



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 13, 2019

8:30 AND 10:45 AM

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Prelude	<i>March in D</i>	Handel
Welcome		Leigh Halverson
Music for Meditation	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	arr. Ray
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Peggy Hindsman
*Hymn 624	<i>The Lily of the Valley</i>	SALVATIONIST
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Leigh Halverson
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Through It All</i> Through it all, through it all I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word.	Angela Blizzard
Pastoral Prayer		Melissa Kremer
Scripture Reading	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Jonathan Jones
Connection verse: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith!"		
*Hymn 634	<i>We Walk by Faith</i>	FAITH'S JOURNEY
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE</i>	Vaughan Williams
Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Melissa Kremer

Ministry of Music	<i>A New Song</i>	Phillips
Sermon	“Living Within Life’s Tensions”	Melissa Kremer
Invitation to Discipleship		Melissa Kremer
*Hymn 682	<i>Christ Be My Leader</i>	SLANE
*Benediction		Melissa Kremer
*Postlude	<i>Recessional on OLD HUNDREDTH</i>	Bock

WELCOME, THE REV. MELISSA KREMER

I am privileged to introduce to you this morning our speaker, The Reverend Melissa Kremer. Many of you perhaps only know her as my wife. So I thought it might be helpful for you to know something of her background as she fills our pulpit this morning.

Melissa grew up in West Columbia, South Carolina, the fourth of five children – and the fourth of four girls. She earned a BA from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1980, majoring in English, then earned a Master’s of Divinity Degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1984.

Melissa did a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at University Hospital in Augusta. She did several advanced units of CPE and was named a fellow to the College of Chaplains. She was ordained to the Gospel ministry in April of 1990, by First Baptist Church, Edgefield, South Carolina. She was endorsed as a chaplain by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in in 2008, having been previously endorsed as a chaplain by the Home Mission Board.

Melissa served as a hospital chaplain at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., and in the Carolinas Healthcare System, also in Charlotte.

Over the years, Melissa has also served as a middle school language arts teacher and as the acting editor of the Kentucky Union List of Serials at the University of Louisville. Presently she works in the office of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, serving as the Assistant to the Coordinator for Communications and Resources.

Prior to our coming to Macon, Melissa served as the Associate Pastor of Garden Lakes Baptist Church for five years. She led the church in areas of pastoral care, education, missions and youth ministry. To be honest, I think Garden Lakes Baptist misses her more than they miss me.

On a personal level, I met Melissa in a class on John Calvin, my very last Master’s class and her very first one. I guess we were predestined to meet. We married on December 18, 1982, and we have three children, twins Mark and Stewart, age 28, and Clara, age 26, and one grandson, Cash.

Of course, Melissa serves as a vital, if unpaid, member of our Vineville ministerial team. She chairs the Outreach Committee, helps teach a Sunday School class, and has led a small group for young adults. She serves as unofficial church hostess for many of our functions, partnering with me in more mission enterprises than I can list.

I appreciate her filling in for me this morning. I know that you will be blessed by her message. As for me, I am writing this column on Tuesday, the day prior to my surgery. It is my hope and prayer that I will back leading Bible study next Wednesday, as we begin our study in the book of Acts. I also plan to be in the pulpit next Sunday sharing with you a message that underscores the implications of Jesus’ promise to us, “I Am the Good Shepherd.”

Melissa and I have appreciated the many gestures of support, the promises of prayer and warm well-wishes, as we face the ordeal of recovery from knee replacement yet again. My recuperation will be a long and painful process, but we will continue to draw upon your love and encouragement.

Don’t forget that XYZs is this Thursday, at noon. Baptist Men will have their first meeting of 2019 on Tuesday, February 5. Leigh is hosting a movie night for the children and their parents in the gym on this coming Friday evening, January 18, at 6 pm. The movie for the evening is *Sing*.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Todd and Mary Kay Smith and their family in the death of Todd's grandfather, James Edmond Long.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning were given in honor of Jackie Odom by her family on the occasion of her 90th Birthday.

NEW MEMBER

Cliff Skelton

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us this afternoon between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the Activities Building to celebrate Jackie Odom on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. No gifts, please. Cards/notes are welcome.

PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please make sure to turn it in to Peggy Jones as soon as possible.

YOUTH

Today: Important youth choir rehearsal at 4:00 pm as we continue to prepare for *Amplify* choir festival. Dinner at 5:00 pm, and game night fellowship until 6:30 pm. We will play two new group games and some board games if we have time! Looking forward to catching up! \$50 partici-pant fee for *Amplify*, February 15-17, is due by February 3rd.

Wednesday: Youth Bible study returns! We will be meeting at 6:30 pm to look at our sixth lesson, "Naturally Speaking," from our theology Bible study. We will discuss and explore God's nature and how it applies to our lives directly!

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

Tuesday, January 15

Dinner at Stevi B's, (proceeds benefit the Morning School)
4:00-9:00 pm

Friday, January 18

Family Movie Night
6:00 pm in the Youth Room
Watching *Sing*, popcorn provided

Monday, January 21

Church Office Closed for
MLK Jr. Day

Saturday, January 26

Open jump at Sky Zone
9:30-11:30 am

XYZ

On January 17 at 12:00 pm, XYZ will feature "Country Music Gold--A Tribute to Artists of Yesteryear." Ellen Morgan will perform songs of Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and others from the heyday of country music. With Jimmy Wynne on guitar, the two will end the program with a medley of old-time gospel favorites. Be sure to invite a friend!

MORNING SCHOOL NEEDS

Please donate all empty printer cartridges to our Morning School. You may bring them by the church office.

On February 1, our Morning School will host a silent auction. They would appreciate your contributions of handmade items, homemade baked goods and any items that could be auctioned off.

A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



The QR code can be scanned with your smartphone and it will direct you to the VBC giving website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21

Office Closed for MLK Day

February 5

Men's Fellowship

6:30 pm

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, January 13

- 8:30 AM Early Service
- 9:15 AM Media Library
- 9:35 AM Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Jackie Odom's 90th Birthday (Gym)
- 2:30 PM Handbells
- 3:30 PM Chat & Chill 4-6 grades
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM SNYF

Monday, January 14

- 11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon (Panera)
- 6:00 PM Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 15

- 10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class
- 4:00 PM Dinner at Stevi B's

Wednesday, January 16

- 9:00 AM Media Library
- 5:30 PM Vineville Brass
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:15 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:30 PM Family Worship
- 6:45 PM Mission Friends
- 6:45 PM Children's Musicianship
- 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 17

- 10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class
- 12:00 PM XYZ

Friday, January 18

- 6:00 PM Family Movie Night

Saturday, January 19

- 10:00 AM Youth Basketball

Sunday, January 20

- 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 Respass Carr. Next week is Brenton Easom.

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ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	196
8:30 Worship	34
10:45 Worship	222

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$16,555
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$485
YTD Budget Contributions	\$16,555

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family and Education
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Kathy McCray	Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Kathy Kendrick	256-3468
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Kay Defore	476-9986
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
Missions	Jim Jones	757-8411
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289