



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

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

Prelude	<i>O Worship the King</i>	adapted from M. Haydn
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>The Wayfaring Stranger</i>	arr. Berry
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Russell Honeycutt
*Hymn 38	<i>Thy Word</i>	THY WORD
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Richard Kremer
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Philippians 1:3-11	Benjamin Smith
Ministry of Music	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Anna Jones
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 289	<i>The Servant Song</i>	GILLARD
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Ayre</i>	Telemann
Scripture Reading	Luke 8:19-21	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Expression of Gratitude</i>	Schwoebel
Sermon	"The Family of God"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 640	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	SHOWALTER
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
Postlude	<i>Rigaudon</i>	Campra

GERMANY'S OLDEST CHURCH IS JUST FINE

Comic Chevy Chase always drew a laugh by beginning his pseudo-newscast on *Saturday Night Live* with this proclamation: "Generalissimo Francisco Franco is still dead." I thought it a waste of time to repeat an obvious truth, but I'm beginning to see the wisdom of it. So let me state another obvious truth: Germany's oldest church is just fine.

I wouldn't have known to think otherwise, but a dear friend of mine, who is very conservative politically, asked me if I had heard about an attack on Germany's oldest church by Muslim militants. He had seen a report on *Breitbart News* that a mob of a thousand Muslims had attacked police in Dortmund, Germany, on New Year's Eve, and had set fire to Germany's oldest church. There was even an accompanying video of Islamic militants celebrating the event, shouting "Allahu akbar." Naturally, I investigated and discovered . . . none of the above is true.

There were a host of revelers milling about Dortmund on New Year's Eve, and some of them were Muslim migrants from North Africa. A few fireworks were thrown by revelers, and some of these, but by no means all, came from some of these young migrants. But police in Dortmund say there was no mob, not of Muslims or of anybody else, and no one attacked a church. A stray firework apparently did ignite the netting of a scaffold of Dortmund's historic St. Reinhold Church, but the fire was small – authorities said it lasted all of twelve minutes – and the church was not damaged. Incidentally, St. Reinhold is not Germany's oldest church – that would be the Cathedral of Trier, which was not involved in any incident whatsoever.

As for the video of Islamic militants celebrating the burning of the church, that was actually a film taken of a U.S.-backed force of Syrian Muslims celebrating a military victory over ISIS. I had to explain to my friend that the entire story was fabricated, an example of a journalistic technique perfected by Nazi's propaganda master Joseph Goebbels known as "The Big Lie."

I preached a couple of Sundays ago on the importance of Christians restoring civility to discourse in all arenas of public life. That challenge is made more formidable by the fact that there are forces at work in society trying to foment hatred, outrage and alienation. We have to do our best to counter those forces with light and love. To do so we must exercise diligence and discretion in ascertaining what is true and what is false, serving as a voice of reason and veracity in a world all too ready to believe the worst about everybody, particularly those with whom we disagree. As Proverbs 15:9 says, "The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the minds of fools."

On more mundane matters, we are intending to hold our first night of young adult volleyball this Thursday, September 14, starting at 7 pm. Come, have fun with us – and bring a friend. We plan to play for a couple of hours.

Also, we are still looking for volunteers to help with the Fall Bazaar on September 29 and 30. We are looking for volunteers to work in a variety of capacities, and if you can help in some way, please contact Harold McAbee. Harold is especially putting out the call for baked items, which are always popular with shoppers. And don't forget, tickets are on sale for Martha Goodrich's scrumptious spaghetti dinner on Friday night. There will also be breakfast and lunch items for sale at a café on that Saturday. Spaghetti dinner tickets are \$6 each.

Finally, I remind our young adults that on Wednesday evening, in addition to my series of lectures on *Mere Christianity*, Melissa Kremer is leading a book study on parenting, *Real Kids, Real Faith*. This series will run through the fall. And a women's Bible study is being held on Thursdays, both at noon and in the evening.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Bobbie Jean Harvell.

IN MEMORIUM

Bobbie Jean Harvell
December 30, 1932 - August 31, 2017

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

It's not too late to join the ladies Bible study which begin on September 7 and will continue every Thursday for seven weeks. The group meets in Room M-106. The study is focusing 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.

YOUTH

Today: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and devotion until 6:15 pm.

Wednesday: Join us for our second week of "Mind Your Manners!" Bible study and discussion at 6:30 pm in the youth room.

Servant Saturday: Youth are invited to come volunteer with their families on Saturday, September 16th at 8:30 am. Volunteers will meet at the church!

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! 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! 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.

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.

PATRIOT DAY 9-11

On Patriot Day, 9-11, Cry Out, America invites people to pray in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Patriot Day was created in 2001 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush. This a day, like the National Day of Prayer the first Thursday of May, to cry out to God in unified, public prayer for awakening and revival in America.

Cry Out, America-Macon/Patriot Day Prayer Service
Monday, September 11, 2017
12:00-1 p.m.
International House of Prayer-Macon
4013 Northside Dr.
Macon, GA 31210

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 vbccchildrenresume@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16
Saturday Servants
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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, September 10

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
6:00 pm Church Council
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Monday, September 11

Remembering the families who lost loved ones on 9-11

Tuesday, September 12

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, September 13

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 14

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class
12:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study
7:00 pm Young Adult Volleyball

Friday, September 15

No Activities

Friday, September 16

8:30 am Saturday Servants

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

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!

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Kelly Graves. Next week is Jim Jones.

REPORT AS OF AUGUST 27

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	195
8:30 Worship	40
10:45 Worship	198

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$17,816
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$19,650

YTD Budget Contributions	\$542,290
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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