



Vineville  
Baptist Church



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 5, 2020

Ann Caldwell, organist

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude	<i>America</i>	arr. Langston
Welcome and Invocation		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	<i>Andante Cantabile</i> Barbara Altman, cello	Lucke
Scripture Reading	John 8:31-38	Leigh Halverson
Hymn 697	This Is My Song	FINLANDIA/AMERICA

Verse 1: This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2: Cello and Organ

Verse 3: This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations;  
Let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth's people draw together,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

Our sovereign God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

Children's Sermon	Leigh Halverson
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\*The Lord's Prayer

*We invite everyone to stand as we all say the Lord's Prayer together.*

Scripture Reading	Romans 13:1-7	Angela Blizzard
Ministry of Music	<i>Ashokan Farewell</i> Barbara Altman, cello	Ungar
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer

Scripture Reading	Revelation 13:1-8	Richard Kremer
Sermon	“ <b>Blessing or Beast?</b> ”	Richard Kremer
Song of Response	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	FREELY
	<p>God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name;  I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name;  And in Jesus’ name I come to you  To share His love like He told me to.</p> <p>He said “Freely, freely, you have received;  Freely, freely give.  Go in My name and because you believe,  Others will know that I live.”</p> <p>All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name,  In earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name;  And in Jesus’ name I come to you  To share His pow’r as He told me to.</p>	
Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	<i>Postlude on OLD HUNDRETH</i>	Bock

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Apple Tree, Here We Come!

We are gearing up for our sixth annual Vineville Baptist River Trip, next weekend, July 9-11. If you are planning to go on the trip, and have not yet contacted Melissa or me, please do so today. As I indicated last week, dealing with the pandemic means that we must make some prior arrangements that are not normally a part of our planning.

This past Tuesday afternoon the US Forest Service finally informed me that Apple Tree Group Camp will be open – solely for us! We will be the only group allowed to camp there next weekend!

We will follow our usual schedule leaving Thursday morning to set up camp and enjoy a relaxing swim in Nantahala Lake, then return to camp for a meal of grilled burgers and hotdogs. On Friday we will raft the river, then return to camp for an evening of steak, corn on the cob, and ice cream! We will break camp on Saturday morning and be back for church on Sunday.

The cost of the trip is \$30 per person for food for the weekend (\$20 for children under 12), and \$20 per person, or \$30 per family, for the campsite. Rafters are supposed to weigh 60 pounds. The cost of the raft is about \$33 per person, and the cost for a “ducky,” (an inflatable open kayak) is about \$40 per person. If you cannot get free from work to go with us on Thursday, you can meet us early on Friday morning and still raft the river. If your children are too young or too small to raft, bring them anyway. Or, if you feel you are too old to raft, you can still come and enjoy the campsite fellowship. The area is full of delights for the young and young at heart.

I NEED TO KNOW YOUR RAFTING INTENTIONS BY TONIGHT! Normally I make an extra drive to the Nantahala Outdoor Center early on the morning of our trip to make reservations, but the NOC must have advance notice of our plans so they can schedule safe and proper transportation for us. So if you know you are going down the river, please let me know whether you plan to take a raft or a single or double ducky. I will finalize our rafting reservation tomorrow morning, Monday, July 6. You don’t have to pay me in advance for rafting, just let me know your plans.

Should you need to borrow a tent, sleeping bag or other equipment, please let Melissa or me know. We can provide whatever camping gear you might need. Note that the state of North Carolina mandates wearing a mask in public, and everyone riding the NOC bus to the put-in site will need to bring a mask. (They will do a temperature check on everyone also.) And everyone helping to prepare our meals at the campsite will be required to wear a mask while doing so.

I am absolutely delighted that the Forest Service is accommodating us. As I say, we will be the only group camping there and the only group using the bathroom and bathhouse. We will make every effort to keep those facilities safe during our use.

On another note, I want to thank all of the volunteers who are helping us each Sunday to make worship possible. I appreciate everyone's effort to make our gathering each Sunday safe for everyone. If you would like to volunteer to help us with Sunday worship responsibilities, please contact Angela or Leigh.

Speaking of Angela and Leigh, both will be out of town this week, taking the church's youth and children to the beach for a retreat. They will return on Wednesday, just in time for the children and youth to head to the mountains with us. Since Leigh is my videographer, there will be no Pick Me Ups or Bible study offered again week. HOWEVER, on our church's Facebook page and on our streaming service you will find moving testimonials from members of our church family. I heartily recommend these to you!

We cannot relax in our efforts to take COVID 19 seriously. Some of those who worshipped with us two weeks ago can't worship with us presently because of later exposure to the virus. And some churches who have opened their doors are already having to close them. We don't want that to be us!

A word from your pastor,  
Dr. Richard Kremer

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Frances Clark and her family in the death of her husband, Cully.

## IN MEMORIUM

Cully Clark  
June 29, 1941 - June 27, 2020

## PLEASE BE AWARE

Congregation members and visitors, please be advised that Facebook live recording and VBC live streaming are occurring slightly before, during, and slightly after the church service. Please take care in the conversations taking place, being aware that during taping/recording, your conversations may be picked up unintentionally. Thank you for being patient as we continue to provide multiple avenues for worship access during this time.

## VBC MORNING SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Morning School is currently taking applications for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. For additional information, contact Tonya Boyd. Email: [tboyd@vbcmacon.org](mailto:tboyd@vbcmacon.org) or phone: 743-9366. Please make your friends and neighbors aware of this enriching opportunity for their children! An application is available online.

## FALL BAZAAR

Remember the Fall Bazaar Gently Used Shoppe as you are finding things to do while at home. We appreciate anything you might like to donate from your attic, closets and drawers! No clothes or books, please. Crosses for yards are available for purchase in various sizes up to 6 ½ feet. Prices range from \$8 to \$22 and proceeds go to the Fall Bazaar. You can view them in M-106.

## CURRENT NEEDS FOR MENTOR'S PROJECT

We have an updated list of needs for Mentor's Project for those who are able to continue to give to this cause, helping feed young families in the Macon area. We have been asked to add sandwich meat, cheese, and bread to the list. The main way to handle these donations would be to drop them off at 1233 Bass Road at June O'Neal's home. She will have coolers outside her house daily to receive these items. Please text Angela once you have dropped off the items so we can be double-sure that June receives them from the coolers. If you have questions, please contact Angela or Jennifer Kelly.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JUNE 28

Budget Offering	\$10,864
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$4,840
YTD Budget Contributions	\$379,565

## A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



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

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Len Hindsman. Next week is John Kelly.

## OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music & Youth
Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family & 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
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