



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Ann Caldwell, organist

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *Oh, Rest in the Lord* Mendelssohn

Welcome and Invocation Leigh Halverson

Music for Meditation *Beautiful Life* Vineville Bluegrass
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.

Hymn Responsive Reading *In This Very Room* led by Angela Blizzard

Leader: In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me,
Congregation: And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us,

Leader: And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,

Congregation: For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Leader: In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world,
**Congregation: And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all
the world,**

Leader: And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom.

Congregation: For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Hymn 635 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* SOJOURNER

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Children's Sermon Leigh Halverson

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 50:14-21 Leigh Halverson
Connection Verse: "Even though you intended to do harm to me,
God intended it for good."

Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Will the Circle Be Unbroken?</i>	Vineville Bluegrass
Scripture Reading	Romans 5:1-5	Richard Kremer
Sermon	“The Blessing of Dashed Dreams”	Richard Kremer
Hymn of Response 591	<i>All That Thrills My Soul</i>	HARRIS
<p>Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by His presence all divine? True and tender, pure and precious, O how blest to call Him mine! All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me; And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.</p> <p>Every hand His need supplying, every good in Him I see; On His strength divine relying, He is all in all to me. All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me; And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.</p> <p>All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me; And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.</p>		
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	<i>If You Will Only Let God Guide You</i>	Bach

FROM THE PASTOR

A Fall Bazaar Update

Harold McAbee, who has faithfully spearheaded our Fall Bazaar for many years, wanted me to share with you an update on items the Bazaar is making available for sale to the public, even though we must necessarily postpone holding the Bazaar until a safer time in the future. Here is Harold in his own words:

“By now you may have heard that the 2020 Fall Bazar has been cancelled and hopefully rescheduled for some time in 2021. Meanwhile, we have tried to determine ways to market goods that can be picked up at the church (or possibly delivered if one is completely shut-in.)

“We are deeply indebted to Barbara and Marvin Snow, Kathy and Don Kendrick, and Sandra and Ted Higgison, for making the canned goods happen from the vine to the jar, to Barbara Snow for the microwave potholders, to Belinda and Violet Stover for wreaths.

“We have canned goods, wooden crosses, microwave potholders, masks and seasonal items available in Room 106. You can see the church staff for assistance or contact Violet Stover (474-2510) or Harold McAbee (719-5614).

“Many thanks for your supporting the Fall Bazaar all these years!”

Harold and Gene Robertson, among others, faithfully continue to collect and store items for the next Bazaar, whenever it might happen. If you have items that you would like to donate, please let him know, or bring them to the church, and we will make sure they are delivered inside. Elsewhere in this week’s *Vision* there will be a list of other items that are presently available for purchase.

As I reflect upon the many changes thrust upon us by the danger of COVID-19, I often turn to history for guidance in crafting plans and policies that will prove helpful. Occasionally I come across an observation from a politician of yore that strikes me as weirdly apropos. See how modern these old words sound to us today:

“When the situation was manageable it was neglected, and now that it is thoroughly out of hand, we apply too late the remedies which then might have effected a cure. There is nothing new in the story. It is as old as the Sibylline books. It falls into that long, dismal catalogue of the fruitlessness of experience and the confirmed unteachability of mankind. Want of foresight, unwillingness to act when action would be simple and effective, lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel until the emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong – these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history.”

No, this is not the observation of some contemporary health expert lamenting our general unreadiness to confront squarely the challenges of this pandemic. These were words addressed to the British House of Commons by Winston Churchill in 1935. Of course it was not the coronavirus that Churchill feared his nation was unprepared to face. Rather, he was worried about his nation's lack of preparedness with regard to Adolph Hitler's growing Nazi menace. His words of warning largely fell on deaf ears. The people of Churchill's day dismissed as fanciful his warning about the dreadful potential of Hitler's war machine in the same way people today dismiss Dr. Anthony Fauci's warnings about the deadly potential of COVID-19. There are days when I fear Churchill is right about humanity: we really are unteachable.

Yet Churchill's words remind us that every generation faces significant challenges that disrupt all that we regard as normal. None of us anticipated how thoroughly COVID-19 would change the landscape of our world. The question is, now that we know the enormity of the challenge facing us, will we display the resiliency of spirit necessary to take the steps, individually and communally, to limit the spread of this deadly disease? We are doing battle against a lethal enemy, and it will not be a short war. It will not be a war easily won. And let us never forget that nearly 200,000 people have lost their lives in this conflict. But just as the British people (among others) eventually summoned the resolve to answer Churchill's clarion call, my hope is that we will likewise pool our common courage and capacity for sacrifice to re-establish a healthy society. Such is my hope and prayer.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

FLOWERS

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

THANK YOU

Gene Lott and family wish to thank the members of VBC for their many acts of kindness during the illness and passing of Bob Lott.

Thank you,
Gene

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 29

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Activities Building

FALL BAZAAR ITEMS FOR SALE ROOM M-106

Canned Goods: Half Pint \$3.50 Pint: \$7.00 Quart \$8.00

2 Scuppernong Jelly	1/2 pint
10 Pear Preserves	pints
20 Fig Preserves	pints
4 Pickled Okra	quarts
9 Hot Dill Pickles	quarts
9 Strawberry Jam	1/2 pint
1 Cinnamon Candy Pickle	pint
1 Peach Jam	1/2 pint

Crosses for sale - priced according to size

Microwave potholders - \$6

Masks - \$3.50

Fall and other seasonal decorative items
are available



CURRENT NEEDS FOR MENTOR'S PROJECT

Mentors Project has now adjusted back to providing grocery items for families. We will collect shelf stable items like **rice, pasta, tuna, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, canned veggies, cans of soup, cereal, breakfast bars**, etc. These items can be donated at the church in the donation bin or at 1233 Bass Road at June O'Neal's home. Please contact Angela or Jennifer Kelly if you have questions.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF AUGUST 30

Budget Offering	\$13,611
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$6,805
YTD Budget Contributions	\$493,994

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 Kevin Clark. Next week is Norma Thompson.

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	Peggy Hindsman	719-5203
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	Claire Whitaker	955-7323
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289