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Giving Thanks



With so much uncertainty surrounding us at this time – local elections, political division that threatens the constitutional fabric of our nation, and our continuing war on domestic and international terrorism – we are all faced with difficult decisions to make. Like members of a jury sitting in judgment, and yet knowing that it's we who are on trial.

At such times, when we may be tempted to despair and surrender to fear and dread, I believe we are called, as children of God, to be all the more faithful for our blessings – especially those we take for granted.

In June, 1999, I was privileged to witness what was only the second popular election in the 400+ year history in South Africa. Awaking early on a weekday in Soweto – a township of four million blacks outside of Johannesburg – I photographed and interviewed black voters, already in line to vote at 6:00am – two hours before the polls opened – and dressed in their finest clothes. They were proud, thankful, and eager to exercise a right for which so many had paid with their blood

In this month of thanksgiving, how thankful are we for the gifts and freedoms we enjoy, which were purchased with the blood, sweat, and toil of our ancestors, the communion of saints, and our Lord?

In a confusing, dangerous, and uncertain world (which isn't getting any less so), can there be a more courageous and faithful act than simply to give thanks: For the splendor of creation and the beauty of the world; for the wonder of life and the mystery of love; for the blessings of family and friends; for the disappointments and failures of life that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on God alone; and above all, for our Savior Jesus Christ, who lived and died that we might have abundant life now, and life everlasting to come!

Thankfully yours,

Pastor John

The Village Chapel Welcomes Redeemer Presbyterian Church for Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service



This year's Thanksgiving Eve Service will have some very special guests. Pastor John Kinyon- the Founding Pastor and this year's guest speaker- and the congregation of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA) will join The Village Chapel for our annual service of thanksgiving and fellowship.

John was raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia and became a Christian as a teenager through the ministry of Young Life. A graduate of Cornell University and Vanderbilt Law School, John was employed as a Wall Street banker and an attorney while ministering in the collegiate and community-based ministries of The Navigators and Campus Crusade for Christ, before heeding God's call to full-time church ministry.

Upon graduation from Reformed Theological Seminary/ Orlando in 1994, John and his family moved to the Island of Oahu where they "suffered for Jesus" planting a multiethnic PCA congregation from scratch. John also trained future church planters and pastors as a member of the faculty at International College and Graduate School in Honolulu, HI.

John and Claire (his wife of 29 years) returned to Pennsylvania in 2000 to be closer to family and to join a core group of 4 young couples to plant Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in the Lehigh Valley which, by God's grace, planted two daughter churches in 12 years. Consistent with his commitment to see more gospel-centered churches planted locally and abroad, John served until recently as the team leader for the Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery (PCA) Church Planting Ministry Team (overseeing the planting of 4-5 new churches) and he teaches Biblical Studies and Theology classes as an adjunct faculty member of a Mainland Chinese Seminary.

Desiring to "make another go of it" and to live nearer to their aging parents, John and Claire moved to Moore

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County, NC only a few months ago to join a core group of approximately 60 people to plant Redeemer Church. John and Claire are blessed with 5 strapping young sons ranging in age from 16-27 years of age. They currently live in Southern Pines, NC.

The Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 27th at 5 pm at The Village Chapel. All are encouraged to bring canned food donations for the Sandhills Coalition. We are very honored to host Pastor Kinyon and Redeemer's congregation for what will certainly be a time of thanksgiving and Christian fellowship.

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness and Family Caregivers Month

November, is a month where we are inspired to be thankful. It is a month that nationally, we acknowledge and create awareness of the disease of Alzheimer's and Dementia, and family caregivers. Caregivers, of any kind, are unsung everyday heroes, and those caregivers grieving while coping with the progressive disease of AD with a loved one, need unique recognition.

Share a hug with these folks, ask how they are, and remain in touch through prayer and a visit.

Join the Alzheimer's Support Group each Tuesday at 10:00am in the conference room.

Vivian Jacobson to Speak at Break Night, November 6

The lecture being given by Vivian R. Jacobsen is an exploration of how Marc Chagall, the gifted artist of the 20th century, was inspired to create sacred figures of the Bible, most particularly Isaiah, the Prophet of Peace in the New Testament. Born into a Belarussian Jewish home, Chagall faced pogroms and anti-Semitism, and the consequences of man's inhumanity toward his fellow man, and he used the image of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection to somehow unite his Jewish and Christian audience. His 1938 painting of the White Crucifixion, considered to be one of his greatest, was part of a series of compositions, all featuring this image of Christ as a Jewish martyr and he continued to apply this image to denote the suffering of all mankind. Chagall's visual universalizing of the biblical narrative in a way that combines the Jewish and modern art, and his messages of hope, peace, reconciliation and love were the hallmark of his artwork through the years.

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and education beginning at 5:45pm (dinner) and 6:30pm (program) in Chapel Hall. Contact the office to make your reservation!

The Women's Discussion Group will meet Thursday, November 14 at 10:00am in the choir room. Our reading will be taken from Conversations with St. Francis by James C. Howell. Chapter 7 is entitled Peace for Creation and Humanity. Francis believed that if you "are near Jesus you are recruited into the waging of peace."

All women are warmly welcomed.

The Young Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday after the 9:30am Family Service in back of Chapel Hall to discuss the weekly Bible lessons of the church, to promote fellowship amongst young adults and parents, to grow a better understanding of The Bible for sharing with our children, and to encourage the Christian faith within our community. All are welcome to join. For questions or more information, please email Lindsey & Jeremy Lashmit at putz.lindsey@gmail.com

Schneider's Faith 'Rejuvenated' by Prison Ministry

Matthew 25:36 - "I was in prison and you visited me."

As a high school teen-ager in Columbus, Ohio, Jim Schneider went with a few of his friends to a juvenile detention center to play basketball with some of the residents. Jim says that this experience led him to become motivated in prison ministry.

In 2006 Jim and his wife moved to Pinehurst and joined the Village Chapel. He became involved in the men's breakfast group where he met three members who participated in prison ministry.

Wanting to start his own prison ministry, Jim asked Chaplain Don Jordan if he could implement a spiritual program at the Scotland Correctional Facility in Wagram. Scotland Correctional is the largest state prison in North Carolina with over 1800 inmates. According to Jim, Chaplain Jordan was somewhat of "an outlaw" and agreed to the program without consulting state officials.

After going through a training program that uses Chuck Colson's re-entry program for prisoners, Jim began his ministry. He meets twice a month for about 1 ½ hours on Tuesday mornings.

Inmates have to express an interest in Christianity and are selected by the warden and social workers. There are usually 20 to 30 residents at each session. Jim says that he has never felt unsafe during any of the sessions and that he has never been told by an inmate that he was innocent and did not deserve to serve his prison time.

The programs vary. Since Jim is an avid "Wall Street Journal" reader, he will often cut out two or three articles of interest to share with the program's participants. One recent article was entitled "Psychologists Shouldn't Ignore the Soul." Jim is currently discussing the chapters in C.S. Lewis' book *Reflections of the Psalms*. Another book he has used was entitled *The Journey to Discipleship* by a Baptist group.

Music, which includes hymns, organ music, and songs by religious musical artists, is played the last twenty minutes of each session. Jim says that he has seen some inmates cry while listening to the music. The

emphasis of all of the programs is to give the participants something to talk about with other inmates until the next session. At the end of his sessions, many participants will come up to him and express their thanks for his coming.

Jim believes that the American prison system does need reform. He would like to see more resources go towards rehabilitating inmates so that there would not be such a high recidivism rate. Also, he says that the salaries of correction officers and program people need to be increased so that more highly qualified people could be hired and turnover rates could be reduced.

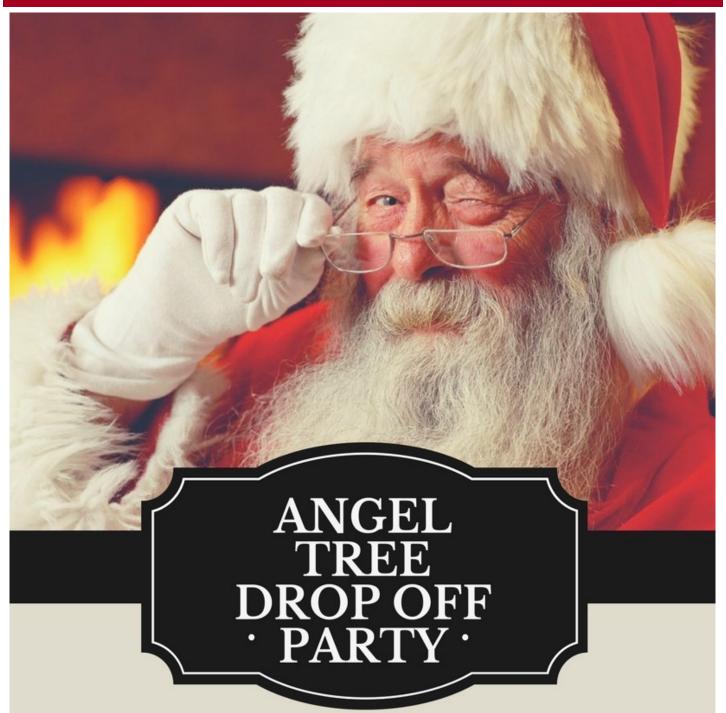
The Kairos Prison Ministry is very active at Scotland Correctional, and there is a need for more volunteers to work with this program. The Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian-based faith ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, their families, and those who work with them. If anyone is interested in helping with the Kairos ministry, please contact Jim.

Congratulations go to Jim who was nominated and chosen as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year for the Scotland Correctional Facility. This is an impressive award since there are about two hundred volunteers at the facility.

Jim gives of his time and shares his testimony to those who are often forgotten and vilified by society, but according to Jim, he receives many blessings. He says, "When I leave I feel rejuvenated about my faith."

Veterans Day Recognition Honoring Those Who Served and Those Still Serving

In keeping with our tradition,
The Village Chapel will honor those
living members of our church who
served in the military and those who are
still serving. A special presentation will
be shown at all three services on Sunday,
November 10.



Join us on Sunday, December 8 from 9:00am until 12:30pm

Please bring your gifts for Angel Tree during services, snag a snack at the Bake Sale and snap a picture with Old St. Nick himself!

This is a great opportunity to see how the Angel Tree program works once your shopping is done. Bring the kids to let them experience the outpour of God's love during this season of giving.



Dinner 5:45pm Service 7:00pm

Please check the Sunday Bulletin for the menu and to make reservations for dinner.

Help us prepare for the Advent Season!

Be a part of our Hanging of the Greens preparations.

Monday, December 2 – Decorating the Chrismon Tree

9:30am - noon in the Sanctuary. Help us decorate our beautiful tree with the handcrafted ornaments, each one a unique symbol of Christ. Contact Janis Sholtis (janissholtis@gmail.com, 910-295-1057)

Tuesday, December 3 - Making the Window, Altar and Table Arrangements For the Hanging of the Greens Dinner and Service

9:30am in Chapel Hall

Enjoy the fellowship and fun as we create the green arrangements that will decorate the Chapel. PLEASE BRING greens such as leyland cypress and other fur trees, holly (without berries), small magnolia, or longleaf pines. The greens should be around 14 inches or less in length. Contact Jane Lewis (janelewis@nc.rr.com, 910-215-5672) or Eleanora Voelkel (voelkelje@gmail.com, 910-295-4664)

Wednesday, December 4 – Festive dinner before the Hanging of the Greens Service. 5:45pm in Chapel Hall.

Reservations needed for dinner. Watch the bulletin for menu details.

Volunteers are needed to help set and decorate the tables before the dinner. Contact Eleanora Voelkel (voelkelje@gmail.com, 910-295-4664)).

Wednesday, December 4 – The Hanging of the Greens Service 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

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This service is the perfect beginning to the joyous celebration of the birth of Christ.

Families and individual members are invited to participate in the service. Volunteer to carry the green arrangements during the service or do a reading. If you would like to be a part of the service, please contact Eleanora Voelkel

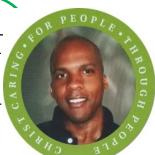
Stephen Ministry

Did you know that The Village Chapel is one of more than 12,000 congregations worldwide with a Stephen Ministry program? A Stephen Minister is a lay person who has been trained in Christ-centered caregiving to walk along with someone who is going through a difficult time in their life. They meet in a private setting to listen, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence and healing love to people experiencing life's challenges. It is about being present, listening, and allowing God to heal. Consider these testimonials:

Stephen Minister training has helped me to make God a priority in my life, to dedicate myself to helping build God's kingdom here on Earth.

I've learned how to listen to people and empathize with them. I've learned that I don't have to fix anybody—I can be present with them and trust God to do the rest. It's made me a better teacher, brother, friend, and person.

If you want to connect with others in a more authentic, Christlike way, Stephen Minister training is for you. It's an opportunity to help make a real difference in people's lives— to help them experience the life that God wants us to have.



CharlesTEACHER
New York, New York

"Stephen Ministry has taught me the power of presence— of being there for someone. The experience has changed my life forever."

Gigi

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Durango, Colorado



"I'm so grateful for this remarkable training. It's given me the information and skills I need to more effectively share Christ's love with the world."

I was at a point in life where I was wondering, "Lord, where can you use me?" Then, one day at church, I saw a Stephen Ministry table in the lobby. It was perfect timing, like God was pointing me in that direction.

My Stephen Minister training taught me real caring skills I could use and apply in everyday life. I'd never encountered training that was so practical, spiritual, and transformative. I could feel the Holy Spirit changing me, helping me learn and grow.

All my life I've tended to give advice and try to fix other people's problems. This training showed me it's more about listening— and allowing God to work.

If you feel called to this ministry, and would like more information, please call one of our Stephen Leaders to find out more details. We are considering a training session in the new year.

Doug Smith 910-295-1659 Betsy Jacobs 910-986-7215 Liz Skvarla 919-349-8387



December 5, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

At Forest Creek Golf Club 200 Meyer Farm Drive Pinehurst, NC

Cost: \$25

Buffet:

House Salad Bar

Seasonal Soup

Pasta Station

Quiche
Fresh Baked Cookies

Coffee & Iced Tea

Entertainment provided by the Golf Capital Chorus

Make a reservation by filling out this form and dropping it in the box outside Heather's office. Payments will be accepted via check, cash, and online at www.tvcpinehurst.com

*On the day of the luncheon, directions to parking will be furnished at the Forest Creek gatehouse. Please plan to carpool. Check "assistance needed" if you need help getting from the parking lot to the clubhouse.

All reservations must be made by Monday, December 2nd at noon. The Village Chapel Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon December 5th

Name			Phone #	
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Meet the Barnes



We all are encouraged to lead a Christ-centered life. Some of us do better at that than others. But it is difficult to conceive how a couple could achieve a more Christ-centered life than **Barbara and Ray Barnes** who have been stalwarts of the Village Chapel since 1988. 31 years!

Interviewing Barbara and Ray for this article was sheer pleasure. They both have a keen sense of humor and humility. And their life story, which they know was guided by God's will, is both interesting and inspirational. It goes something like this.

Barbara Barlow was born in Peoria, Illinois, March 24, 1927. She graduated from high school there in 1945 and entered the University of Illinois, Champagne to study home economics.

Ray Barnes was born half a continent to the east on April 14, 1925, in Jersey City. It is an ominous date in history recalls Ray wryly - Lincoln's assassination and the Titanic. Fortunately, no such bad luck has plagued Ray's life, which he considers has been blessed by God's grace. He graduated from Hackensack High School in 1942 and matriculated at Muhlenburg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, intending to be a veterinarian. After two years at Muhlenburg he left school and joined the U.S. Navy. For him, it was a life changing move. He loved the Navy and valued the experience he gained as an aerial gunnery specialist.

When he finished his tour in the Navy, he rejoined his parents who had moved to Illinois and decided to study marketing at the University of Illinois in Champagne. Are you beginning to get the picture?

Seating in Barbara and Ray's Psychology 101 class was by alphabetical order so guess who ended up sitting beside each other - Barlow and Barnes. That was in 1946. On June 26, 1948, just after Ray's graduation, he and Barbara were married at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria. Seventy-one years later, they still are devoted to each other and clearly still enjoy and value their time together. There is no doubt in either of their minds that their life together has been a life according to God's will. Both Barbara and Ray were raised in the church. Ray's father was a trustee in their church and his mother played the organ.

Ray's education at Illinois led him into advertising sales and his experience working at the Muhlenburg College radio station turned out to be invaluable when it came to selling ad time for radio stations. He worked as the advertising manager for Kiwanis magazine for a couple years, spent twelve years with National Geographic and then worked for Scholastic Magazine for 25 years before retiring in 1988 as manager of the Chicago office where he oversaw advertising of a magazine with a circulation of 22 million.

Meanwhile, Barbara added to her two years of home economics at the University with years of practical experience in the field. She and Ray have two sons and a daughter. Both sons are pastors - one in Tennessee and one in California. So how did they end up here in Southern Pines? Part of God's plan they are convinced.

In October 1983, good friends from Christ Church, Oak Brook, Illinois, where the Barnes worshiped for 40 years, invited them to visit them at Seven Lakes. That is when the Barnes first visited the Village Chapel. They found their visit unimpressive, cold. But when they decided to move here in 1988, things had changed. They found the John Shannon's music program and Pastor Bobby Black's style inspirational.

Ray and Barbara joined the Village Chapel in October 1988 and we are all the better for it. Ray served on the board of trustees for three years during which time he set up the Missions Committee and served 14 years as chair of that committee. In 1992, Ray started the Radio Ministry, a hall mark of the Village Chapel to this day. He was joined on the committee by Emerson Cole and Bill Matthews. Ray is the father of the Chapel's Radio Ministry and still does editing for the Sunday broadcasts. He also ushered for 12 years, the final three as head usher. In 2003, he co-founded the interfaith food pantry with Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen. He served on the Board of the Sandhills Food Bank for 10 years, two as President. And for seven years he chaired the Stewardship Committee. He was indefatigable.

Not to be outdone, Barb served as the Village Chapel Shepherd for Seven Lakes and Foxfire for many years until they moved to Penick Village 11 years ago. She volunteered at the Bargain Box for several years and continues to work on the Worship Committee, scheduling Greeters for the 11:00 service since 2013.

Two Christ-centered lives well spent and still serving. And their devotion to the Village Chapel undiminished. Are we fortunate, or what? Thank you, Barb and Ray, for sharing your talents and inspirational lives with us.



Adoption Sundays begin soon! Please stop by the Angel Tree in the Narthex, before and after all church services any Sunday in November to adopt a family. Please adopt early to allow time for online shopping. If you would like to make a donation, we will do the shopping for you, please put "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your check. Your donation may also be used for food vouchers and bibles for the recipients. We really need your support to make this a special Christmas for many families right here in Moore County. You can go together with other families, or with your Bible study, golf, Mahjong, Bridge, Bunco, or any other group to do a service project for the Christmas season. On those Sundays, we will also have sign up sheets for volunteers:

- Shoppers
- Gift Wrappers (Monday Wednesday, December 9-11, 9:30am 3:00pm
- Gift Distribution Day Saturday, December 14 9:00am-12:00pm. A heartwarming opportunity to show God's love to our neighbors in need of our support.

Thank you for your continued support of this project. We are blessed to have so many generous people here at The Village Chapel. Drop off day is Sunday, December 8!

Merry Christmas, Lori Valentinas (630) 768-0004 valentinas2277@sbcglobal.net

Mr. Rich Cowell, Men's Ministry President, presents a gift to the Men's Ministry Retreat guest speaker, Mr. Lance Huber.

Lance is the South Wake County Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Other speakers for the retreat were Rev. Richard Payne, Chaplain for Richard Childress Racing and High Point University Basketball Team, and Coach Mike Metzger, Head Coach of the Pinecrest Football team.





Thank you to everyone who donated Candy to the Fall Festival and to those who volunteered in the TRUNK or TREAT.

We could not do this without you!



Daylight Savings Time!

Don't Forget to turn back

your clocks!

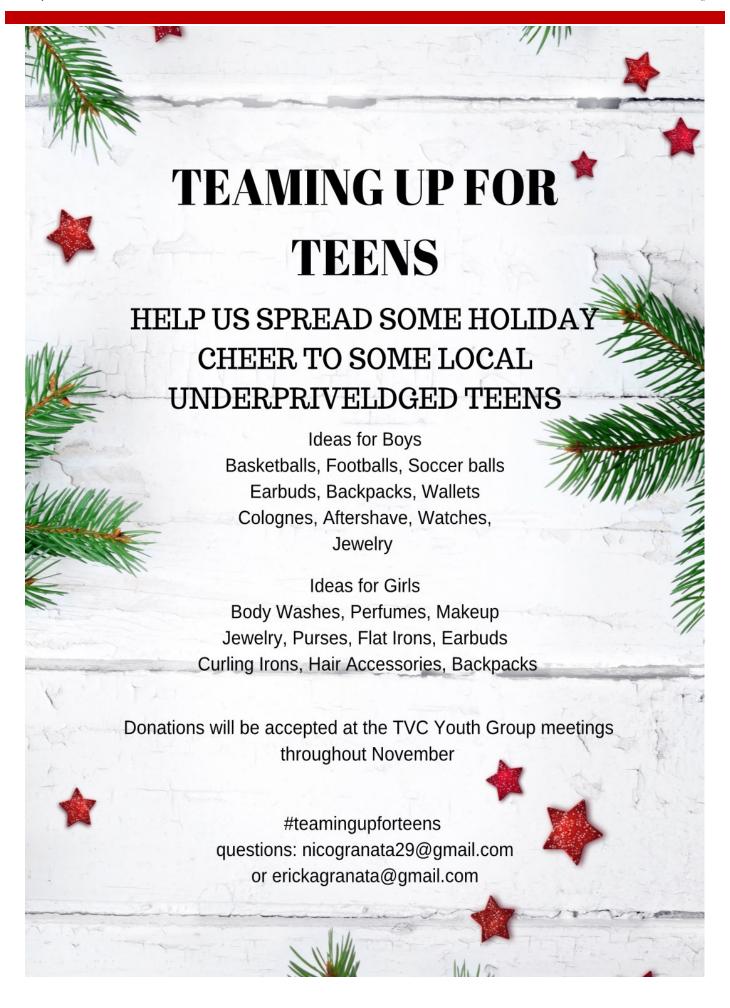
Saturday, November 2nd 2019

A Very Special Congratulations to our Confirmands

Victor Aguilar
Zaira Aguilar
Lawson Barrett
Olivia Fox
Alex Grimshaw
Ford Grimshaw
John David Santos
Melissa Santos
Landen Smith
Hannah Smith
Mateja Torok
Andrew Wilson

These Individuals will be recognized in the 9:30am Worship Service on November 3rd.

Parent's Night Out/In November 15th 6-8pm







Youth Sunday Worship Service



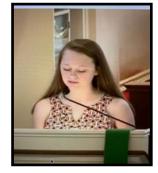








We celebrate and thank God for all our Youth at the Village Chapel!



Chapel Members and Community Come Out to Support Children and Youth Fundraiser and Bake Sale!









A fun night was had by all who came out for the Children and Youth Breaknight Fundraiser. Proceeds from the event and Bake Sale (which totaled over \$2700.00) will go toward the new building fund. Thank you to all who came out and for your support of our TVC ministries!





Hunter's Fundraiser will take place at Filly & Colts At Little River Farm 500 Little River Farm Blvd. Carthage NC 28374

November Birthdays

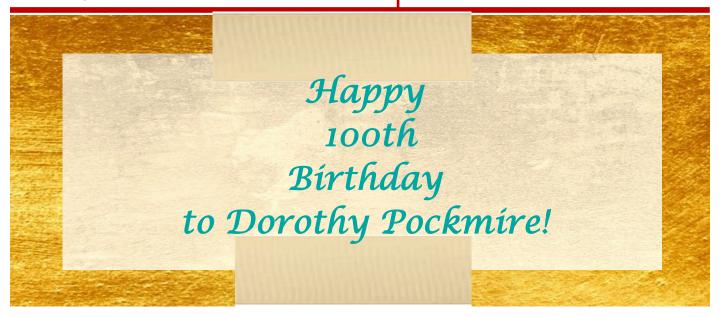
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- 3 Dorothy Pockmire Tracy Parks Colson Totten- Lancaster Tanner Page Agnes Fusselbaugh
- 4 Stephen Ingham Luan Aaron
- 5 Vicky Brenner Claire Corcoran Bill Hammond
- 6 Barbara Hess Mandy Grimshaw
- 7 David Torok Connie Hopkins
- 8 Linda Lindsey
- 9 Rob Blandford Mark Priest
- 10 Clare Logan Laurie Hamilton
- 11 Grace Kocher Sally Brown Linda Venters Marilyn Kirol
- 12 Jeremy Lashmit

- Bobbie Dewar
- 14 Janice Cantelou Acadia Shumski Fred Westphal
- 19 Ron Kelly
- 20 Dale Skinner Bill Edwards Sophia Voat
- 21 Lisa Youngclaus Nancy Davis Douglas Sherwood
- 22 Diane Magruder
- 23 Jack Neely Russell McAllister
- 24 Florence DeSandy Hailey Gibbons
- 25 Dick Curl Freida McBrayer Deborah Hart
- 26 Page Gibbons
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- 29 Dave Cook Jim Voelkel Julian Hawes Mike Vogt
- 30 Declan Krom



- Doug & Amita Sherwood Ronald & Juanita Milam
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- **9** Russell & Ann McAllister
- **14** Andrew & Tisha Glover Dave & Gail Devore
- 20 Dale & Darlene Skinner
- 21 Richard & Allyson Schoen Ed & Darlene Reeves
- **27** Bill & Shirlene Bremer Mike & Ann Kallam
- 28 Kenneth & Cynthia Eckard-Matthes
- 29 Don & Mary Delauter Fred & Terry Prince
- 30 Hunter & Barbara Hess Lee & Nancy Carbaugh

Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.



KUDOS KORNER

To Stephen Gourley for the beautiful start to the Chapel's 2019/2020 Music Series on September 20. It was a wonderful program that also featured one of Stephen's compositions sung by Shanon Venable. The first program of the series set a very high bar for the following programs to match. The program also drew a nice sized audience from across the local community, helping solidify The Village Chapel's special role in Pinehurst and the area.

WOW!!! Chapel Hall rocks! Over a hundred members and friends pitched up at Chapel Hall October 2 for a fine dinner and an outstanding presentation of Blue Grass Gospel by Sassafras, a blue grass band from western North Carolina. Not only was it a most enjoyable evening, the event, conceived and organized by Pastor Vickie, brought in about \$2,000 for the New Building Fund. So we say a gazillion KUDOS to Pastor Vickie and the Chapel Youth who made it all happen.

The Village Chapel Radio Ministry ensures that every Sunday morning two local radio stations carry the previous Sunday's service. Ray Barnes established the ministry more than a decade ago. Bill Matthews has worked with Ray since the beginning and took Ray's place as chairman of the ministry several years ago. Both men have now decided to retire from the Communications Committee which oversees the Radio Ministry. Fortunately, they can leave their responsibilities in the capable hands of Bill Tomasetti. But we think Ray and Bill deserve a barrel of KUDOS for their years of dedicated service which has very directly contributed to the image of the Chapel and to the mission of the Chapel to reach out to the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks, Ray. Thanks, Bill.

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