



The Chapel Herald

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Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

100 Years of Worship: 1925-2025:

“In the winter of 1922-1923 Frederick Bruce and his sister, Miss Mary Bruce, did not come down to occupy their cottage, ‘The Oaks.’ I investigated the matter and discovered that they were both ill and in a private hospital in New York. I missed them very much because they were so faithful to the Chapel. I had developed a habit of running up to Washington for a few days of change and rest after the strenuous work of Lent and Easter, and on this occasion it occurred to me to run over to New York and see the Bruces.

Miss Bruce was almost overcome and marveled that I had come all the way from Pinehurst to New York to see her. The next day when I went to see her again she said to me, ‘They say that I cannot get well and I want to do something for the Chapel. Please use this check either to enlarge the old Chapel or to start a building fund for a new one.’ With that she

handed me a check for \$5,000.

On the following Sunday at the morning service I requested the Directors of the Religious Association to stay for a short meeting after the service. At this meeting I told them of my visit to Miss Bruce. John Spring stood up and said, “I would like to match this gift.” James Barber, Horace Rackham, Henry Hornblower and Henry Swoope said the same thing and Charles Crocker, George Dunlap, Simeon Chapin, the Whittemores and Donald Ross made their subscriptions and in a matter of about twenty minutes we had more than \$40,000 subscribed toward the building of a new Chapel. At the meeting it was also decided that the Directors would go to Mr. Tufts the following morning and tell him that we had between \$40,000 and \$50,000 subscribed toward a new Chapel to cost about \$100,000, and ask if he would allow us to build it in the village green. Mr. Tufts was utterly thrilled by this development and he offered to make a gift of the land which was in reality the choicest site in Pinehurst.

“These were stirring and eventful days and filled with the tasks of looking for our architect, deciding upon the style of building, completing the canvass for more funds, appointing many committees, and making all the decisions incident to the construction of a beautiful new church. It had been decided to build a church of (Continued on pg. 10)

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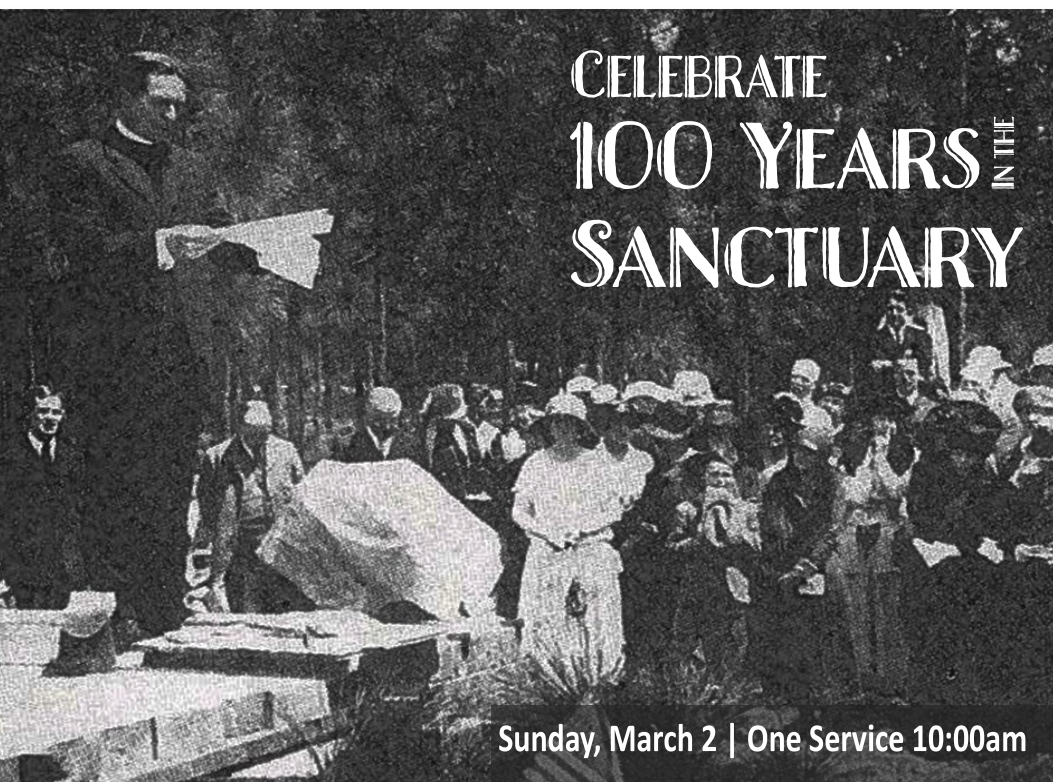


{The story about how our present Sanctuary came to be, as told by Dr. Cheatam:}

“AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS the need for a new Chapel impressed itself on many people, but the actual impetus came in such an interesting and thrilling way that I think the story should be told here.

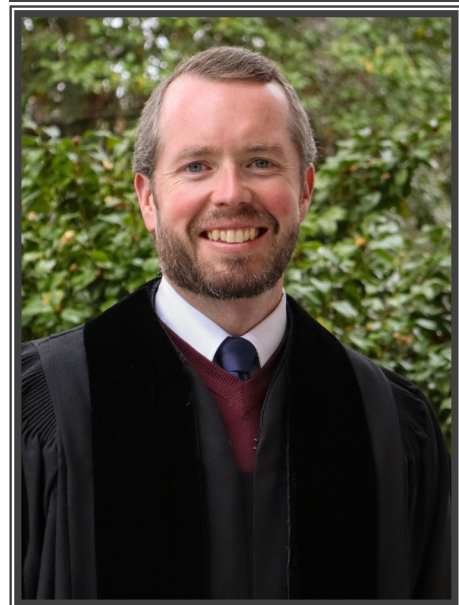
CELEBRATE
100 YEARS IN THE
SANCTUARY

Sunday, March 2 | One Service 10:00am



Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor

“The Meaning of the Pentateuch”



I love the Old Testament. As a child it was the battles found in the narratives, and the strange apocalyptic imagery in books like Daniel and Ezekiel that drew me. As time has passed my fascination has only grown because of how ancient the Old Testament feels. Ancient Hebrew itself is mysterious, there are beings that appear in the text such as Cherubim and Seraphim

with relatively no introduction or description, and there also seems to be layer upon layer of meaning for every story. *John Sailhamer*, a premier Old Testament scholar, besides having an incredible last name also wrote one of the pivotal books for understanding the entirety of the Bible.

Sailhamer believed that to understand the New Testament, one must first understand the Old Testament, and to understand the Old Testament, one must first understand the Pentateuch. The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible and lays the foundation for everything else. Sailhamer makes a convincing case that Eden is the most important idea in all the Bible. Eden was perfection, it was the way human life was intended. Man did not need to work or strive; all of their needs were provided for by God as they relied upon Him for everything. Man walked and spoke with God every day, there was a genuine relationship between man and God. But as we know, man sinned and hid from God. Eventually they were thrown out of Eden, and it is Eden that man has longed for ever since.

What is interesting is if you look at a map for the borders of Eden, most scholars agree that it stretches from Egypt to Turkey, and from the Mediterranean to Iraq. Also, what is interesting is that Israel is given essentially the same borders when they come into the land from Egypt and wandering in the desert. The idea was that Israel was supposed to be entering God's Kingdom, they

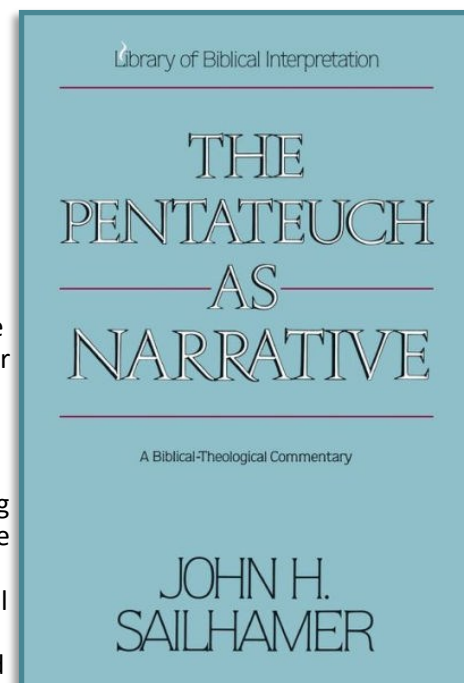
were meant to go back to Eden where God would provide for all their needs. But, as we read the story of the people of Israel they never fully rely on God. They rebel, they chase idols, and although they are geographically in the right location, they never get back to Eden.

Most of the Old Testament prophets tell of a time when God will bring His people back into “the Land.” Ezekiel prophecies of that day in Ezekiel 11:17-20, “Therefore say, this is what the Lord God says: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they arrive there, they will remove all its abhorrent acts and detestable practices from it. I will give them integrity of heart and put a new spirit with them. I will remove their heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh, so that they will follow my statutes, keep my ordinances, and practice them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.”

Praise God, He has given us a new heart and returned us to His Kingdom. A place of innocence and forgiveness, where He has provided for all our needs, and where we walk and talk with Him daily. So what is the meaning of the Pentateuch? Eden is what we long for. What is the meaning of the New Testament? Eden is open to all.

In Christ,

-Trey +



Realm® Connect

To better meet the needs of our growing TVC family, we have made the decision to upgrade our Church Management software with Realm!

Over the next few weeks, be on the lookout for videos and information on our updated system. Once we are ready to launch, there will be a new app for all members to download as well as a new member portal on our website. This will allow all members to see their personal profile, make changes and updates, view our calendar and register for upcoming events, connect with service opportunities and committees, and get better connected with our church.

Greg Wetzelberber— Interning with Intent



Interning with Intent: Learning to “Just Breathe”

“If you knew what God had planned for you, you wouldn’t believe it, and you’d probably want to run the other way. But brother, all you’ve got to do now is just breathe oxygen.” Those words came from Pastor Ashley and rang in my ears as we stood on the Care Cottage porch just a few years ago. I wish I could tell you how prophetic, meaningful, and life giving those words have truly been. In this short article, I’ll try to do just that.

You might find it hard to believe, but I wasn’t always a believer. Growing up in a Catholic home, we attended both services – Easter and Christmas. Other than that, the thought of God was reserved for weddings and funerals. In our house, religion was somewhat uncomfortable. The topic was like an itchy garment we only put on for company but otherwise left in the closet. It seemed like a normal way to prioritize faith at the time. Everyone in my circle of influence was occupied by worldly influence, leaving little to no room for the thought of Christianity. This was my deposit of faith

Suffice it to say, I remained agnostic to any religious sentiment until later in life. In 2010, after my third deployment to the Middle East, I began to have a fledgling desire to re-engage Christianity. It was not in combat that I was thrust into faith, nor was it the wise mentorship of another Christian that fostered my curiosity. No, it was a troubled marriage and cognitive dissonance associated with an amoralistic lifestyle. My life was not where I wanted it to be, and I was not the husband I thought I should be. Deep down, I knew my eternal fate was in jeopardy, but I wasn’t sure how to change that. So, I did what

any sensible person would do. I returned to my roots and tried to find a good Catholic Church.

Fast forward to 2013, now stationed at Ft. Bragg, Natalie and I found our way to the land of the Pines, still searching for a Catholic community. Our oldest son, Gatlin, was just two years old, and our second child was on his way. We thought finding a church was the right thing to do for our growing family. We must have tried half a dozen Catholic and Protestant churches, but nothing seemed to fit. When I was ready to give up, I had a chance encounter with my unit’s new chaplain, Captain Lucas Dalglish. In passing, I mentioned our inability to find the right church. We didn’t know what we were looking for, but that didn’t stop me from giving him a list of criteria that shouldn’t matter. Without missing a beat, he invited me to his church, The Village Chapel.

The next Sunday, Lucas and I attended the 8:00 and 9:30 services and the 10:45 Bible study. After that, I resolved to come back the following week. It wasn’t so much that I wanted to come back, as much as I had to come back. At Bible study, a tall, elderly man in a blue suit introduced himself as Al Magnum and handed me their lesson book and DVD. You can imagine my surprise when he asked me to lead the next lesson. Now, at the time, I wasn’t sure if Mr. Magnum thought I, too, was a chaplain or if this was an unorthodox yet brilliant ploy to ensure my attendance – either way, I agreed. Although I knew nothing about the Bible or any theological concepts, I did know one thing. I was a Commando in the US Special Operations Forces. If I could lead a team on an operation in Afghanistan, I could undoubtedly lead a Bible study in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

I could tell you little to nothing about that first lesson; it was a nominal achievement at best. If I remember anything, it was the compassionate support and the genuine love of the folks that filled the seats in the room. They were seasoned Christians. I had no idea what the fruits of the Spirit were, but I left the Care Cottage with a basket full that day.

But that wasn’t all the love and support the Chapel was ready to give us. In February 2014, Natalie gave birth to our second son, Greyson. As I stood at the “Daddy window,” tapping the glass and taking pictures, I became aware of someone joy-

fully walking down the hall towards me. I turned to see the smile of a man I could vaguely recall, but then it hit me: Pastor Ashley. Pleasantly surprised, I asked, “What are you doing here?”

“I’m here for you brother.”

I don’t know if I ever told Ashley, but that’s what sealed it. I didn’t know much about the Bible or Christianity, but I knew I wanted to know more; I wanted to be like that. I knew we found a church to call home. What I didn’t know was God’s amazing plan for myself and my family at TVC.

As part of the SOCOM Warrior Care program, active-duty military members are permitted an internship anywhere in the world for the last six months of their career. On July 1st, 2023, I began my internship with The Village Chapel. I like to tell people I could have gone to Amazon and made tons of money working under Jeff Bezos, but I chose to store up treasure in heaven by working under Christ with Pastors Ashley, Vickie, and Trey. That decision was a no-brainer because the last six months have been the most fulfilling part of my entire military career.

As the Youth Ministry Intern, I had the privilege to team up with Pastor Vickie, serving our children and youth in so many ways. I dressed up and entertained the children at VBS. I helped lead and teach our Youth at Summer Camp. I was even permitted to teach catechism this year, where I think I learned more than our students. Moreover, I continued to lead adult studies, preach from the pulpit, and encountered the Holy Spirit delivering the divine liturgy. I’ve learned more about our church and faith and experienced the fullness of Christ in ways I never have before. If anything, this internship gave me absolute certainty in God’s plan and my calling. But, if you had told me that a few years ago, I probably would have run the other way. Yet, I’m exactly where God wants me, and for 2025, all I have to do is breathe oxygen.

Thank you, TVC, for your love and support over these many years. Thank you for this incredible opportunity.

In Christ,

Greg 

From the Director of Music

Dear Chapel Family and Friends,

I am writing this letter to you from Tullamarine airport in Melbourne, having finished a week of Camp SAY in Australia, a summer camp for young people who stutter. For our newer members, I have been involved with the Stuttering Association for the Young in the United States in some form since 2018 at their summer camp here, which has been in several locations including Pennsylvania and rural New York. In 2023, on the invitation of my close friend Rich Stephens, I journeyed to Australia to help launch the first Camp SAY: AU. We launched with nine campers, and have grown each year, serving thirty campers this year. We highlight the SAY space as a place “where it is okay to stutter” and “a place where everyone has all the time they need to speak.” These are more than just words. It is a standard.

Australia as a nation is at the forefront of research surrounding stuttering, however, has lacked the insight into the psycho-social effects of stuttering thus failing to provide the necessary support for individuals who stutter and their families. This is where SAY in Australia has had a tremendous impact. Not only does SAY provide a meaningful environment where young people who stutter can be themselves without fear of ridicule and not feel isolated, but peace of mind for families as well. Upon the end of camp, we hear immediately how excited campers are to return in a year’s time and the confidence they gain going into a new school year.

One of the most beautiful things about Camp SAY is the way campers are encouraged and supported by their peers. For even something seemingly as small as taking a leap of faith (an actual camp activity involving jumping from a high structure while strapped to a harness) or a ride on the giant swing, the totality of support is overwhelming. Our closing campfire each year is a time where campers and staff share many things, including their own experiences as people who stutter and the ways camp impacts them. The connection between us all during that time is as visible as anything I’ve ever seen.

I must give thanks to the many people who make this journey possible for me. Pastors John and now Ashley have been beyond generous to allow me this time away, and my colleagues Anne Dorsey and (father) Mark Gourley have provided steady musical leadership while I am away. My continuous thanks are extended to the choir for their support for this journey.

I am happy to answer any questions that any of you may have.

Stephen



— THE VILLAGE CHAPEL MUSIC SERIES

presents

**THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
ORGAN DEPARTMENT**

Friday, February 28, 7:00PM
The Village Chapel Pinehurst

**THE VILLAGE CHAPEL
10 AZALEA ROAD, PINEHURST**

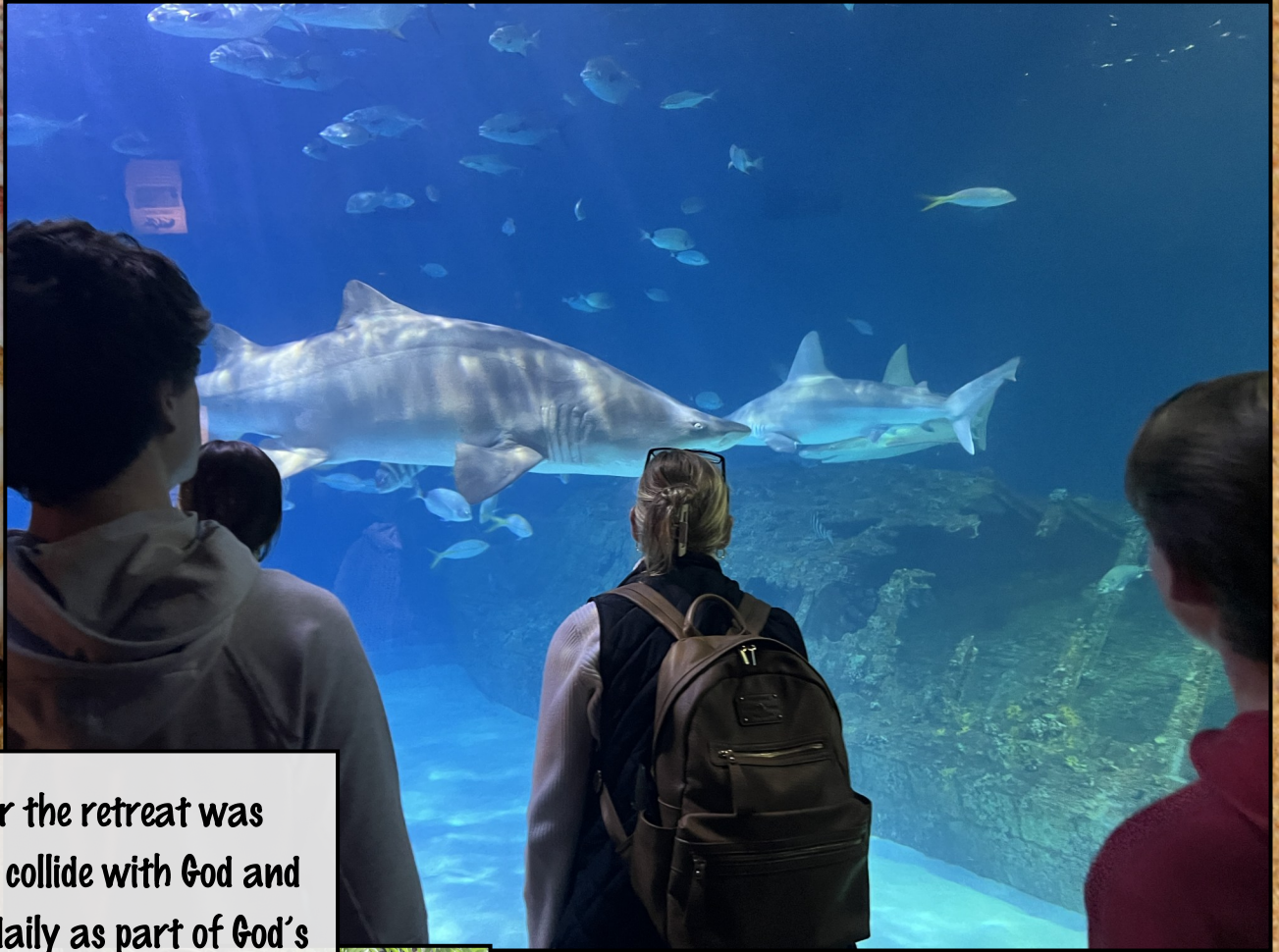
NO ADMISSION OR TICKET CHARGE REQUIRED

Youth Retreat January 17-20

The Youth had an amazing time at our recent Beach Retreat to the Outer Banks, NC.



Children and Youth



The theme for the retreat was "Collide." We collide with God and with others daily as part of God's plan to reveal Himself to us.



Upcoming Outreach Events

4th Annual



**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

VILLAGE PINE VENUE
1628 McCaskill Road
Carthage, NC 28387

**Join us for Cocktails and a
Silent Auction at 5:30 PM,
followed by:**

- Performance by Joyful Noise Choir
- Three Course Dinner by Elliott's Catering
- Live Auction & Silent Auction
- DJ & Dancing

cocktail attire suggested.



SCAN FOR TICKETS
\$150 per person

Reserve table seating options available

The Arc For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**TO BENEFIT
THE
ARC OF MOORE**



CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 8, 2025
9 AM—1 PM

PINEHURST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4111 AIRPORT RD. PINEHURST, NC

Activities Include:

- Chocolate Baked Goods and Confections
- Gift Boutique (unique Valentine & chocolate themed gifts)
- Donuts, Hot Chocolate & Boxed Lunches
- Cooking & Decorating with Chocolate (live demo from local chef)
- Cake Walk
- Silent Auction (9-12)

FREE ADMISSION

Proceeds benefit: Sandhills/Moore County Coalition for Human Care,
Kind Souls, Family Promise of Moore County




Save the Date!!



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

Save the Date



The Ladies Spring Tea Tuesday, April 15, 2025



New Women's Bible Study

A new Women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Care Cottage. The study chosen is Jennifer Rothschild's "Me, Myself and Lies", a 7-session study with a Bible study guide and video streaming. Overview: Words are powerful, especially the words women speak to themselves. All too often what we say to ourselves when we lie in bed at night or look in the mirror in the morning is not even close to the words God wants us to speak to our souls.

This study will encourage us to clean out the junk in our minds and replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God's Word. Contact Eleanora Voelkel (voelkelje@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending and want a study guide ordered for you. The "Me, Myself and Lies" study guide is available on Amazon for \$15.99. Lifeway for \$15.99 or \$21.99 with video access.

(100 Years—Continued) early colonial design and after study of the work of Hobart Upjohn of New York the Committee selected him as the architect who could best express in a building our ideas of simplicity and beauty. In about two years' time the new Chapel stood there in all its glory as an inspiring evidence of the zeal and loyalty of our Pinehurst family, some \$130,000 having been pledged during this period. The wisdom of the Committee's choice was nicely confirmed when Mr. Upjohn was awarded the Diploma of Merit at the exhibition in Turin, Italy, known as Mostra Internazionale di Edilizia, for his design of The Village Chapel. It is interesting to note that his grandfather was the architect of Trinity Church at the top of Wall Street in New York and also of Christ Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

"The Jubilate Deo, 'O Be Joyful in the Lord,' was most appropriate for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Chapel, a ceremony which was held on April 13, 1924- Almost the entire congregation went over from the old Chapel after the morning service and it was a happy occasion for everybody. The dream was coming true, there was no doubt about it. The walls were

going up, and as I write this my unfading memory is of the joy and interest expressed in the erection of this beautiful house of God. An address was delivered by the Honorable Martin G. Brumbaugh, former Governor of Pennsylvania. . . . Into the cornerstone was placed a Bible, a Prayer Book, current copies of the local newspapers, maps of the four golf courses in Pinehurst and, by decision of the Board, a certified copy of the minister's best score, a 74 on the No. 2 course, a little jest to give a sort of Pinehurst flavor. "The final amount raised was \$112,000 which was supplemented by donations of \$500 each for memorial pews with inscription plates, an idea proposed by George T. Dunlap, Sr." The original landscaping of the Chapel grounds was provided as a memorial gift by Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Swoope.

"The first service in the new Village Chapel was held on Sunday, March 1, 1925. Special music was furnished by a quartette composed of Charles W. Picquet, who led the singing for many years, Mrs. Picquet, Mrs. Helen Butterfield and Thomas A. Kelly. The message which appeared on the printed greeting was:

Erected by the gifts of its loyal friends The Village Chapel opens its doors today and bids you welcome. Its services are for all people who care to come, and it stands for unity, fellowship and inspiration. It seeks to hold fast to the sincerity and simplicity of the past and to give a message of faith and spiritual purpose to the present. A hearty welcome is - extended to all to have a share in realizing its ideals.

"The Village Chapel has stood here through all these years, with its slender spire, its beautiful proportions, its chaste simplicity, its friendly and devout spirit, to bless and inspire those who come under its influence.

Some have been gracious enough to say that the Chapel is the heart of Pinehurst. Certainly there has grown up within it a spirit of sincerity, devotion and reality that can properly be called a holy fellowship." (T.A.C.)

Pastor Ashley

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1 Cheryl Veni	Ken Dickson	Garry Rains
Carmei Lapa	Lin Cook	19 Steve Woodward
2 Sally Adams	Don Lee	20 Ceil ten Braak
3 Ed Gavin, II	10 Mike Bradley	Riley Grimshaw
Jack Lund	Levi Majure	Susan Joslin
R.Q. Simmons	Megan Stayskal	21 Susan Jacobsen
Patsy Parkhill	11 Logan	24 Taylor Edrington
John Brosch	Totten-Lancaster	Grace Edrington
Fred Fox	12 Cooper Crocker	Lou Torok
5 Ed Reeves	Mary O'Malley	Cate Goodman
Jon DeVault	Anne DeRosa	25 Marian
Jack Wood	13 Benjamin Majure	Schillerstrom
Ed Emmett	Tom Stewart	Richard Payne
Trisha Glover	Laura Von Zup	Radford Walker
6 Ruth Holm	PK Kaess	26 Richard Ballard
7 Cayleigh Ana Kruse	14 Quentin Lutz	Ro Kachel
Addisyn Stayskal	15 Sarah Slade	Art Romero
Whitley Barrett	Cindy Cordell	Gary Strickfaden
Elizabeth Shank	16 Borders Utley	Susan Angelier
8 Jane Jackson	17 Brant Clifton	28 Kim Pahk
Judy Auch	18 Janet Lowry	Rene' Chapman
Mary Stultz	Bonna Leonard	
Diane Subin	Danna Carter	
9 Pennie Clack	Anita Baker	

- 1 Keith & Laura Von Zup
- 2 John & Laurie Wiles
- 4 Bryan & Lindsey Von Dohlen
- 8 Jack & Nancy Sadler
- 9 Jack & Allison Couzens
- 14 Don & Vickie Taylor
Bryan & Danna Carter
Patrick & MJ Pizzella
- 15 Mark & Yvonne Milakovic
- 21 Cam & Janice Cantelou
- 28 Josh & Angela Fox

Members of The
Village Chapel
Adults 709 • Children 125

Friends of the Chapel
Adults 118 • Children 5

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.

Shakespeare Festival

The English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition

Saturday February 8, 2025

2:30 PM | In the Sanctuary

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



First Wednesday Fellowship

And 2025 Annual Meeting

February 5, 2025 | 6:00pm
Chapel Hall



*"Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me"*
~ Psalm 51:10

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WEDNESDAY
SERVICES AT 12:00 PM AND 6:00 PM

MARCH 5, 2025

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