

The Chapel Herald

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Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

Coming this Fall! Seminary Lecture Series is back!

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 at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd) from

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This class will meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The first lecture is Wednesday, September 20 and is entitled: "The Historical Study of Christianity." 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!*

About the Professor: Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson is the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. Professor Johnson earned a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Yale University, as well as an M.A. in Religious Studies from Indiana University, an M.Div. in Theology from Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and a B.A. in Philosophy from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. A former Benedictine monk, Professor Johnson has taught at Yale Divinity School and Indiana University. Professor Johnson is the author of more than 20 books, including *The Real Jesus: The Misguided Quest for the Historical Jesus and the Truth of the Traditional Gospels* and *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*, which is widely used as a textbook. He has also published several hundred scholarly articles and reviews.

The History of Christianity: From the Disciples to the Dawn of the Reformation

Here is the list of lectures we will discuss:

1. The Historical Study of Christianity
2. The First Cultural Context—Greece and Rome
3. The First Cultural Context—Judaism
4. The Jesus Movement and the Birth of Christianity
5. Paul and Christianity's First Expansion

6. The Diversity of Early Christianity
7. The Unpopular Cult—Persecution
8. Forms of Witness—Martyrdom and Apologetic
9. Extreme Christianity in the 2nd and 3rd Centuries
10. The Shaping of Orthodoxy
11. Institutional Development before Constantine
12. The Beginnings of Christian Philosophy
13. Imperial Politics and Religion
14. Constantine and the Established Church
15. The Extension of Christian Culture
16. Monasticism as Radical Christianity
17. The Emergence of Patriarchal Centers
18. Theological Crisis and Council—The Trinity
19. Theological Crisis and Council—Christology
20. The Distinctive Issues of the Latin West
21. Expansion beyond the Boundaries of Empire
22. The Court of Justinian and Byzantine Christianity
23. The Rise of Islam and the Threat of Iconoclasm
24. Eastern Orthodoxy—Holy Tradition
25. From Roman Empire to Holy Roman Empire
26. Benedictine Monasticism and Its Influence
27. Evangelization of Western Europe
28. The Great Divorce between East and West
29. Monastic Reform
30. Cathedrals and Chapters
31. The Crusades
32. Papal Revolution
33. Universities and Theology
34. The Great Plague
35. Corruption and the Beginnings of Reform
36. The Ever-Adapting Religion

Pastor Ashley 

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Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor



Knowing Our Priorities

There is a question that I believe every Christian will ask at some point, “How do I explain and defend my faith?” This may have to do with a son or daughter who never had a firm foundation in their faith, and they

begin to ask questions. This may apply to a time on the golf course with a friend who casually says, “Oh everyone knows the Bible is full of errors.” There are many ways we as Christians seek to defend and explain our faith, some useful, others not so much.

Let’s create a scenario and see how it plays out. You are having dinner with a friend when they see you pray before the meal. This naturally leads into a conversation about your faith, and they begin asking questions about God, Jesus, and salvation. How do you respond? You could take the approach that I was taught as a child when it was a rite of passage to memorize the Romans Road to Salvation. You could start quoting scripture, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23) And you could continue through the entire scripted plan.


But maybe this is not the best place to start. Now I’m not saying that the Romans Road is wrong, but perhaps there is a better place to begin the conversation. This is where Apologetics shines, and if you aren’t familiar with that word, it simply means the practice of defending your faith. There are many paths in Apologetics, but the two most important are evidential and pre-suppositional. Evidential apologetics is knowing and showing the facts within history that point toward the truth of scripture.

This includes the writing, transmission, and translation

of the Bible. It includes archeological evidence seeking to prove the events within Scripture and evaluates the evidence for the resurrection of Christ.

Pre-suppositional apologetics is more philosophical in nature dealing with questions about truth and always seeking to answer the question, “Why?” Why is it that your friend will whole heartedly believe the History Channel special on ancient aliens visiting earth as the genesis for mankind, but be adamantly opposed to any truth claims about the Bible? Why does someone think that science can answer every question, while theology and philosophy are pseudo-science and worthless?



In September the Village Chapel will be starting a once-a-month class on **defending your faith**. We will be seeking to answer common objections to the Christian faith and better prepare all of us to share our faith in a reasonable, logical, and truthful way. The Word of God says, “be ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Pet. 3:15) Are you ready? 

In Christ,

Pastor Trey

Meet the Congregation-The Smiths



Nancy & Doug Smith

Both Doug and Nancy Smith are native North Carolinians. Nancy was born and raised in Pinehurst and Doug is from the Asheville area. They live in the house in which Nancy grew up. Nancy attended St. Mary's Prep school junior college and graduated from UNC Chapel Hill. She then attended Katharine Gibbs business school in New York City. Doug attended Oakridge Military Institute, Oakridge, NC. They met at the prompting of an old girlfriend of Doug's in 1977. They were married in 1978 and this year will celebrate *45 years* of marriage. They have three lovely daughters: Stephanie, Jennifer, and Melissa, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.


Past work experience for Nancy included being a legal secretary and later working for the Red Cross. She later served as office manager for Doug's Manufacturers Representative business. Doug worked as a radio broadcaster in North Carolina and in Florida, later working as director of an experimental "Cablecasting" operation, for which he earned the National Cable Television Association Award for being the best in the country. Doug reminisced about the great time he had while doing the play-by-play announcing for the Spring training of the Boston Red Sox baseball team for five years. He served as Vice President Sales and Marketing for a leading manufacturer of Cable Television electronics. In returning to Pinehurst Doug established a Manufacturer's Representative company.

Over the years both have been active in community affairs. Nancy in particular has been busy giving back to her native community. She received the Distinguished Service Award for Community Service from the Pinehurst Civic Group. She served three, three-year terms on the hospital Board. She served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and on the Historic Commission. She was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the office of Governor Cooper. Doug has been busy in civic and service groups.

Both have protestant backgrounds, and, at the encouragement of friends and neighbors, they joined The Village Chapel twenty-five years ago. Both have been quite active with Nancy serving as chair of the Women of the Chapel. She served two terms as Board member of the church, as well as Chair of the Board of Directors. She is a long-time member of the church choir. Together with Doug they served on the Membership Committee

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and the Stewardship Committee. Doug served as president of Men of the Chapel, Stephen Minister, and Stephen Leader. They led the Shepherd program in the church for about seven years. This program was established to serve members in geographically designated areas. The first annual dinner for leaders accommodated about 70 people. Seven years later less than ten were present, indicating the activity had phased itself out from lack of interest and participation.

Doug shared why he has a strong faith and belief in God. Many health issues and a severe auto accident had caused doctors to give a dismal forecast for his future. Doug put his faith in God and through prayer and spiritual support, has been rewarded with a good and successful life. 

Contributed by Shirley Aquino

Meet Our New Members

KEVIN & MELISSA JONES

Originally from the Apex/Raleigh, NC area, Kevin and Melissa met while attending NCSU. Kevin's career path led them to live in Bluffton, SC for 12 years; they moved to Pinehurst 12 years ago and live in CCNC.

Soon to be empty-nesters, they have two adult children. Their son, Hunter recently graduated from NCSU, daughter, Ragan is a rising junior at Western Carolina University

For much of their adult life, they were members of the Anglican Church. The Jones' began visiting TVC last winter and decided to join after the Women of the Chapel were so welcoming, inviting Melissa to take part in the Spring Tea.

During their initial visits, they attended all three service options and now regularly attend the 8:00 Holy Eucharist service. The liturgy is similar to the Anglican churches they have been members of in the past.

Kevin is a land planner and landscape architect, and a principal of Koontz Jones Design, in Southern Pines. The firm has been uniquely involved in numerous and notable residential and golf-related projects. Melissa has a ministry called Jesus Expedition offering spiritual formation and women's discipleship groups, one of which meets at Care Cottage on Monday evenings. An interesting connection - Melissa attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, receiving her MA in Christian Studies Degree. This is where Pastor Ashley did his doctoral studies - small world!

- In their spare time, they enjoy golf, family time and Bible study.



MIRA REYNOLDS

Mira moved to the US in the mid-80s from England to Boca Raton, Florida, and later relocated to the Tewkesbury neighborhood in Pinehurst

Born in Croatia; she was raised in the Catholic church, practicing Catholicism most of her adult life; desiring a change, her friends, Sigrid & Peter Gross, were influential in her visiting & joining TVC. She attends the 9:30 service

Literally traveling the world, Mira has visited many European countries, the Middle East, Africa, New Zealand, etc.; she lived in Brazil for 7 years, considering it the most beautiful place she ever visited and lived

Mira was married in England; her husband of 50 years (now deceased) was an American Veteran, and her best friend and travel companion, making for a wonderful career! While traveling was and is still her preferred activity, she is a very competitive golfer, playing in many well known amateur golf events.



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.

Women of the Church

2023 Women's Retreat

Guest Speaker
Katherine Caldwell
"Lives Touched by Jesus"

October 7, 2023 | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)



Katherine Caldwell, well-known Women's Bible teacher, and author, joins us IN PERSON. Her presentation "Lives Touched by Jesus" will focus on Jesus' encounters with women in scripture touching their lives then and our lives now. In today's world, we need this message. Katherine Caldwell is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and founded Living Word Bible Study Ministries in 1987. She has taught ladies' Bible studies for over 30 years and currently her popular Caldwell Commentaries podcasts can be heard on YouTube.

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Individual Reservation

Name _____

Email _____ *Phone* _____

The cost is \$35 per person. Payment due with reservation.

Make checks payable to TVC with "WOC Retreat" in the memo line

Drop off reservations in the box outside Heather's office

Please make your lunch selection below:

- BLEST (bacon, lettuce, egg salad, tomato on wheat)*
- Turkey with lettuce, tomato on wheat*
- Gluten Free Chicken Salad*

*If paying for more than one-
Attending: _____*

PAYMENT OPTION:

Check *Cash*

Names of Additional Attendees:

Children and Youth

AHG/TRAIL LIFE AUGUST HAPPENINGS



- Baking lesson
- Building fires
- Trips to Bakehouse and Weymouth
- Exploring Native American foods



The Youth had an amazing opportunity to learn the game of *Lawn Bowling* during youth group. A very special thank you to TVC Chapel Member, Jackie Tucker and friends for sharing their love of the game with us.



Confirmation is a big step toward adulthood for youth. They will have the opportunity to learn the essentials of the Christian faith, particularly, how to articulate what they believe, and become responsible members of the church.

Confirmation is for offered to youth, beginning in middle school, who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10
1:30-2:30 in Heritage Hall

If you are interested in having your child attend confirmation, please contact
Vickie Smith, 910-992-8309

From the Director of Music

Chapel Music Series Kickoff!

Happy fall, Chapel family! I am very excited for the opening concert, which I will offer on our 80-rank Austin/Zimmer pipe organ. This concert will be presented in conjunction with The Village Chapel's celebration of 125 years as an organized religious association in Pinehurst.

The program will include festive music for organ and will include staples in the organ repertoire as well as music more recently published by contemporary composers. The repertoire programmed for this concert will truly show off the many tonal resources of our organ. For this program, I have included some especially exciting repertoire well suited for our Chapel's grand celebration.

The central piece on the program will be Johann Sebastian Bach's grand and triumphant *Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat*, noted for its contrasting and fluid styles and Trinitarian references. Programmed around this piece include music by American composers Dudley Buck, Florence Price, Mary Beth Bennett, and David Hurd. Some of these are especially respected colleagues of mine. The program will conclude with Hurd's virtuosic *Toccata*. Similar to Bach, David's extensive catalogue includes music primarily for church choirs and organists.

In addition to his many accomplishments as a composer and organist, David was, for over four decades, a professor at General Theological Seminary in New York City. His influence on generations of clergy and musicians cannot be overstated.

I hope you will all join us in kicking off our 125th anniversary celebration with this especially festive concert. Like almost all of our concerts, we are proud to offer this concert to the public free of charge.



Stephen

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESENTS

FESTIVAL ORGAN CONCERT

Stephen Gourley
Organist

The program will include music by
Herbert Brewer, Florence Price,
J.S. Bach, Rachel Laurin, and David Hurd

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 / 7:00PM
THE VILLAGE CHAPEL, PINEHURST

In conjunction with The Village
Chapel's Quasiquicentennial
Celebration



Angel Tree



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



childbirth, breastfeeding, nutrition, parenting, men's mentoring group, mental health classes, and information to learn about resources in our area.

The Life Care Pregnancy Center at 402 Monroe St. in Carthage, exists to support women in the journey of life.

They provide pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, material support, pregnancy and childbirth education, parenting programs, adoption planning information, and supportive entities like Friend to Friend and The Food Bank. The Center has six staff, and 23 volunteers. All medical staff are volunteers.

Dr. Johnstone is the medical director. Two goals of LCPC are to bring Christ to everyone coming in, and to educate. The Center feels that knowledge is power. Many classes are available:



If a woman feels that she cannot take care of a baby at this time in her life, the Center will help her to be in touch with Christian Adoption Services. Many couples are anxious to adopt. Life is a gift.



Volunteers needed

PINEHURST
BARBECUE FESTIVAL

September 1-3 at the Fair Barn
Benefitting the Young Life Ministry to teens



~Volunteers will receive a Pinehurst Barbecue Festival T- Shirt

~Each volunteer will receive one (1) ticket to the Music on Magnolia Concert

~Each volunteer will receive one (1) ticket to the Pitmaster Invitational.

Contact (910)315-7949 or email:

info@pinehurstbarbecuefestival.com

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."

September Birthdays

Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Beth Saunders | Tucker Newman | Charles Webb |
| 2 Sarah Hawes | 12 Eloise Lee | Paula Hill |
| Jim Obi | 13 Peggy Rogers | Irene Bradley |
| Landri Kisver | Maritza Webb | Jonathan Strotheide |
| 3 Bill Bremer | 14 Nick Nickerson | 23 Pam Griffin |
| Mary Wood | John Riley | 24 Guy Veni |
| 4 Lauren Reynolds | Bill Cooke | 24. Cherry |
| 5 Duncan Obst | 15 Pat Tomasetti | Nickerson |
| Ericka Granata | Vickie Smith | 25 Nancy Smith |
| 6 Irene Knox | Jan Mullis | Bill Dawson |
| Mark Byrd | 16 Gail Devore | 26 Meagan Lee |
| Lyla Elliott | Brooklyn Adams | Julia Albert |
| Tisha Edrington | Maureen | Cody Sloan |
| Joanna Martin | Krueger | 27 Rita Burnat |
| 7. Claude Hylton | Linda Lassen | 29 Edie Ashdown |
| Faith Clay | 17 Jan Kelly | Alex Totten- |
| Shannon | Jack Laffin | Lancaster |
| Flanagan | 18 Heidi Anaya | Sarah Stromme |
| 8 John Wiles | 19 Kay Goulet | 30 John Bonzo |
| 9 Robert George | John Aquino | Jessica Cooper |
| Brinn Olzark | 21 Sarah Twilla | Elsa Dave |
| 10 Dee Busby | Pat Rudovsky | |
| 11 Beverly Walsh | Gavin Mathis | |
| Allison Orban | 22 Bill Summey | |

- 1** Steve & Kristin Olzark
- 3** Wayne & Betty Hamblin
- 5** Jack & Kay Lund
- 7** Tim & Maureen Buckley
- Claude & Nancy Hylton
- 11** Guy & Cheryl Veni
- 16** Bob & Connie Lovell
- 17** Scot and Julia Shumski
- 18** Art and Martha Romero
- 20** Dan and Susan Joslin
- 21** Dick and Marianne Haefele
- Deen and Johanna Edgar
- 23** Regis and Janis Sholtis
- 25** Tracy and Flossie Parks
- Scott & Caroline Krom
- 28** Jeremy & Lindsey Lashmit

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.

The Community Men’s Retreat

Saturday, Nov 11, from 8:30-12:30

The Retreat is open to all the Christian Men in our greater Community so bring a guest! This year, the Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 11, from 8:30-12:30, in the ballroom of Pinehurst #9 clubhouse (old National). The breakfast will include coffee, water, and breakfast sandwiches. The lunch would be a choice of two different sandwiches all served with chips, pickles, and a desert. You would also have coffee, soft drinks and Iced Tea provided for the entire time.

The cost is **\$30.00 per person**. We ask attendees to pay NLT **Oct 11** so we can order food accordingly. You can pay by writing a check to Village Chapel and in the memo put “retreat” OR pay-on-line by going to Men’s Ministry under Select a Fund, then in the Memo type in Retreat OR churches can collect from individual members and write a check to The Village Chapel. The agenda will include Holy Communion, in addition to **our guest speaker Roy Austin Graham**.



Roy Austin Graham

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Children and Youth Sunday School We are in need of Sunday School assistants to help our teachers in the classrooms. Responsibilities include: helping students with crafts/bible sheets, keeping students focused while teacher is teaching and being an extra set of hands to the teacher. Please contact **Pastor Vickie** if you can help at **910-992-8309**, or **vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com**.

Parent's Night Out Volunteers are needed September 22, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please contact **Pastor Vickie (910) 992-8309 vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com** for more information.

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

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

Care of Congregation Committee needs volunteers who can make periodic phone calls and visits to our widows and homebound members. Please contact **Pastor Ashley** at **910-992-8308** or **ashleyneilsmith@aol.com**.

Prayer Ministry volunteers needed to pray for prayer requests. Please contact **Nancy Clay** at **ncay1@nc.rr.com**

Altar Guild needs volunteers to assist with the altar at the 9:30 service. Please contact **Jennifer Imperial** at **brothers909ji@prontomail.com**

Dementia Care Calling all formerly active Stephen Ministers and like-minded 'heart and soul' congregational members for being an active part of developing a Dementia Friendly Community in our church. Please contact **Rae-Lynn Ziegler** at **rlziegler@nc.rr.com**.

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

Communications Committee needs additional writers to compose short articles for The Chapel Herald, especially for the "Meet the Congregation" section. Volunteers who will accept this responsibility will not need to attend every committee meeting. Most communication can be done via email and/or phone. If you are interested in doing this, please contact **Pastor Ashley** at **ashleyneilsmith@aol.com**, **Shirley Aquino** at **saquino4831@gmail.com** or **Gerri Crutchfield** at **gcrutchfield@twc.com**.

Membership Committee While we have a strong core of current members, there is a great need to have others join the Membership committee. Your gifts, talents and help are needed. Won't you prayerfully consider joining the Membership Committee? Please contact **Mike Poplin** at **(336) 416-4657** or **Rmikepoplin@gmail.com** for further information.

Nominations for the Board of Trustees 2024 - 2026

Each year at this time we have the privilege, right and duty to nominate those who can serve on our Board of Trustees. All decisions to ensure the successful operations of the Chapel are made by the Board of Trustees and we are searching for competent dedicated congregation members to serve in this important capacity. This year we will also open nominations for Village Chapel Treasurer.

Letters and nomination forms have been sent to members. You can also nominate online.

<https://tvcpinehurst.com/candidate-nomination-form/>

Nominations are needed for Three (3) Board of Trustee positions to serve three (3) year terms and one (1) position for Treasurer to also serve a three (3) year term. Hand written nomination forms must be returned to the Chapel by September 30, 2023. Please contact the church office if you do not receive yours or need additional nomination forms.

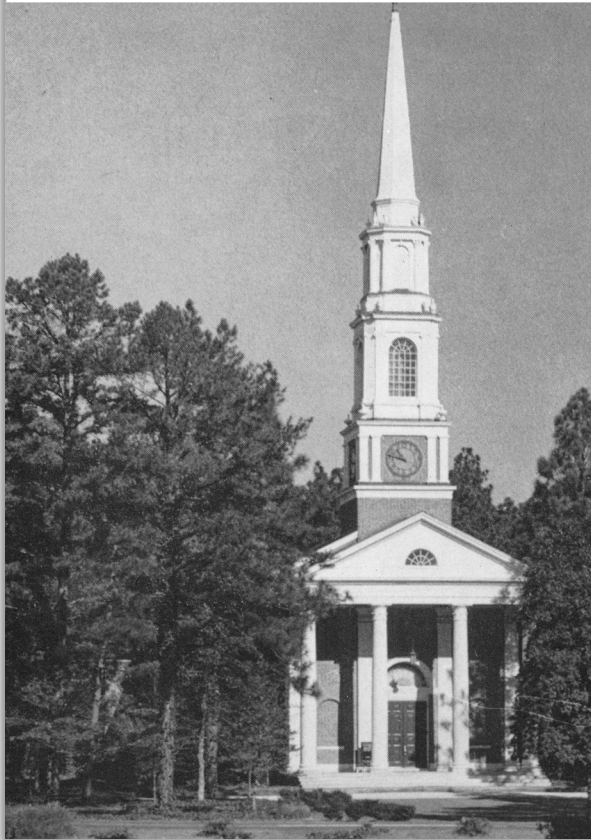
Please approach other members who you feel would serve the Congregation well and may be interested in serving on the Board.

Contributions and Expenditures—July

	MONTH	YTD
Contributions : **	\$75,535	597,503
% of Projected Annual	7%	54%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		1,093,186
Expenditures:	\$83,911	\$604,113
% of Projected Annual	7%	52%
PROJECTED ANNUAL		\$1,154,186

** DOES NOT INCLUDE MISC. INCOME

COMING IN OCTOBER



This year
we're
celebrating
125 years of
ministry at
The Village
Chapel.
Sunday,
October 29
we will have
a Unity
service and
luncheon.
We hope
you'll join
us!



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