

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Alice Ridgeway, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 2015 AT 8:30 AND 10:45 A.M.

Prelude		
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>Be Still My Soul</i>	Ham
Invocation		Todd Smith
*Hymn 337	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	LAUDA ANIMA
	Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza	
Children's Sermon		Norma Thompson
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7	Angela Blizzard
Ministry of Music	<i>Fantasy on 'Holy Manna'</i> Alice Ridgeway, Chris Inhulsen	arr. Helvey
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 62	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	NATIONAL HYMN
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice</i>	Sandresky
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:7	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>By Your Mercy</i>	Courtney
Sermon	"The Physics of Grace"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 575	<i>Redeemed</i>	ADA
Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
Benediction		Richard Kremer
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune in D</i>	Telemann

A BIRTHDAY HARD WON

We know that on July 4, 1776, 56 men signed a document that began with this preamble:

“When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

Then came this immortal assertion: “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Our Declaration of Independence hailed the creation of a new nation. But while those who know their history are aware that the drafting and approving of that Declaration of Independence was difficult, actually winning our independence proved a far harder and divisive process. Succeeding in our quest for nationhood was highly improbable. Most every student has heard of the travails of the American soldiers who wintered at Valley Forge in 1776, but only astute historians know that by the winter of 1779-80, American prospects were far bleaker. Washington’s army had dwindled to a few thousand, suffering the bleakest of conditions. Their supply system was non-existent. The Continental currency in which they were paid was worthless. Morale ebbed so low that American soldiers actually mounted armed mutinies against their own war effort!

But when the British tried capitalizing on these negativities, the beleaguered American troops rallied together to repel them. Soon thereafter, amazingly, a host of circumstances and conditions came together to allow this tattered American army, with vital help from French troops and the French navy, to shift momentum in the war and ultimately force the British General Cornwallis to surrender his army at Yorktown, Virginia, on September 3, 1783, over eight years after armed hostilities began.

On this weekend, as we celebrate our nation’s birthday, we do well to remember that the God who has endowed us all with certain “inalienable rights” has brought our country through many times of turmoil and challenge. Our forefathers who gathered to conceive our nation – even the soldiers who ultimately secured that freedom – were seldom of a united mind. But eventually, they heeded Ben Franklin’s sage observation, “We must hang together, or we will most assuredly hang separately.” Happy Birthday, America!

Don’t forget that this Wednesday, July 8, is our “Ice Cream and Generation Mix-up Night.” Either make or buy ice cream, and after our regular dinner we will indulge our common passion on a hot summer night. Then we will pool our generational knowledge – and learn a few things in the process. On the Wednesday nights of July 15 and July 22, we will enjoy our regular meal, then pop popcorn and enjoy an intergenerational movie night, watching “*The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe*.” Come and enjoy this presentation of a theological classic.

And don’t forget that Melissa and I will need to know soon if you are planning to take part in Vineville Baptist’s first annual church river rafting trip, July 16-18. We will need to finalize our numbers next weekend. Any youth who want to go rafting with us, but have parents who won’t accompany them, are welcome to catch a ride up to Apple Tree with Melissa. And anyone who needs camping gear – tents or sleeping bags, for example – let us know and we will provide them.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

DEACONS EMERITI PLAQUE

A plaque listing the names of all ten Deacons Emeriti has been placed outside the Guest Reception Room. The names of those likewise honored in the years ahead will be added.

VBC FALL/WINTER CHILDREN’S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Our 2015 Fall/Winter Consignment Sale will be August 27-29. The public is invited to attend Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday from 12:00-6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Consignor Registration starts July 15 at 8:00 p.m. As always our Activities Building will be jam-packed with incredible inventory and great prices, from quality children’s clothing to furniture, toys, maternity, and more! There is so much to see and so much to save! You may pay with cash, personal checks or credit card. Volunteers will be needed so contact Candace Fry if you would like to help with the event.

FALL BAZAAR

Our jewelry shop is always a big hit at the Fall Bazaar and we appreciate your help with jewelry donations! Another popular shop at our Fall Bazaar is our Gently Used Corner. We are accepting all donations except clothes, shoes, or books.

XYZ UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie and Pizza Party will be Tuesday, August 11 in the Activities Building at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$5 and the deadline for purchasing a ticket is August 2.

YOUTH

Today: Swimming at Alice Ridgeway's house from 4:00-5:30 pm. Watermelon and light snacks will be provided.

Wednesday: We will join the rest of the church for dinner, ice cream dessert, and Generation Mix-up games which will challenge folks of all ages! Come enjoy these activities which encourage interaction, learning, and laughter across generations.

Next Sunday: There will be no youth afternoon/evening activities.

Mark your calendars:

- Prayer Journey, Sunday, August 9 at 3:30 pm,
- Youth choir begins: Sunday, August 16
- Youth Fall Retreat, October 9-11.

MISSION FRIENDS

Mission Friends will resume on August 12. Have a fun and safe summer!

KINGDOM KIDS

Kingdom Kids will resume on Wednesday, August 12. Have a blessed summer!

CHURCH-WIDE RIVER TRIP

River-rafting, a picnic on the river, a cookout around the campfire, hiking, bike trails, and trout streams! And that's just part of the fun. It's not too late to sign up for our first church-wide river trip July 16-18! We will be rafting the Nantahala River and camping at a magnificent campsite known as Apple Tree Group Camp near Andrews, NC. Please call the church office for additional details and for an opportunity to sign up.

VBC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our 41st Annual Tournament of Champions will be September 21 at Idle Hour Golf and Country Club. Hole Sponsorship brochures and registration forms are now available. Call Charles Schaible, Charles Jay, or the church office if you would like to sponsor a hole or register to play! We look forward to another year of great golf, fun fellowship, fabulous door prizes, and an exceptional banquet following the tournament!

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Charles Jay. Next week is Greg Winters.

FOOD PANTRY

The food item we will be collecting for July is canned soup with a pop-top lid.

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30 am Early Worship
- 9:15 am Media Library
- 9:35 am Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship

Monday, July 6

No Activities

Tuesday, July 7

- 10:00 am Leadership Team Meeting
- 10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:00 am Media Library
- 5:30 pm Vineville Brass
- 5:30 pm Family Supper
- 6:15 pm Media Library
- 6:15 pm Ladies Bible Study
- 6:45 pm Ice Cream Social
- 6:45 pm Youth
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

- 10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Friday, July 10

No Activities

Sunday, July 12

- 8:30 am Early Worship
- 9:15 am Media Library
- 9:35 am Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8

Ice Cream Swap
and Generation Mix-up Game

July 15 and 22

Movie Night

July 29

Potluck Night

August 27-29

Fall/Winter
Children's Consignment Sale

September 21

VBC Tournament of Champions

REPORT AS OF JUNE 28

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	215
8:30 Worship	45
10:45 Worship	218

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Gifts	\$8,402
Budget Gifts (YTD)	\$423,003
Budget Required (YTD)	\$558,945
YTD% Budget Giving	75.7%
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$12,270

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Jeff Allred	Minister of Music
Loyd Landrum	Minister of Music Emeritus
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Velma Gene Clarke	Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Greg Winters	731-0916
Deacon Ministry	John Fry, Sr.	745-5045
Media Center	Carol Lincoln	743-9366
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
Missions	Jim Jones	757-8411
Preschool	Bobbie Scarbrough	254-4595
Senior Adults-XYZ	Harold McAbee	935-8000
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289
WMU	Cris Williamson	719-1581
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545