

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



The Chapel Herald



Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

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What is interdenominationalism?

Since the founding of The Village Chapel, there has been a specific word used to describe our community of faith. It's a word

that is present in our earliest documents. Through the years, this word has been unique, perhaps exclusively, to our organization. The word is *"interdenominational."*

Interdenominationalism is the convergence of Christians representing various Christian faith traditions, around Christ as the Head of the Church. Like a tapestry of diverse colors and patterns and materials, a patchwork of individual pieces woven together, The Village Chapel is the richest diversity of Christian expression.

Interdemoninationlism is unity. A timehonored maxim that captures our essence is: in the essentials, unity; in the non-essentials, liberty, in all things, charity. We are unified in the foundational, orthodox tenants of the Christian faith, while allowing doctrinal freedom with the non-essentials that define particular denominations, such as ritual and polity.

Interdenominational is the opposite of non-denominational. Non-denomination doesn't resemble any particular mainline tradition, whereas The Village Chapel presents three denominationally familiar worship services. Each service incorporates rituals, liturgy, creeds, and hymns, that are recognizable to the majority of Christians.

Interdenominational is not interfaith. Interfaith implies the equality of the world religions with Christianity. Christ, as the Son of God, has no equal.

Interdenominationalism does involve the collaboration and fellowship between Christian denominations within the community for the advancement of The Kingdom of God. The Village Chapel in nature and practice is ecumenical.

Interdenominationalism is Christcentered, Bible-based, and service-focused. It celebrates the catholic (universal) Body of Christ, and most closely resembles the diversity found in the Kingdom of God.

Proudly, The Village Chapel is interdenominational.

~Pastor Ashley



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Meet the Congregation

Ellen Woodard

A getting and talking with Ellen Woodard for the first time is a wonderful experience. She is the epitome of a gentle Southern lady. This is not a surprise since she was born and raised in the South by parents who provided a supportive, nourishing home for Ellen and her siblings. They believed in practicing your faith on a daily basis and always doing the best that you could do regardless of the endeavor. Her family encouraged their children to do their best and work hard for an education. Ellen is one of the most pleasant, positive women you would ever want to meet and she has a real zest for living.

Born in Everetts, NC which is a small town northeast of Greenville and due east of Rocky Mount, she graduated valedictorian in her class at Robersonville High School and went on to graduate from East Carolina Teachers' College (now East Carolina University). After graduation she began a 30-year career teaching 3rd grade. Ellen continues to be committed to education and children and believes that learning never stops. She remains a strong advocate for education and has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Women Educators for 65 years.

When asked what legacy she wants to leave with her church and friends, she replied that she would like to be remembered for her generosity to The Village Chapel not just financially, but more importantly with her time and service.

In 1951, she married Ray Woodard. She was devoted to him throughout their marriage. Growing up, she was a member of the Disciples of Christ Church, but joined Ray in becoming a Methodist after their marriage. He completed undergraduate work and graduate studies at NC State University and was a professor in animal science. He along with other professors at NCSU were instrumental in advocating and working toward the establishment of the NC State School of Veterinary Medicine. Ellen retired in 1979 and a year later in 1980 Ray followed. During their retirement in the Raleigh area, they stayed busy with hobbies and interests such as flying (Ray was the pilot, Ellen the navigator!), growing and showing orchids and traveling.

They moved to Pinehurst in 1985



and continued to enjoy traveling, visiting a number of countries and experiencing different cultures. They also joined The Village Chapel and did not hesitate to jump right in giving their time and service. Both were involved in a number of committees and Ellen also served on the Board of the Women of the Chapel and the Altar Guild. She and Ray both served on the Chapel Hall Building Fund Committee and were very generous in giving their time and money to this project thereby helping the Chapel to build without the burden of debt.

In 1999 they moved to Belle Meade. They enjoyed this community, but unfortunately a few years later Ray developed Parkinson's Disease. As his health declined, he eventually had to move to the Health Center of St. Joseph and Ellen devoted her days to supporting her husband and overseeing his care. During this time, Ellen was unable to attend church, but members of the congregation came to them. Ray passed away in 2015 and Ellen resumed going to The Village Chapel as long as she could. The onset of COVID -19 brought another barrier to attending worship services. She cannot attend now as much as she once did, but enjoys and appreciates visits from members of the congregation. She values the relationship she has with her Village Chapel Family. When asked what legacy she wants to leave with her church and friends, she replied that she would like to be remembered for her generosity to The Village Chapel (continued on page 6)

Meet Our New Members

KEN CRUTCHFIELD

Ken moved to the area about 4 years ago after living in Lancaster, CA for fifty years; Originally from Charlottesville, Virginia, he currently resides in Southern Pines. Ken was brought up a Baptist. He attends the 11:00 service, usually with his brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Gerri Crutchfield

Ken's career was in the nursing profession-notably in surgical nursing. In his spare time (when he has it) enjoys drawing and painting.

He is a Veteran, serving 4 years in the Air Force; he was a proud member of the Air Force Honor Guard, whose mission is to represent the Airmen to the American public and the world

ROBERTA (RO) KACHEL

Originally from Central Illinois, Ro moved to this area in 2000 from Lebanon, PA, where she lived for over 30 years. She now resides in Fairwoods on Seven. She was raised in the Catholic Church. After many years as a Catholic, Ro was led to and became a member of The Village Chapel - attending the 9:30 service.

After a short stent as a Medical Secretary, Ro realized her calling was to be a homemaker and stay-at-home mom- a decision she doesn't regret. She and Chuck (her late husband) raised four children- they live throughout the US.

Ro now has 10 grandchildren. She enjoys golf 2-3 times a week- various card games and is a member of her neighborhood book club

MARK and YVONNE MILAKOVIC

The Milakovics moved to Pinehurst about 2 and half years ago from Hampton Roads, Virginia. Mark is originally a Pennsylvania native and Yvonne hails from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. They met while both were serving in the military. Mark was in the United States Air Force, stationed in England, and Yvonne was in the Royal Air Force.

Both have a Protestant background, having been members of Anglican, Lutheran, Episcopal and Methodist churches; They were married in a 12th century Anglican church in England! (St. Michaels and All Angles), located near the British Prime Minister's country residence. The church contains a memorial from Queen Victoria to Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, the First Earl of Beaconsfield.

They currently attend each of the three services, hoping to settle on a permanent one.

Mark served 20 years in the Air Force, after retiring he worked in electronics manufacturing, the food service industry and IT fields; Yvonne's career was in banking, primarily as a relationship banker.

In his spare time, Mark enjoys computer projects and photography; Yvonne enjoys knitting, home-making and decorating. She looks forward to becoming involved with the Women of the Chapel; together they enjoy travel and are fairly new to RV-ing. They have two sons, Jonathan in Carrollton, VA and Stewart in Bismarck ND. Kara, Stewart's daughter, is their only grandchild.

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.





All are invited on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00pm as the Chapel Choir presents a winter concert entitled "Music of Remembrance".

Our program will consist of classic arrangements of spirituals, shaker songs, and well-known hymns. The choir will be accompanied by Janelle Francis, a frequent collaborator here at TVC. We will also enjoy musical offerings by The Reverend Dr. Paul Murphy, Minister of Trinity AME Zion Church in Southern Pines. During the pandemic when musical activities were paused, I spent time programming a choral concert that would include some of our choir's favorite works, as well as repertoire that would be new to us. While there is an overarching theme, the title "Music of Remembrance" is deliberately ambiguous. Our program consists of both robust and reflective choral anthems which aims to provide the listener a most reflective experience. We hope you will join us.

s I write this, I am flying back from Melbourne, Australia (currently traveling from Los Angeles to Washington, DC en route to Raleigh) after one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I had the opportunity to assist in leading the first ever Camp SAY: Australia, an extension of the summer camps I have worked for in America under the same name. For those unaware, the Stuttering Association for the Young has existed for over 20 years, providing a space where young people who stutter are free to be themselves and have all the time they need to speak, a concept not always



From the Director of Music

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possible in our world. Having stuttered since I could talk, this is very close to me.

Last year, my close friend Rich Stephens extended the invitation for me to travel to Melbourne to help him lead our staff and young people in creating a space that is still quite foreign to Australians. While Australia is among the world leaders in stuttering research, they are behind in focusing on psycho-social effects of stuttering on individuals and lack support-based organizations. This is where SAY: Australia comes in. For three years, Rich has been cultivating relationships with young people who stutter and their parents, offering programming in Melbourne and other areas in Australia. Offering a camp was the first opportunity to bring everyone together. We worked with 14 staff and 14 campers in what turned out to be yet another moving experience under the SAY umbrella. Our staff includes talented pro-

fessionals in the world of speech-language pathology who have been so generous with their time as well as people who stutter. I am immensely proud to know them and to have worked closely with them. There is so much else to share in this little space, so I will much of that for another time.

I have to thank the pastors and staff of The Village Chapel for their continued support of this journey that I have been on and to Anne Dorsey, Ed Martel, Janelle Francis, David Jesse, our staff singers, and our wonderful Chapel Choir for their leadership while I have been away. They ensured musical activities continue the same standard which has been set for many years. The Chapel Herald

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS



The Village Chapel Choir in concert | Stephen Gourley, conductor; Janelle Francis, accompanist

Spirituals, Shaker songs, and traditional hymns

Sunday, February 19, 4:00pm The Village Chapel, Pinehurst



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The English Speaking Union's Shakespeare **Competition**

Saturday February 18, 2023 3:00 PM | In the Sanctuary

Call the church office for information (910) 295-6003

A video of this event will be available on YouTube at a later date.



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Your connection with God can be so much more than going to church, reading the Bible, and attending study groups. Using indepth scriptural studies alongside stories from his own life, Dr. Evans will equip you with the tools you need for pursuing an authentic and lifetransforming relationship



Get to Know God as He **Really Is. Dr. Tony Evans** believes seeking to know God is life's greatest purpose. In this practical, six-session video series, he shares strategies and skills for how you can live victoriously as a child of God.

with your Savior.

STARTING FEBRUARY 12TH, WE WILL EXPLORE THE BIBLE STUDY TITLED "The Power of Knowing God" by Tony Evans

This is 6 Part Series that will take place in February and March. Please join us anytime! We will be in Heritage Hall in youth room after 930 family service (approx. 1045 - 1130)

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Feb 12th - (1) "Do You Know Him?" Feb 19th - (2) "A Path to Intimacy" Feb 26th – (3) "Know the Unknowable" Mar 12th - (4) "Hope for the Here and Now" Mar 19th - (5) "The Benefits of Abiding" Mar 26th - (6) "Empowered for Purpose"

If you have any questions, please free to reach out.

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WORD SEARCH

Look for the LENTEN words below in the grid. Circle them when you find them. Look forwards, backwards and horizontal.

ALTAR	DOUBT
ASHES	EASTER
ABSTINENCE	JESUS
BELIEVER	JOHN
BIBLE	LENT
BLOOD	PETER
CHRISTIAN	PILATE
CROSS	SCRIPTURE
CRUCIFY	THOMAS
DISCIPLE	

(Ellen Woodard continued from page 2...) not just financially, but more importantly with her time and service. She would like to be remembered for her advocacy of education. She is a wonderful role model of what a Christian should be and how one should live through faith.

We thank you, Ellen, for the example you set for all of us and pray that God will give us the courage, strength, and positive fortitude to follow in your footsteps. Thank you for all you have done and what you mean to this congregation.



e receive inquiries from visitors, new members, those currently in the workforce as well as retirees with regards to how they can become the hands and feet of Christ in serving our community. One of the desires of your Outreach Committee is to provide information on volunteer opportunities with many of the organizations we support financially. Each month we highlight upcoming events and different ways these agencies serve our community.

The Sandhills Coalition for Human Care provides food and/or clothing to families in need in Moore County up to four times per year, monthly food packages to qualifying seniors, and financial assistance once per year for families facing disconnection of one of their utilities.



Last year they also provided gas vouchers due to the extreme rise in prices. How are they able to do this? Through monetary donations, clothing and household goods donations to their retail stores on West Pennsylvania Avenue and through many thousands of volunteer hours.

Volunteers are always needed in the retail stores, as well as screeners in the office who assist with developing household budgets and determining family needs. Kitchen helpers are needed to prepare food bundles and helpers in the clothing section are also needed to help families seeking much needed clothing as the weather changes. The cold days we've experienced so far this winter can be especially difficult .

As previously requested, the Coalition is still in need of bedding and all types of linens for supported families. Please prayerfully consider offering a few hours a month in service to the Coalition and our community.

To become a volunteer, contact the office:

(910) 693-1600 to set up a time for training.

Donations may be dropped off at their retail store between 10 and 3:30

Tuesday thru Friday | 395 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, NC.

Coming in March: Hungry Bowls annual event at whispering pines county club, local vendors will provide scrumptious soups to taste and a hand painted bowl is yours to keep. for more information and to sign up visit: <u>www.sandhillscoalition.org</u>.



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."

Families and Youth



The Children and Youth of The Village Chapel enjoyed a night of play in the bouncy house, games, food, and tons of smiles and laughs at Parent's Night Out. Parent's Night Out runs in conjunction with "Better Together" *(see next page)* Bible Study Group that meets at the Care Cottage on the first Friday of the month. The next Parent's Night Out and "Better Together" Bible Study will be Friday, February 3rd from 6-8pm.

LOOKING FOR FAITH SERVICE & FUN FOR YOUR DAUGHTER?



My daughter has met some sweet girls, and gained some valuable friendships. The AHG Program has also given her great opportunities to speak in front of others and practice leadership skills. - Katie A.



COMING SOON!!

American Heritage Girls Troop NC-1898 & Trail Life USA NC-1898

Starting April 12, 2023 we will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at The Village Chapel of Pinehurst, NC from 5:45-7:30pm

For more information or volunteer opportunities please visit www. tvcpinehurst.com or contact: TVCNC1898@gmail.com

This is the Trail Life.

TRAIL LIFE USA is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure and character development program for boys (starting at age 5). Parents love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency. Boys enjoy the fun and adventure!

Trail Life USA partners with churches to grow godly young men. Boys connect with friends, dads, and mentors in a safe, encouraging, Christian environment.

Come join the Trail.

Find a Troop or start one at www.TrailLifeUSA.com.



Our mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.





"Better Together"

It really is amazing how we often learn more during the hard times, than during the easy. When I was a boy, winning the baseball or football game meant a trip to pizza hut and a celebration. However, losing the game was met with deep introspection and perhaps some tears. When we won, no changes needed to be made, we just had to play like that next week. But a loss meant harder practices, digging deeper, and challenging each other to play better.

For most, enduring COVID-19 was a hard time and it is strange to say but within the Church and America, we are still recovering and evaluating the lessons learned during that time. Many local churches realized the importance of the communal aspect of the church. So many Christians were drawing strength and stability from having a community of believers around them. The fellowship meals, small groups, choir specials, and chit-chatting after service on Sunday were more valuable than we knew. We missed the

smiles of those in the pews around us, the singing of the choir,

and the laughter of children.

What we realized, is that in many ways we do things better together. We have started a new ministry to young married couples here at the Chapel called "Better Together." We had an incredible first night with nine couples coming to learn how to better handle the stresses of life and marriage together. That concept is so simple, but can be life changing once we realize it. And it goes further than just our marriages, so let's look at three specific areas.

The first area where we are better together is in our lives in relation to God. As we look at the story of man in Genesis, Adam was created to have constant fellowship with the Father in the Garden. It wasn't until sin came into the story that a separation occurred between man and God, and the rest of the Old Testament is looking forward to a coming time of reconciliation and peace. That reconciliation is found through Christ our



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Lord, and when we are joined to Him through all the mountains and valleys of this life, we find peace.

The second area where we are better together is in our lives in relation to the church. In Hebrews 10 we are told not to forsake the gathering of ourselves together, and in the book of Acts we see a beautiful picture of a people living in community centered around the risen Christ. St. John Chrysostom, an early church father, once said in a sermon, "Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving that we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustain their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, and those saddened, joy. In the Church, the troubled find relief, and the heavy-laiden, rest." To be part of the Church is to have a family, to have a shoulder to cry on, and a friend to walk through life with.

Finally, we are better together when we do as the Lord commanded, and husband and wife become one. This is becoming one at every possible level: physical, mental, spiritual, social. Marriage should be the union of two people at the deepest possible level and in all areas, which brings the greatest sense of fulfillment to the couple and serves the purposes of God for their lives. Marriage was not instituted to be a burden or a restraint, but to liberate us and help us live life to the fullest.

We are better together, let us remember that important lesson and apply it through every aspect of our lives. God bless you and keep you this coming month!

~Pastor Trey

First Nednesday

Fellowship

First Wednesday of the month 6:00pm in Chapel Hall Next up– March 3, 2023







Call the church office for reservations

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Women of the Chapel



The Ladies Spring Tea April 18, 2023

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

...we must always cherish the words of our Lord Jesus, who taught, "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: pfredfox23@icloud.com

<u>Small Group Leaders</u>, and hosts needed. Please contact 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 con-

tact 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

Parents' Night Out needs chaperones for January 13 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Vickie 910 -992-8309 if you are willing to serve.

<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.

February Bírthdays

1 Cheryl Veni Cora Grace Cooper Carmei Lapa

- 2 Sally Adams
- 3 Ed Gavin, II Jack Lund R.Q. Simmons Patsy Parkhill John Brosch Fred Fox
- 4 Lisa Wingfield
- 5 Ed Reeves Jon DeVault Jack Wood Ed Emnett Trisha Glover
- **6** Lori Morse Ruth Holm
- 7 Cayleigh Ana Kruse Whitley Barrett

- 8 Jane Jackson Judy Auch Gemma Torok
- 9 Pennie Clack Lin Cook Don Lee
- 10 Mike Bradley 11 Logan Totten-Lancaster
- 12 Cooper Crocker
- Hunter Shumski 13 Tom Stewart
- 15 Sarah Slade Jason Lee Cindy Cordell
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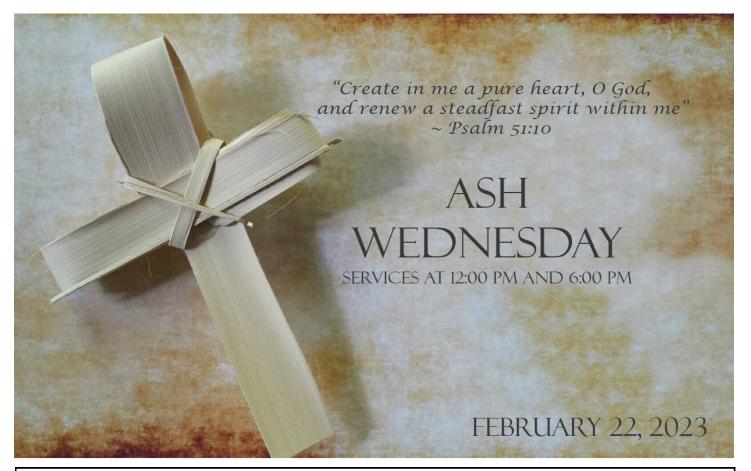
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- 19 Steve Woodward 20 Ceil ten Braak
- Riley Grimshaw Susan Joslin
- 21 Susan Jacobsen 22 Margaret Elliott Lesley Woodruff
- 23 Natasha Bell
- 24 Roy Longhta Taylor Edrington
- Grace Edrington Lou Torok Cate Goodman
- 25 Marian Schillerstrom Radford Walker
 26 Richard Ballard Art Romero Gary Strickfaden
- 28 Kim Pahk



- 2 John & Laurie Wiles
- 8 Jack & Nancy Sadler
- 14 Don & Vickie Taylor Patrick & MJ Pizzella
- **21** Cam & Janice Cantelou
- 25 Greg & Tanner Page
- **26** Chandler & Kelley Adams

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.



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