



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Don Kendrick, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

GRADUATION SUNDAY
MAY 21, 2017
10:45 AM

Prelude	<i>Festive Proclamation on 'All Hail the Power'</i>	arr. Steffen
Welcome		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	<i>Andante Cantabile</i>	Aygun Scott
	All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.	
*Processional	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	Class of 2017
Invocation		Barbara Jones
*Hymn 563	<i>In Unity We Lift Our Song</i>	EIN' FESTE BURG
	Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza	
Children's Sermon		Melissa Kremer
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>I Will Rise</i>	Youth Choir
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
Recognition of the Class of 2017		Angela Blizzard
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 6:1-7	Mary Margaret Smith Annabelle Whitehead
*Hymn 482	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	HERE I AM LORD
*Offertory Prayer		Jonathan Jones
Offertory	<i>Word of God, Speak/Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>	Tornquist
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:11-24	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>No Time</i>	Brumfield
Sermon	"The Seven Sad Wishes of Adulthood"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 474	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	THOMPSON
Presentation of Bibles to Rising 7th Graders		Richard Kremer and Barbara Jones

*Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

*Benediction

Richard Kremer

*Postlude

Fanfare

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CELEBRATING MILESTONES!

We welcome you to one of my favorite Sundays of the year, Graduation Sunday. This year we especially honor Meredith Fuchs, daughter of Leslie Fuchs and Virginia Davis. She is also the granddaughter of our beloved Patti Fuchs. She is graduating from Stratford Academy and will be attending the University of Georgia. She has also been selected to play in the Red Coat Marching Band. I can't help but smile at the symmetry. Two of the most faithful Red Coat Marching Band alumni were the late Loyd Landrum and his wife Mary. They actually met in the Red Coat Marching Band, and I'm sure Loyd would be delighted that the Vineville Baptist connection to the Red Coat Band continues!

We also celebrate the graduation of our sixth graders into the youth program. Today we recognize Camille Fry, daughter of John Jr. and Candace Fry, Mary Hutcherson, daughter of Shannon and Eva Hutcherson, Kailey Goodrich, daughter of John Goodrich and Keagan Waystack, and Lily Smith, daughter of Gregg and Kelly Smith. We are delighted to be able to watch these young ladies growing up in faith in our midst.

Last week we noted the graduations of Angela Blizzard who earned a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry from McAfee Theological Seminary in Atlanta, and Brianna Pylant, who earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mercer University. We also want to recognize Marisol "Mighty" Imani Ortiz, who is graduating from Bard College in Annandale-on-the-Hudson. Marisol, daughter of Cindi Ortiz, will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Music. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania's Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program. And Frieda Underwood is graduating from Wilkes University with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice. Congratulations to all on these important milestones.

We will also have a chance to celebrate another milestone this week in our church conference on Wednesday, the endorsement of a Personnel Committee recommendation to approve the position of part-time minister to children and young families. Our children's workers have been sacrificial in their commitment to our children's ministry, but for many years they have been asking for the church to invest resources in a minister to this age-group. It is time we heeded them. Our children may presently represent only a small percentage of our congregation as a whole but they represent one hundred percent of our future! We do right to invest in them. Don't forget, we will also be approving the Nominating Committee's report, too.

Remember that next Sunday we will celebrate communion and present our newest members to the congregation. This Memorial Day weekend also presents the perfect opportunity for us to display our updated plaque that lists all of the members of our church who have served in the Armed Forces. Don't forget, following the service we will honor all of our newest members with a short reception in the guest reception area. Be sure to come and speak a word of affirmation and welcome.

We are so grateful for the participation of our youth in many aspects of worship this morning. We thank them for leading us this morning in music, prayer, Scripture reading and collecting the offering. Their presence underscores the importance of our youth ministry for the life of this church.

Earlier in the year, I looked at the story of the Prodigal Son from the perspective of the elder brother in a sermon entitled, "Crab Apple Christians." Now it is time to consider the story from the perspective of the younger brother in today's message, "The Seven Sad Wishes of Adulthood." It is a message aimed at young people, but the message contained in Jesus' powerful story has truths that touch lives at every age.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer



Meredith Fuchs

Ms. Meredith Fuchs is graduating from Stratford Academy. She is the daughter of Leslie Fuchs and Virginia Davis, and she is the granddaughter of Patti Fuchs. Her honors include the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award, University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award, Excellence in Latin Award and the John Philip Sousa Band Award. Meredith has participated in the Region Honor Band for the past four years, and she has won First Place in the GHSA Region Literary Competition for Oral Interpretation for the past three years. She was also a nominee for the Golden Eagle Citizenship Award. Meredith will attend the University of Georgia on a pre-med track with a major in Genetics. She has been selected to play in the Red Coat Marching Band.

XYZ

Spring Trip to South Georgia:

We will enjoy fresh seafood and salad delights at the Cedar Lane Supper Club on Thursday, June 8. Motor coach will leave Vineville Ave. parking lot at 2:30 and will return around 9:00 pm. The cost is \$10, plus the cost of your meal.

Better Business Bureau Senior Expo:

Thursday, June 29 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The cost is free but you will need to make reservations by May 18. XYZ will have reserved tables.

XYZ Annual Pizza Party:

Join us in the Activities Building on Tuesday, August 8 at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$6.

Christmas in the Smoky Mountains:

Motor coach transportation to Pigeon Forge November 7-9. The cost is \$365 per person for a double room and \$440 for a single room. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by August 17 and the balance along with a medical form is due September 21.

YOUTH

Today: Summer Sundays beginning today at 4:00 pm. Rising 7th graders are encouraged to attend! We will be picking up trash on Oak Haven Avenue and then playing ultimate Frisbee. Meet at VBC at 4:00 pm. Youth can be picked up at 5:30 pm.

Wednesdays: We will begin a Bible study on the book of Galatians at 6:30 pm in the youth room. We will be focusing on aspects of chapter 1 and 2 of this letter. Youth are encouraged to bring a special letter or card that they have received from a friend or loved one in their life.

Next Sunday: Change of plans from the youth calendar. Summer Sunday event will be Volleyball at the sand courts at Mercer. We will meet at Mercer at 4:00 pm; friends are welcome! We have rescheduled our water day.

FALL BAZAAR 2017

We are in need of men's casual dress shirts or oxford shirts, anything except white. We will be using the fabric to make aprons so a cotton or cotton-blend is preferred. No polyester.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood drive was a success. The Red Cross collected 20 pints of life-saving blood. Thank you all for spreading the word and for donating. Our next drive will be on July 14.

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate Shirley Richard's 80th birthday!! Drop in between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Sunday May 28th in the Activities Building. Your presence is your present, but cards are welcomed. We look forward to seeing you there.

DAVE RAMSEY BOOKS FOR SALE

VBC has new and unused materials left from a financial seminar given several years ago. These will be for sale in the church library at a reduced price. If you are interested in these items, please see Carol Lincoln in the library.

- Dave Ramsey's The Total Money Makeover, 3rd edition, 2009. List price is \$24.99. Our price is \$10.00
- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Membership Kit, 2008 edition. Contains workbook, audio CDs, budgeting forms, financial planning calculators, a hardback book, and more. The 2012 version is listed on Amazon for \$50.00. Our price is \$20.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7

Ice Cream Social/Generation Mix-up
6:45 p.m.

June 11

Children's Day Celebration
10:45 am service One service only

June 14

Burgers and Bingo
6:45 p.m.

June 21

No Wednesday night activities

June 25

Big Enough Breakfast

June 28

Watermelon Social
6:45 p.m.

July 6-8

Church-wide River Rafting Trip
Appletree Campground

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, May 21

8:30 am No Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
4:00 pm Street Clean/Youth Frisbee

Monday, May 22

No Activities

Tuesday, May 23

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 am Media Library
5:30 pm Vineville Brass
5:30 pm Family Supper
6:15 pm Media Library
6:45 pm Church Conference
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Friday, May 26

No Activities

Sunday, May 28

8:30 am Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm New Member Reception
4:00 pm Youth Water Games

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Bill Scarbrough. Next week is Len Hindsman.

REPORT AS OF MAY 14

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	174
8:30 Worship	28
10:45 Worship	212

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering 4/23	\$14,744
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$15,830
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YTD offering through March	\$186,094
YTD expenses through March	\$184,394
2017 Annual Budget	\$925,383

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
Brianna Pylant	Music and Youth Intern
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Rhea Patrick & Sherry Williams	Co-Teachers of Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	John Fry, Jr.	477-1295
Deacon Ministry	Mark Wood	957-7540
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Betty Jones	746-0386
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	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289
WMU	Betty Jones	746-0386
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545