

The Village Chapel

Pinehurst, North Carolina

April 28, 2024

Music Celebration Sunday



Our Mission

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.

The Village Chapel

An Enduring Vision for Christian Community

As an independent, interdenominational, Christian community, we look to the authority of scripture and the Lordship of Christ in all matters of doctrine and practice. Our mission is founded upon the precepts of worship, learning, and service.

First, The Village Chapel exists to worship God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together, the Trinity are “worshipped and glorified,” as we, and Christians throughout history, profess in the Nicene Creed. In the Gospel of John, our Lord teaches us, that the Father seeks worshippers (John 4:23). Therefore, we assemble together as a community of worshippers to give God our praise and thanksgiving, and to exalt His name in The Village of Pinehurst and Moore County. The Village Chapel is a place of worship, and we are His worshippers—not only on Sundays, but every day, and everywhere.

Next, we are called to become learners of Christ. Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, to learn from Him (Matthew 11:29), and He commissioned us to teach people about Him (Matthew 28:20). Christian living is Christian learning. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, “Christianity without discipleship, is Christianity without Christ.” Jesus desires for us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him, so we can be equipped to teach others, sharing the message of the Gospel—learners becoming imitators of Christ.

Finally, we are called to be servants—to serve God and to serve one another. Jesus said that He “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28) We are not to be “hearers” of the Word only, but “doers.” (James 1:22) Following the Lord’s example of sacrificial service, we too are to live sacrificially in our service to God, His Church, and others.

Upon these three pillars, is the vision of The Village Chapel founded.

Worship. Learn. Serve.

Rev Dr. Ashley Neil Smith, Senior Pastor



If you are looking for a church home, the pastors would like to meet with you at your convenience. The process for membership is simple and straightforward. Once a new member application (one page) is submitted - applications can be requested from our office, filled out online, or found in our visitor folders in the narthex - then, a meeting with a pastor is scheduled. Because we are an interdenominational community - including many Christian faith traditions - we offer dual membership. Dual membership allows you to be a member of The Village Chapel and another church. Also, transfer letters are not required, but can be requested at your behest. We look forward to worshipping, learning, and serving with you and your family, in the days to come.

Music Celebration Sunday

Order of Worship

† The congregation is invited to stand

Opening Voluntary *Fanfare*

John E. Cook

Welcome and Announcements

† Opening Hymn *When the Morning Stars Together*

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Collect for Musicians and Artists (*Pastor*)

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth: and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Anthem *Love the Lord Your God*

Traditional Round

Reading *Music*

Jane Jackson

There is music, deep and solemn

Floating through the vaulted arch

When, in many an angry column,

Clouds take up their stormy march;

O'er the ocean billows, heaping

Mountains on the sloping sands,

There are ever wildly sweeping

Shapeless and invisible hands.

Echoes full of truth and feeling

From the olden bards sublime,

Are, like spirits, brightly stealing

Through the broken walls of time.

The universe, that glorious palace,

Thrills and trembles as they float,

Like the little blossom's chalice

With the humming of the mote.

On the air, as birds in meadows –

Sweet embodiments of song –

Leave their bright fantastic shadows

Trailing goldenly along.

Till, aside our armor laying,

We like prisoners depart,

In the soul is music playing

To the beating of the heart. – Alice Cary

Anthem *There Always Something Things*

Sarah Quartel

Let me go where'er I will, I bear a sky-born music still; it sounds from all things old, it sounds from all things young, from all that's fair, from all that's foul. Peals out a cheerful song. It is not only in the rose, it is not only in the bird, not only where the rainbow glows, nor in the song of woman heard, but in the darkest meanest things there always something sings. 'Tis not in the high stars alone, nor in the cup of budding flowers, nor in the redbreast's mellow tone, nor in the bow that smiles in showers, but in the mud and scum of things there always something sings. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reading *Why Do Christians Sing When They Are Together*

Charles Webb

Why do Christians sing when they are together? The reason is, quite simply, because in singing together it is possible for them to speak and pray the same Word at the same time; in other words, because here they can unite in the Word. There should be singing, not only at devotions, but at regular times of the day or week. The more we sing, the more joy will we derive from it. But above all, the more devotion and discipline and joy we put into our singing, the richer will be the blessing that will come to the whole life of the fellowship from singing together. It is not you that sings; it is the Church that is singing, and you, as a member of the Church, may share in this song. Thus all singing together that is right must serve to widen our spiritual horizon and make us see our little company

as a member of the great Christian Church on earth, and help us willingly and gladly to join our singing, be it feeble or good, to the song of the Church. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

†Congregational Hymn *Amazing Grace*

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Stanza 1 – Solo

Stanza 2 – Choir and Congregation

Stanza 3 – Choir only

Stanzas 4-5 – Choir and Congregation

Reading *from the writings of Abraham Heschel*

Bailey Jordan

The Hebrew word for “cantor” is ba’al tefillah, ‘master of prayer.’ The cantor does not stand before the Ark as an artist in isolation, trying to demonstrate skill or displaying vocal feats. The cantor stands before the Ark not as an individual but with a congregation. “The heavens declare the glory of God.” How do they declare it? “There is no speech nor language; neither is there a voice to hear.” The heavens have no voice; their glory is inaudible. It is the task of people to reveal what is concealed; to be the voice of the glory, to sing its silence, to utter what is in the heart of all things. The glory is there – invisible and silent. Man is the voice; woman is the voice; their task is to be the song. The cosmos is a congregation in need of a cantor. Humanity is the cantor of the universe. To sing means to sense and to affirm that the Spirit is real and that glory is present. In singing we perceive what is otherwise beyond perceiving. Song, and particularly liturgical song, is not only an act of expression, but also a way of bringing down the Spirit from heaven to earth.

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Leo Nestor

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging. Since love is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake... What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake... The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake... - Robert Lowry, attr

Reading *A Symphony of Praise*

Jane Jackson

As God breathed His Spirit upon His servant David,
An explosive shout of exuberant praise burst forth,
Filling David’s heart to the point of an overflowing cup.
David’s hand trembled,
As the powerful virtue of the Almighty was pressing its way through David’s pen,
Punctuating each line on that page,
Note after note, word after word, verse after verse,
Calling forth the “great cloud of witnesses” to gather, from the very ends of the earth,
Into God’s holy sanctuary – the firmament of his power;
For every mighty act that God has ever done, and for His excellent greatness towards us all,
Even as we are invited to join in this most sacred of all symphonies ever composed:
Calling for the trumpet to blast – the psaltery to sing – the harp to shimmer
The timbrels to shake – the feet to dance – the strings to hum – the organ to sustain
The loud cymbals to crash – the high sounding cymbals to sizzle
Emanating an intensity of God’s love for God’s incredible creation,
As God enables, empowers and inspires His creation to respond!
“Let everything that has Breath, praise the LORD! Praise ye the Lord!” – Paul Murphy

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Leo Nestor

Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace: streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy grace I’ve come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me while a sinner, wand’ring from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interspersed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. O that day when freed from sinning, I

shall see thy lovely face; clothed then in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace. Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away! Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day. Amen. –

Robert Robinson

Reading Psalm 105; 1-4; Psalm 71: 22-23

Jan Jeffress

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all his wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! Also with the lute I will praise you – and your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul which You have redeemed.

†Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

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Meditation

Rev. Trey Majure

†Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Choral Response *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark Miller

Draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle wide.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Ushers: **Cam Cantelou**, Ken Crutchfield, Ed Crutchfield, Jack Wood, Russell Zumwalt

Guest Musicians: Janelle Francis, pianist; Wayne Osborne, percussion

Flower Delivery: Mary Jo & Mike Matthies

In Memoriam: Doug Smith

Total Attendance
Sunday, April 21:
415

New Members in 2023:
72
New Members in 2024:
75

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Kallam, Ray Barnes, Eleanor Hargan, Jack Laflin,
Bev Raffaele, Jennifer Bowman, Kelley Daniel,
Philip & Marilyn Kirol, Andy Trepcyk, Lillie Cashion,
Jim Nelson, Jim & Dee Busby, Phil Wiggins,
Roy Longhta, the Smith family



Last week 138 viewers tuned in to our services

Have a special prayer request? We want to pray for you

Please reach out to John Roberts with any prayer requests at pastrjohnroberts@gmail.com. You can also share your prayer requests on the prayer cards on the back of the pews and deposit them in the prayer boxes in the back of the church. They will be prayed for by the Upper Room prayer team.



Flower Dedication for Sunday, April 28

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of our parents by Ralph and Ann-Boyd Newman.

The Hymn Board flowers are given to the Glory of God by M.J. and Patrick Pizzella and given to honor all the volunteers for their service to The Village Chapel.

MEN OF THE CHAPEL

Monthly Men's Breakfast The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on May 23, at the Pine Crest Inn. Cost for breakfast, tax and gratuity is \$20.00. Please email jimvoelkel74@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

All women who come to the Chapel are invited and encouraged to participate

Women of the Chapel will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Care Cottage, 55 Community Rd. Pinehurst.

Cross Ties Cross Ties will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:45 a.m. at the Pine Crest Inn. Cross Ties brings women

together from across the three worship services. It gives them the opportunity to form ties with each other, pray together, and feel more deeply connected to the church "family." All Women of the Chapel are invited and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$20.00 (includes tax & tip). Ladies can make reservations by contacting either **Janice Bezanson at 909-229-3028 or janicebezanson@gmail.com or Michele Miller at 804-647-5683 or Miller.mlj107@gmail.com. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Friday, May 10.** Cancellations after the deadline or no shows will be responsible for the payment of \$20 to the church.

CARE OF THE CONGREGATION

Meal Ministry offers a meal to our members who may be experiencing a recent hospitalization, an illness, a birth, death, relocation, or other need. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please contact **Anne DeRosa at annederosa00@gmail.com or Agnes Fusselbaugh at fusselag@gmail.com.** We have a team of volunteers ready to serve. "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

OUTREACH

Life Care Pregnancy Center is in need of diapers. A collection box is in the Atrium. All sizes are appreciated.
Sandhills Student Assistance is in need of non-perishable food donations such as Lance crackers, protein bars, fruit cups, juice pouches, breakfast bars, as well as individual microwavable cups of noodles and mac & cheese.
Meals on Wheels is in need of additional volunteers, both drivers and kitchen help. Please call or text 910-704-9810 or email the Executive Director, Penny Jeffrey, at mowsandhills1974@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights We will meet this evening in Heritage Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Children's Sunday School We meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. except the first Sunday of each month.
American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA is now an active part of TVC. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:45 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to assist with these ministries. Volunteers are needed to make these ministries successful for the church and the community. Don't hesitate to contact **Jeremy Lashmit at Jeremylashmit@gmail.com for Trail Life and Lindsey at putz.lindsey@gmail.com for American Heritage Girls.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

The Bill Wetmore 9:30 Bible Study meets at 9:30 in the conference room next to Pastor Ashley's office. Today, we continue our study using *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. Rev. Hamilton was senior pastor of a 17,000-member United Methodist Church of the Resurrection when he wrote this book. We'd love for you to join us.

The Al Mangum 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class Join us each Sunday, 10:45 a.m. at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd – just down the street from the Chapel) for Sunday School. Each class begins with prayer, followed by a video series, and discussion lead by various members of The Village Chapel. For questions on the class or how you can get involved, please contact **Greg Wetzberger at 850-549-7806, John Rowerdink at 910-235-0644 or Bill Bremer at 910-690-4076.**

One Year Bible Reading On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Ashley leads a discussion on the One Year Bible. For those interested in participating, we read selected daily scripture readings - organized by date - and then discuss the readings when we meet. Our next meeting will be May 1 in Heritage Hall at 4:30 p.m. The readings for our next meeting are April 4 – May 1, and we will focus on the Book of Judges. While not required for the class, you can order the One Year Bible by contacting the Chapel office 910-295-6003. If you would like to join the First Wednesday Fellowship following the class, please make your reservation by April 29, by calling the Chapel office.

Seminary Lecture Series Join Pastor Ashley as we explore the History of Christianity. The class begins with a 30-minute video lecture by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D., followed by a 30-minute discussion of the subject matter. The class will meet on the third Wednesday of each month in Chapel Hall from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next lecture is Wednesday, May 15, and is entitled: "Extreme Christianity in the 2nd and 3rd Centuries." The class is 36 lectures in all and will meet throughout 2023-2024 when possible. There is no cost or registration required and all are welcome!

Defending Your Faith - Pastor Trey and Ken Dickson lead a class on how to defend your Christian faith in a rapidly changing world. This course is designed to help you discuss your faith with friends and family, and how to defend it against common objections. We will meet on Sunday, May 5, in Heritage Hall at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Trey at trey@tvcpinehurst.com**

Christ in Genesis This women's Bible study explores the relationship between the Old and New Testaments. Our next meeting will be May 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We meet in the Youth classroom of Heritage Hall and will use the Bible and Katherine Caldwell's commentary study entitled *Christ in Genesis, Vol. 1*. To sign up, please contact **Mary Wood at marywood232@gmail.com or 412.592.4353**

Thursday Bradshaw Bible Study "In my estimation, when it comes to leadership, Nehemiah stands with Old Testament heroes like Moses, Joshua and David," wrote Warren W. Wiersbe in the preface to his commentary, Nehemiah: Be Determined - Standing Firm in the Face of Opposition. Does this surprise you? Come and join the discussion and see if you agree. Stan Bradshaw will lead this six-week class on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Care Cottage beginning Thursday, April 25. Please contact Stan with any questions: Stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com.

Women's Bible Study The Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Care Cottage. We will be studying Psalms. This is a 7-week session and will end June 3. We will be using the study book *As For Me* by Adrienne Camp. To sign up for the study contact Janice Bezanson at janicebezanson@gmail.com or 909 229-3028. You can order the book through Amazon or contact Janice to order one.

Book of Acts Bible Study There is a video lesson by Louie Giglio, pastor of Passion City Church in Atlanta, followed by discussion. The group meets every other Tuesday evening at the home of Bill & Michele Miller in Pinewild, or at the Care Cottage. **Contact Bill Miller at 804-241-8761 or John Rowerdink at 910-235-0644.**

Practicing the Way (of Jesus) is an on-ramp to spiritual formation that explores what it means to follow Jesus and lay a foundation for a life of apprenticeship to Him. Join us as we start the new 8-week Course on April 23 - we will meet every other Tuesday from 4:30-6:00pm at The Care Cottage. For more information, or to register, contact **Bonnie Jo and Steve Wurzbacher at bonniewurzbacher@mac.com**

The Community Men's Bible Study meets each Thursday, 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. at the Care Cottage. We are using the Book of Romans study guide by John MacArthur which you can purchase on Amazon for \$9.69. Eddie Sanderlin and Ken Dickson will lead us in this study. Eddie will lead lessons 1-3, 7-9; Ken will lead lessons 4-6, 10-12. Come and join us and expand your knowledge of God's Grace.

Tables of 8 Fellowship Are you interested in connecting with church members in a small group setting? Join us for a monthly meal and the opportunity to make new friends. Your group is waiting for you! For questions or more information, email **Ruth Holm at rho141@gmail.com**.

We Need Graduation Guardian Angels

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 5.

Bless you and thank you,
Men of the Chapel Ministry

Books & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 4

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Chapel Hall

100% of proceeds will benefit Changing Destinies Ministry.

You can help by donating baked goods, new or gently used books, or an item for the raffle by May 3. For more information, please contact us at womenofthechapel.tvc@gmail.com

First Wednesday Fellowship May 1, 2024

*There will be a meal in **Chapel Hall** with music and genuine Christian fellowship. The purpose of the FWF is to provide a monthly opportunity for members, non-members, and newcomers, to get connected and develop lasting relationships. All are welcome! The meal will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and be catered so reservations are required and can be made by contacting The Village Chapel office at **(910) 295-6003**. Donations are graciously accepted to offset the cost of the meal. If you make a reservation and your plans change, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can update our list for the caterer.*

Reservations must be made by MONDAY, April 29

Thank you for your cooperation.

Name _____ Number for Dinner _____

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Sunday Morning Worship Service Times:

8:00 a.m.— Holy Eucharist; 9:30 a.m.— Family Service with Children's Sermon 11:00 a.m.— Traditional Worship

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Sunday Morning Radio Broadcasts

11:00 a.m. Worship Service WIOZ at 550 (AM) from 8:00 to 8:30

WLHC at 103.1 (FM) from 8:30 to 9:00



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Membership Information Update

Last Name	Adult First Names	Children's first names	
Address City/State/Zip Code			
Phone Number (His)	Phone Number (Hers)	Email (His)	Email (Hers)
Member Status	Member/Friend of the Chapel (Regular Visitor)		