



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Charlotte Bearden, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Prelude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Telemann
Welcome		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	<i>His Eye Is On the Sparrow</i>	arr. Rouse
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Barbara Jones
*Hymn 573	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	VILLE DU HAVRE
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Jason Hall
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	Vineville Blue Grass Ensemble
Scripture Reading	Psalm 46	Jonathan Jones
*Hymn 33	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Feative Prelude on BEACH SPRING</i>	Fedak
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 2:6-10	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	Schram
Sermon	"Change is the Key to Stability"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 510	<i>Lord, Here Am I</i>	BECK
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
Postlude	<i>Voluntary on HARWELL</i>	Ashford

LOOKING FOR SILVER LININGS

Good riddance, Hurricane Irma! As I write this column on Wednesday afternoon, my house has been without power since early Monday morning. On that dire morning my daughter Clara and I decided to make our way to the church to procure ice -- and survey the church property. I thought of my promise to open up the church to those who wanted to take refuge there. It was a promise I could not keep. Huge trees lay across Pierce Avenue. Live power lines lay strewn about us. We parked the truck down the street and rolled our coolers to the gym, which had no power. After checking the rest of the church for damage, we navigated our way back to the truck amidst a scene resembling a war zone.

I returned to the church that night, once the storm had passed beyond us, and realized that on the whole, we were greatly blessed. True, we had no power to the gym, but the remainder of the church suffered no damage, save the loss of its phones and internet access. We can be thankful to God that our facility was spared any major damage.

The incisive book I am teaching in Sunday School – *Why Religion Matters* – asserts that we are the most individualistic and disconnected generation in human history. Huston Smith noted that the advent of the automobile had the effect of splitting families, providing the means by which people could leave far behind the neighborhood in which they were raised. Likewise, Smith noted that television further disconnected families from each other, because in the past people gathered together to make their entertainment amidst community.

I thought of Smith's insight as our family gathered by lantern to play Scrabble to while away the night-time hours. Truth is, we pack games like Scrabble for every vacation, but rarely find time to play. But we found a certain solace and joy in gathering as a family in our dark house to fellowship together. Hurricane Irma provided us with a rare opportunity to unplug from our electronic devices and relish each other's company, an unforeseen silver lining.

I appreciate the many of you who didn't lose power reaching out to those of us who did. Offers of freezer space, bags of ice, the prospect of hot showers and a place to recharge electronic devices were much appreciated by those of us who found ourselves without access to electricity.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Saturday Servants yesterday. For many of us the entire week has provided an opportunity to be of service to others. I only wish I owned a bigger chain saw, so I could be of more service to you who suffered major tree damage in your house and yard. I am sure that in the wake of this storm we would do well to schedule another Saturday Servants date in the near future.

The Fall Bazaar draws nigh, September 29 and 30. Spaghetti tickets are on sale for the Friday evening meal, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under ten. There will also be breakfast and lunch items available for purchase on Saturday morning. The hours of the Fall Bazaar are from 5 pm to 8 pm on Friday and 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Harold McAbee is putting out the call for baked goods, which are much in demand at the Bazaar.

Even as Melissa and I tackle the tasks of cleaning our refrigerators and freezers, ridding our yard of piles of debris, and helping neighbors do the same, I can't help but realize how fortunate we were – are. The storm that hit us had already thrashed Caribbean islands and traveled the length of Florida, sparing us the brunt of its force. I may grumble about losing power, but I think of those who lost everything. As of this writing, I know of no one in Macon who lost their life to the storm – that is the best silver lining of all.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families:

Pat Walters and her family in the death of her brother, Stanley Sams.

Charles and Sherry Burton in the death of Sherry's brother-in-law, Johnny Goss.

Manley and Jean Brown in the death of Manley's foster brother, Danny Jones.

Murry Alford and his family in the death of his daughter, Lee Ann Lamb.

Henry Walsh in the death of his uncle, Bill Walsh.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Paul Odom for his birthday on September 17 by his family.

YOUTH

Today: Youth choir at 4:00 and dinner at 5:00 pm. and devotion at 5:30 pm., and youth can be picked up at 6:15 pm.

Wednesday: Mind your manners! We continue to explore and discuss how our faith in Christ should be reflected in how we treat others, including friends, family, girl/boyfriends, strangers, and on social media!

Next Sunday: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and at 5:30 we will be planning activities for children who attend our Fall Bazaar.

FALL BAZAAR 2017

Bookmarks and flyers are available in your Sunday School department for your distribution. **Calling all cooks:** Please sign up for homemade baked goods that will be sold in our Bakery/Sweet Shop! **Brunswick stew** will be sold at the bazaar but we will not be preselling it. The cost is \$8 per quart and \$30 per gallon. The next **steering committee meeting** will be September 24 at 4:00 pm in Room M-106. **Spaghetti tickets** are available before Sunday services, in between services, and on Wednesday nights.

XYZ

Hymn Quiz! The XYZ meeting will be this Thursday, September 21 at 12:00 noon. Eileen Hoogstad, pianist, and Harold McAbee will be leading a hymn quiz so study up on your hymns and don't miss the fun.

SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS

A Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Event, hosted by National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will be Thursday, November 16. The lunch begins at 12:00 pm. and the cost is \$12. The speaker will be Captain Conna Rowe (Rtd) Army Nurse Corps Vietnam.. At 1:00 there will be a pinning ceremony and a Certificate of Honor presented. The event will be at Mulberry United Methodist Church, 719 Mulberry St. Macon. Casual dress is acceptable. Call Sandra Darby for reservations and to share your information which will be included on the certificate: 747-7529.

JOB LISTING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Vineville Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Minister to Children and Young Families. This person will provide leadership for comprehensive ministry among children ages birth through sixth grade, along with providing direction and guidance to parents and lay leaders. This person will participate fully with church staff, including staff and Children's Team planning, worship leadership, and support of the larger ministry of the church. A commitment of 15-20 hours per week is expected, including Sundays and Wednesdays. Résumés with cover letters may be submitted to Candace Fry, chair, at vbcchildrenresume@gmail.com.

Vineville Baptist Church - 2591 Vineville Ave Corner of Pierce and Vineville Ave
Activities Building



Fall Bazaar
September 29
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Supper \$6 per plate - Eat in or take out
Children 10 and under: \$3
Reservation only: 743-9366 Shops open Friday!

September 30
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Enjoy a variety of shops!
Saturday Cafe:
Breakfast and lunch available

PLEASE HELP ADVERTISE OUR FALL BAZAAR Posters and flyers are available in your Sunday School department for your distribution or you may stop by the church office. Please help us post the flyers around offices and businesses and spread the word to family and friends!

With missions in mind, LET'S MAKE THIS OUR BEST YEAR EVER!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 29-30

Fall Bazaar

October 1

World Communion Sunday

October 13-15

Youth Fall Retreat

October 27-28

Children's Sleepover (1st-6th grades)

November 11

Chill at the Grill at the Kremers

November 19

Thanksgiving Service and Meal

December 3

Hanging of the Green

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, September 17

8:30 am Early Service

9:15 am Media Library

9:35 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship

2:30 pm Handbells

4:00 pm Youth Choir

5:00 pm SNYF

Monday, September 18

VBC Tournament of Champions

Tuesday, September 19

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am Media Library

5:30 pm Vineville Brass

5:30 pm Family Supper

6:00 pm Children's Choirs

6:15 pm Media Library

6:30 pm Family Worship

6:40 pm Mission Friends

6:40 pm Kingdom Kids

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

12:00 pm XYZ Meeting

12:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study

7:00 pm Young Adult Volleyball

Friday, September 22

No Activities

Sunday, September 24

8:30 am Early Service

9:15 am Media Library

9:35 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship

2:30 pm Handbells

4:00 pm Youth Choir

5:00 pm SNYF

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Jim Jones. Next week is Scrap Ladson.

REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 10

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	178
8:30 Worship	36
10:45 Worship	178

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$17,551
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$20,702

YTD Budget Contributions	\$575,841
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OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
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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
Kathy McCray & Sherry Williams	Co-Teachers of Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Mark Wood	957-7540
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
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
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545