



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Chris Inhulsen, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2017
8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Prelude	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	arr. Eckhardt
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>Lobe den Herrn</i>	arr. Brendlinger
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Dan Caldwell
*Hymn 379	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	ASH GROVE
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza		
Children's Sermon		Norma Thompson
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	Vineville Brass
Scripture Reading	Psalm 36:5-12	Dan Caldwell
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 594	<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>	BEFORE THE THRONE
*Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Abide with Me/Bach's B flat Invention</i>	arr. McKechnie
Scripture Reading	Luke 20:27-38	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>The Lowest Place</i>	Lantz III
Sermon	"The Danger of Certitude"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 276	<i>We Belong to Jesus' Body</i>	ONE IN CHRIST

*Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

*Pastoral Benediction

Richard Kremer

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

Boyce

MEANING AND LOVE

Many of you have asked how our vacation fared, and I can sum it up in one word -- "delightful." I played a lot of golf, caught a lot of fish, and enjoyed the company of my children and friends -- and held my grandbaby, Cash -- once I made sure someone else had changed his diaper. Melissa and I enjoyed bobbing up and down in the wonderful waves of the Gulf of Mexico and relaxing most evenings in a warm pool while we beheld the beauty of the heavens. We found the whole experience refreshing in mind, body and soul.

I also pondered a vital question, 'How do we reach the world with the Good News of Christ? What do we have to offer a world filled with people who live with no regard for the spiritual dimension of life, who live as if there is no God?' Two words came to me: meaning and love. That sounds trite and yet, in reality, these two words represent our mission and purpose.

As Christians we have a message to communicate to people: *life really does mean something*. Life really matters. You can go bumping along in existence only for so long, responding simply to the tug of the most shallow instincts, but sooner or later you must ask the question -- why do I live? We have an answer: life means something. To truly live we must realize that life only has value when we live with purpose, ultimately only when we see our existence as an expression of gratitude to God.

Strange to say, but part of what prompted this insight was reading the inscriptions on park benches. The State Park in Gulf Shores is riddled with trails that meander through swamps and marshland, and my dog Jack and I frequented these trails most mornings. Along the trail people have erected benches upon which weary walkers and bikers can find respite. Most of the benches come with dedications, some to departed parents and grandparents, some to friends, some to infants or children who died far too young. All of these dedications revealed a fundamental truth: these lives meant something to others and enriched their lives, even if they were very short. Our message as Christians to a superficial world caught up in shallow passions is that even shallow passions point beyond themselves to a deeper dimension of life. Every pleasure has a divine root. And life is meant to be lived with a purpose that reflects the imprint of fundamental meaning. We as Christians must convey this profound and fundamental truth to a world that lives oblivious to it.

Moreover, we have the love of Christ to offer. Again, that sounds banal and hackneyed, but it expresses a bedrock reality. We must love people enough to care about them, in whatever state or situation they might find themselves. Those very park benches revealed the impact of love. At the heart of our faith is the conviction that Christ has loved us enough to die for us, thus freeing us to love others. But that love cannot be expressed or experienced in the abstract. It must be expressed in concrete action. *We must love people enough to desire to meet people where they are -- not where we are.* That means it is not enough for us to say, 'Hey, the doors of the church are open; y'all come.' Rather we must love enough to exercise our compassion and creativity to create paths that reach people who live in ignorance of God's Kingdom. That is our great challenge. More about this later.

By the way, while I will be continuing our series of lectures on C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* on Wednesday evenings, I am also beginning to offer a new series of lectures on Huston Smith's modern classic, *Why Religion Matters*, during the Sunday School hour. If you are looking for more substantial fare than what is usually offered in the lesson books, come join us.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Mildred Brown and her family in the death of her husband, Russell.

IN MEMORIUM

Russell Brown
July 12, 1933 - August 11, 2017

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Frances Harvey in honor of Ann and Don Young for all the love and blessings they have shared with her.

YOUTH

Today: We are excited that youth choir starts back today for 7th - 12th graders at 4:00 pm in the youth/adult choir room, followed by dinner and devotion! Youth can be picked up at 6:15 pm.

Wednesday: We will embark on our second week of our ENGAGE Bible study at 6:30 pm in the youth room.

Saturday: We need help with childcare for the consignment sale clean-up on Saturday, August 26th from 2:00-6:00 pm. Youth, if you are able to help, please let Angela Blizzard know.

XYZ

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will be Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available from Gene Welch, Gene Robertson, Eddie Wood or Todd Smith. The cost is \$5.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A ladies Bible study will begin on Thursday, September 7 and will continue every Thursday for seven weeks. The group will meet in Room M-107. The study will focus on the book, *Discerning the Voice of God*, by Priscilla Shirer. You may sign up for the study from 12:00-1:00 pm or from 6:30-7:30 pm. Contact Kathy Kendrick or Sandra Higgison if you are interested.

VBC 43RD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Mark your calendar for our VBC 43rd Annual Tournament of Champions. The tournament will be held at Idle Hour Golf and Country Club on Monday, September 18. You can access a registration form on our website or from the church office. Our golf tournament offers a great way to promote your business! If you would like to sponsor a hole, a Hole Sponsor brochure is available in the church office, or you may contact Charles Schaible or Charles Jay,

Don't miss the fun, fellowship and incredible food at the banquet following the tournament. Many incredible prizes will be given away.

FALL BAZAAR 2017

Bookmarks and flyers are available for your distribution. **Calling all cooks:** Please sign up for homemade baked goods that will be sold in our Bakery/Sweet Shop! Please donate men's cotton casual shirts, short or long sleeves (button-up) to make aprons. These have become a popular item as nine aprons have already been sold!

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us Sunday, September 3 for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate Sylvia Kopp's 90th birthday. Drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 pm in the Activities Building. Your presence is your present, but cards are welcomed. We look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU!

Thank you from my heart for the beautiful recognition and gift from last Sunday's services. It has been my pleasure to serve Jesus in ministry for ten years, and I look forward to what God has in store for our future here. I pray that we continue to seek God's guidance and vision for our church and community. Thank you for loving my family and for your encouragement and support.

Sincerely,
Angela Blizzard

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24-26

Fall Children's Consignment Sale

Thursday: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday: 12:00 - 6:00 pm

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

September 8-9

Choir Retreat

September 18

VBC Golf Tournament

Lunch 11:00 am

PGA Golf Tips

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Golf: 12:45 pm

Dinner and Awards Ceremony: 6:30 pm

September 29-30

Fall Bazaar

Friday: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

(Spaghetti Supper and shops are open)

Saturday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am Early Service

9:15 am Media Library

9:35 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship

4:00 pm Youth Choir

5:00 pm SNYF

Monday, August 21

No Activities

Tuesday, August 22

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, August 23

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, August 24

9:00 pm Consignment Sale

Friday, August 25

12:00 pm Consignment Sale

Saturday, August 26

8:00 am Consignment Sale

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am Early Service

9:15 am Media Library

9:35 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship

4:00 pm Youth Choir

5:00 pm SNYF



VBC FALL/WINTER
CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

AUGUST 24-26

THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY: 12:00-6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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www.vinevillebaptist.org/consignment Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards Accepted

VINEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 2591 VINEVILLE AVE. MACON

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/WINTER CONSIGNMENT SALE and the FALL BAZAAR Posters and flyers are available for your distribution. Please help us post the flyers around offices and businesses and spread the word to family and friends!

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.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Respress Carr. Next week is Brenton Easom.

REPORT AS OF AUGUST 13

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	182
8:30 Worship	34
10:45 Worship	196

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$15,364
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$19,302

YTD Budget Contributions	\$510,591
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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
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