



The Chapel Herald

Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

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“The Spirit of Eastertide”

What a wonderful time of year – the season from the Resurrection to Pentecost! An exegesis on our recent lectionary text of John 20 –

the story of “Believing, Courageous Thomas” – reminds me of how significant and crucial the presence of the Holy Spirit is to Eastertide. If you recall, when Jesus appeared the first time to the ten disciples (Thomas was not present, nor was Judas Iscariot), Jesus “breathed” on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”(v.22) The Hebrew words for “breath” and “spirit” are the same, but the Greek words used to describe Jesus “breathing” on the disciples gives us our English word, “infuse.” The disciples were “infused” with the Holy Spirit. Later we know they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, not with Jesus’s gentle breath – the very breath of God – but this time in a “mighty rushing wind.” (Acts 2:2)

The gospel of John tells us that the Holy Spirit wasn’t given until Jesus was “glorified,” (John 7) meaning that Jesus had not yet ascended into heaven. Jesus said: “And I will pray [to] the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit. (John 14:16-17; NKJV).

Eastertide serves as a divine segue to The Day of Pentecost and the season to follow, with its glimpses of the fulfillment of the Spirit, and its brief “charismatic” encounters with Jesus that foreshadow the Spirit’s fullness. It keeps both the empty tomb and the Promise fulfilled in sight and intertwines them beautifully to help us make the connection of what comes after death has been defeated – God not only with us (Incarnation), but God in us! (Spirit Baptism).

As we worship through the Season of Eastertide, enjoy the casual, yet intentional reminders that the Gospels give us – the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ.

Eastertide Blessings,

Pastor Ashley



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Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor



“The Center of Gravity for Faith”

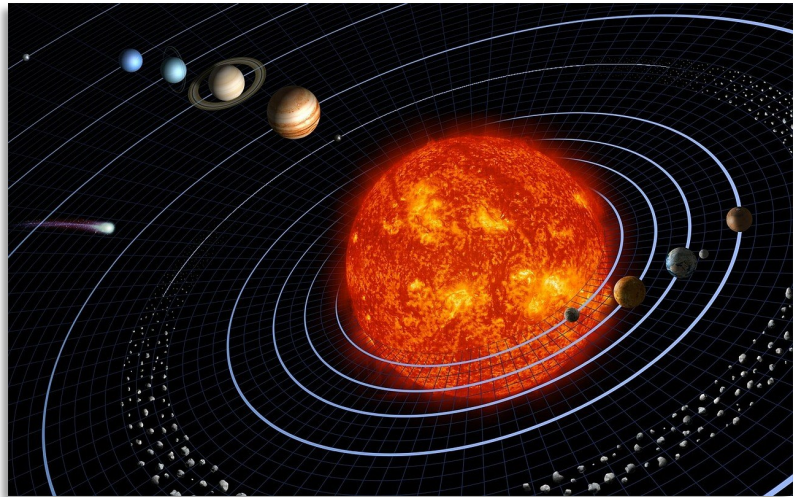
Astronomy has always fascinated me, and while I would not even consider myself an “amateur” astronomer, the love of the heavens persists. I enjoy it because it helps me to meditate on how small and insignificant I really am, as I ponder the magnificence of creation and the magnitude of our universe. When observing the universe, we can see that there is a “Center of Gravity” for everything.

Within our solar system, the center of gravity is the sun. The gravity from the sun keeps all the planets and a great many other objects in orbit. I was talking about this with my son one time, and I used a string attached to a ball as an example. I said that I was the sun, the string was gravity, and the movement of the ball was like the movement of a planet.


I then asked him what would happen if I was twirling the ball around me, and then cut the string. He said the ball would go flying off, it wouldn't

be attached anymore and the inertia would carry it away. It got me thinking, what is the center of gravity for my faith? At times I would have said that it was the church I was attending, or the denomination that I was affiliated with. Perhaps more than anything, I would have said that it was the theological tradition that I grew up with.

It was a tradition that claimed that it alone had all the right answers, and everyone else was misguided at best, and heretical at worst. And I remember the season in life, when different influences began to pick apart that tradition and made me question all those “right answers.” It was a very difficult time, because it felt like my entire upbringing in the Christian faith was being attacked and dismantled. I know that spiritual vertigo is not real, but that is what it seemed like.



Paul says two things that speak to those going through this situation. The first comes from 2 Corinthians 2:2, “For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” (NKJV) This is a bold statement, and an excellent one to remember during this time of Easter. Paul could have preached anything. He could have tried to convince the people of any multitude of things, but he was determined to preach Jesus and Him crucified. This was Paul's center of gravity.

The second thing he says is found in 1 Corinthians 9:22, “I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” (NKJV) Paul had an extreme focus on Christ, his mission and his method revolved around Christ and Christ alone. He was willing to change, evolve, and grow as long as Jesus was at the center. It is a string that will never be cut, and an anchor that will hold in every storm. We live in a world filled with obstacles and distractions. A world where truth is raged against or ignored. Let us place Christ at the center of our world and our lives, knowing that He alone is the rock. 

In Christ,

Pastor Trey

Meet the Congregation

The Crutchfields

The Crutchfields grew up in Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. Ed graduated from Virginia Tech with an accounting degree and worked for the Virginia Department of Taxation (VDOT). Gerri graduated from a nursing program in North Carolina and initially worked at Moore Regional Hospital (then known as Moore Memorial Hospital). She later attended the University of Virginia pursuing a higher degree in nursing. Ed and Gerri met in a restaurant in a small town in central Virginia and where mutual friends introduced them. They began to see each other on a regular basis and a relationship developed. They were married in 1977 in the Baptist church where Ed grew up. They then settled in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

In 1978 a little girl named Laura was born. Due to multiple severe disabilities, caring for her proved to be emotionally and physically challenging. Doctors told them that she likely had a chromosomal abnormality and may only live a couple of months. Major crises required a number of medical or surgical procedures, but God provided a way through many tough situations. She lived to be 15 years old and, sadly, passed away in 1994. Ed & Gerri learned and grew from this experience and came through it with a stronger faith knowing that it was God who provided answers along the way.

After Laura's death, they learned to live a new life working and living in Charlotte. After 30 years working for the VDOT, Ed decided to retire so that they could move closer to family. An aging mother needed help and support with Gerri's disabled brother. Gerri was caregiver to both of them as well as to an elderly uncle until their deaths.

After all the years of caregiving, they were both ready to move on and seek a new life. They attended a Presbyterian church while living in Charlotte and then felt at home going to a small Presbyterian church after moving to Hoke County. In 2018 they decided to sell the family farm and move to Moore County. They bought a house in Southern Pines. They continued to attend our church in Hoke County, but with the onset of Covid and the subsequent closure of churches, they began to reconsider maintaining their membership.


They visited a number of churches in this area and felt drawn to The Village Chapel. Pastor John Jacobs extended a very warm welcome as did Pastor Ashley. Both made them feel at home. They really



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liked the interdenominational approach and structure of The Village Chapel. The congregation has been very open and accepting. The church offers a variety of worship experiences and many opportunities in Christian education to help your faith grow and mature.

In 2020, Ed & Gerri had the pleasure of welcoming Ed's brother, Ken, to our household. Ken settled in California after being discharged from the US Air Force and lived there for about 50 years. Circumstances brought him back to the East Coast and he decided to settle in North Carolina. He has been a regular attender at The Village Chapel and joined in February 2023.

They attend the 11:00 service and look forward to meeting all of the congregation through the services, programs and opportunities that The Village Chapel offers. 

Meet Our New Members

JIM FISHER

From Indiana originally and later, Colorado, where he met his wife, Jim and, Elizabeth, moved to the area about 11 years ago; they now reside in the Old Town VOP; they have 4 adult children and 9 grandchildren.

Jim is a graduate of The Asheville School, DePauw University. He holds an MBA from the University of Colorado. Jim's career spans employment with the former Wachovia Bank & Ball Corporation, primarily in financial matters; he continues his association with his family members in a private investment company; Elizabeth was a branding advisor to many corporate clients.

Jim served on a number of boards of his alma maters, hospitals, remains chair of the Indiana-based Ball Brothers Foundation, and currently is on the board of the Pinehurst Community Foundation

Over the years, Jim has been a member of various Methodist and Presbyterian churches; Elizabeth is a life-long Catholic. After visiting other local churches, Jim was drawn to join TVC because of its warm and welcoming congregation and the fact it's an Interdenominational church; he typically attends the 11:00 service and sometimes the 9:30 family service

He is a USAF Veteran; both he and Elizabeth enjoy an occasional, but casual round of golf. Jim is a long-time pilot, and owns a private plane - a source of much enjoyment! He's also a Porsche owner and enthusiast.



BAILEY JORDAN

Bailey Jordan was born and raised in Greensboro, NC, where he lived until he moved to Pinehurst in June 2022. He graduated from UNC-Greensboro in 1985 with a BS degree in accounting. He now lives in the Forest Hills area of Pinehurst.

Bailey was raised in the Methodist Church. His father was the Minister of Music at West Market Street United Methodist Church for 28 years. His mother was briefly the organist until he came along. For the past 25 years, Bailey has attended Westover Church in Greensboro. Where he served on the Coffee Ministry team for 4 years. He attends the 11:00 service. He grew-up in a traditional service and was looking for something similar in Pinehurst and TVC was the perfect fit.

Bailey retired in July 2022 after 37 years in public accounting conducting audits and consulting projects for clients. His past employers were Arthur Andersen, KPMG and Grant Thornton. He has 3 grown children and 1 grandchild; His oldest daughter, Taylor, lives in Raleigh with her husband Scott, and they have a 5-month old son, Leo. His youngest daughter, Rachel, lives in Greensboro. His son, Nathan, is a freshman in college, attending The American University of Paris for his freshman year and will be attending George Washington University in D.C. this fall.

His hobbies include- cooking, walking/jogging, reading, golfing, and traveling. He also enjoys volunteering. Since November, he has been volunteering at The Given Tufts Foundation. He's also served on the Boards of The Greensboro Farmers Curb Market, Carolina Theatre of Greensboro, Greensboro Jaycees and Greensboro Communities in Schools.



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.

From the Director of Music

Servire Chorus brings Sing and Serve mission to Pinehurst

In a collaboration with The Village Chapel's outreach programs, we are excited to present Servire Chorus, a professional chorus with North Carolina roots, in concert on Friday, May 12. This concert will be part of a three-day residency, sandwiched between a day of masterclasses with the Union Pines High School chorus students on May 11 and a bed-building project on May 13.

The bed-build will be in support of the mission of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a national organization with a local chapter supplying beds to children in need. Led by Executive Director Tom Bourne and a host of volunteers, the NC-Sandhills chapter has successfully been carrying out the mission of SHP. The Village Chapel has been proud to partner with and support the mission of SHP through recent bed-builds.



**SERVIRE
CHORUS**

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

On Saturday, May 13, they will lead a bed building project for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** at 10:00 am on TVC Campus. All are welcome to attend the concert and bed building.

We hope you will join us on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 for what will be a glorious evening of music making. There is no charge for admission for the concert. We do ask that anyone interested in attending the bed-build register at the link below.

For more information on Servire chorus, please visit www.servirechorus.com

To register for the bed-build, please visit bit.ly/shpevent

To contribute to Sleep in Heavenly Peace online, please visit: <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/nc-sandhills/>

congratulations to the Class of 2023

Olin Ford Grimshaw

Ford is currently a Senior at the O'Neal School. While at O'Neal, he was a member of the Baseball and Golf team. Ford will attend the University of Kentucky in the Fall and major in Finance. He currently works at the Talamore Golf Resort. Ford is a member of The Village Chapel Youth Group. He is the son of Greg and Mandy Grimshaw.



Hannah Ruth Smith

Hannah is currently a Senior at Pinecrest High School. She was a member of the Pinecrest Varsity Cheerleading team under the leadership of Coach Crystal Handchen. While a cheerleader, the Pinecrest squad won a state championship. Hannah will attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the Fall. She is a member of the Village Chapel Youth Group. Hannah currently works as a lifeguard with the Pinehurst Resort. She is the daughter of Ashley and Vickie Smith.

Join us for Graduation Sunday— June 4, 2023

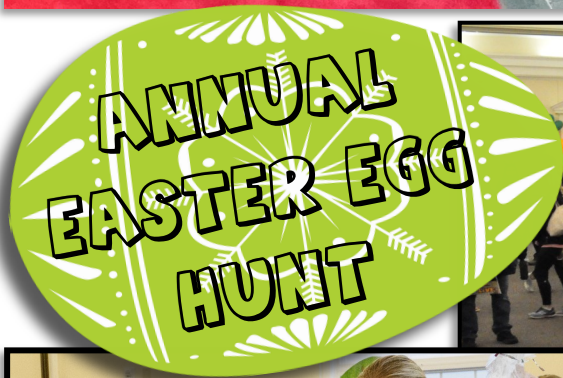
Families and Youth



The Village Chapel Scholarship Program - First New Scholarships Awarded

The Village Chapel's new Scholarship Program was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2022 and the first two scholarships were recently awarded to Hannah Smith and John Sebastian.

Hannah, the daughter of Pastors Ashley and Vickie Smith, has enrolled at UNC Wilmington for the Fall semester, 2023. She plans to study Christian history with a goal of eventually teaching at a private Christian college. She also enjoys and has had experience at The Village Chapel in children's and youth ministry and hopes to use that experience at a nearby church during her time at college. John, the son of TVC members Stephen and Nancy Sebastian, is enrolled as a freshman 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.



Despite the rain, lots of kids (of all ages) came out and joined in the fun at our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Very special thanks to EVERYONE who helped make this event a success.





Drive Fore The Arc
 -our annual golf tournament to raise
 money to support our programs and
 services will be
May 12, 2023 at
Seven Lakes Golf Club

Register Today!
<https://thearcofmoore.kindful.com/e/drive-fore-the-arc-2023>

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."



American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA begins in April! We need volunteers to assist with these ministries. All are welcome.

Contact Jeremy Lashmit at: Jeremy.lashmit@gmail.com for Trail Life and Lindsey at: putz.lindsey@gmail.com for American Heritage Girls.

After long-time member of The Village Chapel Jeremy Lashmit met someone at work wearing a Trail Life hat, he asked if he would explain Trail Life to him. From that point forward a spark of interest grew into a desire to know more. You see, Jeremy and his wife Lindsey were looking for Christian activities for their children who were not quite old enough for youth church activities. After a little research, they were soon able to find a Trail Life charter in Vass that had both troops under one roof. They proceeded to sign up their two oldest children. They loved it and were left wondering when they would get to go back. However, it was a logistical nightmare for Jeremy and Lindsey to have such a young family traveling that far and getting home so late on a school night. They didn't want to quit; they knew how important it was to their family.

Then, in 2021, Jeremy and Lindsey who are decade long members of The Village Chapel, met with the pastors and started making a plan to



Chapter founders-
Jeremy and Lindsey Lashmit

bring the Trail Life and American Heritage Girls ministries to the Chapel. With the support of The Village Chapel it wasn't long before their charters for Trail Life Troops and American Heritage Girls NC 1898 became a reality. The unique nature that both troops come together under

one roof on the same night allows the family to come together without everyone going different directions to different locations. For this reason, the Lashmits have chosen the selected verse for Troops NC 1898: *Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather together in my name, there am I with them."*

Despite all the hurdles they had to clear, their plan came to fruition on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. As nearly 60 interested and excited attendees, both children and adults, entered Heritage Hall to register, you could feel the excitement and joy. Once the pledge of allegiance was recited along with the Trail Life Oath, children and leaders disbursed to their rooms to learn more.

Lindsey states: "In the future we look forward to these ministries reaching out to the community and helping to grow the congregation through them. We have already seen that we have reached families that don't attend our church as of yet, so we hope to see this pattern continue. We hope that this will become a family event in which moms and daughters as well as dads and sons can come together on Wednesdays through this ministry." The troops meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. *(read the full article on our website)*



First Wednesday Fellowship

First Wednesday of the Month
6:00pm in Chapel Hall
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Call the church office for reservations



We Need Graduation Guardian Angels



For the next few weeks, through May 7, we are inviting you to become a "Graduation Guardian Angel." You can make your check out to The Village Chapel and in the MEMO mark it "graduation" before depositing it in the Chapel office/ offering plate OR you can go to the Chapel's website and under "Giving" make a credit card donation. In the drop-down menu select General Fund and in optional menu type "graduation."

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

Bless you and thank you,

Men of the Chapel Ministry



We are very pleased to introduce a new addition to our staff, Luke Crotzer is our new Digital Media Assistant. He will be assisting Steve McKenzie with the AV for our Sunday services, graphics, social media, video production and more!

Luke is currently attending Sandhills with hopes of being a filmmaker in the future. We hope you'll join us welcoming him.

Contributions and Expenditures—MARCH

	MONTH	YTD
Contributions : **	\$56,886	\$315,343
% of Projected Annual	5%	29%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,093,186
Expenditures:	\$77,835	\$252,444
% of Projected Annual	7%	22%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,154,186

** DOES NOT INCLUDE MISC. INCOME

Women of the Chapel

13th Annual Spring Tea



Upcoming Events

Mother's Day
All Services
Sunday, May 14, 2023

MEMORIAL
SUNDAY
SERVICES
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
ALL THREE SERVICES
Sunday, May 28, 2023

VBS July 10-12, 2023
The Village Chapel, Pinehurst
10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst, NC
TWISTS & TURNS
FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME FORUM 25-4
CLICK TO REGISTER TODAY!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Children and Youth Sunday School teachers are needed as well as Nursery volunteers. Please contact: **Pastor Vickie 910-992-8309** if you are willing to serve.

Ushers/Greeters, please contact: **Cam Cantelou at cantelouc@gmail.com**

Small Group Leaders, and hosts needed. Please contact **John Rowerdink: jrowerdink@aol.com**

Tables of Eight -meal fellowship. Please contact **Julie Huggins: hugginsj4@gmail**

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

Care of Congregation Committee 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**

Visitor Table Volunteers 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.**

Prayer Ministry Volunteers needed to pray for prayer requests. Please contact Nancy Clay-
nclay1@nc.rr.com

Altar Guild needs volunteers to assist with the altar at all three services. Please contact **Jennifer Imperial at brothers909ji@prontomail.com**

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

May Birthdays

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| 1 Jean Ann Doern
Bill Collins | 19 Betsy Jacobs
Chris Imperial
Patrick Pizzella |
| 2 Gary Jacobsen
Katie Wilson | 20 Lori Valentinas
Bob Lovell |
| 3 Benjamin Cooper | 21 Barbara Fulghum
David Crosby |
| 4 Steve Kelley | 22 Sarah Smith
Anna Page |
| 5 Rich Cowell
Tim Woodruff | 23 Dave Edrington
Chase Neely
Denise Krise
Jordan Bailey |
| 6 Peyton Page
Colton Malone | 24 Ham Webster
Stephanie Hoover
John Rowerdink |
| 7 Glenn Bower
Adrienne Oxendine
Jack Couzens
Riley Barnes | 25 Betty Jane Wardle |
| 8 Ilana Stewart
Martha DeVault | 27 Barb Beatty
Dean Scaletta |
| 9 Ronald Milam
Collins Walker | 28 Ron Whitley
Don Taylor
Debbie Putz |
| 12 Lee Lyon | 29 Tom Laird |
| 13 Juanita Davenport | |
| 14 John Shannon
Michael Pahk | |
| 16 Ashley Smith | |
| 17 Jesse Ingham | |
| 18 Carol Gelfo
Joann Baker | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 Peter & Sigrid Gross |
| 3 Jim & Maru Nelson |
| 4 Paul & Patricia Rudovsky
Mike & Agnes Fusselbaugh |
| 9 John & Alyssa Brosch
Kevin & Renee Cassidy |
| 12 George & Sharon Trail
Julian & Sarah Hawes
Stephen & Holly Ingham |
| 14 Ashley & Vickie Smith |
| 15 Jim & Amy Corcoran |
| 16 John & Betsy Jacobs |
| 21 Ed & Gerri Crutchfield |
| 22 Jim & Laurie Walker |
| 26 Nathan & Amy Whitfield
Jerry & Judy Townley |
| 28 Kevin & Donna Brundage
Chase & Brynn Neely |
| 30 Jack & Judi Wood
Richard & Pamela Pabst |

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.



At the Invitation Sunday service on April 30, everyone attending gathered for a Congregational Selfie. The result captures a joy filled, vibrant time at The Village Chapel.

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