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Coming This Fall: “Through The Bible” Study with Pastor Ashley

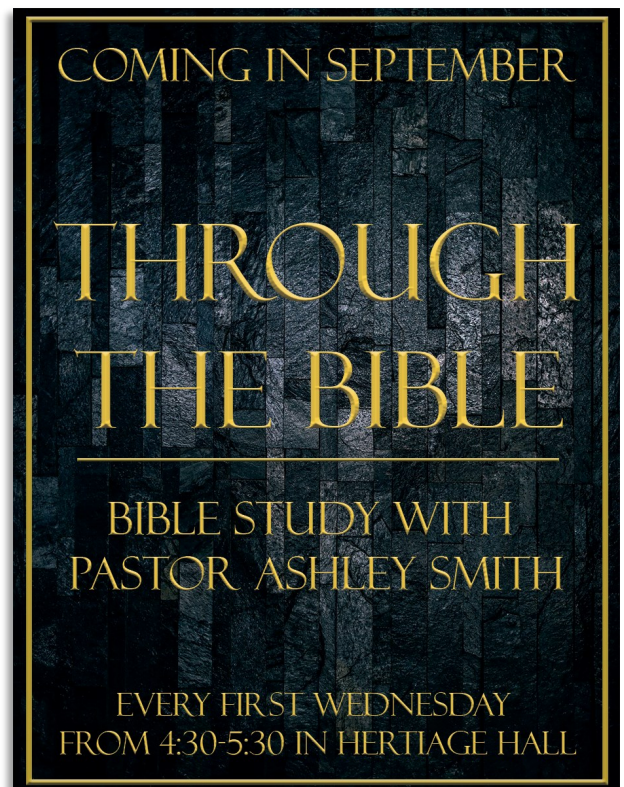
Starting September 4, 2024, The One Year Bible Study will get a new name and a new focus. Two years ago, a group of us started reading the One Year Bible. We would

read a month’s reading and then meet to discuss the readings. After completing one year, the group decided to keep reading the One Year Bible, but to look at scripture from an entire book’s perspective. For example, if the Book of Leviticus was part of the monthly reading, then we would look at that particular book in its’ entirety. Both years were informational and, more importantly, formational; the Word of God has that sort of power. So we went from a multi-book study to a single book study.

This Fall, we want to go even more microscopic and study particular passages – even verses. Part of my excitement for this new study is the ability to discuss random passages, outside of a systematic schedule. This allows us to talk about topics like: The Rapture, The Second Coming, Jesus Quotes The Old Testament, and many more topics of personal interest. We will also discuss the least familiar passages and stories of The Bible that are tremendously interesting and significantly life-giving. The new study will retain its usual time and

location: First Wednesdays in Heritage Hall from 4:30-5:30. All are welcome, and there are no registration costs or requirements. The required textbook for the class is...wait for it...wait for it... The Bible!

Pastor Ashley



Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor

“How should Christians vote?”

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like human beings. Now is this the right answer, dropping out of the electoral process entirely because certain individuals are not to the standard that we believe they should be? I think I do know the answer to this question, and the answer is that we as Christians must participate in the political process.

each candidate. Notice, I said of each candidate. Take a sincere look at the policies and quality of each candidate while understanding that neither will be perfect. Just as you test your intuition and conscience to see if it is of God, hold the candidates and their policies up to the light of Christ. Ultimately Christ is the standard that we must use to test and to




Yes, I know, it is only July. But the 2024 Elections are quickly approaching, and they will be here before we realize. As I was thinking through the different candidates, I began to ask myself how I should vote, and then how should any Christian vote? Do we vote simply based on our own conscience? Should it be intuitive, do we follow our “gut” and go where it leads? Throughout much of my life I believe this has been the most pervasive advice. While I do not necessarily agree with it, I think I understand the sentiment. The thought is that because we are in Christ, the Spirit of Christ dwells within us and we should trust and rely on His Spirit to lead us. It makes sense. But what about when John says in 1 John 4:2 that we should “test the spirits to see whether they are from God.” There is a recognition that we hear many voices, and not all of them are voices of truth. So, can we vote simply based on conscience? I do not know.

Should we take giant scales and weigh each individual to see if either position or person is found wanting? Whether we like to admit it or not, this is what we do. And unfortunately, we always find that both parties are found wanting, and that there is no perfect party or candidate. It is at this point that many honest Christians turn away from politics, once they realize that people are uncannily acting

So how do we as Christians vote? I will not pretend as if I have this figured out, nor pretend that I have already drawn my final conclusion as to who I will vote for. But perhaps I can offer some advice for those who are wondering how they should approach the upcoming election. First, we as Christians should rely on the Spirit of Christ within us to guide us. Paul in his Epistles talks about the conscience of man on several occasions. There is the reality that Christ speaks to His people, and whether we refer to it as intuition, conscience, or Jiminy Cricket, they are all venues through which Christ speaks to us. Should we test the spirits? Absolutely! But just because we should test does not mean that we should ignore.

The second thing I would recommend is to weigh the positives and negatives of

weigh, and I personally feel most comfortable voting for candidates and policies that lean closer to Christ. I do not mean that a candidate simply professes to be a Christian, religion and especially Christianity is often weaponized, but leaning toward Christ in both character and thought. I hope this helps as we approach another exciting yet turbulent season in the life of our country. God bless! 

In Christ,

-Trey

Meet the Congregation—Doug and Catherine Smith

Doug and Catherine moved here from San Diego, California. Doug was born in LA, but grew up in San Diego. Catherine was actually born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, but her father's career took them to a number of places before finally settling in Weston, Connecticut. The frequent moves sometimes posed challenges, but there were also some wonderful experiences. She got to see different cultures and lifestyles throughout the country.

When Doug was in college working on his degree, he was an assistant golf professional at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego. The golf connections and the experience he gained also afforded him the opportunity to focus on his interest in finance. He decided to pursue mortgage banking as a career and enjoyed thirty plus years in this business. Catherine began her studies at Penn State University in the area of education, but transferred to SMU after two years where she received her BFA degree. She also studied communications and pursued her passion for ballet. After graduation she was hired to work, teach, and manage the first Richard Simmons Anatomy Asylum in Dallas, Texas. Through this she worked with clients to develop a healthier lifestyle with exercise, diet and weight management. She later pursued a career in banking, then into real estate and interior design. In 2006 she formed her own company, "Interiors by Catherine" that continues to the present time.

Doug and Catherine had mutual friends who were anxious to introduce them. The friends were pretty positive that they would be drawn to each other. They finally did meet at a San Diego hockey game. They stop short of saying

it was love at first sight, but do admit there was a strong mutual attraction. They began a relationship that culminated in their marriage at the La Valencia Hotel in November 1994 on the date of Catherine's parents' 40th wedding anniversary.



Catherine and Doug have one son, Matthew, who lives in California with his wife, Nicole and their two children, Brooke and Daniel. Matthew and Nicole met while at Hastings Law School and married right after graduation. Their children and grandchildren are the joy of their lives and they would love to see them more. Catherine says that they hope that Matthew and Nicole will discover just as they did that North Carolina is a special place to call home. They visit as often as they can.


Doug and Catherine moved to Pinehurst in April 2019. Catherine says they were always curious about Pinehurst. In 2018 they decided to celebrate their anniversary here. They stayed at The Magnolia Inn and Pine Needles Resort. It was during the holiday time of the year and they were greeted and charmed by the holi-

day décor of white twinkling lights as they made their way into Pinehurst. They knew they wanted this to be their home.

Both Doug and Catherine were raised in the church. Doug began his Christian journey as a Jehovah's Witness while

Catherine attended a Presbyterian church and an Episcopal church. Doug relates that about the time he was 14, he began to question some of the precepts/principles he was taught in the Kingdom Hall. When he compared some of the teachings with Bible scripture, he found that the Bible did not always confirm everything that Jehovah's Witnesses were preaching and teaching and they could not adequately explain the discrepancy. He ultimately left this church.

Shortly after they were married, they joined the Episcopal Church at Del Mar, California and remained with that congregation

until they moved to Pinehurst. They attribute their move to The Village Chapel to their good friends, Mike & Lyla Elliott, who had also moved here in 2018 from California. Catherine says that after multiple rewarding interactions with several members as well as, Pastor Ashley and Pastor Vickie, they officially joined the church in 2023. Doug relates that he felt called to serve on the TVC Finance Committee due to his education, history and experience and they both feel blessed to be able to participate in serving the Holy Eucharist during worship service. We are fortunate to have Doug and Catherine as part of this congregation. 

~Gerri Crutchfield

Music Notes

Greetings to you all in these early days of summer! Our music ministry members have enjoyed a fruitful semester with several landmark achievements. We enjoyed a stirring Music Celebration Service on April 28 with our Chapel Choir and Children's Choir and then an exciting finale to our concert series with a professional ensemble singing staples of the British choral repertoire. We were proud to welcome more than 160 individuals from the community to that closing concert.

Our Chapel Choir's repertoire continues to expand to be fully representative of choral music in the 21st century with settings of hymn tunes, words from scripture, and sacred poetry. The composers in our library cover six centuries from the English Renaissance to present day.



The beginning of summer was especially exciting for me personally. In the week after our British choral concert, I was privileged to perform on the L'Organo Series as part of the the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston. The L'Organo Series features two weeks of daily

concerts at different churches by organists from all over the country. I was honored to perform at Grace Church Cathedral, the seat of the Diocese of South Carolina, and a church steeped in history. Please enjoy a few photos of the interior and exterior of Grace Church.

From July 8-14, I will return to Duke University for the Royal School of Church Music Summer Choral Residen-



cy where I will be an adult participant, singing daily rehearsals and services with closing services the morning and afternoon of Sunday, July 14 in Duke Chapel. I was privileged to serve as organist for the same course in 2022. While I am away, Harry Jansen, my retired colleague from Durham will serve as organist for our Sunday morning services.

As our Chapel Choir goes on vacation for the months of July and August, we will welcome various guest musicians from the community who will offer their gifts to us in corporate worship. For those interested, Chapel Choir rehearsals will resume in September on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM.

Stephen



Meet Our New Members



John & Roxy Vann

Marjory & Tom Cecka

Jim & Natalie Hyler

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!

Katherine Smith's 100th Birthday Celebration



Chapel family turned out on Sunday, June 9, for Katherine Smith's 100th birthday! So thankful to celebrate this amazing milestone with her. We wish her many more!

Children and Youth

What an amazing time we had at 2024 VBS exploring Jesus' Hometown of Nazareth!



Coming up...

Saturday, July 13, 2024


**YOUTH
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9:00AM - 1:00PM
IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

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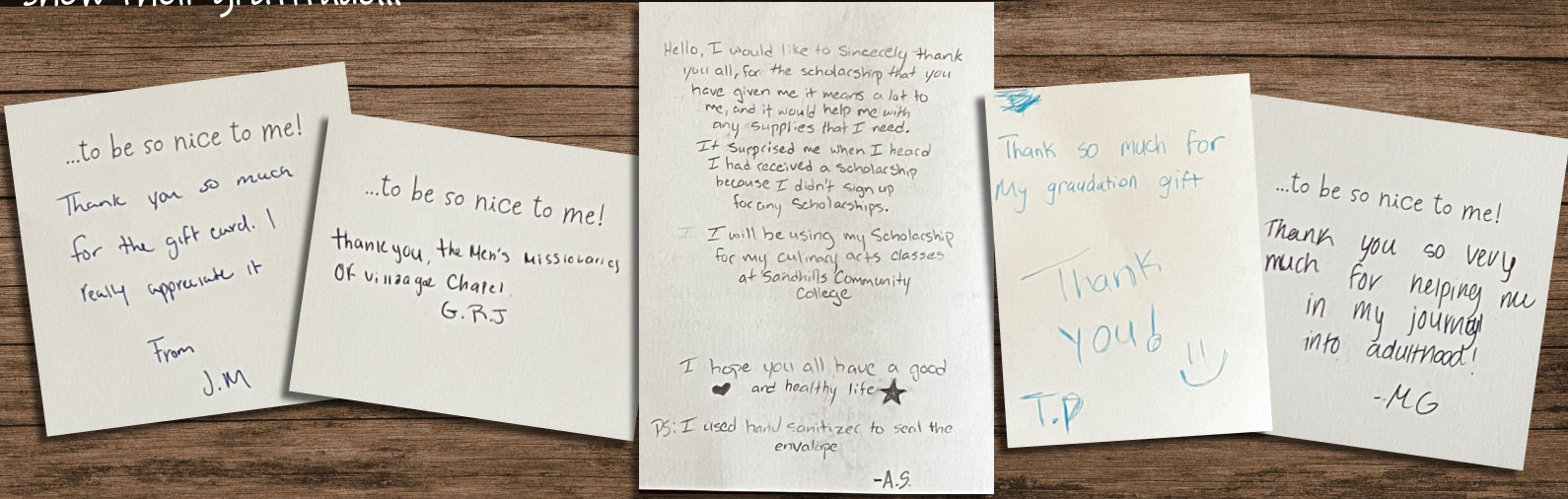


**Congratulations
to the
McSheehy family
on their most recent bap-
tisms - Seth, Rylee, and
Liliana.**



Graduation Guardian Angels- Thank You Notes

Graduation Guardian Angels was a BIG success again this year thanks to your generosity. Our recipients wanted to show their gratitude...



New Live Stream Equipment



We recently made some BIG changes to the Live Stream in the Sanctuary. We've added two new cameras to give some really cool perspective shots at our Sunday services. In addition, we installed new hardware to enhance the viewing experience. Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/@Tvcpinehurst1/streams> to check it out.





Congratulations to The Lifecare Pregnancy Center for thirty-one years of successfully assisting pregnant women in their motherhood journey. The two goals of LCPC are to bring Christ to everyone who comes in, and to educate. They provide pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, material support, pregnancy and childbirth education, parenting programs, adoptive planning information, area supportive information, and many on-line classes to broaden knowledge to use in the work force. They have a medical director, Dr. Johnstone, six staff, and twenty-three volunteers. We, at the Village Chapel, are continuing our diaper drive collection to donate to LCPC. Keeping in mind that life is a gift, and helping someone be able to have that



July - Supply Drive for the CARE Group students and Moore County Schools



- Not sure what to get? Here are a few ideas to help!**
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| Backpacks | Folders |
| #2 Pencils | Kleenex |
| Erasers | Clorox Wipes |
| 1" Binders | College /Wide Ruled Paper |
| Glue Stick | Markers |
| Earbuds | Colored Pencils |

Please drop off items in the labeled container in the Narthex or the Atrium. Your contribution will be gratefully appreciated by the participants and volunteers.

The CARE Group, Inc (Connecting Available Resources for Education) program aims to equip, empower, and encourage individuals through education, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities. They serve at-risk youth and low literacy adults in Moore County free of charge. Youth are referred to their programs through schools and the juvenile justice system and matched with a caring and trained volunteer. They also serve adult English Language Learners (ELLs), seeking basic adult education, those seeking assistance with citizenship preparation, those wanting to improve their digital literacy, and those wishing to learn how and why reading to children at a young age is essential.



SAT-7 is making an educational TV program to help Afghan children learn to read and write, giving them hope for a better future. Learn more at: <https://www.sat7usa.org/>

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."

WOC- Open House



*Most of all, the lively talk, meeting of new friends, reunion of acquaintances and stories of our personal journey of faith being shared was a blessing for all.
Peace and grace,
Lyla and Renee*



PLEASE JOIN US!

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

Saturday Morning Fellowship & Faith Walk

July 6, 2024 from 9am - 10am

The 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

***In the event of rain, we will meet at Heritage Hall
Questions?**

Contact Lyla Renai Elliott

910-773-0256

womenofthechapelvc@gmail.com

Men of the Chapel—UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Outing, Durham Bulls Base-

ball: The game is Saturday Aug 17th at 6:35PM; seating is in Section 208. And the cost is \$19 per ticket. If you are interested, please email Joe DeRosa, jderos15@gmail.com, and let him know two things: how many tickets you need and if you need transportation to and from Durham.

Men of the Chapel sponsored Golf Out-

ing: 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. More to follow shortly.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

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|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Carolyn Smith | Jacques Wood | Patricia Scheil |
| Maru Nelson | Maggie Ihde | Ken Crutchfield |
| Matilda Lashmit | Kate Barnes | 22 Jerry Townley |
| Ronald Trawick | 13 Rae-Lynn Ziegler | Charlotte Cable |
| Kristin Olzark | Jean Williams | 23 Nancy Wetmore |
| 2 Trey Majure | Cricket Cowell | Rob Barrett |
| Seth Whitfield | Cara Mathis | Josiah Lashmit |
| Emma Lashmit | 14 Ellen Weaver-Bailey | 26 Darlene Skinner |
| Dube Putz | 15 Carty Davis | Fay Hodges |
| 3 Tom Flanagan | John Breting | Amy Shank |
| Greg Page | 16 Brent Slosser | Charlie Lannom |
| 4 Dian Moore | Alyssa Brosch | 28 Charles Clack |
| Peter Kisver | 17 Jasmine Walker | Jean Bradshaw |
| 6 Patricia McLean | 18 Gene Horne | Olivia Fox |
| Sallie Webster | Chloe Bowen | 29 Jim O'Malley |
| Darlene Reeves | Amelia Lashmit | 30 Betty Austin |
| Greg Singer | Jules Shumski | 31 Marc Granata |
| Donna Brundage | Joan Montgomery | |
| Mike Fusselbaugh | 20 Sharon Trail | |
| 8 Jack Raffaele | Shirley Aquino | |
| 10 Terry Prince | Sallie Trent | |
| 12 Donna Traylor | 21 Bob Friedrichs | |

- 1 Rob & Katie Barrett
- 2 John & Allison Orban
- 5 Ron & Jan Kelly
- 6 Sean & Sabrina Finkbeiner
- John & Elaine Corio
- 9 Stephen & Nancy Sebastian
- 10 Jim & Stephanie O'Malley
- Brian & Melanie Burgess
- Elton & Sallie Trent
- 13 Ron & Ann Whitley
- 15 Kenneth & Cynthia Eckard-Matthes
- 17 Jim and Jane Lewis
- Jim and Eleanora Voelkel
- 20 Emmett & Mary Callow
- 21 John & Harriett Riley
- 22 Robert & Kathy Hawks
- 24 Greg & Pam Griffin
- 26 Charlie & Barbara Lannom
- 28 Ham and Sallie Webster
- 29 Mike & Kristin Obst
- 31 Gary and Jean Ann Doem

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.

TVC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Members of The Village Chapel

Adults 708 Children 125

Friends of the Chapel

Adults 233 Children 53



Congratulations to this year's
Village Chapel Scholarship Recipients!

John Sebastian

Abigail Smith

Sarah Smith

Hannah Smith

Kaitlyn Brown

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