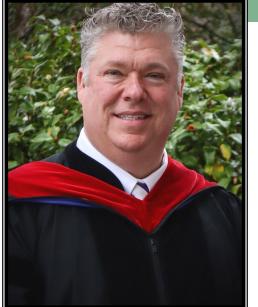


AN INDEPENDENT, INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH UNIFYING ALL CHRISTIANS THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD PINEHURST, NC-SINCE 1898



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"Give us this day, our daily bread"

was African-American. The lady who answered the door was Caucasian. She invited us in and led us to the living room. Along the center wall of the room was a man sitting in an armed chair with several people sitting around him; He was the center of attention. He looked infirmed. He said to me, "Hello, Pastor!" I was surprised he knew me, because I didn't know any of them. I learned his name was David.

As the conversation unfolded, I discerned that he had cancer. They knew I was the pastor of the local church, and they assumed I had come to pray for him. When it was time to leave, I went over to

him, laid my hands upon him, and prayed for God to heal him. They thanked me for coming, and I left.

When Steve and I got back inside the truck, I said "I thought we were going to see Ms. Gloria, the lady whose house burned down." He said, "I know exactly where she is...I'll drive you to meet her." Wait, what just happened!

Before long, Steve did indeed introduce me to Ms. Gloria. I gave her the financial gift from our church, and she was deeply moved and grateful. Mission accomplished.

A few months went by, Vickie and I were attending an Easter Sunrise Service at the Baptist church, followed by a community breakfast in their fellowship hall. The pastor and I would rotate each Easter. He would preach one Easter Sunrise Service at my church, and I would preach the next Easter Sunrise service at his church, with

the usual breakfast to follow. That particular year, it was my turn to preach at the Baptist church, which was located right behind our church's parsonage. Midway through the service, I was seated behind and to the side of the pulpit, as the people were giving prayer requests and praise reports. One man toward the back stood up and said, "I want to praise God for healing me of cancer! And He sent that man to pray for me (pointing at me)." It was David, Gloria's husband - the first Gloria. The Caucasian Gloria.



Think about all the people God used. He made it so obvious that He was at work. When we don't at first understand how our day is unfolding, we can rest assured that God is meeting our needs according to His plan and purpose.

"Give us this day, our daily bread,

Pastor Ashley 👪

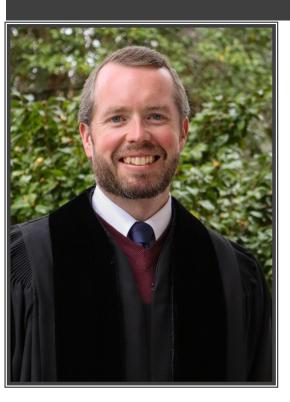


Years ago in a former pastorate, a woman (Ms. Gloria) who lived in the community in which I served, experienced a significant loss due to a house fire. Upon hearing about her predicament, our church board voted to make a financial gift to meet her immediate needs. I agreed to hand-deliver the check the following day.

The next day, as I was leaving the church office to deliver the check, the town custodian, Steve Turpin, met me outside. He was driving the town's marked pick-up truck as usual. Not exactly sure of the address I was given to the lady's current whereabouts, I asked Steve if he could confirm her location. He said, "I know exactly where she is, hop in and I'll drive you to meet her."

After driving some time on back country roads, we pulled into the driveway. We both went up to the door. I rang the doorbell and Ms. Gloria came to the door - although not the "Ms. Gloria" I had envisioned. The lady whose home burned The Chapel Herald Page 2

Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor



To say that names are important in the Biblical text is a drastic understatement. In fact, to really understand what is happening in much of the Old Testament it is pivotal to understand the meaning of names.

For instance, the name Moses means to "draw out" or "deliver," just as Moses was drawn out and delivered from the water, God would use him to draw out and deliver the children of Israel from Egypt. Another example is the great missionary Apostle named Paul. Originally Paul is known as Saul, and just as the great king in the Old Testament,

"What's in a Name?"

Saul was arrogant, proud, a Jew of Jews. Yet after his conversion, Saul begins to be called Paul which means "humble or modest." Christ changed

his life, his character, and his name.

I think my favorite example concerning the importance of Biblical names is that of Joshua. Joshua means "God is salvation" or perhaps "God saves." And when you read the Old Testament story of Joshua, God works in a mighty way to save the Israel-

ites and deliver them into the promised land through the leadership of Joshua. What many may not know, is that Jesus is actually the same name as Joshua! In Hebrew the name is Yehoshua and in Aramaic the name is Yeshua. We do something similar in English with Joshua and Josh. The similarities between Joshua and Jesus are uncanny, and it is easy to see why big things were expected of Jesus after the angel commanded Mary that His name would be Yeshua.

We as Christians are told in the book of Revelation that when we choose to

follow Christ, we also receive a new name. There is much speculation as to what this new name is, and references can be found in both the Revelation of



John and in Isaiah. But what is clear, is that when we choose to follow Christ, we are different. Old things have passed away and behold, new things have come. Paul is the clearest example of this as he goes from hunting Christians to being called "humble and modest." To follow Christ means we must leave something behind. There must be a change in direction, a change in our name. If not, can we really claim to follow Christ?

In Christ and for His glory,

-Trey

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025 - 2027

Each year at this time we have the privilege, right and duty to nominate those who can serve on our Board of Trustees. All decisions to ensure the successful operations of the Chapel are made by the Board of Trustees and we are searching for competent dedicated congregation members 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. Nomination forms can be found in the church office as well as in the weekly e-blast. 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 office no later than September 9, 2024. Please contact the church office if you need additional nomination forms. Please approach members who you feel would serve the Congregation well and may be interested in serving on the Board.

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Meet the Congregation-Bill and Jan Cooke



ill and Jan Cooke have been part of The Village Chapel family since 2022. Jan was born near Montgomery, AL, but grew up near Pensacola, FL. She reports that as a child she could often hear the jets enough to the grandchildren to see them take off from Pensacola and nearby Eglin Air Force Base which frightened her. The family moved several times because her father was a minister for The United Church of Christ. From Florida the family moved to Harlan County, KY, then to Cullman AL, then to Sanford, NC.

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She graduated from Sanford Central High School in 1965. She went on to graduate from Elon University in 1969 with a BA in French and English. She started teaching in Whiteville City Schools, but finished her career with the Richmond County School System.

Bill was born in Columbia, SC, but has lived in Hamlet, Atlanta, GA and Tampa, FL (he graduated from high school in Tampa). He attended the University of SC in Columbia where he received a BS and also Western Carolina obtaining an MA in Counseling Education. He taught in the Richmond

County School System, but retired from a position as Career Ed. Coordinator with the Scotland County Schools in 2003. They now live in the Deercroft Golf Club community near Wagram.

Bill's mother's best friend and her daughter thought that Bill and Jan would be suited to each other and arranged an introduction. The best friend's daughter also happened to be a student of Jan's. They must have been right because Jan and Bill were married on December 22, 1974. They look forward to celebrating 50 years of marriage later this year.

Bill and Jan have two children, a son (Greg) and a daughter (Christine). Greg lives in Lexington, SC and has a daughter, Reagan age 17. Christine lives in Fayetteville and has two daughters, Sophia who is 13 and Caroline age 10. Thankfully, they live close fairly often.

When it comes to their faith, Bill describes himself as a fourth generation Methodist. As indicated previously, Jan's father was a minister in The United Church of Christ and she says there are so many similarities

between The Methodist Church and The United Church of Christ that when she and Bill married, she did not hesitate to join the Methodist Church. It's just been in recent years that they have found the changes occurring In the Methodist

Church to be disconcerting. They had always felt a sense of fulfillment in the church where they worshiped, but the time came when they decided to seek other churches. Interestingly, Jan says that a friend of hers (Patsy Parkhill) left a bulletin from The Village Chapel in a copy of Pinestraw Magazine that she gave her. She and Bill looked through the bulletin and felt that The Village Chapel was the right place for them. They decided to attend some of the services and, over time, this just felt right.

Of the programs that The Village Chapel offers, Bill says that he really enjoys and

feels strengthened by attending the Men's Bible Study and the classes on Defending Your Faith. At other churches where they have been members, Bill has served on various committees, taught adult Sunday School classes, and served as an usher. In his leisure time, Bill enjoys playing golf, tennis and pickleball.

Jan volunteered to help with a guilt project done by some of the women in the church for the Children's Home at Waccamaw and really enjoyed assisting with that. Jan has made quite a few quilts herself (all by hand). When she helped the ladies on the quilt project she was informed about Crossties and through this she has met many of the women in the church. In addition to quilting, Jan enjoys sewing and playing the piano which she has done since the age of 6. When she decided at this tender age to take up the piano she told her mother, "I want to play for my Daddy for church." Her mother was pleased and offered her a deal that Jan would be paid a nickel for every hymn she learned. She began to work and learned three hymns in the first three days. Soon thereafter, her mother pulled out of the deal realizing that she could not afford to pay Jan at the speed with which she was learning new hymns! She has played for various churches throughout the years and really enjoys doing that.

They are glad that they decided to explore other churches and feel welcomed at The Village Chapel. They have been part of our church family since 2022 and attend the 11:00 service. They look forward to a long relationship with the congregation here and are eager to participate in the many activities, classes and programs offered here.

~Contributed by Gerri Crutchfield

From the Director of Music

The summer months are usually and hopefully filled with opportunities for rest, relaxation, reflection, and recharging. This summer for me has been less busy than summers past, which has afforded me more time to cover each of the aforementioned R's.

At the end of June, my family enjoyed our annual trip to Sunset Beach, one of several gorgeous beaches in Brunswick County, and one that has managed to keep hold of its charm and avoid commercialization. We soaked up the sun and salt air, and enjoyed some of the finest seafood the area has to offer.

From July 8-14, I enjoyed a week participating in the Carolina Summer Choral Residency under the umbrella of the Royal School of Church in America, based at Duke University. I have enjoyed a long relationship with this course, having covered various administrative duties for several years and serving as course organist in 2022. It is a meaningful and restorative week of worship, singing, and fellowship with about 80 participants made up of girl choristers ages 10-18 and adult participants, all from around the country. There are three other such courses in the United States. The Carolina Course boasts a strong reputation for exemplary leadership both organizationally and musically. Our weekly services and some rehearsals are held in Goodson Chapel in Duke Divinity School, and other rehearsals and our closing services are held in Duke Chapel, perhaps the finest worship space in the whole of the Southeast with its three organs and superb acoustic. The closing services from July 14 remain on Duke Chapel's YouTube page for those interested in

watching. I am happy to provide direct links upon request.

During the month of August will we continue to enjoy guest musicians as well as some familiar faces while the Chapel Choir is on hiatus. If you feel led to join the Chapel Choir in September and wish to receive any information on the music program in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at stephengour-ley@my.unt.edu or by phone at 295-6003. I look forward to speaking with you.

Stephen



Men of the Chapel—UPCOMING EVENTS

Men of the Chapel sponsored Golf Outing: We are having a 9-hole golf outing September 24, at Midland CC, likely on a Tuesday that will be for the men, spouses, and guests. The cost for golf should not exceed \$20 per player which includes the cart fee. We would start around 9am and upon conclusion we could all meet for lunch at Table on the Green which is located there. If you are interested, please email Emmett Callow, emmettcallow13@gmail.com, tell him how many players and if you would be staying for lunch.

Community Men's Retreat: Please hold the date, Saturday Sep 7, from 08:30-12:30, Pinehurst #9 ballroom. Cost for breakfast and lunch is \$30 per person.

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Meet Our New Members



Ron & Faye Hodges

Linda Peters

Roberta Tozier & Tom Schroeder

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS— The Chapel Herald is a great resource for meeting new members. If you are new to the Chapel, we'd love to get to know you. Our membership committee will contact you for a picture and bio information for use in an upcoming edition. We can't wait to introduce you to your new church family!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

HR Committee

We are filling positions on this committee. If you have Human Resources experience and can help the church on this important committee, please contact

Mike Fusselbaugh at 910-603-5506 or fusselmrf@gmail.com

TVC Communications Committee

The TVC Communications Committee needs a few good writers to do articles on happenings at the church, short write-ups on members for "Meet the Congregation" articles, and other short pieces for The Chapel Herald. Attendance at meetings is not always required, but writers are welcome if they choose to do so. To get more information you may call or email Shirley Aquino at (231) 679-1636 or saquino4831@gmail.com or Gerri Crutchfield at (910) 690-8731 or gcrutchfield@twc.com.

Tables of Eight

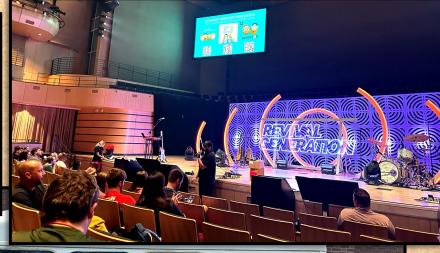
Are you interested in connecting with church members in a small group setting? Tables of 8 Fellowship may be what you're looking for! Join us for a monthly meal and the opportunity to make new friends. Your group is waiting for you! For questions or more information, email Ruth Holm.

Children and Youth



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We praise God for the seeds of the Gospel that were planted this week.





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The Village Chapel Scholarship Program

New Scholarships Awarded

The Village Chapel's Scholarship Program and grants for the 2024/2025 school year have been awarded to five students.

Abigail Smith, the daughter of Pastors Ashley and Vickie Smith, has been a member of TVC since 2011. She is a student at East Carolina University majoring in Fashion Merchandising. She will finish her last semester at ECU this fall and plans to pursue a master's degree in the fall of 2025. Abby believes success in life will come from trusting and believing that with Christ all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

Hannah Smith, the daughter of Pastors Ashley and Vickie Smith is a student at Campbell University and is majoring in Cybersecurity. In her free time she enjoys working as a nanny, dog sitting, and spending time with family and friends. Hannah believes God continues to lead and guide her daily toward His will for her life.

John Sebastian, the son of TVC members Stephen and Nancy Sebastian, is a student at UNC Chapel Hill, studying computer science. Following graduation, he plans to work in the field of software development and engineering. He believes God has called him to be a Christian servant and leader in his family, church, community, and vocation.



Katelyn Brown, the daughter of TVC members Don and Shelley Brown, is currently attending the Lundy-Fetterman School of Business at Campbell University and is on the Dean's List. She is planning to graduate with a bachelor's degree in healthcare management, with a future degree with a focus on healthcare law. She has been named the chaplain of her sorority where she shares her servant leadership in Christ.

Sarah Smith, the daughter of Pastors Ashley and Vickie Smith has been a member of TVC since 2011. She is a student at Campbell University majoring in Psychology. She will graduate in May of 2025 and pursue either a degree in law or in Industri-

al Organizational Psychology. She currently works part time with Brady Cobin Law Group in Raleigh. Sarah holds to the truth from God's Word that a man plans in his heart, but it is the Lord who directs his steps (Proverbs 16:9).

All these students have been actively involved in the youth program at The Village Chapel, which is one of the key requirements for qualification for the new scholarship program.

The Village Chapel Scholarship Program is funded by the Village Chapel Foundation and is made possible by the generosity of Village Chapel members past and present. The Foundation Committee would like to expand this program in the future, so if you would like to help us do that, please contact one of the pastors or John Rowerdink, Foundation Committee Chair.

Chapel Directory Update

The Village Chapel is growing and, with three different services offered each Sunday, it is not always easy to put a name to a face.

This fall, we will produce a new Chapel Directory. One of the most important things to have a successful directory is participation! All members and Friends of the Chapel who would like to participate are welcome. We work with an outside company who specializes in church pictorial directories to create the directory books. They will come to our campus on set photography dates (that will be announced very soon!) and provide each family unit a photography session. While they do provide you with options to purchase additional photographs from your session, a purchase is NOT required.

Please note that each family who participates in the photography sessions are guaranteed a copy of directory and will also receive a free 8x10 photo. We strongly encourage everyone who would like to receive a new directory book to have a new photo taken during the photography sessions offered. Please help us make this new directory the largest, most successful yet!



Outreach



"Meals on Wheels of the Sandhills Announces a New Partnership"

Partnering with TRIO enables our organization to serve a greater number of people in need while offering a quality, freshly prepared meal that meets nutritional needs of our over 90 homebound residents we currently serve daily," With TRIO's support, we can also offer medically tailored meals for clients that are diabetic, renal, or have other nutrition-related chronic diseases. All meals are created by a group of nutrition professionals who include registered dietitians, nutritionists, and chefs. Additionally, with a recently funded grant for Project DASH, we will be able to quickly implement new routes to reach the over 30 individuals on our This partnership allows MOW to focus on the organization's waitlist while we continue to search for delivery volunteers. We've been providing meals to older adults in Moore County, NC for 50 years and we feel this partnership is an important move to position Meals on Wheels of the Sandhills to effectively serve for another 50+ years.

TRIO Community Meals is the country's largest senior nutri- at 910-704-9810 or visit our website at tion meal vendor, with over 60 years of experience serving www.mealsonwheelsofthesandhills.com the growing population of food-insecure and isolated adults



in our communities.

mission to address food insecurity and provide human connection for Moore County, NC residents as a result of being homebound and unable to secure a nutritious meal. Due this expansion we will need more volunteers to help deliver meals. If you are interested in donating time as a volunteer driver or making a financial contribution, please contact us

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2024

Aug 24, Longleaf Golf and Family Club to benefit Sandhills Adult & Teen Challenge Carthage faculty

Aug 24, Chris Pearson Memorial at Scotch Meadows Country Club, Laurinburg, to benefit Samaritan Colony addiction recovery facility

Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Symposium, Village Pine Venue, Carthage, 9 am - 4 pm, Friend to Friend

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sep 18, 4 pm, the Cradle Tournament to benefit the Sandhills Boys and Girls Club

Sep 23, Vineyard Golf at White Lake to benefit the Adult & Teen Challenge Military Program/ Facility in Bladen County

Sep 27-29, Young Life Fall Camp is September 27 -29 (high school students)

Save the Date

Oct 15, 'Take Back the Night' Candlelight Vigil for NC Abuse Victims, 6:30-7:30 pm, (location TBD) Friend to Friend

Oct 10, Harvest the Promise, 6-9 pm Fair Barn annual to benefit Family Promise of Moore County

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.

Women of the Chapel

Cross Ties Luncheons



Please welcome our new Cross Ties Chair Ladies...

Rene White & Jan Cook

Mark your calendar - 2024 Luncheon Dates:

August 13, 2024
September 10, 2024
October 8, 2024
November 12, 2024
(NO luncheon in December due to Christmes Brunch)

Pinecrest Inn 11:30am - 1:30pm

\$20 per person - Birthday Guests are Free!

We will Celebrate June, July & August birthdays at the August luncheon

Cross Ties is a monthly gathering of women from The Village Chapel who attend all services to have the opportunity to meet one another.

It is a time for faith, fellowship and to share stories of our personal journey with the Lord.





PLEASE JOIN US!

The 1st Saturday of each month... Rain or Shine!*

Saturday Morning Faith & Fellowship Walk

9am - 10am

August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

Women of the Chapel are excited to announce this new opportunity to further our journey of faith with like-minded women

Meet at the plaza by Heritage Hall



- * Bring your own beverage
- * In the event of rain, we will meet at Heritage Hall

Questions? Contact Lyla Renai Elliott
Tel. 910-773-0256 or Email womenofthechapeltvc@gmail.com



10.5.24

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL'S WOMEN'S RETREAT



Guest Speaker

CAROLYN HELMS

"Fear, a four-letter word: Seeking God's guidance and strength for changing our vocabulary of life.

Member Status Member/Friend of the Chapel (Regular Visitor) CIRCLE ONE



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