills. This Kiwanis of the Sandhills program is in its 24th year.
- (5) Book Club - Books are explored through a variety of mediums and include hands-on experiences to bring books to life.
- (6) Joyful Noise - Adult chorus and handbell choir. TVC's Director of Music, Stephen Gourley, works with them during practices and special performances.

Volunteer Opportunities include:

- Aktion Club: advisor, helper
- Joyful Noise: assistant
- Book Club: assistant
- Fundraising special events
- Board of Directors
- First in Families: Advisory board member

Executive Director is Wendy Carter. Their website is: www.thearcofmoore.com

A recent thank you letter to TVC for supporting this agency through our missions Outreach program shared this heart-warming success story.



'...a young lady named Lisa...was missing her regular routine of going to the gym due to the pandemic. Her mother was concerned that this disruption in the routine could cause Lisa to exhibit some depressive symptoms and so she reached out to our First in Families resource consultant with an idea. If she could get a bicycle built for two, mom could ensure safety for Lisa while her daughter got her daily exercise and kept some semblance of her routine. First in Families was more than happy to provide funds for this purchase and help circumvent issues due to COVID shutdowns. We helped buy the bike and now both mom and daughter are getting in shape!'

Our financial support has allowed The ARC to continue to provide services unencumbered through the past year and a half. Thank you, TVC church family for continuing to support our Outreach Mission in our community and the world!

Submitted by

Esther Acker

Chair TVC Outreach Committee



“And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40

Serving At-Risk Children of Moore County Public Schools and Their Families since 2014.

We address the urgent problems of Moore County School children who arrive at school hungry or without basic clothing or other immediate needs. By working with the public school social workers, counselors, and teachers we are able to meet immediate needs.

Food Supplies

- Bottled Water
- Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups
- Breakfast Bars
- Trail Mix
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Microwavable- Individual Meals
- Mac & Cheese
- Italian Pasta Meals
- Cup of Noodles

Hygiene Supplies

- Body Wash
- Tooth Paste
- Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap

Clothing

- Gym Shoes
- Socks
- Gym Shorts
- Tee Shirts
- Coats/Jackets
- Underwear
- Sweat Pants

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Men's Ministry Dates To Remember

September 9
Men's Bible study resumes

September 19
Annual Chapel Picnic

November 13
Men's Community Retreat

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