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Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

The Village Chapel: History, Vision, and Inter-denominationalism

(excerpts from the October 29, 2023 sermon)



Sunday, October 29, 2023, was a momentous occasion in the life of The Village Chapel – 125 years of Christian witness and worship in this community.

1898 was an interesting year. “It was the best of times; it was the worst of times” (as Charles Dickens so famously put forth in a Tale of Two Cities)

1898 gave rise to the Spanish American War. Hawaii, Guam, and Puerto Rico became part of the United States.

Colonel Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders were all the rage, as they posed for the famous picture at the Battle of San Juan (July of 1898).

The Jews of Kiev (now the capital of Ukraine), were expelled from that country in 1898...

And although, it had been some 30 years after the Civil War, the South was still licking her wounds. And when many thought progress was finally being made, the massacre and displacement of African Americans in Wilmington, N.C., took the rest of the civilized community by surprise. That was certainly the worst of times!

The best of times had more to do with new technologies and advancement of industrialization. 1898 was the first time a telephone message was sent from a submerged submarine. 1898 gave birth to the diesel engine, the Good Year tire company. Being from New Bern, I would be remiss if I didn't mention, one of the

most nutritious and mind-altering beverages that was ever created was made that year – Pepsi-Cola! The original contents of which are now illegal and rightfully so. There was a reason it pepped you up, and as our competitor would later say “Have a Coke and ... a smile!”

Interestingly enough, it was the soda fountain machine that James Tufts patented 1863 – he didn't invent it – that sold more than all of his competitors combined. It was called the Artic Soda Apparatus. It was colossal! The size of a large pipe organ! The fortune that was amassed was the seed money for purchase of the land that we reside today. Who would have thought that soda, or pop as they say in Boston, would have been so instrumental in our story?

And then finally, it was in 1898 that the first interdenominational worship service ever took place, and it's still taking place today... 125 years later. That first service was in the Holly Inn. Then our founding members worshipped in the Casino building. Then they worshipped in The Village Hall, diagonal from The Holly Inn.

Eventually in 1908, The Pinehurst Religious Association (as we were called then) purchased the Village Hall and modified it to become a place of worship. An altar was erected, a bell tower was raised, and that bell now sits in the Hemi (Helen)Tufts Memorial Prayer Garden.

The Village Hall was the location of the First Village Chapel, from 1908 until March 1, 1925 when the first service in this Sanctuary took place. In less than two years we will celebrate 100 years in this Sanctuary.

Little trivia for you, in case you are even on Jeopardy and the category is “The Village Chapel.” When the cornerstone was laid at the southeast corner (we actu-

ally have a picture of that service on display), they put under the cornerstone: 3 newspapers of the day; 4 score cards for courses 1-4; a prayer book (couldn't have been the 1928 prayer book, the one we use in our Eucharist service. It was probably 1892 Prayer Book); they put a Holy Bible (so we are literally founded upon the Word of God); and in keeping with the spirit of Pinehurst as the birthplace of American golf, they put the current minister's best score on No. 2... which was a 74. You might find this hard to believe, but I also shot at 74 on No. 2, but that score changed when I started the back 9!

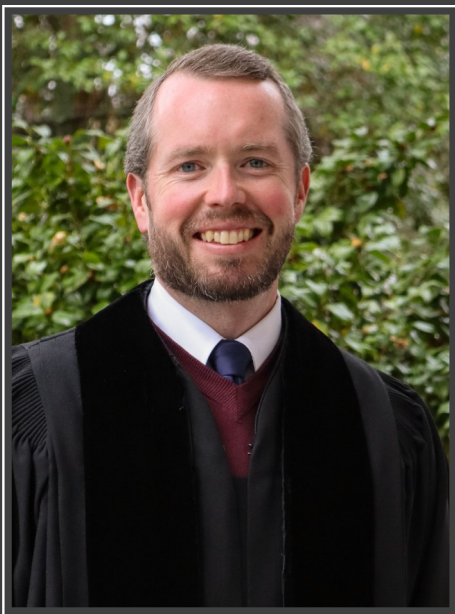
Now if you were worshipping in The Village Chapel from 1908 to 1925, you would have seen written in Latin “Pro Deo et Patria” For God and Country. Love of our country has always been a part of our Spiritual DNA. We have no problem, having an American flag in our place of worship, and it's quite natural for us, to this day, to have a Memorial Day and Veterans Day Presentation.

Let's talk about Vision for a moment. The earliest Vision was one of Unity – Christian Unity, not to be confused with the Unitarian Church, which means something else.

Christian Unity, in our historical sense, was that Christians from different Christian denominations, could come together as one. *(Continued on Page 14)*

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Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor



“My Hygge”

Denmark is consistently in the top ten happiest countries in the world. This really is a feat considering the weather in Denmark can be terrible. But the Danish have a secret to success, and it is more than just amaz-

ing pastries.

They have a philosophy of living called “hygge.” This sounds very similar to our English word for hug, and in many ways a hug conveys the meaning. Think for a moment about peacefully sitting next to a fire on a cold winter day, enjoying a glass of wine or a cup of hot chocolate, while wearing your favorite sweater. That is the epitome of hygge.

But it also runs much deeper than that. Hygge is self-care, it is reflection, it is relationships. It is turning off the television, ignoring the impulse to multi-task or work constantly, and live in the moment. In many ways this runs counter-intuitive for Americans where there is a drive to stay connective to e-mail, social media, and to always be working and never truly rest. Hygge teaches us to focus on the beauty and wonder of life and relationships. I have said this several ways throughout my ministry, but I

have never spoken with anyone at the close of their life who wished they had worked more or responded to more emails.

Hygge also has a very practical spiritual dimension, as again in America we can easily lose the feeling of being embraced by the love and grace of our Heavenly Father. When I think of a spiritual sweater that one can slip on, I think of meditating on the love that God has for me in this moment. In spite of being flawed, and chasing after things of this world, and not living the life I know I should...I can put that sweater on, and curl up next to the fire. And the love of God consumes me with a sense of awe, that the father loves and waits with open arms for the prodigal. This is my hygge.

In Christ, Trey



Defending Your Faith



Pastor Trey and Ken Dickson are leading 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. Our next meeting will be November 5 at 5:00 PM in Heritage Hall, where we will watch a video by Lee Strobel on evidence for the resurrection of Christ followed by discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Trey** at

trey@tvcpinehurst.com

Meet the Congregation- The Shank Family

Chris grew up in Wakarusa, Indiana while Amy hails from Fairfax, Virginia. Both attended colleges, but in different states. Amy went to Roanoke College in Virginia after which she embarked on a policy career in the US Senate working for Don Nickles and Mike Enzi. Afterward she decided to switch gears and worked in pharmacy and pharmaceuticals, heading a government relations team. Chris went to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend where he was in Air Force ROTC. He served active-duty for 10 years engineering GPS and spy satellites before joining the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee for 10 years along with 4 years at NASA. He now works for Maxar Technologies.

Amy and Chris met on a blind date through mutual friends when they both worked on Capitol Hill and were married almost eighteen years ago at Grace Episcopal Church in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

They have 2 beautiful daughters, Elizabeth Reagan, 15, and Susan Maria, 13. Elizabeth is a sophomore at the O’Neal School where she enjoys running cross country and Susan (who is named after both her grandmothers) is an 8th grader at Saint John Paul II Catholic School.

Chris and Amy visited the Pinehurst area for almost 20 years coming to see Amy’s parents, Ray and Susan Angelier. They had so many fond memories of visiting in the area that they decided to move here in the fall of 2020 when COVID shut down the schools in northern Virginia.

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vices or become members until the fall of 2020 when they finally moved here. They have been attending the 9:30AM service and one thing that provides a strong draw for them is the active Youth Group which their children enjoy very much. They also feel the abundant volunteer projects/ opportunities are deeply heartwarming and meaningful.

Both Amy and Chris are working fulltime, but look forward to the time they can retire then being able to become more active in the TVC community.

~Contributed by Gerri Crutchfield



2023 Community Men’s Retreat: Greater Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen area

Pinehurst #9 ballroom (formerly National)
Saturday, Nov 11th, 8:30-12:30
\$30.00 per person



Breakfast, lunch and refreshments are included.

It’s time for the annual Community Men’s Retreat! This is a community event so you’re encouraged to bring a guest!

This year’s featured speaker is

Roy Austin Graham

**BILLY
GRAHAM**
Evangelistic Association

Meet Our New Members

DAVE & CATHY ELSEA

Originally from Ohio & Kentucky, respectively, Dave & Cathy, lived in Raleigh for 24 years, they are officially Southerners! They moved to Pinehurst over 4 years ago & live in Clarendon Gardens.

They attending either the 8:00 or 11:00 service, which suits their previous membership in the Episcopal Church. They began watching TVC services on line during Covid and heard from friends who attend TVC as well. They especially enjoy the sermons, music ministry, and opportunities for involvement.

Cathy & Dave literally "met in prison." Fortunately, this occurred while they were on the "right side of the bars!" They began their careers on the same day, employed by the USDOJ - Federal Bureau of Prisons. Cathy was in correctional programs, media relations, and management, while Dave coordinated a nationwide program where the incarcerated were employed by select industries to gain skills, leading to the rehabilitation of many. Daughter, Meredith and son-in-law, Michael, reside in Raleigh, and have blessed them with one grandson, Nicholas.

They have many church centered interests, including Habitat for Humanity, Christian education, prayer groups, community service groups, etc. It's obvious that when Dave & Cathy joined TVC, they "hit the road running"! Truly, we are blessed. Cathy and Dave are very thankful they chose Pinehurst for retirement. They enjoy golfing, traveling, reading, and spending time with their family and friends. They are well trained by their two year old corgi, Lassie Lou.



DOROTHY GIBSON

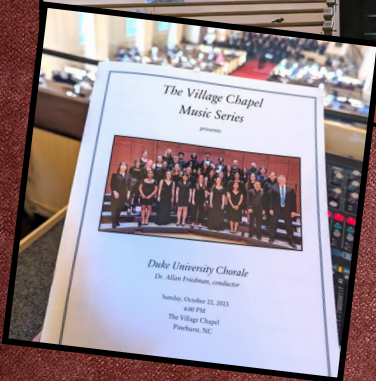
Dorothy was born in Yorkshire, England, & raised in the Church of England. She & her husband, Paul, moved to New Jersey and relocated to our area in 1999. Soon after the passing of her husband, she moved to Southern Pines where she now resides in the Mid South area. She attends the 11:00 service, and finds the ecumenical and interdenominational character of TVC especially appealing.

Her career was as a gemologist and appraiser of fine jewelry. She has two adult daughters and four grandchildren. Dorothy has many and varied interests & hobbies! They include: history, gardening, cooking, and perhaps most of all, spending quality time with close friends. She also enjoys walking, for health and enjoyment of the outdoors and nature.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS- One area of interest to the congregation is learning more about our new members. We post 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



On October 22, an enthusiastic and appreciative audience enjoyed an annual concert by offered by the Duke University Chorale, under the direction of Dr Allan Friedman. A former choral member, Dr Friedman visited The Village Chapel as a singer six out of seven years. We were once again thrilled to host these talented young singers.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace—Bed Build, October 28

We had a fantastic morning building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace the day before our 125th anniversary worship service, supplying beds for children in Moore County! Grateful to our members and friends who joined us on this endeavor.



We are excited to have built 20 beds! The Village Chapel is proud to have played an integral role in their work in our community. We were also thrilled to be joined by Chris Short, representing Servire Chorus. Through Servire's benefit concert for Sleep in Heavenly Peace last spring, this bed-build was fully funded.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands 2023



The Village Chapel

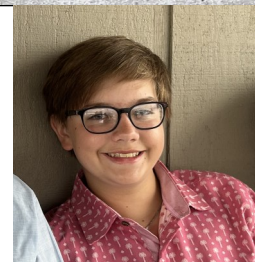


Collin Shane Bowen

Collin attends West Pine Middle School and is in 8th grade. He enjoys playing football and baseball and God is a big part of his life. Collin enjoyed learning the importance of being a Christian in confirmation class. Collin is the son of Ralph and Dana Bowen.

Reid Brooks Bowen

Reid is an 8th grader at West Pine Middle School. He enjoys playing football and baseball. His favorite thing he learned in confirmation was memorizing Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Reid is the son of Ralph and Dana Bowen.



Leila Annabelle Krom

Leila is an 8th grade student at Crain's Creek Middle School and plays the flute in the school band. She loves playing volleyball and is always excited for Youth Group every Sunday. In Confirmation Class Leila has enjoyed learning the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed and that you can go to Jesus for forgiveness of sin. She is the daughter of Scott and Caroline Krom.



Carter James McCabe

Carter attends West Pine Middle School and is in the 8th grade. He loves football, dogs, traveling, his friends and family. His favorite thing about confirmation has been learning the Apostle's Creed and learning in greater depth about both God and Jesus. Carter is the son of James and Kristin McCabe.



Connor Chase Neely

Connor is a 5th Grader at Pinehurst Elementary School. He is a member of the Safety Patrol and Bike Club. Outside of school, Connor plays basketball, baseball, and flag football. Connor enjoys learning and speaking about God in Confirmation Class. Connor is the son of Chase and Brynn Neely.



Susan Maria Shank

Susan Shank was born in Arlington Virginia in April 2010 and named to honor her grandmothers. She is currently in the 8th grade at Saint John Paul II Catholic School where she is a voracious reader, plays volleyball, and enjoys baking with her grandma. Susan's favorite topic she learned about was the Apostles' Creed and what it means. Susan is the daughter of Chris and Amy Shank.



Trunk or Treat 2023



125th Anniversary Celebration



What an amazing turn out! So many folks came out to celebrate 125 years of Christian Ministry at The Village Chapel. Pastor Ashley delivered a powerful message about our past, present and a vision for the future.



After the service everyone enjoyed an amazing luncheon with great food, cake and coffee and fellowship. A great time was had by all. We are inspired to see what God does next in our church.

WOC Annual Christmas Brunch



Behold the Lamb of God

The Women of the Chapel
will gather for our Annual Christmas Brunch
Forest Creek Golf Club 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 7, 2023 Cost \$32

We will be treated to a delicious buffet, beautiful music, and an inspiring devotional message by Bible teacher Amy O'Reilly of Pinehurst.



Amy has a master's degree in physical therapy and co-owns Sandhills Orthotics and Prosthetics with her husband. She serves as a teaching leader in her local church.

Amy's first book, **"When Only Faith Remains"** will be available to purchase at the luncheon
(cash or check - sorry no credit cards)

Amy's passion is spreading the love and message of Jesus Christ. All women who attend The Village Chapel are invited and encouraged to bring a neighbor or a guest. Please join us in celebrating the glad tidings of The Birthday of Our King!

Limited Seating - Reservations accepted as received

Payment must accompany registration. Ladies who would like to sit together must indicate this on the registration form and include payment for all. (Tables seat 8 ladies)

Carpooling is suggested and there will be golf carts and drivers to assist you from the parking lot

******The Registration Deadline is Friday, December 1, 2023******

Women of the Chapel Christmas Brunch

Payment must accompany your registration form

Name: _____ Phone : _____

Email: _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Guest Names : _____

Registration forms and payment may be mailed (must be received by 12/1) to:

The Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

The Foundation

One of the many ways in which The Village Chapel has been blessed is The Village Chapel Foundation. Some members and friends of the Chapel may not know about the Foundation, so the purpose of this article is to raise the level of awareness about the Foundation, what it is, its history, how it's used. etc.

What is The Village Chapel Foundation?

The Village Chapel Foundation is a foundation and legal entity which has consolidated monetary gifts by Village Chapel members and friends over many years. The value of the Foundation today is more than \$3 million. Distributions from the Foundation support many of the ministries and expenses of the church, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the original donors.

History of the Foundation

Going back to the 1950's, generous members of The Village Chapel gave money to the church in a way that would support various ministries of the church over a long period of time, even in perpetuity. In some cases, the contributions were made as part of the members' estate plans and in other cases, contributions were made while the donors were living. For many years, individual funds created by these contributions existed separately and were managed by the Board of Trustees, keeping in mind the wishes expressed by the donors. In 1994, as the total value of these contributions grew, a decision was made to consolidate them into a new foundation, The Village Chapel Foundation. Each of the funds is identified separately within the Foundation, named after the donor or the expressed purpose of the fund.

How is The Foundation organized and managed?

When the Foundation was created in 1994, a set of bylaws was written, separate from the bylaws of The Village Chapel. The Foundation Bylaws establish two organizational structures to manage the Foundation, The Foundation Board of Trustees and The Foundation Committee.

The Foundation Committee is responsible for day-to-day administration of the Foundation. *(Continued on Page 11)*
(Foundation Continued) The Senior Pastor (Pastor Ashley) and The Village Chapel Treasurer (Kay Goulet) are permanent members of the committee. The com-

mittee can have as many as nine members, all of whom must be members of The Village Chapel. Current additional members are John Rowerdink, Foundation President, Kay Beran, Secretary, Mike Elliott, Jeff Holm and Jackie Woodward. The Foundation Board of Trustees are the members of The Village Chapel Board of Trustees plus the Foundation President. They have ultimate responsibility for the Foundation.

The Foundation investments are actively managed by a professional money manager. For many years, this has been The Trust Company of the South. The Foundation Committee and the Foundation Board work with the Trust Company as needed to manage the investments.

How are Foundation funds used by the church?

Some of the funds in the Foundation are designated by the donors for specific purposes. For example, payment of staff salaries, property maintenance, welfare, missions and outreach, Christian education, maintenance of the grounds, music, etc. Other funds in the Foundation are undesignated and can be used at the discretion of the Foundation Board.

Over the years, distributions from the Foundation have been used to supplement the church budget if needed, keeping in mind the donors' preferences. This has been a real blessing during periods of fiscal constraints. The overall objective followed by the Board and the Committee over the years has been to use the funds as intended by the donors, while at the same time, being prudent to ensure that the Foundation grows over time to protect its long-term viability. During the ten-year period of 2012 – 2021, the Foundation funded various ministries and programs of the Chapel totaling \$1.3 million, yet during the same period, the Foundation balance increased by \$1.1 million. This record of prudent management ensures that the funds are used as intended by the donors, while at the same time, protecting and growing the Foundation for future years. In this way, contributions to the Foundation can support the Chapel for many, many years, as it has done for more than sixty years already.

Recently, as funds were being raised for the construction of Heritage Hall, the Foundation contributed \$100,000 towards the project. The purpose of Herit-

age Hall is to provide classrooms for our Sunday School program and one of the funds within the Foundation, the Killian Fund, was designated expressly for that purpose. Contributions to that fund were made over a number of years and Heritage Hall now stands, in part, as a wonderful legacy to Mr. Killian's generosity and that of all the others who contributed to the construction of Heritage Hall.

This past year, the new Village Chapel Scholarship Program was created to provide financial assistance to children and families of The Village Chapel who are pursuing higher education. A new fund has been set aside within the Foundation to provide ongoing funding for this new program. The initial goal is to award up to two scholarships each year, up to \$5,000 each, to Village Chapel youth. The first new scholarships were awarded in 2023 and we are now preparing to seek applications for 2024. The criterium for awarding new scholarships is designed to encourage participation in the youth programs of The Village Chapel. Our hope is that this program can be expanded over time, as funds allow.

How can you contribute to The Village Chapel Foundation?

Many of the funds currently included in the Village Chapel Foundation were contributed as part of members' wills or estate planning. This provides a convenient way to contribute to the Foundation after you no longer need the funds. If you would like to do this, the Foundation Committee would like to be informed of your plans. This is not required but is helpful for planning purposes. A brochure has been developed to provide more information and is available through the church office.

Of course, gifts can also be made to the Foundation while you are living. This can be done in the same way you currently contribute to the church. Some members prefer to make contributions directly from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), which can provide a tax advantage.

For more information on how you can support The Village Chapel Foundation, contact Pastor Ashley or any member of the Foundation Committee.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:30 p.m.

We'll hold our annual

Hanging of the Greens Service

we hope you can join us for this special service

2023 HOLIDAY SERVICES

- Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. ~with Carolina Brass
- Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 p.m. with Children's Pageant
- Christmas Eve Communion Service at 9:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 31 at 10:00 a.m.



Angel Tree

This year the Village Chapel adopted **75** families consisting of **223** people! We are now in the process of getting these families sponsored. But, we need your help!



Please consider making the Angel Tree part of your family's Christmas traditions. It is a wonderful way to share your blessings with others and make Christmas special for a family in need.

The Angel Tree not only brings joy to the recipients, but it also brings joy to the many volunteers who have made shopping, wrapping and distributing the gifts part of their Christmas traditions. We enjoy the Christmas music, light refreshments and the company of other members filled with the Christmas spirit as we wrap and organize the gifts!

Your cash donations are also needed to cover the cost of the Food Lion gift cards and the Bibles that will be given to all the families in addition to the gifts purchased from their Wish Lists. Please adopt a single person or a family or if you prefer to send in a donation, we will do the shopping.

Important Dates to remember: **Drop Off Sunday**, December 3rd from 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Wrapping – December 4– 6 from 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Distribution Day – Saturday, Dec. 9 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

You may drop your donations or adoption forms at the church office or by contacting:

Faith Clay at (248) 765-7213 or faithclay@icloud.com

To those of you who have participated in Angel Tree in the past, we humbly thank you. If donating to Angel Tree is new to you, we welcome your participation. All of our many blessings are from the grace of God. Thank you for being a blessing to those in need.



The Village Chapel Angel Tree Sponsor Request

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Can we text you at the number above? _____ Yes _____ No

Desired family size for adoption? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

I prefer to shop for: Younger Children Teenagers Adults No preference

I would like to volunteer for: _____ Shopping _____ Wrapping (Dec. 4 - 6)

_____ Distribution Day (Dec. 9)

Thank you for making Angel Tree part of your Christmas Traditions!

Please complete form and return to the Chapel office or contact

Faith Clay at (248) 765-7213 or faithclay@icloud.com

Holiday Food Drive

November 1st-December 10th

Help Us Feed the CARE Group Families This Holiday Season

WHAT WE NEED:

Canned Fruit & Vegetables (*corn, peas, green beans, sweet potato, pumpkin, fruit cocktail*), Rice, Instant Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Stovetop Stuffing, Biscuit/Cornbread Mix, Turkey/Chicken Stock, Hot Chocolate, Candy Canes

Please no glass jars or perishable food items.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED *Adult & Teen Challenge of Sandhills, NC* 2023 Christmas Banquets

CELEBRATING
"A Night of Hope"

Enjoy a delicious dinner with music and live testimonies
Cost to sponsor a table: \$200 per table of 8 people
Or cost per person: \$25 (Adults Only Please)
For online reservations, scan the QR code
Or call (910) 947-2944 and mail a check to:
Sandhills Adult & Teen Challenge
PO Box 1701, Southern Pines, NC 28388



December 7th, 8th, or 9th | 6 PM

@sandhillsATC Adult & Teen Challenge Sandhills, NC

THE SANDHILLS COALITION

is in need of new and gently used blankets and quilts, all sizes, for the upcoming cooler weather. They may be dropped off in the Atrium or taken to one of the Coalition locations (the retail stores at **1117 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Tues-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**; or the office at **1500 W. Indiana Ave., Southern Pines, Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**). They also welcome new volunteers who have a few hours each week to serve our community.

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."

(Continued from Front Page) The Unity was, that although there are many differences in doctrine, in ritual, and in polity, we were unified in Christ.

One might have different understandings of eschatology, or end time events (The Second Coming and so forth), and some might baptize by immersion, and some with sprinkling or pouring, or that one denomination may be governed by a Bishop or a Presbytery, or a congregational structure...the one thing that they all had in Common was Jesus! They were all Christians no matter their denominational label.

There is an old maxim that some attribute to St. Augustine, but no one is really sure; it goes like this: In the essentials, Unity, in the non-essentials, liberty, and in all things, Charity. That has been the heart's cry of the thousands of people who have worshipped here. We are unified in the essentials of our faith, [Virgin birth, the death, burial and resurrection of Christ] Basically what is captured in the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed (the non-negotiables if you will)

When it comes to the non-essentials of ritual, baptism, and governance, then there is freedom to think differently, to differ in praxis. But no matter what, there is always Charity. In all things there is love... Love for God, love for one another, and love for neighbor. That was the Vision of the founders of the Village Chapel. Guess

what? It's still the Vision of The Village Chapel, and it will always be the Vision of The Village Chapel.

And now a word about interdenominationalism as I close. I found the perfect scripture to capture what I think it means to be inter-denominational. I think this can forever be our paradigm passage: (1 Corinthians 9)

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

Are we Baptist? Sure. Are we Methodist? Yes. Are with Presbyterian? Absolutely. Can I be fully immersed? Be glad to. We have a baptismal tank! Sprinkled? Oh yes! If it means that you can worship the Holy Trinity, then the answer is always, "Yes."

We are so interdenominational, that we have 3 different services, that for the most part, represent the many denominations that make up our membership. There is a

reason why your pastors, where albs, cinctures, and pectoral crosses in one service, blazers in the next, to pulpit robes, with a crucifer and choral procession. It's because we will be all things, to all people, that by all means Jesus might save some! This is interdenominationalism! We want to see souls saved. We want to see lives changed. We live to introduce people to Jesus. It's about the story of Salvation then and now. For Paul, for our founders, and for us today.

My story, your story, our story, being intertwined with their, and into the best story ever told, the Story of Salvation. Our past is the foundation, the anchor for our future. It will require keeping the non-negotiables as non-negotiable...No capitulation when it comes to the essentials. We can't. We mustn't. We shall not.

Jesus is counting on us to stand fast in our faith, to keep exalting Him each Sunday, and to lift Him up, that He will draw all people to Himself.

Today we celebrate! Today we give God the Glory for this community of faith we call the Village Chapel! We thank Him for 125 years, and we believe for 125 more! To God be the Glory, Great things He has done! And all of God's people said, AMEN!

Pastor Ashley



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1 Barbara Bottoms	7 David Torok	Nancy Davis
Nancy Sadler	Connie Hopkins	Douglas Sherwood
Betty Mangum	8 Linda Lindsey	22 Diane Magruder
Andrew Glover	9 Rob Blandford	23 Jack Neely
Emmett Callow	Mark Priest	Russell McAllister
Joseph Cooper	10 Clare Logan	24 Florence DeSandy
2 Eden Whitfield	Laurie Hamilton	Hailey Gibbons
Jennifer Williams	11 Grace Kocher	25 Dick Curl
3 Dorothy Pockmire	Sally Brown	Freida McBrayer
Tracy Parks	Linda Venters	Deborah Hart
Colson	Marilyn Kirol	26 Page Gibbons
Totten- Lancaster	Jeremy Lashmit	27 Jim Lewis
Tanner Page	Bobbie Dewar	Tamara Kisver
Agnes Fusselbaugh	14 Janice Cantelou	28 Malinda Summey
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5 Vicky Brenner	19 Ron Kelly	29 Dave Cook
Claire Corcoran	20 Dale Skinner	Jim Voelkel
Bill Hammond	Bill Edwards	Julian Hawes
6 Barbara Hess	Sophia Vogt	Mike Vogt
Mandy Grimshaw	21 Lisa Youngclaus	30 Declan Krom

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23 Mark & Esther Acker
24 David & Holly Wright
25 Robert & Ruth Stolting

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.

Thank you!!

“Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who so willingly gave their time and talents to make the church’s 125th Anniversary Celebration a success! We had a great team of volunteers who helped organize a very special and memorable event. This was a large, months-long labor of love made possible by:

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| Gerri Crutchfield & the entire Communications Committee | |
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| And, of course, our amazing Pastors and Staff!! | |

We look forward to many more years worshipping in Pinehurst’s First Church!
 Julie Huggins
 Vice Chairman
 TVC Board of Trustees

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Children and Youth Sunday School We are in need of Sunday School assistants to help our teachers in the classrooms. Please contact **Pastor Vickie** if you can help at **910-992-8309** or **vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com**.
Volunteers Needed to blow off church steps and surrounding walkways before the 8:00 a.m. service. Please contact **Joe De Rosa** at **jderos15@gmail.com**.
Altar Guild needs volunteers to assist with the altar at the 9:30 service. Please contact **Jennifer Imperial** at **brothers909ji@prontomail.com**
Communications Committee needs additional writers to compose short articles for The Chapel Herald, especially for the "Meet the Congregation" section. Please contact **Pastor Ashley** at **ashleyneilsmith@aol.com**, **Shirley Aquino** at **saquino4831@gmail.com** or **Gerri Crutchfield** at **gcrutchfield@twc.com**
 For more service opportunities visit the **TVC WEBSITE**

Contributions and Expenditures—September

	MONTH	YTD
Contributions : **	\$58,740	\$756,743
% of Projected Annual	5%	69%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,093,186
Expenditures:	\$85,493	\$775,323
% of Projected Annual	7%	67%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,154,186

** DOES NOT INCLUDE MISC. INCOME



Join us for our annual
Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22 | 5:00 pm



Sunday, November 12 we will present our annual VETERAN'S DAY VIDEO at all 3 services. There will be a SPECIAL VETERAN'S DAY EDITION of the Herald to commemorate our honored military.

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