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Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor



The Village Chapel: Celebrating 125 Years of Christian Witness

What an amazing time in the life of our Chapel. We have a tremendous history and heritage to celebrate this year. I thought it appropriate and in-

teresting to research the good, the bad, and the ugly of 1898. I compiled a list of historical happenings for the 1898, which is the year “the first interdenominational church was held.” (Pinehurst Outlook 1914)

It was the first time a telephone message was sent from a submerged submarine (January 6),

USS Maine sinks in Havana harbor, cause unknown, 258 sailors die (January 15)

President McKinley asks for Spanish–American War declaration (April 11)

China leases Hong Kong's new territories to the United Kingdom for 99 years (June 9) I actually remember watching the news in 1997 when the lease ended.

US Marines land in Cuba during the Spanish–American War (June 10)

1st US Marines (600) land at Guantanamo, Cuba during the Spanish–American War (June 11)

US House of Representatives passes resolution to annex Hawaii (June 15)

US captures Guam from Spain during the Spanish–American War (June 21)

US flag hoisted over Wake Island (Spanish–American War) (July 4)

US Senate agrees to annex Hawaii (July 6)

Spaniards surrender to US forces at Santiago de Cuba (July 17)

1st US troops land & occupy Puerto Rico (July 25)

Rudolf Diesel of Germany obtains patent #608,845 for his internal combustion engine, later known as the diesel engine (August 9)

Caleb Bradham renames his carbonated soft drink "Pepsi-Cola". (August 28, New Bern NC- my hometown!)

The Goodyear tire company founded (August 29)

Jews are expelled from Kyiv, Ukraine (October 1)

Wilmington, North Carolina Coup D'état: White Supremacists violently overthrow local government, killing and threatening Black leaders. (November 10)

The first interdenominational church service was held in 1898! What is today the Village Chapel!

Although we know the year – 1898 – we don't know the exact date. What we do know, is that 125 years later, The Village Chapel stands as a herald for Christ and a beacon of hope for all people, foreign and domestic, to worship and to be accepted into the Body of Christ. Happy 125th Anniversary to The Village Chapel!

Pastor Ashley



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Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor



Changing Seasons

The changing of the seasons always reminds me of something different. In the fall I think of returning to school, sports practices, and if I had to boil it down to one word it would be discipline. In 1991, Donald Whitney who is a professor of bibli-

cal spirituality at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, wrote a book titled *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Over the last 32 years the book has become a modern classic, as Whitney seeks to inspire Christians to have a sense of discipline about their own spiritual formation.

He examines 11 different disciplines ranging from biblical intake to serving, and from fasting to silence and solitude. But perhaps the true beauty of the book is found in the idea of actively pursuing godliness. It should be every Christian's desire to look more like Christ over time. This is the idea behind spiritual formation and is sometimes referred to as sanctification. It is a molding and shaping of one's life and spirit into the image of Christ. A natural question that most followers of the Way of Christ will have is, "How do I actively pursue godliness?" Whitney's answer, and the answer found throughout the history of the Church, is

to discipline yourself unto godliness.

Do we read our bible on a regular basis, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but because we desire for God to speak us? Do we pray on a regular basis because we want a deeper relationship with the Creator of the universe? Do we serve on a regular basis, not because a church has an opening to be filled but because we want to be a light in the darkness and the hands and feet of Christ? As the leaves begin to change and fall, and as we quickly approach the season of Advent, I would encourage you to evaluate your relationship with Christ and with the world around you. Seek and strive after godliness during this season, not to be considered better or more worthy than others, but to better be a servant to the least of those within our community. God bless you! ✝

In Christ,

Pastor Trey



Defending Your Faith



Pastor Trey and Ken Dickson will be 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 October 1 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 Brosch Family

John and Alyssa Brosch are both from Michigan. John from outside Ann Arbor and Alyssa from the Detroit area. John knew for quite a few years that he wanted a military career and went to college at The Citadel, the famed military school in Charleston, S.C. After college he went directly into the Army and plans to make a career in the military already having eight years to his credit. After college, John commissioned as an infantry officer and attended an Infantry Officer Basic Leader course at Ft. Benning, GA. Meanwhile, Alyssa attended college at Eastern Michigan University studying education and special education. Mutual friends introduced them while they were still in college. From this introduction a relationship developed and they decided to marry. They now have two beautiful children, Colson age 3 and Brooklyn who is 3 months old.

John and Alyssa have lived in this area for seven years moving here when John got orders to report to Ft. Bragg (now Ft. Liberty). He was assigned to work in civil affairs. Alyssa worked as a teacher, but is now taking time off from her teaching job to be with the children and to pursue a Master's Degree. They both say they like the area and hope that John's entire career can be spent at Ft. Liberty. John noted that his parents have also moved down from Michigan to be closer to their family.

Alyssa's faith tradition has always been Catholic while John grew up attending Lutheran churches. She found The Village Chapel on the web and the description piqued her interest with its interdenominational focus. They attended church one Sunday and really liked the service. They have been at The Village Chapel since 2019. Alyssa is part of the Youth Committee and assists with children's activities. She helped in planning vacation bible school. John enjoys participating and assisting with activities in Christian education. His respect and admiration for John Rowerdink is obvious when he talks.

When asked if there were things they wanted to share with the congregation, they said that they love the non-traditional atmosphere of The Village Chapel that helps the congregation to focus on "things we should be doing." The services and classes teach us "fundamental truths" that we all need to know and practice.



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In spite of their busy lives, they have time for recreation and relaxation which includes golf, bowling, attending concerts, sporting events and exercising. They also especially enjoy spending time with family and friends.

There is one more thing that they want to share with the congregation and that is, they are big University of Michigan fans! If you happen to catch games on TV any time the teams are playing, you can bet that John and Alyssa will be cheering for the University of Michigan Wolverines!

~Contributed by Gerri Crutchfield

Meet Our New Members

ELTON & SALLIE TRENT

Originally from Reidsville, NC, Elton & Sallie have resided in CCNC for nearly three years. Now retired, Sallie and Trent had careers in real estate, and commercial development & construction, respectively. They have two adult daughters; one is married & expecting their first grandchild - very soon! Their other daughter is to be wed soon.

They both enjoy golf, usually playing with their ladies and men groups, and occasionally together. Sallie also plays pickleball.

The Trents were drawn to join TVC because it is interdenominational and thus not required to support the unbelievable negative changes happening in many churches around the country; they attend the 11:00 service and have been inspired by the sermons and meeting many members of their new church family



LEE JOSEPH

Lee Joseph has been in Pinehurst three years in October. She was a Presbyterian in PA, and Methodist for 23 yrs in VA.

She was a Homemaker till her kids were in Jr High, she then went to work as a Sales Rep for Sunbeam Appliances. Lee has daughter-Michele Joseph Miller. She and her husband Bill attend TVC. She also has a son, Bill Joseph, and 5 grandchildren. Granddaughter Brynn Miller Neely, Husband Chase, and their sons Connor and Brett also attend TVC.

Lee has a total of 3 Great Grandsons. She loves to be with Family and Friends and likes playing games!!



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.

Update from your Board of Trustees

We hope that you are reading our monthly Board minutes and staying abreast of BOT discussions. Please reach out to any Board member if you have questions.

Since my last update:

1) We appointed a Nominating Committee for the year and made revisions to candidate voting that strengthens congregational voting for new Trustees. All candidates approved through the vetting process will be on a ballot with the final 3 new Trustees selected by the congregation. Therefore, this year it will be extremely important for every member to cast our votes. And Thank You to all members who are running for Board positions!

2) We updated our approach to Outreach budgeting and approved a formula using 10% of the 3-year average of Pledge and Plate contributions for the years prior to the current year. i.e., 2020-22 for 2024 budget determination. As contributions increase, our Outreach budget increases,

while improving the timeliness of the budget process.

3) We addressed some questions and concerns about member recognition. We decided to halt the practice of planting Memorial Trees and hanging individual plaques for service. While we appreciate the great many members making significant contributions, we know that their desire is service to God, to not receive personal recognition. Looking ahead, we grew concerned about a proliferation of awards in our buildings and grounds that would be unsustainable. We will therefore focus more on the Volunteer Recognition event to be held annually.

4) We are excited about the progress of 125th celebration planning for Sunday October 29th recognizing the anniversary of the founding of our congregation. We hope all will attend the Unity Service and special luncheon following. Volunteer Recognition will take place during First Wednesday Fellowship on November 1st.

5) We have been following up on repair needs at the Care Cottage, which have been light, and upgrades within Heritage Hall,

6) We are making progress updating procedure and policy documents as well as, church Bylaws.

7) The Stewardship Committee is making very good progress on a fall program with an emphasis on information sharing.

8) Our new insurance committee has begun their work meeting with our broker to review plans and needs.

We're excited to have Heather back at work and baby Carson doing well. Many thanks to all the volunteers who covered during her absence. The new phone system certainly was a blessing.

As always, if you need to reach out to a Board Member, our contact information is in every Bulletin. We are here to help.

Mike Fusselbaugh

Chair, TVC Board of Trustees

From the Director of Music



The Village Chapel presents

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Sunday, October 22, 4:00 PM



The Village Chapel
10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst





Trunk *or* Treat



**Lots of
Candy**



**Vote for your
Favorite
Trunk**

**Tuesday, October 31st
5-7:00 pm**

**Volunteers
& Candy
needed**

Come out in your best costume and
"Trunk or Treat" in the TVC parking lot

Rain or Shine!

We will bring Trunk or Treat indoors if it rains.

Our Vision...

We would like to provide a safe, healthy, and fun alternative for the children and youth of our community.

vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com—Minister of Children and Youth



OCTOBER 21, 2023 10:00am-4:00pm

Once again The Village Chapel will have a booth at this annual event in Pinehurst Village! We hope everyone will come out and support our church family and all the other crafts and local businesses.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Please contact Pastor Vickie if you'd like to help

vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com

Children and Youth



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
★★★★★
Friday, October, 13
6-8:00pm
VOLUNTERS NEEDED!



YOUTH SUNDAY ACOLYTE PINNING

AT OUR YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE WE PINNED OUR NEW ACOLYTES. THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL KIDS WHO PARTICIPATED AND THEIR PARENTS.

Annual Pet Blessing

Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 7, 10:00am on the Front Lawn



We hope you bring your pet out for our traditional blessing from Pastor Ashley! Over the years this event has become a favorite in the community. Call the church office for details.



The Village Chapel Angel Tree Sponsor Request

Thank you for your continued support of The Village Chapel's Angel Tree Program! We couldn't serve all these families without your ongoing generosity. Our community's needs are still greater than ever. Please complete the following form so that we can match you with a family in need. After submitting the form, a family will be selected based on your preferences and the family's wish list will be mailed to you. God bless you.

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



BED BUILD

October 28 | 10:00am

With a history steeped in Christian outreach, we are excited to offer this service opportunity in connection to our 125th Anniversary. All are invited on Saturday in front of the Chapel to build beds for young children in need.

A signup link will be emailed at a later date.



Lace up your favorite sneakers & join us in bringing light to the darkness with an evening benefitting Rachel's Refuge. The event will include a buffet-style dinner, a keynote speaker, a DJ, dancing, and silent and live auctions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6- 2023 Babe Bash, Come On Barbie, Let's Go Party! This is a wonderful celebration of women-owned businesses, Friday, October 6th, 5:30pm-10:30pm at the lovely Village Pine Venue in Carthage.



October 12- Harvest the Promise, 6-9pm at the Fair Barn, annual fundraiser for Family Promise. To sign up for attending in person or for the on line silent auction go to harvestthepromise.org.

October 17- Friend to Friend's Take Back The Night Candlelight Vigil, 6:30 PM 7:30 PM, Downtown Southern Pines Park in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Friend to Friend invites you to attend our candlelight vigil and join us in honoring those from NC who have lost their lives due to domestic violence.

October 19 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm BGCS 25th Year Anniversary Celebration
Carolina Hotel 80 Carolina Vista, Pinehurst, NC, United States

October 23 2023 YOUNG LIFE IN THE SANDHILLS BANQUET
We hope you can join us for a wonderful night of fellowship and fun as we learn more about Young Life in the Sandhills together.
6:00 to 8:00pm at The Fairbarn - 200 Beulah Hill Rd Pinehurst

Coming in November: We will help sponsor a canned food drive for The C.A.R.E. group, Nov 1-Dec 10 for families they serve to provide much needed assistance for the upcoming holiday season. Look for details in the November Herald and Bulletins.

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."

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee of The Village Chapel has a very important and integral function in the structure of the church. Here at TVC the committee is chaired by Ann Whitley and is composed of five members. The Board of Trustees (BOT) appoints the chair of this committee. Committee members are responsible for recruiting and staffing of all church positions (that receive compensation), determining the equitability of compensation and benefits, and training and identifying educational opportunities for staff members. In addition, the committee also evaluates employee relations and organizational development.

Recruitment of qualified employees is a major function of the HR Committee. This can be a huge time-consuming responsibility to identify the best qualified candidate and can require many hours of reading applica-

tions with supporting documentation. Regarding hiring practices, the committee presents information on candidates to the BOT which has the final authority on hiring. The committee must maintain and update a manual of Employee Policies and Procedures. It is the responsibility of the committee to evaluate the rules and regulations pertaining to monetary Christmas gifts to staff members (amount determined by the BOT). The committee must provide advice and assistance to supervisors and the BOT regarding training and education to enhance employee development.

The committee advises and assists supervisors and the BOT to enhance the development of a productive workplace atmosphere. The committee will give advice and assistance as needed to employees regarding grievances and working conditions. It works with supervisors and the BOT

regarding voluntary and involuntary terminations to ensure adherence to legal standards and to promote a level of fair treatment. The HR Committee provides advice and assistance to the BOT, pastors, committee chairs and members of the congregation who may have a complaint with an employee of TVC. The HR Committee will provide advice and assistance for and with the chairperson of the BOT regarding any area of personnel management as needed.

Should any member of the congregation have questions regarding the responsibilities/functions of the Human Resources Committee they should contact Pastor Ashley at (910) 295-6003, ext. 109 or via email at ashleyneilsmith@aol.com or the chairperson, Ann Whitley at (910)690-8829 or via email at qbwhitley@nc.rr.com.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1 Polk Dillon	10 Allyson Schoen	23 Roslyn Sherwood
Jim Corcoran	Larry Magruder	Alma Buck
Scot Shumski	Leda Eaton	Janice Bezanson
Mike McBrayer	Betty Ayers	25 Wes Smith
2 Esther Acker	13 Betty Hamblin	26 Thomas
Jim Rogers	Mark Rogers	Sherwood
3 Gavin Obst	Scott Krom	Berkley
Jim Nelson	14 Katie Barrett	Swicegood
Stephanie	15 Mark Acker	27 Phyllis Hudson
O'Malley	Mike Kallam	M.J. Pizzella
4 Jim Rohr	John Orban	28 Thomas Walker
Gunnar Adams	16 Jeff Holm	Kevin Cassidy
Mary Wehking	Betsy Barnard	29 Ginn Ultey
Steve	18 Juanita Milam	Kenneth
Wurzbacher	Earlene Hite	Goodman
6 Mateja Torok	19 Tom Shirk	Matthew
7 Michele Miller	Chris Shank	Goodman
8 Darlene Wilhelm	20 Ava Taylor	30 Stephanie
Betts Turner	Walker	Edwards
9 Renee Cassidy	21 Mark Reif	Patrick Dewar
Sharyn Simmons	Nancy Clay	31 Kathy George
George Vickers	Claire Olzark	Kimberly
Anna Smith	Bob Ihde	Lindenberger
Philip Kirol	Stephanie Raine	

2 Ralph & Dana Bowen
4 Steve & Jacqueline Woodward
6 Ned & Sarah Stromme
8 Rita & Lawrence Burnat
9 Adam & Linda Wall Dave & Tisha Edrington
12 Jim & LuAnn Schneider
18 Steve & Rosalind Young
20 Philip & Marilyn Kirol Dube & Deborah Putz Thomas & Mary Ellen Sherwood
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.

125 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT THE VILLAGE CHAPEL SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

We hope you'll join us for this special day. There will be a Unity Service at 10:00am with a catered luncheon immediately following.

Reservations must be made by **MONDAY, October 18.**

RSVP to Heather at the church office (ext. 101) or email: heather@tvcpinehurst.com.

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—August

	MONTH	YTD
Contributions : **	\$100,500	\$603,170
% of Projected Annual	9%	55%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,093,186
Expenditures:	\$86,042	\$690,155
% of Projected Annual	8%	60%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,154,186

** DOES NOT INCLUDE MISC. INCOME



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

payments can be made online at: www.tvcpinehurst.com or at the church office.

For more info please call 910.295.6003

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