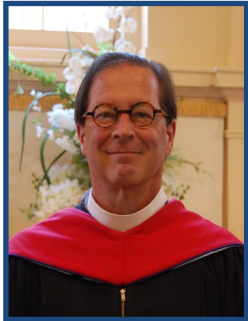




The Chapel Herald

Forward to School



“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)

In these weeks upon us, we’re hearing the annual trumpet call “Back to School” alerting students and their parents to prepare for another nine months. Nine months of what we hope will involve some significant infusion of education, while moving each student one year further on the path to graduation. Regardless of how much learning actually occurs in the classrooms of our country, the opportunity still remains for all the education that happens outside the classroom, in the margins and the fringes of our lives – often when we least expect it. Education is all around us, and can happen anywhere – even in church!

That’s why I don’t think of learning as a retreat, as in “back to school,” but rather an advance against the forces of complacency and apathy that are satisfied with having learned “all we need to know.” Education – as part of a Christian worldview – is all about looking forward, with the expectation that God isn’t finished with us yet. As long as we are alive, our minds should be willing and available to be transformed by the renewing power of God’s Holy Spirit.

We are called as Christians to be life-long students. When Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. – Civil War veteran and long-time US Supreme Court Justice – was just days away from dying in 1935 at the age of 94, he requested someone to come and read to him. When asked about the content of the reading materials, he requested

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Pastor Ashley's Recent Otolaryngology Follow-up



On Thursday, August 26, I had my one month follow-up appointment with my otolaryngologist at Duke Medical Center- Raleigh campus. He said my vocal cords are still healing. He wants to do a second - less invasive - surgery in his office using a laser to "clean up" the vocal site for maximum voice quality. The surgery is scheduled for

Tuesday, September 14, at 2:00 p.m. It's a 10 minute procedure, and I'll have a 3 to 7 day period of no talking. Then, I'll build my voice with gradual daily speaking - under the guidance of a speech therapist.

As unfortunate as this situation has been, God has given me a deeper appreciation for my ministerial colleagues, and has ignited my desire to serve our Village Chapel family. All things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose- (Romans 8:28).

While reading my doctor's notes in my patient portal, my heart smiled when he wrote “prognosis... excellent.” It won't be much longer before I'm 100%. Thank you for your prayers, patience, and overall support.

“There’s a time to speak, and a time to be...” (Ecclesiastes 3:7)

Pastor Ashley



the Greek philosophers because, he explained, he wanted to improve his mind. That was a student to the end!

This fall, along with the worship, outreach, and pastoral care that are vital aspects of our church life, we are adding new programs in Christian education to the existing classes we've had in the past. I urge each of you to find a class that will nourish and enhance your journey in faith, that each of us might be better equipped to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, and provide a reason for the hope that is within us.

Pastor John



KUDOS KORNER

Big KUDO for our Music Director, Stephen Gourley for arranging the piano recital on August 17 to commemorate the donation of David Kocher's Steinway grand piano to The Village Chapel.

Dr. Kristina Henkel, who played Chopin, Beethoven, Smetana and Liszt, was, in a word, brilliant. A native of the Czech Republic, Dr. Henkel has won numerous national prizes. If you missed her performance, you missed a masterpiece that would have had audiences at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall on their feet.

Board of Trustees Nominations

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thank you for your diligence to The Village Chapel and this process. To date, your Nominating Committee has numerous nominations because of your efforts. During normal times we would ask you to return a nomination form to the Chapel office by September 30. Once again, this year we are attempting to get ahead of the timelines. If you have a prospective nomination who:

- is a member of the Chapel and dedicated Christian;
- possesses business, financial, and organizational skills;
- is congenial, a good communicator, a team player;
- is willing to support the Pastors ministry efforts, uphold the Chapel's By-Laws and Mission Statement, and execute the directions in the Chapel's Strategic Plan.

Please call that individual and seek their interest in being a nominee. If the individual is "willing to serve," then simply contact any member of the Nominating Committee listed below by email or phone and they will assist you in moving the nomination forward.

Name	Email	Phone
Carole Southon	dsouthon@nc.rr.com	910-295-5385
Peter Gross	SPGross@nc.rr.com	910-295-8045
Carole Weaver	cdweaver5@embarqmail.com	910-975-0983
Faith Clay	faithclay@icloud.com	248-765-7213
Jim Voelkel	jimvoelkel74@gmail.com	910-295-4664
Jack Raffaele	jackraffusa@gmail.com	Home: 910-295-3031 Cell: 919-389-8810
Rich Cowell	cowellr@aol.com	Home: 910-673-3779 Cell: 703-399-6055

Heritage Hall is Going **uuuu** **ppp**!!!

For a few weeks there was not much visible progress on Heritage Hall. However, the short story is that we are on schedule, on budget and the subcontractors are busy putting up the framing. The slab is finished and cured, the super structure is in place, the three underground water catchment chambers have been installed and all the utility lines have been laid. Each time you visit the Chapel you will see the rapid progress taking place - the building is going up. Praise God! (You can also watch progress on the web page.)

Of course, this progress comes with a price. At the end of each month we must pay invoices from the contractor. Before construction began we had held expenses to about \$200,000. We now have accumulated expenses of \$542,000. Our overall financial situation is still good: We have \$2.1 million cash in the bank and another \$399,390 in unredeemed pledges. In July, we received an unexpected gift of \$100,000 from the Charles Morris Trust so that the sum total of cash gifts and pledges amounts to \$2.99 million, just short of our \$3 million goal. Fortunately, we have so far not had any major change-orders, which often result in cost overruns. Nor have sub-contractors experienced any major supply chain delays.

Fundraising has stalled and we need to revive it. There are still about a half dozen 2020 pledges outstanding amounting to \$17,500. If yours is one of them please redeem your pledge as soon as possible. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to meet your pledge, please let us know so we can alter our financial outlook accordingly.

Current financial situation:

Total gifts and pledges	\$2,992,453
Cash on hand	\$2,063,567
Pledges outstanding 2020	\$17,500
Pledges due 2021	\$269,776
Pledges due 2022	\$112,120
Expenses incurred as of 8/17	\$541,961



The income reflected above came from 160 donations. If you haven't given or pledged your gift to Heritage Hall, please join those Chapel members who have given so generously to support this important project.

Not included in total gifts and pledges is a net **\$16,375 from the sale of pavers**. Mike Fusselbaugh and his team have done a great job with the paver project. This revenue will go toward meeting the cost of furnishing Heritage Hall. (which is not included in the construction costs). Remember the cut-off date for ordering pavers is October 1.

By now, you will have seen advertising for the **Hall-A-Palooza**, which will take place at the Fair Barn on October 13. Proceeds from that event will also go toward equipping Heritage Hall. So, come! Janet Lowry and Miss Vickie are already busy pricing the furnishings that we need. The entire congregation will receive invitations to the Hall-A-Palooza next week. Detailed information is on the Chapel website and tickets can be purchased on-line.

In sum, we are in a good place but we still have work to do and time is fast a-flying. We will be cutting the ribbon for the opening of Heritage Hall in less than eight months. There is still time and opportunity to become involved in this historic project. Get on board!

All the time We Need To Speak

These words have taken on special meaning for me in recent years. These words, perhaps cliché to many, are more than a simple phrase or motto or creed. For people who stutter, they mean the world.

I recently completed my fourth summer as a staff member for Camp SAY: a summer camp for young people who stutter. The Stuttering Association for the Young (formerly known as Our Time) was founded by Taro Alexander, an actor and a person who stutters. In his founder’s message, Taro states:

“I started SAY to reach out to young people who might otherwise never know the reassurance and relief of connecting with another person who stutters. I started SAY to affirm that every voice matters. I started SAY to inspire even the most quiet amongst us to embrace their voices and dreams.”

It is not an understatement to say that countless lives have been changed since Taro first had the inspiration to create this sacred space for people who stutter. In the intervening twenty years, young people who stutter have been given the space to create and be themselves without fear of bullying or ridicule. I have had the pleasure of knowing throngs of young people who are intelligent and creative thinkers, as well as skilled artists and athletes. While saying “see ya later” to our Camp SAY family every summer is difficult, I am filled with pride and joy as we send these beautiful souls back to the world – a world they are set to change.

One of the greatest lessons SAY has taught me is how to be an active listener and how to be present for those who trust me with their time and thoughts. As a person who stutters, my life is filled with (mostly) well-meaning people attempting to complete my sentences or finish a thought. I imagine many people experience the same interactions, fluent or not. As a society, we have been conditioned to race through day-to-day conversations and often are so concerned with getting our own thoughts out of our head that we often fail to really listen to those around us. In the case of people who stutter, having your sentences completed or constantly being interrupted means being told indirectly that you are broken, or that you are not enough.

So, let’s give each other the space we need. Let’s give each other all the time we need to speak. It could change someone’s life.

Stephen



A green poster with a dark green central area containing white text. At the top is a yellow trefoil logo. The text reads: "Girl Scout Sign Up Event", "September 7th, 2021", "The Care Cottage", "55 Community Road", "Pinehurst, NC 27834", "6pm - 7pm", and "Call Jamie Gerald 910-384-6641". A small logo for "girlscouts north carolina coastal pines" is at the bottom.



A grey poster with black text. The text reads: "Annual Blessing Of the Animals", "October 2", "10:00am". Below the text is a faded photo of a priest blessing a dog, and a vertical column of five black paw prints on the right side.



THE VILLAGE CHAPEL MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS

SING FOR JOY: Hymn Festival

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
SINGING OUR GREAT HYMNS OF
FAITH, LED BY OUR CHAPEL CHOIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 4:00PM

The Village Chapel
10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst

Upcoming Outreach Committee Dates

September 9

Habitat Apostles Build home dedication at 220 E. Virginia St., in Robbins. Come see the fruit of the labor of God's people. Dedication begins at 6:00 p.m.

September 19

Life Care Pregnancy Center banquet, PCC, 8:00 p.m.

October 5

Take Back The Night, Friend to Friend, candlelight vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 6:30 p.m. 145 SE Broad St, Southern Pines, NC 28387-6147

October 14

Harvest the Promise, The Fair Barn, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

October 26

Young Life/Wyld Life banquet, The Fair Barn, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

April 28, 29 & 30, 2022

Habitat Apostle's Build, TVC weekend partnering with Eagle Springs Baptist Church (12 volunteers needed each day) 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. each day.

Thank you for supporting our community!
TVC Outreach Committee

MEALS ON WHEELS Lunch Prep

Many thanks for all the wonderful donations to the new kitchen facility under construction at the old Brock cabinet building on Juniper Lake Road. It may be November before everything is completed and ready for use. At that time, cooks and food prep volunteers will be needed.

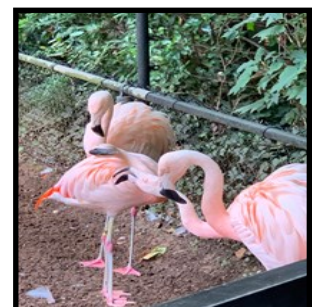
Anyone interested should contact Melissa Schaub at (216) 396-9350 Mc@mb-equity.com.



Christian Education Opportunities

Class Topic	Leader	Leader Contact	Location	Day/Time
C.S. Lewis	Pastor John	Jacobsjr81@gmail.com	Chapel Hall	Fridays 10:00 a.m. Beginning Sept. 10
Book of 1 st Samuel (Men)	Pastor Ashley	ashleyneilsmith@aol.com	Care Cottage	Thursdays 4:00 p.m. Beginning Sept. 9
Book of Numbers	Stan Bradshaw	stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com	Care Cottage	Thursdays 2:30 p.m. Beginning Sept. 9
Old Testament Prophets	Janet Lowry	janetblowry@gmail.com	Care Cottage	Sundays 9:30 a.m.
“When God’s Spirit Moves” Jim Cymbala	Rowerdink Bremer Wetzberger	jrowerdink@aol.com	Care Cottage	Sundays 10:45 a.m.
Patriarchs of the Bible -Beth Moore (Women)	Mary Wood	Marywood232@gmail.com	Care Cottage	Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Beginning Sept 22
Bible Themes in “The Scarlet Letter”	Yvonne Gale	Ygale2@nc.rr.com	Chapel Conference Room	Fridays 10:00 a.m. Beginning Sept 10
Tables of Eight (meal ministry)	Jim & Julie Huggins	Hugginsj4@gmail.com	Various homes	Contact Julie
Marriage & Family	Jeremy & Lindsey Lashmit	jeremy@carolinarusticrentals.com	The home of Jeremy & Lindsey Lashmit	Fridays 6:00 p.m. Meeting once a month
“The Case for Faith” Lee Strobel	John Rowerdink	jrowerdink@aol.com	The home of Bill & Michele Miller	Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Beginning Sept 2
“A Mary Heart in a Martha World” Joanna Weaver (Women)	Mary Callow & Liz Skvarla	callowmary@gmail.com	Care Cottage	Mondays 1:00 p.m. Beginning Sept 13
Gospel of John	Jim Busby	qebusby@gmail.com	Care Cottage	TBA
The Writings of the Apostle Paul	Dee Park	deeandbropark@nc.rr.com	The home of Dee Park	TBA
Bible Basics with Luther’s Small Catechism	John Brosch	John.c.brosch@gmail.com	Zoom (Virtual)	Wednesdays 8:30 p.m. Beginning in November

TVC Youth Enjoy A Day at the Zoo!



Farewells

Our dear friend, John Oltesvig, was called home to the Lord on Monday, August 23, 2021. He died peacefully at his home in Carthage with Renee, his beloved wife of 45 years, at his side.

John was a remarkable man, a Renaissance man in many ways. He loved the great outdoors. He loved to travel. He loved his horses at his farm in Carthage. He loved skiing and back packing. In his earlier life, he had been an Eagle Scout and a Scout Master. He loved photography. But most importantly, he loved the Lord and The Village Chapel.

John was a man of great good humor, always full of hope and optimism. He clearly enjoyed ushering at the Chapel and never failed to convey a cheerful greeting to members and visitors alike. He made everyone feel welcome and special.

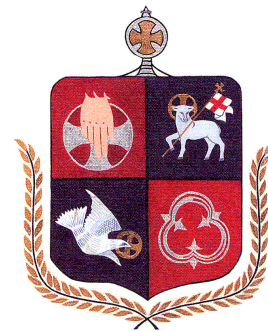
John's faith in God and his optimism and resilience saw him through many years of serious medical problems. Some years ago he was at death's door and underwent a series of complicated surgeries. His chances of survival were very slim but his faith was extraordinary. He seemed to harbor no doubt that with God's grace he would recover. And he did. It was indeed a miraculous recovery and he gave God the glory without reservation. More recently, he was struck again with serious illness and he faced it the same way. As soon as he was well enough, he began walking and exercising and keeping us all up to date on his progress through Facebook. It seemed another miracle was in the works.

But this time, after another strong battle, John

finally succumbed. Many of us were surprised because we had become accustomed to witnessing his faith and will conquer the disease that ravished him. But we, like him, accept God's will. John's struggle is over and he is at peace with his Lord and Savior. He had lived his life by his own credo "Have fun, be safe, do great things, love God"

John Oltesvig was born in Oakland county Michigan on January 9, 1948. He graduated from Oakland University where he received a Master of Science degree. Highly successful in the automobile industry, John eventually was named Vice President of Navistar International. His love of automobiles stayed with him and he regularly drove his 1931 Model to town.

Pinehurst is a long way from Michigan where John Oltesvig's life began but we feel privileged that God led him here and made it possible for us to share in his estimable life. Though he is gone, his infectious laugh and good humor and his unwaverable faith remain with us. Thanks, John. We are all better for having known you.



September Birthdays

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

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Wayne & Betty Hamblin
- 5 Jack & Kay Lund
- 6 Kent & Darlene Wilhelm
- 7 Tim & Maureen Buckley
- Claude & Nancy Hylton
- 10 Ralph & Linda Lassen
- 11 Guy & Cheryl Veni
- 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 if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

confirmation



Contact Ms. Vickie if you would like your Youth to attend. 910-992-8309 or vickie@tvcpinehurst.com.

Fall Confirmation Class

Begins Sunday,
September 12th
2:00-3:00pm
at the Care Cottage

Grades 5-12th Grade
Concludes on November 7th with
recognition in 9:30am Family Service.

Fall Family Picnic

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry
September 19
4:00-7:00 pm
At Cannon Park



Bring your softball glove!



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. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic 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. 6 - 8
 _____ Distribution Day-Dec. 11th

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

Please complete form and return to the Chapel office or contact
 Lori Valentinas at (630) 768-0004 or valentinas2277@sbcglobal.net.

Help us Furnish Heritage Hall

Live auction
Live music
Local BBQ



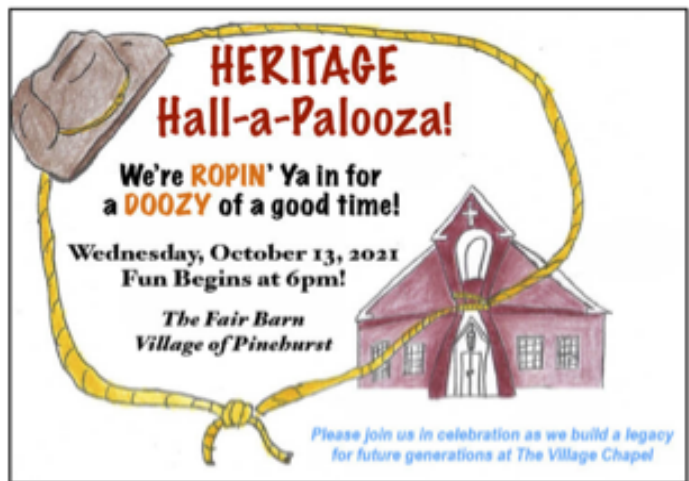
Register ONLINE:
TVCPinehurst.com
Mail a registration card
Register at the church office

It began as a vision guided by prayer.
Today, construction is well underway.
Soon, classrooms will need furniture & MORE!
That's where **all of us can help.**

We're gathering October 13, 2021, to raise funds to *fully furnish a new Heritage Hall* when its doors open. Next year, The Village Chapel welcomes our youth into a modern, spacious ministry facility.

The Palooza's giving options make it **easy for everyone to participate.** These multiple channels guarantee it will be an evening to remember.

- The Bucket List Live Auction: Private jet. Private chef. Private golf. NFL suite!
- The Big Ticket Raffle: If you want it, you need it.
- Furnish The Hall by **pledging cash** on the spot: Fear not, we take credit



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