

# Family & Youth Ministry

“Making Disciples with the Families of Christ”



The Village Chapel

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**MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**WINTER/SPRING/SUMMER SEMESTERS 2023**

Greetings In the Name of Christ!

On behalf of the members of The Village Chapel, I would like to welcome you and your family! In the following pages you will find our vision for Christian ministry, the theology undergirding our ministries, and discipleship opportunities for the entire family. I would love to answer any questions you have after reading the material, and perhaps meet with you to share my heart for Christian discipleship. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience. The Village Chapel, 910-295-6003; Cell, 910-992-8309; and email [vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com](mailto:vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com).

**Mission 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.”*

**Family & Youth Ministry:** *“Making Disciples with the Families of Christ”*

*Family & Youth Ministry* is a vision and means of action for implementing a comprehensive approach of Christian ministry to the families and youth of The Village Chapel and Pinehurst community. **Our goal is Christian discipleship from Birth to Adulthood/Parenthood and all the stages of growth and development in between.**

The *Family & Youth Ministry* can be summed up with the mission statement: *“Making Disciples with the Families of Christ”*. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and Christian martyr, said “Christianity without discipleship is Christianity without Christ.”<sup>1</sup> The Body of Christ has received what has been termed the “Great Commission”, by which Christ commissions the Church to “make disciples.”

Christ taught a small group of twelve the truths of the Kingdom. He demonstrated how the truths were to be applied into daily living. He then commanded them to implement a similar process of reproducing more disciples, truly making them “fishers of men.” We seek to emulate the same model of ministry: Inviting willing participants into Christian community; Teaching them the truths of God’s Word; Teaching and Demonstrating how God’s Word applies to everyday living; Encouraging them to repeat the same process. In essence, we seek to produce Christian disciples, who will then reproduce Christian disciples. We wholeheartedly rely on God’s Grace and the Holy Spirit in every aspect of this ministry.

Here are several passages of scripture that provide a foundation and compass for *Making Disciples with the Families of Christ*:

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<sup>1</sup> Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *The Cost of Discipleship*.

**Matthew 28:18-20** Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and *make disciples* of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.* And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (NLT)

**Ephesians 4:11-16** He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ***Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.*** Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, *becoming more and more in every way like Christ*, who is the head of His body, the church. Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. *As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.* (NLT)

**2 Timothy 2:2** *Teach these great truths* to trustworthy people who are able to *pass them on to others.* (NLT)

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7** Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ***Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.***

From these Biblical passages, we can summarize our ministry with the concept of making disciples by reaching out to everyone and teaching them how to apply God’s Word to their daily lives (Mathew 28). Our aim will be to equip others to participate in Christian ministry, understanding that everyone is important to the overall success of the Commission (Ephesians 4). We can also surmise that discipleship involves reproduction; a continuation of the faith and heritage we have received (2 Timothy 2). In line with our family focus, is the high priority placed on the spiritual development of our children, and that not only is in the context of church ministry, but in the home. **Empowering parents to nurture their child’s faith is also a priority (Deut. 6).** **The goal of Christian discipleship is “Christ-likeness!” Together we can commit ourselves to the cause of Christ, and make a difference as His Church, in our Community, for Eternity!**

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[www.tvcpinehurst.com](http://www.tvcpinehurst.com)

**Worship Services at The Village Chapel:**

8:15 a.m. Holy Communion Service

**9:30 a.m. Family Service (with Children’s Sermon)**

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**I. Family Ministries**

**II. Community Outreach (Families & Youth)**

**III. Volunteering & Training Opportunities**

**IV. Resources for Parents & Families**

**I. Family Ministries**

**A. Family Service (Sundays 9:30 a.m.)**

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Village Chapel offers a “family” service. The service includes (on the FIRST Sunday) a “Children’s Sermon” time when the children are invited to gather at the Chancel steps to hear a brief, relevant message based on Scripture. The children are given an opportunity to answer questions, share their thoughts, and close in prayer. Hearing the children lead in prayer is one of the most moving experiences for parents and adults present.

**Sunday School** for children is held in “Heritage Hall” (the building to the right of the front of the Chapel). Heritage Hall is accessed from the parking lot at the back of the church. Children begin in the 9:30 Family Service with a children’s sermon and then are escorted over by teachers to

Heritage Hall for Sunday School. They are picked up in Heritage Hall at the end of service.

**Holy Communion** Here at The Village Chapel, we fully include our children and youth in the larger community of faith. We allow and encourage them, with their entire family, to come to the Lord's Table and partake of Holy Communion. We have a chalice with two sections, the large side is wine, and the smaller side is grape juice. There is a Children's Sermon every Sunday **except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** where the children will remain in the service with their families & participate in the Family Service (Worship, Prayer, Preaching, Holy Communion).

Parents who have children that have NOT been baptized are encouraged to prayerfully consider meeting with the Pastors to discuss the importance of baptism and to schedule a time for a Baptismal Service.

**Advent Season** Each Advent, 4 families volunteer (selected) to read the appropriate Advent Readings as a call to worship, and to light the appropriate Advent candle on the Advent wreath. Families that have participated report the experience as meaningful and memorable.

**Advent Family Reading Director:**

Vickie Smith

[vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com](mailto:vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com)

Phone: (910) 992-8309

## **B. Nursery (Birth to Pre-K)**

Nursery is available for all three worship services. Nursery is located in Heritage Hall for ages birth through 5 years old.

**Volunteer Director:** Mrs. Janis Sholtis

Phone: (910) 638-2092

Email: [janissholtis@gmail.com](mailto:janissholtis@gmail.com)

## **C. Sunday School**

Available every Sunday (except for the First Sunday which is Holy Communion) from 9:30a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall. Students in Pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents may pick-up students immediately following the 9:30am worship service in Heritage Hall.

**(No Sunday School classes on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays)**

Vickie Smith: [vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com](mailto:vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com)

**Church Office: (910) 295-6003; Cell (910) 992-8309**

### **Sunday School Curriculum:**

***The Gospel Project*** a Christ-centered discipleship curriculum that follows a proven plan to nurture disciples from preschoolers to senior adults with Christ-centered Bible study resources.

The Gospel Project unfolds from Genesis to Revelation, and these studies help participants of all ages study the Bible in an age-appropriate way with an emphasis on Jesus Christ.

### **The Gospel Project classes currently being offered:**

Pre K - Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **D. Children's Choir (Sundays)**

Children's Choir meets after the 9:30am Family Service & Children's Sunday School in Heritage Hall.

**Director of Music Ministry:** Mr. Stephen Gourley

Church: 910-295-6003

[stephengourley@my.unt.edu](mailto:stephengourley@my.unt.edu)

**Children's Choir Director:** Deb Holden

[debdrey@gmail.com](mailto:debdrey@gmail.com)

## **E. Parent's Night Out**

All ages. Parents can drop children off in Heritage Hall from 6-8pm on a designated Friday each month for food and activities while parents enjoy a few hours off.

Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## **F. American Heritage Girls/Trail Life for Boys (Troop 1898)**

**Coming soon on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

Trail Life for Boys Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy.

Established on timeless values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys from kindergarten through 12th grade are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created.

**Directors:** Jeremy Lashmit (Trail Life)  
[TVCNC1898@gmail.com](mailto:TVCNC1898@gmail.com)

Lindsey Lashmit (American Heritage Girls)  
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**G. Vacation Bible School: Summer 2023, July 10-12  
9am-12pm. Registration opens in February.**

*Theme: Twists and Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game, Psalm 25:4.*

**Directors:**  
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Lindsey Lashmit (910) 603-2805  
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**H. Youth**

**1. Youth Group Meeting (Sunday afternoon)**

Youth meet on Sundays 3-5pm (except on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) in Heritage Hall. The group meets for discipleship, hang-time, and dinner. Ministry is available to students in 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.



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## **2. YoungLife of the Sandhills**

High School student ministry that meets on Mondays from 7:30 – 9 p.m. (Sandhills Children's Center). YL *CAMP: Windy Gap: July 23-29, 2023.*

## **3. Wyldlife of the Sandhills**

Middle School student ministry that meets every other Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Pines. *Wyldlife Camp: Carolina Point: Date TBD*

**YoungLife Directors:** Greg & Lucy Noble  
[nobleyl@yahoo.com](mailto:nobleyl@yahoo.com)  
(910) 315-7949  
<http://sandhills.younglife.org>

**Wyldlife Director:** Lily Norris  
[lilybnorris@gmail.com](mailto:lilybnorris@gmail.com)  
(910) 992-8397  
<http://sandhills.younglife.org>

## **4. TVC Youth Group Summer Camp**

Available for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and up. The camp is an overnight, weeklong camp. The students participate in community outreach and mission projects during the day, with activities and worship services in the evenings. The students hear the most dynamic youth speakers in the nation, and fully engage the community through missions. The dates are June 26- July 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Caswell.

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## **5. TVC Scholarship Program**

The Village Chapel believes in supporting members who are seeking higher education and have a desire to promote leadership and service in all spheres of life. To qualify for the scholarship students must be a member of The Village Chapel and enrolled full-time at a fully accredited academic institution as an undergraduate or graduate student for the Spring or subsequent semester, **2023**. Applications are being accepted through January 31<sup>st</sup> and can be accessed online at **tvcpinehurst.com**. **They must be mailed to the church before the deadline.**

## **I. Centri-Kid Camp**

Available for students going into 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Centri-Kid Camp is a 5-day camp focusing on Morning Worship to Bible Study, and Recreation to Track Times. Centri-Kid ensures that God's Word is the focus of every part of camp, including the fun stuff. June 5th-9th at Gardner Webb University.

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[vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com](mailto:vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com)  
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## **H. Scripture Readers**

Available for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and up; The youth volunteer to read the selected Scriptures in the 9:30 Family Service during the first Sunday Holy

Communion Service. It's a great way to involve our youth and develop their public speaking abilities.

**Director:** Mrs. Darlene Skinner

[dskinner4@nc.rr.com](mailto:dskinner4@nc.rr.com)

Phone: (910) 215-0003

### **J. Acolyte Ministry**

Available to children 3rd grade and up. The students minister in the 9:30 a.m. Family Service and on Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service. (Training is available).

**9:30am Acolyte Director:** Mrs. Betty Mangum

Home: (910) 215-9093,

[bettymangum@embarqmail.com](mailto:bettymangum@embarqmail.com)

**11:00am Traditional Service Director:** Vickie Smith

[vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com](mailto:vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com)

Cell Phone: (910) 992-8309

## **II. Community Outreach & Events (Families & Youth)**

**Easter Egg Hunt**- Easter Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023-  
Heritage Hall.

**Vacation Bible School** – Heritage Hall, July 10-12

**Trunk or Treat**- Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

***VOLUNTEERS needed for all outreach events!***

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### **III. Volunteering & Training Opportunities**

#### **A. Sunday School Volunteers**

There are ministry opportunities at every level. From lead teacher or assistant teacher (as an individual or couple) to registration/attendance assistants. After you have prayerfully considered the way God may desire to use you in this ministry, and you are still interested in serving in some capacity, contact Pastor Vickie to set up an appointment for a brief meeting to discuss ways that you could best use your talents. (Spiritual gifts assessment is available).

After the initial meeting with Pastor Vickie, depending on the service opportunity, you will receive training and materials, and a back-ground check will be initiated. We use a training model that involves observation, assisting, and then leading. All efforts will be made to fully prepare you for service. We will also offer ongoing training and support on an annual basis, and as needed.

I want to encourage you to make yourself available to our Lord to reach others with the Gospel. Your life can and will make a difference! I am praying for you and look forward to meeting with you soon.

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#### **B. Volunteers for Summer Camps, Youth Outings, and Outreach Events**

Chaperones are always needed for summer camps, certain youth outings in the community, and almost every community outreach event.

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## **IV. Resources For Parents & Families**

A. 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Stories (over 100 Illustrations) by Daniel Partner (**Free to all families!**)  
**Please see Ms. Vickie**

B. Family & Children Devotions for Phone APPS and Online Resources (**ALL FREE**)

1. Daily Bible Devotion Daily, morning, and evening devotions, with Bible Trivia & even humor! (Search for App on your phone)

2. Keys For Kids (Online or iPhone APP; Google Play Written or Audi Devotion by “Uncle Charlie”; Has the ABC’s of Salvation!  
<http://www.cbhministries.org/ForKids/KeysforKids/ReadListen.aspx>

3. Vanderbilt Divinity School Library-  
Revised Common Lectionary:  
<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php>

4. Sermons4Kids.Com Sign up free for children’s sermons and devotions by email!; Daily devotions.  
<http://www.sermons4kids.com/key4kids.htm>

5. Right Now Media: In home resources that gives access to parents for TV and Online media for children and students. Request a link by emailing Pastor Ashley and expressing your interest. Then you will receive an email link that will allow you to set up a username and password, that will allow access to many resources! For more information go to [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) and click on two-minute demo video.

6. What the Bible is All About: A Bible Handbook for Kids. This special version is written to help children and young people discover for themselves what the Bible is all about. (FREE – copies available from Ms. Vickie)

## **The Christian Year (Liturgical Calendar)**

The Village Chapel follows the yearly Christian calendar. Enclosed is a brief description of the themes and colors of the year. We also follow the weekly readings of the Revised Common Lectionary. RCL is a three-year collection of Scripture readings that we use in all three worship services. For more information, please feel free to contact any of the Village Chapel Pastors.

### **Advent**

When: Begins four Sundays prior to Christmas. Includes all days until Christmas (or Christmas Eve). Length varies according to date of first Sunday. The beginning of the Christian year.

Themes: Waiting; Expectation; Hope; Yearning; Our need for a Savior. A minor theme of joy. Christians remember the Jewish yearning for the “advent” (from

Latin for “coming” or “visit”) of the Messiah. We also get in touch with our hope for the Messiah’s second Advent.

## **Christmas**

When: December 25th through January 5, a twelve-day season. Many Christians begin celebrating Christmas on Christmas Eve. Of course, most people think of Christmas as a day, not a season. But, as the song narrates, there are twelve days of Christmas!

Themes: Celebration of the Incarnation of the Word of God, Salvation, Joy, Kingdom, Peace, and Giving.

## **Epiphany**

When: January 6, the day after the season of Christmas.

Themes: Some traditions emphasize the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) and the universal import of salvation in Christ. Other traditions focus on the baptism of Jesus.

## **Ordinary Time**

When: Times during the year when there is not a special day or season. Ordinary time begins the day after Epiphany and extends until the day before Lent (Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday). Ordinary time begins again after Pentecost, extending until the day before Advent.

Themes: Ordinary time is not “plain, boring time,” but rather “counted” time. Different traditions include many celebrations during ordinary time, such as Trinity Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, All Saints Day, and so forth. The themes of ordinary time include the basic elements of the Christian life.

## **Lent**

When: Forty weekdays prior to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. The precise dates vary according to the date of Easter, which can range from March 22 to April 25. The six Sundays during the season of Lent are not counted in the forty days.

Themes: Penitence, Morality, Human Limitations, Need for a Savior, Self-Denial, and Preparation for Good Friday and Easter. Some Christian traditions emphasize Lenten fasting (from food and other delights). Other traditions focus on adding spiritual disciplines.

## **Holy Week**

When: The last seven days of Lent, prior to Easter. Holy Week includes Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Themes: The last week of Jesus' life; The death of Jesus and its meaning; Love for one another (Maundy Thursday). Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus as king but leads into a solemn preparation for remembrance of his death.

## **Easter**

When: A fifty-day season of the year, beginning on the evening before Easter and continuing for seven Sundays until Pentecost. Includes Ascension Day. Easter Sunday or Resurrection Day is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox (March 21). (The Eastern Orthodox Easter occurs a week later.)



Themes: Salvation, Victory, New Life, Joy, Christ Reigns.

## **Pentecost**

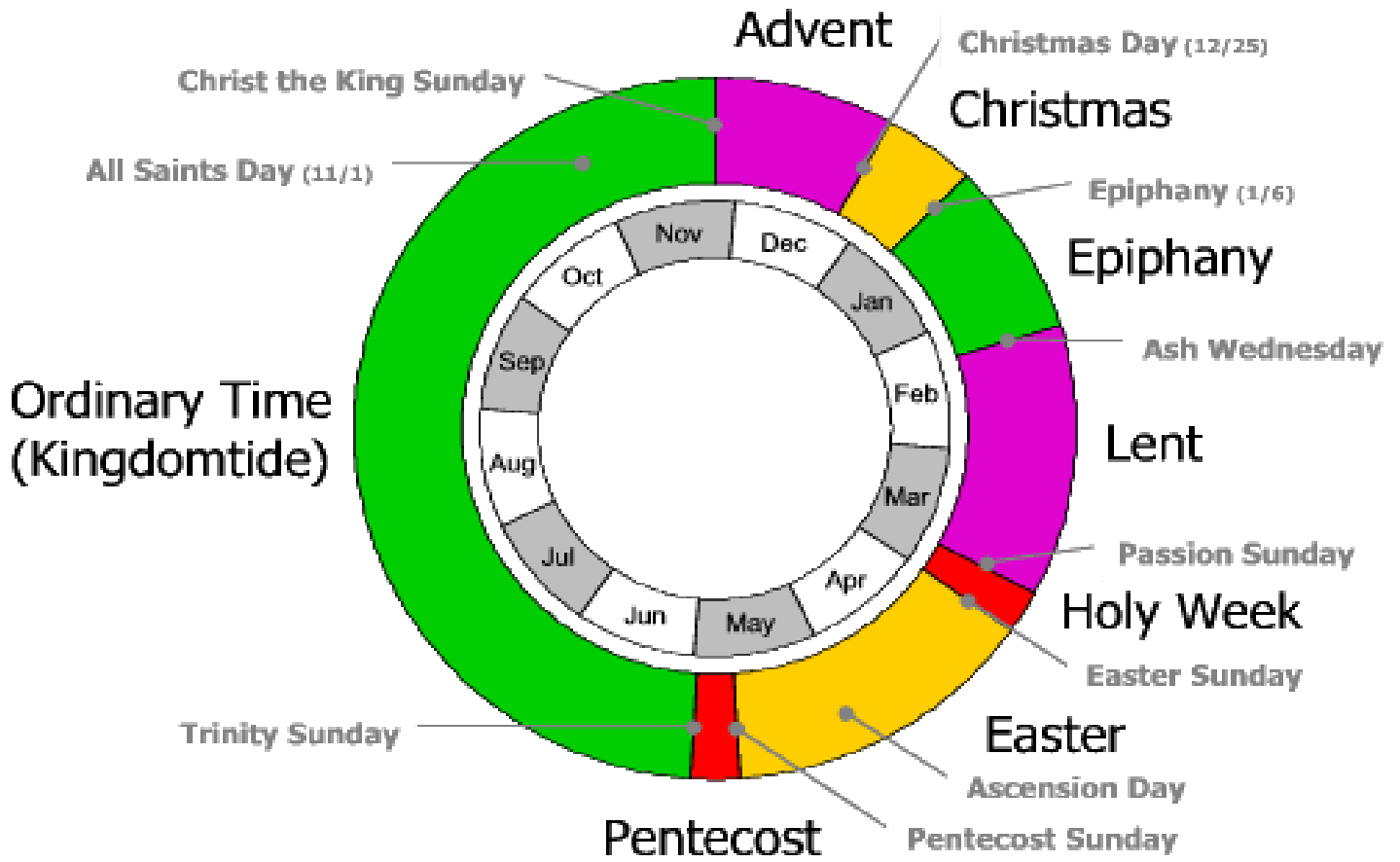
When: The seventh Sunday after Easter.









Themes: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, The birth of the church, Power for service in the church and the world, and The inclusion of all of God's people in ministry. "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word for fifty, from the phrase "fiftieth day [after Easter]." In some traditions it is called Whitsunday (White Sunday), perhaps owing to the white garments of those baptized on this Sunday.

## **Ordinary Time (again) "Kingdom Time"**

When: From the day after Pentecost through the day before Advent, about five months.

# The Christian Year



Day or Season	Date(s)	Theme(s)	Meaning of Color(s)	Color(s)
<b>Advent</b>	From four Sundays before Christmas Day to Christmas Eve	Waiting; expectation; hope; longing; joy	Purple (or sometimes blue) for solemnity and royalty; pink for joy on third Sunday	
<b>Christmas</b>	Twelve days from December 25 to Jan 5	Birth of Jesus; Word Incarnate; Celebration; Joy; Light; Salvation	White and gold for celebration, light, purity	
<b>Epiphany</b>	January 6	The "epiphany" (manifestation) of Jesus as the Son of God; the visit of the Magi; joy. Sometimes the baptism of Jesus is celebrated here.	White and gold for joy and celebration	
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	January 7 to the day before Ash Wednesday	"Ordinary Time" describes the Christian year when there is no unusual focus	Green for life and growth	
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	The Wednesday seven weeks before Easter	Penitence; mere humanness; sin; our need for a savior; mortality	Black or gray for sinfulness and death; purple for penitence and solemnity	
<b>Lent</b>	The 40 weekdays before Easter, not counting Sundays, includes Holy Week	Penitence; solemnity; spiritual focus; self-denial; preparation for Easter.	Purple for penitence and solemnity	
<b>Holy Week</b>	The week before Easter (including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday)	Preparation for Easter; remembering the last week of Jesus's life; the death of Jesus	Red for passion and the blood of Christ	
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	The Sunday of Holy Week	Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem; Jesus as king	Red for Holy Week; sometimes gold or white or purple (for royalty)	
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	The Thursday before Easter	Remembering the "new commandment" to love one another ( <i>mandatum novum</i> in Latin, from which we get "Maundy")	Red for passion and Christ's sacrifice	
<b>Good Friday</b>	The Friday before Easter	Remembering the death of Jesus; sorrow; confession; anticipation	Black for death, sorrow	
<b>Easter</b>	The Sunday after the first full moon after Vernal Equinox (more or less)	The resurrection; eternal life; victory; joy; light; life	Gold and white	
<b>Eastertide</b>	Seven weeks after Easter (including Ascension Sunday)	Continued joyful celebration of the resurrection and its implications	Red (for the church); gold and white for Easter	
<b>Pentecost</b>	The seventh Sunday after Easter	The outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the birth of the church; God's power.	Red (for power)	
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	From Pentecost to the day before Advent	Growth in Christ; can include special celebrations such as Trinity Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, etc.	Green (for life and growth)	
<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	The Sunday after Pentecost	Recognizing the presence and power and majesty of the Triune God	White or gold	
<b>Christ the King</b>	The last Sunday before Advent	Honoring Christ as the King of the present and the future	White or gold	