

# The Chapel Herald

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Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

## The Rapture vs. The Second Coming: An Eschatological Discussion, by Pastor Ashley

Years ago, the *Left Behind* series was all the rave. Central to the plot of the book was the eschatological concept of a “rapture.” Eschatology is the study of “last things” – or end of time

events – and the theology that undergirds those vents.

The concept of Rapture, not to be confused with the 1980’s artist Blondie’s song, *Rapture* (1980), is that the Church will be “caught up” (quite literally) from the earth and be taken to be with the Lord until His eventual glorious second advent.

The Rapture is a coming *for* the saints, the Second Coming is *with* the saints. The Rapture is to be like a “thief in night” event, while the Second Coming is portrayed as more of a public, world-wide awareness.

One eschatological view involves both the Rapture and the Second Coming, with the former preceding the latter; another view is only a Second Coming, with no preceding Rapture.

While the word “rapture” does not appear in the scriptures (neither does the word, “Trinity”), it is a popular view held mostly by Evangelical Christians. There is considerable scriptural support for both views, and there are also varying interpretations and doctrinal nuances.

For some time, I have wanted to discuss these views with a PowerPoint presentation including congregational dialogue. So, for the first *Through the Bible* class meeting, we will discuss these views and the scriptures from which they derive.



The presentation will be held Wednesday, September 4th, in Heritage Hall, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. There is no cost and no registration required. All are welcome. Please remember, if you are planning to attend the First Wednesday Fellowship in Chapel Hall at 6 p.m., you will need to call the office and make a dinner reservation.

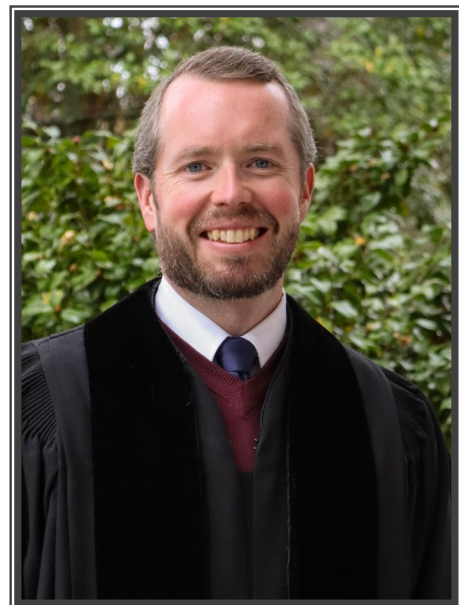


*Pastor Ashley*

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## Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor

### “A Single Grain of Rice Can Tip the Scale”



**T**here is an ancient Chinese proverb that says, “A single grain of rice can tip the scale.” The meaning of the proverb is that something as small as a grain of rice can have huge ramifications. Lately I have been fascinated with the East-West Schism of the Church that occurred in 1054 AD. Most protestants, particularly protestants in America,

have never really studied this event, and yet the events still hold relevance for us today. The Eastern Church emphasized the Greek language, because the Bible, both the Old Testament Septuagint and the New Testament, was written in Greek. However, the Western Church emphasized Latin which was a translation of the Bible.

Beginning in the 6th or 7th century, the Western Church began to include a Latin word in the Latin translation of the Nicene Creed. The word was Filioque, and it means “from the Son.” The Eastern Church refused to do this, for one thing they were still using the original Nicene Creed written in Greek, and because they also felt that the Theology behind including the word was wrong. So because of one word, the Universal Church had the greatest split it has ever had, and from it came many more.

There are a few observations that we can all take away from this event. The first is that words are powerful things, especially when it comes to our Faith. That one-word Filioque, and our understanding of it, changes how one understands God, the Church, and God’s work in this world. For Eastern Christians, the Spirit does not proceed from the Father and the Son, but from the Father alone. In this way, the work of the Father is accomplished through Christ by the Church and through the

Gospel. But the work of the Father is also accomplished through the Spirit moving in this world. In all these ways, this one word and this doctrine can be the grain of rice that tips the scale.



Secondly, I am so grateful for a church like the Village Chapel where differences of denomination, theology, and even practice, fade away within the unity of fellowship and worship. We are a church composed of Catholics, Orthodox, Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Holiness, and the list could go on forever. We all come from backgrounds and denominations that split away at some point because of a single grain of rice. And yet here we are, mirroring what will be found in Eternity, as we unite around the Triune God. This is a wonderful reversal of what has happened to the Church over the last 1,000 years, and it is one that I am proud to be a part of.

Christ,

*Pastor Trey*

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025 - 2027

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. The membership of The Village Chapel is blessed with an enormous wealth of talent and energy. Your nominating committee does not want to overlook anyone in our congregation who may have considered or wants to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. Nomination forms can be found in the church office as well as in the weekly e-blast. Nominations are needed for Three (3) Board of Trustee positions to serve three (3) year terms. The nomination forms must be returned to the Chapel office no later than **September 30, 2024**. Please contact the church office if you need additional nomination forms. Please approach members who you feel would serve the Congregation well and may be interested in serving on the Board.



# Meet the Congregation- Roger and Maggie Simmons



**R**oger and Maggie Simmons are both North Carolina natives.

Roger grew up in Mount Airy, while Maggie's roots were in Raleigh. Maggie's family moved to Charlotte when she was in the sixth grade. Her family moved to Mount Airy at the start of her senior year. That was where she met Roger.

Roger completed his undergraduate studies at UNC-Chapel Hill and earned an MBA at Campbell University. Maggie earned an undergraduate degree in Home Economics from UNC-Greensboro. She taught school in Raleigh for two years.

Roger and Maggie dated throughout their college years and ended up marrying in 1966.

Roger, then a banker with First Citizens Bank, moved to Fayetteville to start a new bank in 1973. 5 years later, after selling the bank, he became EVP and general manager of a wholesale distribution business which lasted for 17 years. He then opened and operated three fast food restaurants in the Fayetteville area. He sold those restaurants after 5 years and went on to become a commercial real estate broker.

While in Fayetteville, Maggie taught in the Home Economics Department of Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Roger and Maggie moved to Pinehurst in 2003 after living in Fayetteville for 30 years. While neither one played golf, they found Pinehurst to be an ideal retirement community. After moving to Pinehurst, Roger and a partner started a new commercial real estate company. Roger retired from commercial real estate in 2011.

Roger completed two years of courses through the Coastal Carolina Presbytery to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder (formerly known as Commissioned Lay Pastor) with full sacramental privileges in

2013. He served at Community Presbyterian Church in that capacity until April 2022 when he retired.

He was raised in the Baptist church, while Maggie was raised in the Methodist church.

They decided to become Methodist when they married and were active in the Methodist Church for 37 years before joining Community Presbyterian Church in Pinehurst where they were members for 18 years.

While there, Roger led several Bible studies, small group leadership training classes. He and Maggie were both Stephen Ministry leaders. A desire for a church with theology more closely aligned with theirs, solid biblical preaching and the warm welcome they received when they visited TVC helped persuade Roger and Maggie to join in March of 2024.

Roger and Maggie have two sons: Skip and Will.

Skip, their oldest, lives in Tampa, Florida with his wife Amy. Skip and Amy have no children but "parent" 5 cats. Their younger son Will lives in Fayetteville with


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his wife Mary. Will and Mary have a 20-year-old son named Austin, and an 18-year-old daughter named Maggie.

Roger's interests are in anything automotive, and he loves visiting homebound and/or hospitalized people. Maggie's hobbies include knitting, teaching knitting classes, sewing and anything creative.

Both want to grow closer to God through Bible studies and serving God and members of the church/community. Roger is interested in learning more of the Lay Eucharistic Ministry. Since joining in March both Roger and Maggie have been involved in mid-week Bible studies and have enjoyed participating in fellowship dinners at the church. 

~Contributed by Shirley Aquino



# Meet Our New Members



Joe Buescher



Tom Stultz &  
Mary Boucher Stultz



The Hubbard Family

**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.

## Let's Look Together

**An interactive Art Program for  
Individuals with Dementia and Their Care Partners**

**One Tuesday per month, 11 am - 12 pm  
September 17, October 22 and November 19, 2024  
Additional dates TBD**

Registration is required and space is limited for  
this FREE program. Call (910) 692-ARTS (2787) to reserve.

**Arts Council of Moore County Galleries  
Campbell House  
482 East Connecticut Ave.  
Southern Pines, NC 28387**



## From the Director of Music

The 2024-2025 program will be an especially exciting one in the musical life of The Village Chapel. In March, I celebrated ten years of ministry in Pinehurst, and this Fall kicks off the tenth anniversary of our Chapel Music Series. As a gift to our community, we have been able to offer many talented artists in concert at no charge. We are especially grateful to the Chapel's leadership for their consistent support

Our season kicks off on Sunday, September 29 at 3:00PM with a solo piano concert offered by Ed Martel. Ed has joined us numerous times in morning worship, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear the full range of his talents. Ed's concert will be centered around cinematic piano music and will conclude with a performance of Rhapsody in Blue, a landmark musical composition celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

On Sunday, November 3 at 4:00PM, the Duke University Chorale makes its annual visit to Pinehurst. The Chorale, under the direction of Chorale alum Dr. Allan Friedman, is made up entirely of undergraduate students representing various academic programs. Their concert at The Village Chapel is one of the longest-running community events in the area, and we are always delighted to welcome these talented and dedicated young singers.

A final word regarding Sunday morning worship; while we consistently sing hymns that cover a broad range of styles and are familiar to us, I am looking forward to sharing several new hymns over the coming months. You can expect these to show up at either the 9:30AM service, 11:00AM service, or both. These hymns are meaningful expressions of faith written by noted hymn writers and set to singable tunes. One of the things that the publishers of our hymnal managed to achieve was a mostly successful inclusion of hymns from different eras, countries, and traditions, and our goal will be to continue to learn its contents and appropriately incorporate them into our weekly worship.

I am grateful to enter into another year of ministry and serve alongside so many dedicated lay and professional leaders in this special village.

*Stephen*



## SING WITH THE VILLAGE CHAPEL CHOIR



## THE CHAPEL CHOIR

Rehearsals resume Thursday, September 5 at 6:00PM in the Choir Room.

For more information, contact  
**Stephen Gourley**, Director of Music

[stephen@tvcpinehurst.com](mailto:stephen@tvcpinehurst.com)

295-6003



# Youth Carowinds Trip



-The Youth had a blast at Carowinds in August! Rides, rollercoasters and lots of fun and fellowship.



Classes will begin on Sunday, September 8  
1:30-2:30 in Heritage Hall

**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.

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



TROOPS NC 1898 OPEN HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6-7:30PM



American Heritage Girls and Trail Life

Adventures, fun & fellowship every  
2nd & 4th Wednesday!



Join Us for  
**INVITATION SUNDAY AND LUNCHEON**

SEPTEMBER 29 - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM





# Angel Tree



## The Village Chapel Angel Tree Needs Sponsors

A long-standing Christmas tradition at The Village Chapel is our participation in Angel Tree.

Angel Tree has been a part of Christmas for Moore, a nonprofit dedicated to serving neighbors in need during the holiday season. Angel Tree not only brings joy to the recipients, but it also brings joy to the volunteers who make shopping, wrapping, and distributing gifts a part of their Christmas traditions.



This year, Christmas for Moore is under the umbrella of services of the Sandhills Coalition of Human Care. It has been determined that their focus will be on children from birth to 17 years of age and Seniors 65 years of age and older. The new guidelines will request a minimum of \$60 per person. There will still be support for the adults with continued food cards given to the families and assistance with Coalition programs such as their resale store, utilities, and sustainability programs.

As a Village Chapel family, we look forward to once again supporting this program through Angel Tree. Families will be available for sponsorship in October. Please look for more information in the coming weeks in the bulletin and in The Herald.

If you would like to be a part of The Angel Tree Planning Committee, we would love to have you! Please contact Faith Clay at [faithclay@icloud.com](mailto:faithclay@icloud.com) (248-765-7213) or Eleanora Voelkel at [voelkelje@gmail.com](mailto:voelkelje@gmail.com) (910-986-0450) by **September 15th**.



## Baptism

On Sunday, August 11, we celebrated the baptism of

**Laura Mauer**

We welcome her to the Body of Christ!





## TVC Outreach is pleased to announce that we are supporting 2 new agencies

The TVC Outreach Committee has recently approved two additional agencies for support this year.

Teams Workz mission: To develop, provide, and coordinate lasting resources that will restore productive lives to the homeless. Their open house is scheduled for Sep 14, 11-1 at 152 S. Stephens Street, Southern Pines, will include school supplies give away.

Interested in volunteering, please call 910.315.0262.



Paul M Barner Ministries are church planters in Davao City the Philippines which includes support of students attending the Barner Christian Academy. Their 600 students may be sponsored for \$30 per month, which provides their free education from a Christian perspective.

Sponsors are provided quarterly reports of the student's progress in both spiritual and physical development. Visit [www.barner.org](http://www.barner.org) for details, newsletters and links to sponsorship of students.



## Stuff the Bus

Another AMAZING year for our annual Stuff the Bus event! Thanks to your and your community's kindness and commitment to our cause, **we collected an incredible \$16,630 worth of school supplies this year!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2024

- Sep 18**  
4 pm, the **Cradle Tournament** to benefit the **Sandhills Boys and Girls Club**
- Sep 23**  
**Vineyard Golf at White Lake** to benefit the **Adult & Teen Challenge Military Program/Facility** in Bladen County
- Sep 27-29**  
**Young Life Fall Camp** is **September 27-29** (high school students)

### OCTOBER 2024

- Oct 15**  
**'Take Back the Night' Candlelight Vigil for NC Abuse Victims, 6:30-7:30 pm**, (location TBD) **Friend to Friend**
- Oct 10**  
**Harvest the Promise, 6-9 pm** Fair Barn annual to benefit **Family Promise of Moore County**

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."



# September Birthdays

# Anniversaries

- 1 Beth Saunders
- 2 Sarah Hawes  
Jim Obi  
Landri Kisver
- 3 Bill Bremer
- 4 Lauren Reynolds
- 5 Duncan Obst  
Ericka Granata
- 6 Irene Knox  
Mark Byrd  
Lyla Elliott  
Tisha Edrington  
Joanna Martin
- 7. Claude Hylton  
Faith Clay  
Shannon  
Flanagan
- 8 John Wiles
- 9 Robert George  
Brinn Olzark
- 10 Dee Busby
- 11 Beverly Walsh  
Allison Orban  
Tucker Newman

- 12 Eloise Lee
- 13 Peggy Rogers  
Maritza Webb
- 14 John Riley  
Bill Cooke
- 15 Pat Tomasetti  
Vickie Smith  
Jan Mullis
- 16 Brooklyn Adams  
Maureen  
Krueger  
Linda Lassen
- 17 Jan Kelly  
Jack Laflin
- 18 Heidi Anaya
- 19 Kay Goulet  
John Aquino
- 21 Sarah Twilla  
Pat Rudovsky  
Gavin Mathis
- 22 Bill Summey  
Charles Webb  
Paula Hill  
Irene Bradley

- Jonathan Strotheide
- 23 Pam Griffin
- 24 Guy Veni
- 24. Cheryl  
Nickerson
- 25 Nancy Smith  
Bill Dawson
- 26 Meagan Lee  
Julia Albert  
Cody Sloan
- 27 Rita Burnat
- 29 Edie Ashdown  
Alex Totten-  
Lancaster  
Sarah Stromme
- 30 John Bonzo  
Jessica Cooper  
Dave Elsea

- 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
- 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.

## Men of the Chapel Retreat

### The Community Men's Retreat

Saturday, Sep. 7—8:30-12:30

Pinehurst #9 ballroom. The cost for breakfast and lunch is \$30 per person.

Our guest speaker is Alan Huss, Head Men's basketball coach at High Point University.

**SIGN UP TODAY!!**

### TVC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Members of The Village Chapel**

Adults 723 Children 130

**Friends of the Chapel**

Adults 231 Children 53





## Women's Fall Retreat



### Guest Speaker

*Rev. Carolyn Helms*

*"FEAR, a four-letter word: Seeking God's guidance and strength for changing our vocabulary of life."*

October 5, 2024

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

The Village Chapel – Chapel Hall (doors open at 9:00 am)



### Registration Form

Registration Fee is **\$30. per person** and includes a light continental breakfast, a box lunch and retreat materials. Fill out the Registration Form below indicating name, contact information and lunch choice for each person (if others are coming with you).

(Scholarship funds are available on request; contact Eleanora Voelkel- voelkelje@gmail.com.)

Make checks payable to **The Village Chapel** and write **"Women's Retreat"** in the memo line. Clip your check and the bottom of this form and drop in the box outside Heather Wiggin's office or mail check and form to The Village Chapel attn: Women's Retreat; 10 Azalea Rd. Pinehurst 28374 or, register through "TicketMeSandhills.com". Registrations **MUST be in by September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

#### Lunch Selections:

- A. **McAlister Club** – ham, turkey, bacon, Swiss and cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato on wheat bread
- B. **Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap** – Chicken, romaine, parmesan and Caesar dressing
- C. **½ Veggie Sandwich and Garden Salad** (Gluten Free Bread)



Attending:

<i>Name(s)</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Lunch Choice (A, B or C)</i>

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_





# The Village Chapel Children's Choir



A kickoff party will be held Sunday, September 8 in Heritage Hall following the 9:30 service

Rehearsals are held Sunday at 10:45am



Contact Deb Holden  
at [debdrey@gmail.com](mailto:debdrey@gmail.com) for more details

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