



Wineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Alice Ridgeway, organist; Jane Self, pianist

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude	<i>Immortal Invisible</i>	Transcribed Ridgeway
Welcome and Invocation		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	<i>This Is My Father's World</i> Alice Ridgeway and Jane Self	arr. Shackley
Scripture Reading	Luke 14:28-29	Mike Corrigan
*Hymn 19	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> <i>Children are invited to come forward to organ-side on the final stanza.</i>	ELLACOMME
Children's Sermon		Richard Kremer
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Where He Leads Me</i>	Mary Catherine O'Neal
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 625	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	PROMISES
Scripture Reading	Philemon 1:23-24; 2 Timothy 4:6-11	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>To Love Our God</i>	Hayes
Sermon	"The Parable of Demas"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn 588	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	EL NATHAN
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	<i>Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart</i>	Transcribed Ridgeway

FROM THE PASTOR

Angela Needs a Break

Angela Blizzard, our Minister of Music and Youth, has requested that she be allowed to take several weeks of sabbatical from church duties, effective immediately. This sabbatical has been approved by the church's Personnel and Finance Committees. She is stepping back from all church responsibilities until at least Monday, October 25.

The reasons for this sabbatical are several. As many of you know, Angela has been struggling with heart arrhythmia for much of this year, and trying to find the proper medication and its proper dosage has been difficult. Moreover, the strain of ministry during this pandemic has drained her physically and emotionally. She had the courage to admit to herself and to us that she needed to take an extended rest and try to recover her physical, emotional, and spiritual equilibrium. I know that you join me in encouraging her in this enterprise. We pray that this time away from church duties will restore her physical strength and ministerial joy.

Meanwhile, several volunteer youth leaders have pledged to keep the youth program going, with Melissa and me assisting as we can. We are hoping to hire a trained music minister to lead our adult choir rehearsals and music worship on Sundays. However, we are most grateful to Mary Kay Smith for leading us in musical worship today, and grateful to Mary Catherine O'Neal for stepping in last Sunday to direct our choir and lead our congregation in song. Please bear with us as we seek to address the ministry needs of the church as quickly as possible. John Fry, Sr. has stepped forward to lead the Vineville Brass during this interim period, and we are indebted to him. There may be other needs that will require willing volunteers, so be prepared to serve if asked.

Remember that in addition to our youth and children's activities on Wednesday night, and my Bible study on II Samuel, Barbara Jones is leading a Bible study on "Sacred Parenting." This study begins at 6:15 p.m. in room M-204.

Len Hindsman is still looking for volunteers to help him host visitors who tour our church facility on Saturday, October 9, as part of Macon's "Architectural Ramble," which is sponsored by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. The hours of the Saturday Ramble are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Len is planning to be present at the church throughout the tour, but we are looking for volunteers willing to serve as co-hosts on that day. We plan to break the day into two-hour shifts, and we desire to have four folks helping Len during each shift.

The Fall Bazaar, scheduled for Friday night, October 1, and Saturday, October 2, looms close on the horizon. Harold McAbee has put out the call for volunteers who could serve on one or both of those days. Every volunteer's help is welcome. Harold is also looking for homemade baked goods, which are extremely popular during the Bazaar. If you can provide baked goodies for the Bazaar, let Harold know that, too. We will also need volunteers in helping set up the gym for the Bazaar next Wednesday night, September 29.

Don't forget that tickets are already on sale for the spaghetti dinner that will be served on the Friday night of the Bazaar, October 1. The tickets are \$7 per plate for adults, \$4 for children 10 years old and under. You can access this meal either in-person or by take-out. However, the meal is only available to those who buy tickets in advance – no walk-up purchases! By the way, the hours for the Fall Bazaar are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a Saturday café with breakfast and lunch items available.

The Red Cross Blood Drive has changed its Vineville Baptist date and time. Now the Red Cross will be here from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 21. You can go online to register. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Kelly.

Incidentally, the First Sunday Fellowship, scheduled for Sunday, October 3, at 9:15 a.m., has been postponed. Given the threat of the pandemic, such a large gathering in the guest reception room didn't seem wise at present.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

First Sunday Fellowship

You are invited to an informal coffee and donut fellowship in the guest reception room on Sunday, October 3rd, at 9:15am, before Sunday School to catch up with other congregation members. Come chat!



The First Sunday Fellowship has been postponed until November 7.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Fay McConnell's 93rd birthday on September 25 by her loving family.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families:

Peggy Jones and her mother, Huldah Lee, and their family in the death of Peggy's husband, Eddie.

The family of Faye Johnson.

Congratulations to Ryal and Brittany Smith
and big brother, Dwight, on
the birth of their son/brother, Fox Dean Smith,
born September 22, 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Place your order for
Brunswick Stew!
Quart: \$9.00
Gallon: \$32.00

We appreciate donations of
homemade baked goods!
*Cake boxes are available
for your use.*

Postcards advertising the
event are available if you would
like to hand them out to
businesses, friends and family!

Tickets for the **Fall Bazaar
Supper** are now available. See
Ginny in the church office to
reserve yours!



2021 Fall Bazaar Spaghetti Supper

Friday, October 1
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Adults: \$7.00
Ten and under: \$4.00

Eat in or take out
Shops will be open

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, October 21, 2021

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Visit redcrossblood.org to
schedule an appointment and
enter **vbc**. Give blood, give life!

SINGLES Bible Study

Our Singles Bible Study will
begin October 7 and will meet
every other Thursday at 7:30 pm.
We will review *Discerning the
Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer.
Please contact Leigh Halverson if
you are interested in participating
so books can be ordered.

5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST OCTOBER 31, 2021

Youth and Adult sunday school classes are
invited to breakfast and Bible Study in the
gym. Breakfast will begin at 9:15.
Bible Study led by Kathy Kendrick.

**Preschoolers and children will gather for their own
special breakfast and Bible Study in room S-103.**

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Jerry Bentley. Next week is Jim Jones.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 19

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$12,299
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$3,283
YTD Budget Contributions	\$528,518

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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	Mark Wood	957-7540
Deacon Ministry	John Kelly	957-3819
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Kay Defore	476-9986
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
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Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289