



# The Chapel Herald

## Breaking Ground

by Pastor John



Having broken ground last month for the building of Heritage Hall, we might consider how our past construction at The Village Chapel has connected us to the Body of Christ – a connection that, God willing, may live on in our new construction.

Last month, while Betsy and I were away, we worshiped at St. James Episcopal in Wilmington, NC where, in 1923, a NY architect named Hobart Upjohn had designed their Parish Hall. Of the 150 churches and schools designed by Upjohn, fifty churches are in North Carolina alone. When Upjohn was designing for St. James, Wilmington, he also designed our first building, which not only connects us with the larger Body of Christ, but has served us and this community as a singular symbol of our Lord’s abiding and powerful presence for the past 97 years.

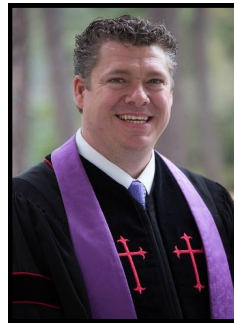
Heritage Hall will be a building that will take our vision of Christian unity at The Village Chapel beyond this community to the world – and here’s how. Originally and traditionally, people have been coming here seasonally or to retire – that’s been the story for much of our history – *but not anymore*. Young people and children have only been a relatively recent reality in our Chapel’s long history; but with this new building, they will be the ones who will take our vision of Christian unity to the world beyond here. Many of us don’t plan on living anywhere other than here for the rest of our lives; but we can be assured, God willing, that our young people will take the saving grace they received here, and spread it like seeds on fertile grounds elsewhere.

This new building can be our umbilical cord to horizons unseen – the unlimited potential for growth in the Kingdom of God can begin right here – not only with a

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## Christian Education Committee to Launch Small Groups

by Pastor Ashley



Since January, the Christian Education committee, comprised of, John Rowerdink, Bill Bremer, Greg Wetzelsberger, John Brosch, and Pastor Ashley have been diligently working to plan the way forward to numerous discipleship opportunities that will be available to members and non-members of The Village Chapel and surrounding community.

The first step was the dissemination of a survey to gather information about the current needs of our Chapel family, and also to determine interest from the congregation concerning those who are willing to lead and/or host a small group. The response was more than expected and provided valuable input.

The next step was a two-day orientation for those who expressed a desire to teach and/or host a small group. At each orientation, the vision of small groups was cast, and the process from interest to realization was unveiled. It is the committee’s belief that we can meet our goal of seven new small groups by the Fall, with even more in 2022.

One exciting aspect of the small group campaign is the fellowship groups, “Tables of Eight,” that are geared toward connecting newcomers with current members, and members across all three services. These groups will be coordinated by Jim and Julie Huggins, as well as other team members who have come forward to assist them. The potential of these groups, and all small groups, is unlimited.

The benefits of small groups are numerous. From growing in one’s faith to experiencing the intimacy of deepening relationships and genuine Christian fellow-

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building, but with the ministries this building will engender, that must embrace us all, and with everything that we have.

On the third Sunday of Easter, our Gospel reading from Luke was about the risen Christ, revealing himself to the disciples by *opening their minds* to the scriptures about a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

With the opening of ground for Heritage Hall, may our Lord hallow it by his grace; may God bless the ensuing construction; and reveal Himself to us in this next year, and in all the years to follow, through our faith that in this small ground breaking, lives will be changed, and faith will abound, in the One who is always faithful to open our minds to His saving grace, and to honor what we so lovingly offer to His glory, in his Holy Name.



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ship, small groups will enhance membership strategies for church growth, and make the antiquated “Shepherd Ministry”—with its complexities and challenges—obsolete.

If you are interested and you haven’t made your interest known, please contact any one of the members of the Christian Education team, and we will be glad to meet and pray with you one-on-one.

God is good!

*Paster Ashley*

## From the Director of Music

For more than a year, The Village Chapel, along with many other churches in the world, has modified its worship practices in ways never considered after being faced with a global pandemic. Beginning this spring, we will begin reimplementing certain practices that have been omitted from our worship services in an effort to reduce human contact and prevent possible virus transmission. One of the most important and greatly missed elements of our worship services is congregational singing.

After much deliberation and discernment, we are planning to resume congregational singing on Sunday, July 4, at all three worship services. While the vaccination rate continues to be encouraging, allowing a few more months before we resume communal singing will be prudent in continuing our efforts to reduce possible virus transmission. When the decisions were made to modify our worship services upon reopening for in-person worship last July, we knew patience would be required to get through this, and we are asking for just a bit more.

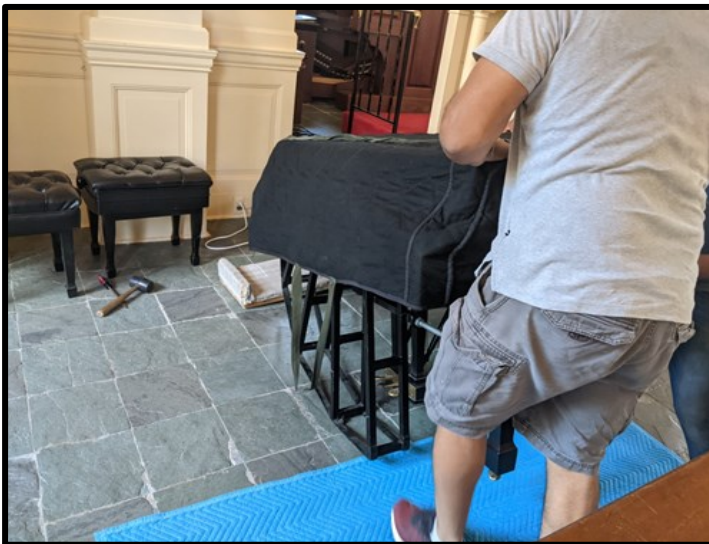
Most of us have never known a worship service without music, specifically singing in a communal or corporate setting, and until last March, it would have been unfathomable to think we might attend church and not sing. Like all of you, I grew up singing great hymns of praise in church. One of the most thrilling aspects of ministry is leading a congregation heartily in song. I look forward to hearing your voices raised in praise of Almighty God on July 4.

Stephen

## Steinway Piano Arrives

Recently, The Village Chapel graciously accepted the donation of a Steinway M studio grand piano from Chapel member Grace Kocher. Grace's late husband David was a devoted and long-standing member of our Chapel Choir, and proud owner of the donated Steinway. The Chapel is also blessed to have two Yamaha C7 grand pianos. On the same day the Steinway arrived, the sanctuary Yamaha was taken to Ruggero Piano Service in Raleigh for extensive refurbishment. The refurbishment process will include a complete restringing with new agraffes, new hammers, shanks, and flanges, replacement of keytops, and a regulating of the action.

The sanctuary piano has served our Chapel well for 30 years and this work will give it new life upon its return. It is also fitting that the legacy of long-time choir member David Kocher be marked with this generous gift. Until the Yamaha returns, the Steinway will be housed in the sanctuary and used in our worship services. When the Yamaha returns, the Steinway will be housed in the choir room, and the existing Yamaha in the choir room will be moved to Chapel Hall.



## Staff Workdays

Effective Monday, June 7, The Village Chapel's administrative offices will be closed for staff workdays. The new open hours of operation will be Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pastoral care will not be affected by this change in administrative office hours.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Women of the Chapel currently needs a Chair to lead the group and someone to plan the Christmas Brunch. Please contact Lori Valentinas, if you are interested, at [valentinas2277@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valentinas2277@sbcglobal.net)

An assistant is needed to help Betsy Jacobs with the Sunday flower arrangements. Duties might include rearranging one of the altar arrangements into a smaller bouquet for our shut-ins and helping with the delivery schedules. Please contact Betsy at 910-986-7215 or email: [betsy@tvcpinehurstcom](mailto:betsy@tvcpinehurstcom).

"Greeters / Ushers for the 11:00 Service" We are in need of several members of our congregation to volunteer to take part in our Greeter/Usher Ministry for the 11:00 Service. The requirements are minimal: Greet/Usher every four (4) to six (6) weeks, wear a blue sport coat with grey pants. Duties are: Hand out service bulletins and assist as necessary. This is a great way to meet your fellow members of The Village Chapel. If interested, please contact Fred Fox 910-235-5389 - [pfredfox23@icloud.com](mailto:pfredfox23@icloud.com).

Readers are needed at the 8:15 service. If you would like to be a reader for this service, please contact Darlene Skinner at [dskinner4@nc.rr.com](mailto:dskinner4@nc.rr.com)

Children and Youth Sunday school teachers are needed. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Vickie at (910) 992-8309

Dear Friends,

Mental Health is on everyone's minds recently. Perhaps you can help as NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is sponsoring A United Day of Hope on May 22, 2021. This is the day for our annual NAMIWalks, and as a long-time member of NAMI, I have agreed to be the Team Leader for NAMI Moore County's team, Moore Messengers. NAMIWalks will be a "virtual" walk celebrating this special day. Perhaps joining your neighbors for a brief walk around your neighborhood. Whatever you decide, I would really appreciate your participation.

It would be wonderful if you would also donate directly to the Moore Messengers team. Do you have five family members or friends that would support you and NAMI Moore County? We receive a share of funds that are raised by the Moore Messengers team. The funds raised support our free education courses, support, and advocacy work, as well as our Helpline.

It is easy to donate. Go to [www.naminc.org/namiwalks](http://www.naminc.org/namiwalks), hit the red "Register or Donate Now" button, scroll down to Top Teams, and click on Moore Messengers, then click on Support us. Please – any donation will be helpful and greatly appreciated.

My goal for NAMI Moore County is \$2,500: a big undertaking but I know we can do this. Thank you so very much.

Until there is a cure...

Judith Krall, Moore Messengers Team Leader  
and a member of The Village Chapel  
NAMI Moore County  
PO Box 4823  
Pinehurst, NC 28327  
910-295-1053



# Help Us Pave the Way

You are invited to help pave the future of The Village Chapel and the next generation of The Village Chapel's parishioners by buying a brick (\$125.00) to be placed on the walkway in the Plaza of Heritage Hall.

Recognize an organization you are grateful for, thank an individual who gave a helping hand, pay tribute to a life that has passed, honor someone special, celebrate a special date or occasion in your life or business owners - show your support of the project by having your business name engraved on the brick, or simply help us pave the way by placing your family name on a brick.

Your support will be acknowledged in perpetuity when you sponsor a brick. Your engraved brick will be placed in the walkway of our new Heritage Hall Plaza for all to see. When you "buy a brick" you are creating a lasting legacy of your support.

Thank you for helping us create a path to the future.

To order, please go to <https://tvcpinehurst.com/heritage-hall/> or complete the form below and bring it to the office with your payment. If you would like to pay online, please go to our "Giving" page and select "PAVERS/HERITAGE HALL" from the drop down box.



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Number of bricks you would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ x \$125 per brick = Total cost \_\_\_\_\_

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## Heritage Hall Ground Breaking Ceremony

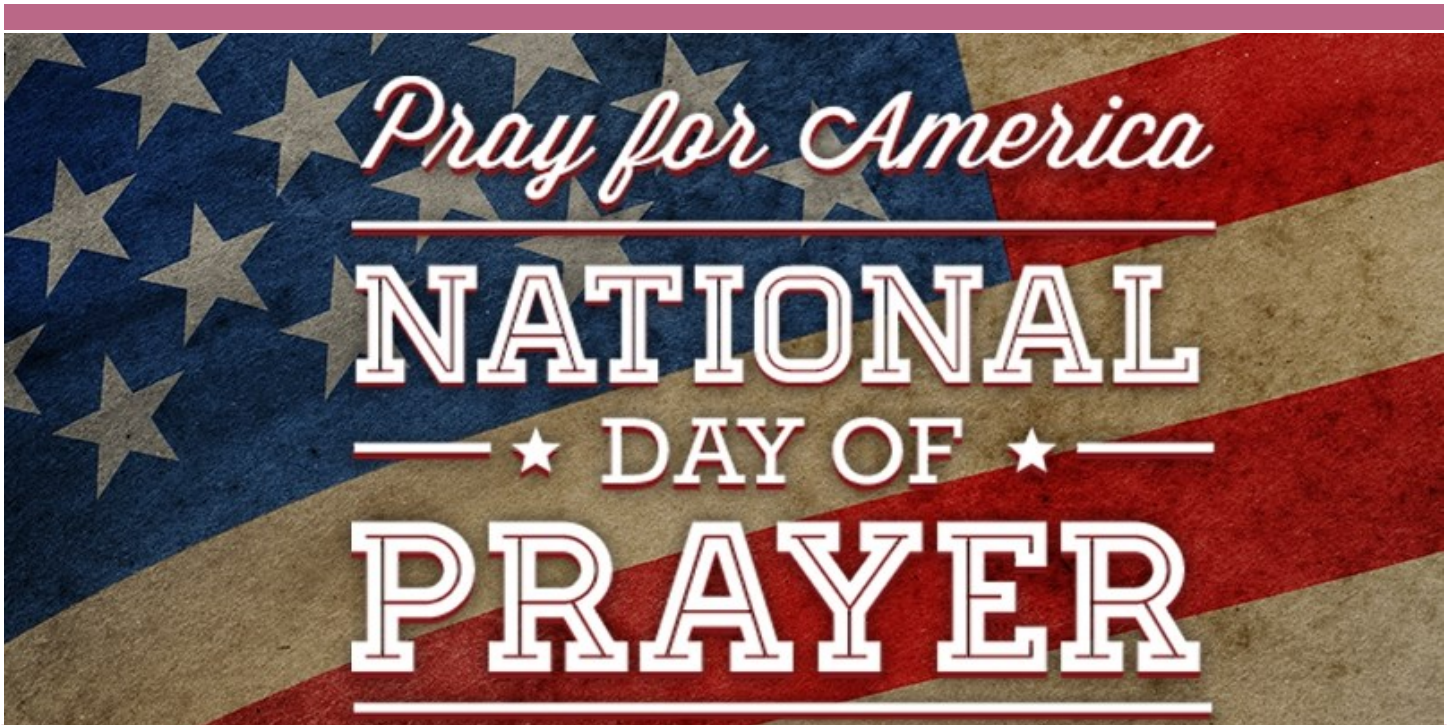
**This is the day the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it!** That well known Biblical passage is the perfect reference point for our Heritage Hall ground breaking ceremony on April 21. It was a beautiful day, sunny and warm - a day to remember, a notable milestone in the Chapel's long and proud history. For many of those in attendance, it was their first real venture out for over a year - and their first visit to the Chapel in over a year. We were so delighted to see them there. We had more than 60 members come out for this memorable occasion, ranging in age from toddlers to one of our revered centenarians. The Village of Pinehurst town manager was there to represent the council and staff, all of whom were so supportive and cooperative in the long and complicated run up to the ground breaking. Roy Register and Ellen Woodard, two of our main benefactors, were there to participate in the ground breaking, along with the pastors. Also every member of the Chapel staff was involved in the planning and execution of a beautiful and touching service and we appreciate their commitment and support for the project. Following the ceremony, we were all treated to the usual fine spread organized by Sonny Rhine, during which Pete Bogle, our architect and Chris Jordan, our builder, told our members how important this project is to them personally.

So, thanks to everyone who contributed and to everyone who came out on this special day. We do rejoice and are glad in it! **Let the building begin!**

Construction work began on Monday, April 26. Now we can watch as the boards and bricks begin to shape our Heritage Hall.







## *National Day of Prayer Service*

**Thursday, May 6, 12:00 noon**

The service will be led by our pastors, lay readers, and musicians from the community. The service will be livestreamed on our website for those unable to attend in person. All are invited as we gather in prayer for our nation.

## Current Needs of the Sandhills Coalition

- ◆ Non-refrigerated juice
- ◆ 1 or 2 lb. bags of rice
- ◆ Instant mashed potatoes

Low sodium, no salt added, 100% fruit juice, fruit packed in juice or water and whole wheat options are encouraged in order to provide healthier alternatives for those we serve!

Please drop off donations in the Atrium.





Flowers are a beautiful addition to our worship services each Sunday. If there is a Sunday that you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement for The Village Chapel to honor/celebrate a special occasion, please contact Judith Krall of our Worship Committee. She will be happy to help you - [judithkrall@nc.rr.com](mailto:judithkrall@nc.rr.com)

## *Birthdays*

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

## *Happy Anniversary*

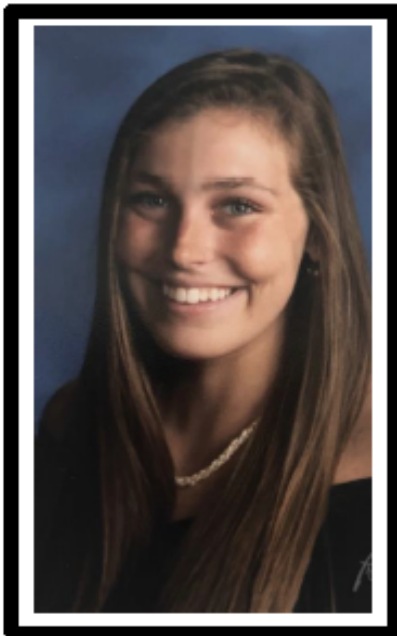
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| <b>2</b> Peter & Sigrid Gross   |
| <b>3</b> Jim & Maru Nelson  |
| <b>4</b> Paul & Patricia Rudovsky   |
| <b>9</b> John & Alyssa Brosch   |
| <b>12</b> George & Sharon Trail<br>Julian & Sarah Hawes<br>Stephen & Holly Ingham |
| <b>14</b> Ashley & Vickie Smith   |
| <b>15</b> Jim & Amy Corcoran  |
| <b>16</b> John & Betsy Jacobs   |
| <b>22</b> Jim & Laurie Walker   |
| <b>25</b> Rich & Lisa Wingfield   |
| <b>24</b> Nathan & Amy Whitfield<br>Jerry & Judy Townley                          |
| <b>28</b> Kevin & Donna Brundage<br>Chase & Brynn Neely                           |
| <b>30</b> Jack & Judi Wood<br>Richard & Pamela Pabst                              |

Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

# Congratulations to Our

# **P** Village Chapel

# Class of 2021 Graduates



## Frances Grace Edrington

Grace is a graduate of The O'Neal School. She was a member of the Leadership Academy, a board member of Key Club, and was co-president of Student Forum at The O'Neal School. She played volleyball, was a cheerleader, and member of the track and field team as well. Grace plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and major in Recreation, Sports Management, and Tourism. She is the daughter of David and Tisha Edrington and sister to Taylor.

## Taylor Mintz Edrington

Taylor is a graduate of The O'Neal School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and the Leadership Academy. She also served as co-president of Student Forum. She played volleyball, was a cheerleader, and a member of the track and field team. Taylor plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and major in Recreation, Sports Management, and Tourism. She is the daughter of David and Tisha Edrington and sister to Grace.





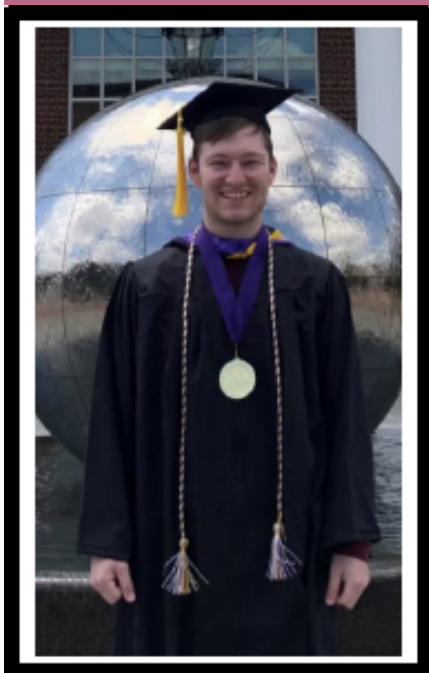
## Nicolas William Granata

Nicolas is a graduate of Pinecrest High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Club. He played on the football team for 2 years and was on the track team all 4 years. He traveled to Guatemala on a mission trip where he served families and children in the small mountain community of San Felipe. After returning from Guatemala, he continued to excel in Spanish. He was accepted to the NC Governor's School for Spanish. Nicolas will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and majoring in Biology on a pre-med track. He will also minor in Spanish. He is the son of Marc and Ericka Granata and brother to Ellisa.

## Jennifer Elaine Imperial

Jennifer is graduating from Sandhills Community College with an associate degree in nursing. Upon completion of the course, she will be allowed to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)-RN. After passing the NCLEX, she will be a licensed Registered Nurse and will work in the area for at least a year. I made the decision to take this new path because I love helping others hands-on and the challenge of learning. Nursing school has certainly been a challenge but it's been worth it and it's an honor to place "RN" behind my name. I also wanted the ability to work in different states, if Chris and I travel and when we move closer to our daughter in Texas.





## Jesse Robert Ingham

Jesse is a graduating Senior at High Point University. He is a Business Administration major with minors in Marketing and Communications. He is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society and a founding member of High Point University's Circle K Club. Jesse plans to work in the fields of marketing and management while he earns his MBA degree next year. Jesse was a member of The Village Chapel Youth Group many years ago and we are so proud of his accomplishment.

He is the son of Steve and Holly Ingham.

## Robert Anthony Jackson

Rob is a graduate of Pinecrest High School. He is a member of the Pinecrest Varsity Football Team. He was an active member of the TVC Youth Group and was the first youth to preach in the pulpit of the Village Chapel during a youth service. Rob is planning to attend school in Wilmington, NC but his life-long dream is to become a cowboy in the mid-west. He is the son of Ron and Michelle Jackson and brother to Madison, DeAnna, Savannah, and RJ.



## Sean Gibson Macrae

Gibson is a Pinecrest High School Graduate. He is a member of the Pinecrest National Honor Society, Locker #1, and a Captain on the Varsity Football Team. Gibson plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the summer where he will play football and pursue a degree in Sports Medicine. He is the son of Sean and Andrea Macrae, and brother to Jackson, Brooks, and Dylan.



## Sarah Elisabeth Smith

Sarah is a graduate of Pinecrest High School. She is a member of the Pinecrest National Honor Society and was a Patriot Varsity Cheerleader for 3 years. She is a member of the TVC Youth Group and has volunteered at many local church outreaches. She has also worked for SoPies Pizzeria for the last 2 years. Sarah plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the fall where she will major in International Business. Sarah is the daughter of Ashley and Vickie Smith and sister to Abby, Hannah and Landen.



## Jonathan Stone Stansel

Jonathan is a graduate of Pinecrest High School and is a member of the Pinecrest National Honor Society and the PTSA. He is also a 4-year member of the Pinecrest Boys Lacrosse team. He was a member of the Pinecrest Football team for 3 years, the Pinecrest AFJROTC for two years and the concert band for 1 year. Jonathan plans to attend Queens University of Charlotte where he has been awarded a merit and an athletic scholarship to play on the Men's Lacrosse Team. He will major in Marketing with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. Jonathan is a member of the TVC Youth Group. He is the son of Jeffrey and Sandra Stansel and brother to Sydnie.



*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11*

# Congratulations to Our TVC Seniors Who Committed to Play Sports on the Collegiate Level.



Jonathan Stansel will play Lacrosse at Queens University in Charlotte N.C.



Gibson Macrae will play football as a preferred walk-on at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

# TVC Members and Youth Partner with Habitat for the Apostle's Build





*Happy Mother's Day to  
all the wonderful mothers  
of The Village Chapel*

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