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# **The Chapel Herald**



## Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

#### "The Roaring Lion"

"The Roaring Lion": The Resurrection Emphasis of C.S. Lewis & Phil Wickham

Just recently my daughter asked me to listen to a worship song sung by Phil Wickham entitled "Living Hope." What

a powerful song! Here are the lyrics:

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb In desperation, I turned to heaven, and spoke your name into the night Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness, tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory, to wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, the King of kings calls me His own Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free, Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence, the roaring lion, declared the grave has no claim on me Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa! Oh God, you are my living hope!

I told you it was a powerful song! It tells the story of the great separation that exists between God and us because

of our sin, or as C.S. Lewis would say, the "Great Divorce." The separation is an uncrossable chasm and an unclimbable mountain. This separation produces an inherit desperation, like what Job experienced when he wanted access to God— a desperation to be saved and reunited with our Creator.

And it's then, that Jesus breaks into history! Lighting up our present darkness. The light of the world. It was love that sent Him; it was Grace that impelled (or impaled) Him. And when it came time to die, He faced our cross for us. Of course, we thought it was over. Death seems so final. Who can overcome death? It's the enemy that had never been conquered.

But when He said, "It is finished," He meant that death was finished! The sacrifice had been made and accepted, and the victory was forever secured.

Then, in my favorite part of the song, reminiscent of Lewis's, Chronicles of Narnia, the lion roars! Aslan is alive! Jesus is alive! In that roar was the eternal message that death, the grave, and hell, had been defeated! Jesus is our conquering King!

I invite you to listen to the song and worship Him and celebrate His Resurrection! Alleluia! He is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

Happy Easter!





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## **Meet the Congregation**

#### Jim & Stephanie O'Malley

It was a week before Christmas in December 2017. Wisconsin real estate developer Jim O'Malley was on his way to Pinehurst aboard a Delta flight from Atlanta to Raleigh-Durham airport.

In Atlanta, Jim faced every air traveler's worsecase scenario during the Christmas season. His flight was going nowhere, destined for a delay of more than three hours. It would prove to be time well spent.

Jim walked toward the back of the cabin in search of a lavatory when his eyes locked onto the eyes of a friendly flight attendant. A conversation ensued during which the flight attendant, Stephanie, mentioned she was widowed five years earlier. Jim could hardly believe what he heard, explaining to Stephanie that his wife of 24 years had passed away just six months earlier.

Before the chance encounter ended, "I got the nerve to ask her if she would meet me for dinner," Jim said. Thus began 18 months of carving out time to be together, and Stephanie said yes once again – when Jim proposed marriage.

Ten months later, in Spring 2020, they wed.

The O'Malleys were living part time both in Wisconsin, on Lake Okauchee west of Milwaukee, and Pinehurst when the World Health Organization declared the onset of a global pandemic. In the United States, small businesses were forced to close by government edict but larger "box stores" remained open; bars stayed open, but fitness clubs closed; and so too houses of worship, much to the dismay of Christians nationwide.

Their Episcopalian church homes in North Carolina and Wisconsin were shuttered "so we started trying to figure out where we could go," Jim said.

They soon walked through open doors at The Village Chapel. "We feel pleased and blessed to have found the Village Chapel," he said.

In recent years, Jim has limited his development projects to the Sandhills. They both enjoy golf as a leisure activity. The couple also is counting



down to the wedding of Jim's daughter Kaitlin, 27, a Denver resident who will be married in Vail later this year. His son, Tyler, 25, is living in Pinehurst but plans to relocate to the Chicago area and reconnect with his midwestern roots.

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Stephanie is a native South African who immigrated to the United States with her late husband in 2005. She is the mother of two sons, Ruben, 23, an aspiring pilot-in-training, and Andre, 24, a U.S. Army aircraft mechanic who soon will be reassigned from Hawaii to Tennessee.

It is remarkably appropriate that Stephanie's sons are hooked on aviation as it was a grounded airplane in Atlanta in 2017 that opened the door to her life's next chapter in Pinehurst with Jim.

~ Steve Woodward

## **Meet Our New Members**

#### **ROBIN HUESKES**

Growing up in Ipswich, Massachusetts, then moving to Pearl River, New York, Robin met Ted (now deceased) through a dating computer service. They married, had 3 girls and spent 54 years together. All 3 daughters live in NC; she has 5 grandchildren & 4 great grandchildren! Raised in the Episcopal church, after marriage, Robin joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Last July, after visiting TVC, Robin knew right away it would be her church home; She attends the 11:00 service

Robin's first career was one of the toughest and most rewarding - she was a "homemaker" and a stay-at-home Mom. After all their children were in school, she went back to college and became an OBGYN nurse. She found nursing very rewarding. She enjoyed helping new families, even making after--hours house calls.

She can be spotted walking the hills of Pinehurst No. 6 visiting her sister. Robin knits hats for the newborns & makes stuffed animals for children who come through the ER at Moore Regional Hospital.

### **CHARLIE & BARB LANNOM**

Originally from Kentucky and Maryland, respectively, Charlie & Barb have been married for 37 years, and have shared both careers and hobbies during their marriage.

Both were career employees of the NCIS; yes, that Naval Criminal Investigative Service(!), they lived in Washington, DC and in Europe; blessed with three sons. Six grandchildren, have given them much retirement joy!

They've lived in Moore County for 20 years, and now reside in the Pine Wild neighborhood; having TVC members as neighbors has made it convenient to join Bill Miller's Bible study group! They have a passion for "antiquing", which has carried them throughout Europe and the East Coast. Life-long members of the Methodist denomination, they embrace the Christ-centered and interdenominational aspects TVC, not to mention new Bible study opportunities. Charlie, as an Army Veteran, and Barb, both respect and appreciate the fact that TVC espouses and supports our Armed Services members - past and present!

#### MATT, DARCIE & BERKLEY SWICEGOOD

Matt & Darcie are originally from NC and MD, respectively. They relocated to Pinehurst in 2021. They live in the Pinehurst Lake area and love the VOP & Moore County. They also own acreage in the Robbins area, where they hope to build and live in the future. From Baptist and Lutheran churches, they appreciate the interdenominational nature of TVC, and have found their new church family to be warm and personable

Their son, Berkley, 11 years old, enjoys outdoor activities with his parents. They attend the 9:30 Family Service, and look forward to Berkley becoming involved in youth activities.

Darce is now the Home CEO, she was previously affiliated with Habitat for Humanity in Wicomico, MD; Matt is employed in sales with the ICL, Group, a global leader in specialty minerals for food, agriculture and industrial markets. Matt's pastimes include hunting and fishing; the family enjoys time spent together outof-doors, exploring their Robbins property, hiking, etc.

**MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS-** The feedback received from The Village Chapel Readership Survey gave us some great information regarding what the congregation feels is most (or least) important about the church. One area of interest to the congregation was learning more about our new members. The process of introducing new members began in the September issue of The Chapel Herald. We will continue posting new members each month. If you do not already know them, please seek them out at various church services or events and let them know you are glad they have joined The Village Chapel.







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From the Director of Music



On the weekend of March 10-12, Union Pines High School Theatre presented Hello, Dolly! I have the privilege of accompanying the UP Chorus several times during each school year and playing piano in the orchestra pit for their musicals each year.

The chorus and orchestra pit are directed by Elizabeth Shaver, one of our Chapel Choir members. It is always a joy to work with Elizabeth and her fabulous students, some of whom have gone on to further their musical education. This year the orchestra pit featured 20 students and professionals, including myself and Claire Fields, who also sings in our Chapel Choir. The three of us are pictured (*R*) following our final performance.



#### The Village Chapel Music Series presents

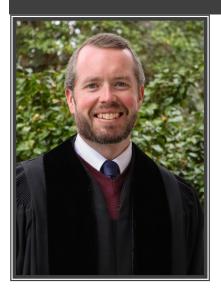
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IN CONCERT- Friday, May 12, 7:00PM

On Saturday, May 13, they will lead a bed building project for *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* All are welcome to attend the concert and bed building.

For more information, please visit www.servirechorus.com

## **Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor**



#### "The Golden Rule"

Ah...the "Golden Rule." Jesus says in Matthew 7:12, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." I'm sure everyone reading this would agree with that, and in fact, it is one of the most universally accepted principles. It doesn't matter your religion, race, age, or creed. We all agree that we should treat others as we would want to be treated.

While we can all agree with that, in practice it often times turns out differently. Take Habitat for Humanity for instance, which is a wonderful way of demonstrating the Golden Rule in a real and practical way. Years ago I was listening to a member of Habitat for Humanity, as she give an explanation of what exactly they do. They use volunteer labor (many from local churches) in order to build a family a home, and then sell it to them at a greatly discounted price.

After hearing the explanation, I was walking away and a man turned to me and said,

"Must be nice." You've probably heard people say that before when someone has a stroke of good luck, an onlooker will say with just a hint of jealousy, "Must be nice." I'll never forget what I thought when I heard that, and what I should of said, "You're right, that is nice."

I may be wrong, and I often am, but I believe that the greatest reason most people ignore the Golden Rule is due to selfishness. It is an unhealthy orientation of the cosmos where everything revolves around self. Sure, I would love to be able to afford a home, and what a blessing



if people volunteered to help build it. But because no one has done it for me, why would I do it for someone else. Sure, I would love to get a card or phone call when I'm sick, but because no one has done it for me, why would I do it for someone else?

The two greatest commandments make a good compliment to the Golden Rule. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. And the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself." These two commandments take our self centeredness and destroy it. Instead of loving ourselves, we are told to love God, and love people. Instead of focusing in, Jesus tells us our best life is found when we focus on everyone except us. I think we could all take a moment and meditate on this question, are we really doing unto others, as we would have them do unto us?

In Christ,

Pastor Trey



## Families and Youth



# GodSent Angels

TVC Youth partner with Robbins area Christian Mission

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# The Village Chapel is Hosting Its Annual COMMUNITY Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th, at 1pm 10 Azalea Rd, Pinehurst NC

## There will be a drawing for prizes A visit from the Easter Bunny Easter Story

Tons of eggs to hunt and lots of smiles.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.TVCPINEHURST.COM



Human trafficking affects both genders. But according to the UN Women's website, 65% of modern slavery victims globally are women. This is reflected in 100% of the phone calls CDM has received over the years requesting services. All have been for women.

Changing Destinies Ministry (CDM) is a passionate advocate for women everywhere, especially survivors of human and sex trafficking. Opening

Rachel's Refuge, a shelter for sex trafficked women, is our response to an industry that reduces people to nothing more than a commodity used for someone else's financial gain.

There are many ways to advocate for those struggling in this dark situation. You can contribute towards this worthy cause by continuing your education and informing others in your community of the potential signs of modern-day slavery. If you would like someone from CDM to come and speak at your event or to your group.

Volunteerism is a core component of advocacy. There are five levels of volunteering at CDM. For more information, please visit: https://www.changingdestiniesministry.org/volunteeropportunities/? blm aid=19638.



Since TambraPlace open its doors over 18 months five young women have found a safehaven and others have received educational resources and support. The partnership withthe Village Chapel has allowed our young women to experience a cyber security internship at Digital Cloak in V.A. Another resident is in the paramedic associates' program at Sandhills Community College. Another attended A & T University but will be transferring to another college.

The young people we assist also teach us lessons every day. They teach us God has a planfor them, God has put them in our path for a reason, and most of all they can heal from the pain they experienced in the past. TambraPlace has expanded its mission and will beopening a young men's home by the end of May 2023. We have already taken anapplication from a young man attending high school, staying with a host family because his parent kicked him out when he turned 18. This is the reality of many youths in ourcommunity, and with the continued help of partners the youth that enters our doors willdiscover healing, a home, and true peace with God's help.

Mrs. Tambra D. Chamberlain, TambraPlace Co-Founder TambraPlace Interim Operation Director Volunteer or Donations: https://www.tambraplace.org

## Outreach UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 14 The Moore County Special Olympics Spring Games will be held at Union Pines High School. The Arc will be on hand serving concessions.

April 21, 2023, 6:00 -9:00 pm Friend to Friend Rock N Run 5k Southern Pines Brewing Company. To sign up go to : FriendtoFriendRockNRun5K https:// www.friendtofriend.me/newevents

April 27, 28, 29, -8:00 am - 1:00 pm Apostles Build construction days for TVC, Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills, 200 Hatley Street, Aberdeen sign up at the Volunteer Hub: www.sandhillshabitat.org

May 22, 2023 Attention all golfers: The 30th Annual Young Life Golf Tournament will be held at Pinewild Country Club.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE CHAPEL: 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.

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."

First Wednesday of the Month 6:00pm in Chapel Hall Next up- April 5, 2023

Call the church office for reservations



### We Need Graduation **Guardian Angels**

For the next few weeks. through May 7, we are inviting you to become a "Graduation Guardian Angel." You can make your check out to The Village 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."

All contributions need to be made no later than *May 8*. The scholarship VISA cards will be purchased and delivered to the High School social workers for distribution. Additional information will be available in the Friday eblast and Chapel Herald.

Bless you and thank you,

Men of the Chapel Ministry

We have a new WORK ORDER FORM for all building and grounds projects and requests. They are posted just outside Heather's office. Please use the forms for ALL work requests. These will be processed by the date/time redeived so please be patient. Thanks!!

	THE VILLAGE CHAPEL	
WORK ORDER REQUEST		
Requested by:	Staff Position/Committee	
Date:	Phone Number:	
Email:		
Location of Work Requested:		
Description of Work Requested:		1
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Date Completed:	Time Required:	
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Date Completed: Materials Used:		

#### **Contributions and Expenditures—FEBRUARY**

	MONTH	YTD
Contributions : **	\$125,804	\$236,402
% of Projected Annual	11%	21%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,093,186
Expenditures:	\$90,251	\$174,810
% of Projected Annual	8%	15%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,154,186

#### Women of the Chapel

All Women of the Chapel are invited to the 13th annual

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April 18, 2023 2:00 - 4:00 pm Chapel Hall

Guest Speaker: Cheryl Gilmore "Let God's Love Blossom"

Individual Reservation

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_

The cost is \$27 per person. Payment due with reservation.

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ Online payment \_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to TVC with "Spring Tea" in the memo line Drop off reservations in the box outside Heather's office

If you would like to host a table, please contact Eleanora Voelkel at voelkelje@gmail.com (910) 295-4664 or Janice Bezanson at janicebezanson@gmail.com (909) 229-3028

Reservations are due by April 4, 2023. Please contact Janis Sholtis for more information at janissholtis@gmail.com

High tea catered by Elliots, including a gluten-free option available upon request

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

#### "Giving brings a far greater blessing than receiving." ~Acts 20:35

<u>Children and Youth Sunday School</u> teachers are needed as well as Nursery volunteers. Please contact: Pastor Vickie 910-992-8309 if you are willing to serve. <u>Ushers/Greeters</u>, please contact Fred Fox: Cam Cantelou at cantelouc@gmail.com <u>Small Group Leaders</u>, and hosts needed. Please con-

tact John Rowerdink: jrowerdink@aol.com <u>Tables of Eight</u> -meal fellowship. Please contact Julie Huggins: hugginsj4@gmail

<u>Volunteers needed</u> to blow off church steps and surrounding walkways before 8:15 service. Please contact Joe De Rosa at jedros15@gmail.com

<u>Care of Congregation Committee</u> needs volunteers who can write cards to our shut-ins, widows, and infirmed, and volunteers to make periodic phone calls to the same population. Please contact: **Pastor Ashley** 

#### 910-992-8308 or ashleyneilsmith@aol.com

<u>Visitor Table Volunteers</u> are needed at each service to hand out visitor packets to first-time visitors while manning the welcome table in the narthex. To volunteer, please contact **Mike Poplin at** 

rmikepoplin@gmail.com.

<u>Prayer Ministry volunteers</u> needed to pray for prayer requests. Please contact Nancy Clay-

nclay1@nc.rr.com

<u>Altar Guild</u> needs volunteers to assist with the altar at all three services. Please contact Jennifer Imperial at jenz9er@gmail.com

#### New Volunteer Opportunities for Women of the Chapel-Historian, New Member Outreach, Publicity, and Special Events subcommittee. Contact Eleanora Voelkel at voelkelje@gmail.com.

## **April Birthdays**



- 1 Shirley Nelson Zander Torok
- 2 John Spangler Margret Brown
- 3 Judi Wood Rene White Jim Buck Colson Brosch
- 4 Richard Pabst
- 5 Fred Williams Mike Matthies Jan Jeffress
- 7 Ann McAllister Mary Callow Shane Medlin Barbara Lannom
- 8 Debbie Fasulo
- 9 Kay Lund Don Delauter Bob Schnauffer Alan Mimms Laurie Walker

Susan Shank 10 Barnes Utley

- 11 Jim Walker 14 Ray Barnes Laurie Wiles
- 15 Philip Smith Steven Ziegler Kathy Spangler
- Bill Lindenberger 17 Bill Tomasetti
- 18 Nathalie Thomas
- 19 Shirley Lindmark 20 Jane Wellard
- Kelly Walsh Rand Smith Dana Bowen Maureen Buckley Robin Heuskes
- 22 Ned Stromme
- 23 Sigrid Gross Mackenzie

Bowen Dylan Macrae

- 25 Holly Ingham Vickie Taylor Bill Miller
- 27 Kensey Majure
- 28 Marjorie Ludwig Collin Bowen Reid Bowen
  - Ann Torok
- 29 Marianne Terry
- 30 Carole Southon Yvonne Milakovic

7 Barbara & Phil Fulghum Jonathan & Janis Nestor
8 Jeff & Kay Beran Jim & Stephanie Raine
9 Jack & Bev Raffaele
Donald & Yvonne Gale
Mark & Kate Byrd
Keith and Betts Turner
Jon & Martha DeVault
10 Matt & Ginn Utley
15 Jim & Julie Huggins
19 Steven & Rae-Lynn Ziegler
20 Bill & Stephanie Edwards

2 Al & Betty Mangum

- 28 Carty & Holly Davis
- 29 Ralph & Ann-Boyd Newman

Please contact the office (910) 295-6003 if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week-<br/>Palm Sunday- Apríl 2Meditative Music- Thursday, Friday- 11:00 am<br/>Maundy Thursday Service- Apríl 6, 12:00 pmGod Friday Service- Apríl 7, 12:00 pm

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