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Holy Land Tour: Israel 2022

Village Chapel family,

This November, the Village Chapel (and those from other churches and the surrounding community) will have another opportunity to embark on a life-changing pilgrimage to The Holy Land. Even in the wake of the global pandemic, the interest to visit Israel has not waned. Pilgrims who have visited Israel in years past are interested in going again. And those who have yet to go, are ready to take an adventure of a lifetime. On the last trip (2020), we took the largest contingency of non-Chapel folks than the previous trip, so interest is indeed community wide. Vickie and I still have significant relationships with couples who went from other churches. It's not unusual to form life-long relationships on such a trip. There are several advantages to going with the Chapel's trip. First, it's the most inexpensive trip among the others

offered, but in no way "cheap." Next, we have two days in the Old City of Jerusalem; one day is guided, and the next day is a free day. Also, our group only moves hotels twice, compared to more moves by other trips. We stay half the time on the Sea of Galilee, in Tiberias, and the second half of the trip we quarter in Jerusalem. The sights and experiences are breath-taking and astounding. The cost is all inclusive and is \$3475 per person. This time we are going November 26 - December 5- No summer heat, no winter rains, no crowds! This is the perfect time to go, and Vickie and I will do our best to personally serve you as needed. As always, travel insurance is available. Please let me know if you are interested in going for the first time or again, and I'll send you a brochure with the details. 

Shalom,

Pastor Ashley

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Saturday, May 14 | 7:00 pm

The Village Chapel Music Series

Presents

The Raleigh Ringers



We are excited to welcome back The Raleigh Ringers, an internationally renowned handbell ensemble performing everything from sacred and secular to pop and rock music.

**Tickets: \$20/adults; \$10/students 12 and under
Tickets available at www.ticketmesandhills.com**

Handbell choir rate available by contacting stephen@tvcpinehurst.com



***The Whimsical Christian* each Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 am**

Along with C.S. Lewis, Dorothy Sayers was one of the most influential apologists for Christianity in the past century – in addition to being a best-selling author of detective novels and translator of Dante’s *Divine Comedy*.

Please join in Pastor John’s weekly presentation of the essays of Dorothy Sayers entitled *The Whimsical Christian* each Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 am in Chapel Hall. All materials are provided at no cost, the class is open to the public, and is scheduled to continue through the end of May.

Meet The Congregation

Meet the Clays

Sam and Faith Clay were destined to live in Pinehurst, and they were destined to become members of The Village Chapel.

Sam began his life in Tucson, Arizona, but moved often as his father's work took them to new places every three years. He graduated from the University of Arizona, and after experiencing a semester abroad in Germany, decided to concentrate on international business. Sam's first job was to take him to Brazil, but he had a few weeks to hang out with his father in Illinois before reporting to his new job. During that time, he met and "immediately fell in love with" Faith, a recent graduate of Illinois State. Despite moving to Brazil, Sam confirmed that his love for Faith was not just a temporary attraction, and he undertook a concentrated letter writing campaign, interspersed with visits to Illinois.

After a brief time in Brazil, Sam returned to Michigan to resume his career stateside—and to marry Faith. After their marriage in 1980, Faith worked as an elementary school teacher for 39 years while Sam started and ran his own businesses. Together, they raised three children. Their oldest child, a daughter, lives in Charlotte, NC, with her husband and two sons, ages six and eight. Their son, the middle child, lives and works in New York City. Their youngest child, another daughter, lives in Chicago, Ill., and will be married in The Village Chapel on May 28!

So, why Pinehurst? Sam's father and his wife, Nancy, (Sam's stepmother) moved to Pinehurst in 1990, and Sam often travelled to Pinehurst to visit his father and to play golf (Sam has been playing golf since he was six years old). Sam and Faith's children spent many Easter holidays in Pinehurst visiting their grandparents and always thought of Pinehurst as their "second home." When retirement beckoned, Pinehurst seemed like a good option; having their daughter and two grandchildren in nearby Charlotte sealed the deal and the Clays happily moved to Pinehurst.

Sam's father and Nancy had become very active in The Village Chapel, so joining TVC in 2016 seemed like a natural next step in Sam and Faith's journey. Following in his father and Nancy's footsteps, Sam and Faith quickly became active members of the Chapel. Sam's most recent company before retirement had been Lightingplus, an energy efficient lighting company that designed lighting upgrades for manufacturing plants, universities, and

airports throughout the United States and Mexico. When destiny landed Sam and Faith at the Village Chapel, Sam was asked to evaluate the Chapel's lighting and to upgrade it to LED where possible. In 2021 Sam was elected to the Chapel's Board, and in 2022 took on the Chairmanship.

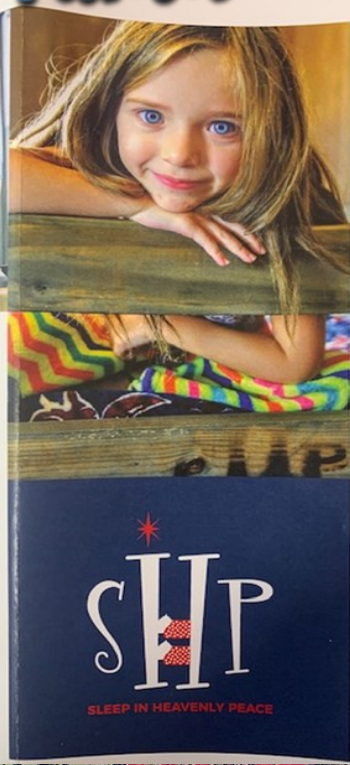


Faith is equally active in the Chapel: she is totally committed to the Angel Tree each Christmas season, and also is active in the Women of the Chapel. In Pinehurst, Faith is on the Board of the Women's Exchange and is a member of P.E.O. (a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, and loans, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations).

The Clay's are a remarkable couple—committed Christians, outgoing, fun, intelligent, and a joy to know.



Families and Youth



40 Volunteers Needed!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Are you STILL asking,
 “How can I volunteer and make a difference in one day?”

The Village Chapel has partnered with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* to help get quality made bunk beds to children in our local community. Join us **May 21st, 9am-1pm in the parking lot of the Village Chapel** where experienced SHP workers will help train and supervise volunteers in an assembly line fashion to make 20 beds. A sign-up sheet is located on the table on the front steps of the sanctuary or contact **Guy Veni (guyveni@gmail.com)** or **Vickie Smith (vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com)**.



“Kickball” at Tufts Park!



Youth listening to Mr. Nathan talk about Christ as the “Good Shepherd.”



Youth listening to Ms. Julie talk about our “Identity in Christ.”



Cookout at the Ingham home



Our “Drone” Picture... courtesy of Duncan Obst



Youth walking over to Heritage Hall to check out their new place!

Families and Youth

Easter Egg Hunt



Date / Time: APRIL 16, 2022 - 1:00 PM
Location: Front Steps of the Church
ALL ARE WELCOME at VBS



COMING IN JUNE!

VBS

June 13-15, 2022
9:00 am-12:00 noon

visit our website to sign up -
<https://tvcpinehurst.com/kids-youth/parents>

April 3, 2022- Invitation Sunday



Celebrating a great Sunday of worship and fellowship

Easter Services



The Village Chapel Pinehurst, NC



MEDITATIVE MUSIC- THURSDAY, FRIDAY-11:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE- APRIL 14, 12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE- APRIL 15, 12:00 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT- APRIL 16, 1:00 PM

EASTER SERVICES

8:15 AM- HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

9:30 AM- FAMILY SERVICE

11:00 AM- TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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On March 25, 2022 attendees at the TVC Music Series “Lenten Reflections” concert were treated to the outstanding vocal talents of, soprano, Catherine Kelly.

Accompanied by our own Stephen Gourley on organ and piano, Catherine performed several beautiful arrangements of Lenten songs, blended with scripture readings by George Trail. The concert is available on our YouTube channel.



Lenten Reflections



Spring Tea



Help Wrap a Child in Love

You can support the gift of a personal blanket for each child living in the Boys and Girls home in Lake Waccamaw, NC. The children placed in this home have been taken from their at-risk homes. Each blanket costs approximately \$30 and your donation can cover the cost of one blanket or help to support the Women of the Chapel's funding to provide a blanket for each of the thirty residents. For details please call Susan Joslin 910-295-1799. Blankets will be delivered in the Fall.



OUTREACH



Changing Destinies Ministry (CDM)

Changing Destinies is an anti-human trafficking ministry located right here in Moore County. Polaris Project, the leading organization in the U.S. for human trafficking statistics and running the National Hotline, estimates there are 40.3 million people being trafficked worldwide, to include the U.S. In fact, NC consistently ranks in the top 11 out of 50 states for the number of reported cases. Since this is considered an underreported crime, there are a lot of people who have been traumatized by this industry and need an intervention.

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CDM’s vision is that human trafficking survivors will encounter God’s love and be transformed and reintegrated into society. To realize this vision, their mission is to provide a place of refuge for trafficked women in Christ-centered residential homes and programs. The ministry began in 2013 doing awareness events, speaking engagements, and a strip club ministry that lasted for 6 ½ years. In early 2020, CDM began focusing more on trying to identify a property they could use to operate a shelter for human trafficking survivors.

They found a property that fits their vision perfectly and recently received a state grant that will enable them to purchase it in the next month or so. They are also one of three ministries selected nationally by The Samaritan Women’s Institute to attend a highly acclaimed Shelter Care training program. This training will equip them to successfully open and operate a faith-based shelter they have named, Rachel’s Refuge

Their goal is to open by December 2023. This is going to take a significant amount of prayer coverage, future staff hires, volunteers, donations, and other resources. They are seeking like-minded partners within the faith community who will link arms and help move this initiative forward.

If you feel God nudging to get involved, then go to their website www.changingdestiniesministry.org to sign up for newsletter updates. Please pray that God would guide them in all decisions and that the women coming to Rachel’s Refuge would encounter His love there and find healing, restoration, transformation, and reintegration to the abundant life promised to those who believe.

Changing Destinies Ministry’s President / Executive Director is Kym Nixon, contact info changingdestiniesministry@gmail.com



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.”



★★ APOSTLES BUILD ★★

Now is the time to register for the Habitat for the *Strong family*.



If you are over 16, a man or a woman, we need you to register, and volunteer.

Go to the website:

sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com, sign the waiver and enter the date(s) you are available.

The Village Chapel, in partnership with the Eagle Springs Baptist Church, has committed for three days in April: **Thursday, April 28, Friday April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 8:00 am– 1:00 pm, 1110 Keyser St, Aberdeen, NC.**

No tools are required; there are opportunities for all skill levels, including unskilled (like myself.) Teens can operate the power equipment if they are over 18. The staff at Habitat will show and tell us what to do.



The Apostles Build is totally sponsored by financial contributions and volunteer efforts of the faith community.

Upcoming Outreach Dates to Remember:

Thursday, Apr 21, 5:30-8:00 pm

We ♥ the Arc

Fundraiser & catered dinner

Rubicon Farm, West End

visit www.thearcofmoore.org for tickets.

Saturday, Apr 23

Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills Annual Gala and Silent Auction

Pinehurst Resort | 6:00 pm | Visit

www.sandhillshabitat.org for tickets

Saturday, Apr 23- Saturday, 30
'Virtual' Fun Run, Laps 4 Life 5k

Benefit for the **Life Care Pregnancy Center**

visit www.friendsofLCPC.org for details,
sign up and share with others

Apr 28, 29, 30, 2022

Habitat Apostle's Build Weekend for TVC & ESBC

Volunteer signups can be made at:
<http://vhub.at/apostles>

Friday, Apr 29 | 6-10 pm

5K Rock 'n Run to benefit Friend to Friend

Southern Pines Brewery

visit www.friendtofriend.me to register




Kudos Corner

George Trail

In 2015, the Chapel's Communications Committee was formed as the brainchild of George Trail. If George's name is at least semi-familiar to you, it may be because of his regular communication to the congregation as the Chairman of the Heritage Hall building project. The Heritage Hall project is only the latest Chapel endeavor in which George has been entrusted to oversee.

Seven years ago, George had the idea to form a committee focused on ensuring timely and engaging communication to the congregation and community at large. While a foundation had been set in the years prior, improvements could be made. George with his astute mind did not seek to reinvent the

wheel, but to examine all existing components of communication and enhance where possible. Over the last few years, special attention has been given to advertising and the ways we can inform the community of the various happenings on our campus. George's leadership and (usually gentle) nudging provided the needed kickstart to a more steady and effective way of communication. He has more than left his mark.

Recently, George made the decision to step back from this committee, giving way to Bill Miller who has graciously agreed to serve as his successor and bring his own gifts to this committee. We give thanks for George for his diligence in laying out his vision for effective communication here at The Village Chapel. 

April Birthdays

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Shirley Nelson
Zander Torok | 10 Barnes Utley | Mackenzie
Bowen |
| 2 John Spangler
Margret Brown | 11 Jim Walker | Dylan Macrae |
| 3 Judi Wood
Rene White
Jim Buck | 14 Ray Barnes
Laurie Wiles | 25 Holly Ingham
Vickie Taylor
Bill Miller |
| 4 Richard Pabst | 15 Philip Smith
Steven Ziegler
Kathy Spangler | 28 Marjorie Ludwig
Collin Bowen
Reid Bowen |
| 5 Fred Williams
Mike Matthies
Jan Jeffress | Bill Lindenberger | 30 Carole Southon |
| 7 Ann McAllister
Mary Callow
Shane Medlin | 17 Bill Tomasetti | |
| 9 Kay Lund
Don Delauter
Bob Schnauffer
Addie Johns
Laurie Walker
Alan Mimms | 18 Nathalie
Thomas | |
| | 19 Shirley Lindmark | |
| | 20 Jane Wellard
Kelly Walsh
Rand Smith
Dana Bowen
Maureen
Buckley | |
| | 21 Kathryn Riffle | |
| | 23 Sigrid Gross | |

Happy Anniversary

- 2** Al & Betty Mangum
- 4** Barbara & Phil Fulghum
Jonathan & Janis Nestor
- 8** Jeff & Kay Beran
- 9** Jack & Bev Raffaele
Donald & Yvonne Gale
Mark & Kate Byrd
Keith and Betts Turner
Jon & Martha DeVault
- 19** Steven & Rae-Lynn Ziegler
- 20** Bill & Stephanie Edwards
- 28** Carty & Holly Davis
- 29** Ralph & Ann-Boyd
Newman

Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.





The Village Chapel
10 Azalea Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina 28374



Dear Friends of The Village Chapel,

One of the loveliest traditions of the church year is the placing of Easter flowers in the sanctuary of our Chapel. As in years past, you are cordially invited to be a part of this tradition by sponsoring a plant.

Names of donors and loved ones honored or remembered will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Easter is April 17 this year and the deadline for gifts is April 8. Please send your check to the church office or place in the offering plate and mark it for the Easter flowers.

Please indicate below if you wish to take an Easter plant after the 11:00 a.m. service. The remainder of the Easter plants will be delivered to shut-ins.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ashley N. Smith

Please print exactly as you wish to appear.

In memory of _____
by _____

In honor of _____
by _____



I will pick up an Easter plant: _____ YES
_____ NO, please deliver to a shut-in.



We Need Graduation Guardian Angels

This year we remain extremely thankful for all the “blessings God has provided us” and especially our wonderful Christian family. Unfortunately, not all the youth of Moore County are sharing in these blessings.

Moore County High School Seniors will graduate in May 2022 and this year we have eleven (11) unaccompanied /homeless youth and one currently in Foster Care we would like to help “jumpstart” their college path. In addition to these twelve (12) we would like to assist two attendees of the Boys and Girls Club.

As in years past, we would like to help these children of God. We will furnish them each a VISA gift card to purchase clothing for graduation, defray enrollment costs for college, etc.

For the next weeks, through May 8, we are inviting you to become a “*Graduation Guardian Angel.*” You can make your check out to the Chapel and in the *MEMO* mark it “graduation” before depositing it in the Chapel office/offering plate OR you can go to the Chapel’s website and under “Giving” make a credit card donation. In the drop-down menu select General Fund and in optional menu type “graduation.” Please no later than May 8th.

The “scholarship VISA cards” will be purchased and delivered to the High School Social Workers for distribution to preclude any embarrassment.

Bless you and thank you for your consideration.

Pastors Ashley, Vickie

Pastor Emeritus John



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