



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 17, 2023

Ann Caldwell, organist; Alice Ridgeway, pianist

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Prelude	<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine</i>	arr. Hebble
Welcome and Invocation		Cliff Skelton
Music for Meditation	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>	Angela Blizzard
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Kent Russell
*Hymn 668	<i>God of the Fertile Fields</i>	AMERICA
	Children are invited to come forward to the organ-side on the final stanza.	
Children's Sermon		
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>He Loved Me</i> Narration: Harold McAbee	Fettke
Scripture Reading	John 15:1-8	Pam Wacter
*Hymn 509	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	TRUST AND OBEY
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Variations on FOUNDATION</i>	Martin
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 3:13-22	Keithen Tucker
Sermon	Are You Involved or Committed?	Keithen Tucker
*Hymn of Response 482	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	HERE I AM, LORD

*Celebrations and Concerns

Keithen Tucker

*Pastoral Benediction

Keithen Tucker

*Postlude

Prelude on FOUNDATION

Young

I've been attending church for 73 years. My parents were members of Cross Keys Baptist Church in east Macon, so my sister and I began on the cradle roll. Several years later, there were three more siblings. We attended all activities at church – G.A.s, R.A.s, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Supper, Choir, and Training Union (small groups on Sunday night).

One Sunday when I was 10 and listening to the sermon, I felt God tugging on my heart. My sister was experiencing the same feelings. We both told our mother that we wanted to be baptized. One Sunday soon thereafter, when the junior choir sang, we both walked forward to make our public professions of faith. I felt like a burden had been lifted, and my spiritual journey began.

Fast forward to my young married life... Ann Young was my Sunday School teacher and spiritual mentor. As I grew in my Christian walk, I realized my spiritual gifts were service and helping others. My grandmother and mother were constantly helping others, and I thought it was in my DNA. The Holy Spirit has always led me to where I needed to be. He has comforted me during times of disappointment, sadness, death, and loss. God's will is not always our will, so we just continue to trust Him.

Mildred Brown had been serving as the chairman of the Wednesday night Hospitality Team. When she decided to give this up, I assumed the job, serving for 6 years. I continue serving with Betty Glover's Group II. It's fun to help and serve others.

God wants us to cheerfully tithe 10% - our money, time, and talents. Can't we live on 90% of our income? As for time, we all have 24 hours in each day – 2 hours and 40 minutes are his. How are you spending your time? As for talents, I couldn't play a musical instrument, sing or speak publicly, but I knew I could cook, and June Smith was my mentor. Hundreds of cakes later, I continue to share my talent with the Bazaar, Morning School, and families during funerals. How are you sharing your gift(s)?

Thank you, Father, for your faithfulness, love, grace, and mercy!

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. ‘Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’” Malachi 3:10

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7

~ Martha Goodrich

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:15pm
(following supper)



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

FALL BAZAAR!
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**IMPORTANT!
INFORMATION!**



Important Dates:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:15pm-7:00pm

-All hands-on-deck to help move donated items to the gymnasium

Friday, October 20, 2023

-Spaghetti Supper

-5:00pm-8:00pm, Shopping

Saturday, October 21, 2023

-Breakfast and Lunch Cafe

-8:00am-1:00pm, Shopping

- Gently used items 1/2 off on Saturday

Item Needs:



STURDY
Empty Boxes



CLEAN
Plastic bags (no holes)



PACKING
PAPER



BAKED GOODS
Contact Mary Catherine O'Neal

Pre-Ticket Items:

Details coming soon



Volunteer Needs:

- **Prayers** pray before, during, and after the event. Be purposeful in your prayers: for the interactions that we will have, for the physical needs of those in our community to be met, for us to raise significant funds, for God to move in a mighty way in and through this Fall Bazaar.
- **Greeters** come armed with a smile and engage people as they come and go.
- **Circulators** walk around and help take shoppers items to holding or get them shopping baskets as needed.
- **Area Champions** are responsible for a specific area, keeping it neat and tidy throughout your service time.
- **Holding** team members keep up with shopper items while they continue shopping and get items back to them when they are ready to check out.
- **Cashiers** check shoppers out and handle payments.
- **Baggers** help wrap and box items that are purchased.
- **Haulers** help take purchases to the car for shoppers.
- **Food Crew** helps keep the eating area clean for future diners, engages guests, assists chefs as requested.

CONTACT ERIC BLIZZARD OR KENT RUSSELL IF YOU CAN HELP!

Open Prayer
11:00am-11:30am
1st & 3rd Thursdays
Vineville Baptist Church Sanctuary



XYZ Fellowship, Thursday at Noon, Activities Building
Program following lunch is Jonathan and Maria Fisher

"Thank You" Notes

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in hosting our wedding shower as well as everyone who came and shared their love and support. We are very thankful for our supportive church family.

Love, Jonathan and Rebecca

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, goodies, called, and visited for Charles' birthday this past week. It was a joy to see him celebrated and loved.

Love, Pat and Charles

18-24 Group invites
you to a worship
service!**



**THIS
EVENING
5:00pm
Vineville Baptist
Activities Building

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The Deacon of the week is
Cliff Skelton, 478-974-5846
Next week is Michael O'Neal.

This Week at Vineville

Sunday, September 17
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
5:00 pm 1824 Worship Service

Monday, September 18
No scheduled activities

Tuesday, September 19
10:00 am Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 20
9:00 am Media Library
5:30 pm Brass
5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner
6:00 pm Preschool Mission Friends
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
6:15 pm Elementary Choir
6:15 pm Church Conference
6:30 pm Preschool Choir
7:15 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, September 21
10:00 am Exercise Class
11:00 am Open Prayer
12:00 pm XYZ

Friday, September 22
No scheduled activities

Saturday, September 23
8am Bazaar organization/pricing
in the ballroom

We want to connect with you!

 The QR code can be scanned with your smartphone, and it will direct you to a virtual connection card. We'd love to hear from you!

Report as of September 10, 2023

STEWARDSHIP
Budget Offering \$7,807.00
Following Christ 2 (YTD) \$4,639.26
YTD Budget Contributions \$420,481.45

A Convenient Option for Giving



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

A **Lay Leadership** list will be posted here as a reminder of who is serving on various committees. The list will be rotated every Sunday.

Morning School Advisory Board
Norma Thompson Chair
Mary Catherine O'Neal VBMS Director
Martha Goodrich Member
Samantha Kitchens Member
Tate Kitchens Member
Alice Ridgeway Member
Leigh Halverson Minister/Supervisor

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Keithen Tucker Interim Pastor
Rev. Angela Blizzard Minister of Music
Rev. Leigh Halverson Minister of Family Life and Education

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Fellowship Meal

\$4.00/child
\$7.00/12+
\$20.00/Family Max

BBQ Pork Chops
Potatoes Au Gratin
Lima Beans, Biscuit
Dessert

