

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 21, 2019 8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Ann Caldwell, organist; Chris Inhulsen, pianist Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude Praise Him! Praise Him! arr. Allen

Welcome Angela Blizzard

Music for Meditation We Cannot Measure How You Heal YE BANKS AND BRAES
Chris Inhulsen, recorder

All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.

Invocation Don Kendrick

\*Hymn 337 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA Children are invited to gather at the front after the last stanza.

Children's Sermon Kevin Clark

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music People Need the Lord Mary Catherine O'Neal

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Camille Fry

Pastoral Prayer Richard Kremer

\*Hymn 278 We Are Travelers on a Journey BEACH SPRING

Offertory Prayer Angela Blizzard

Offertory 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/Debussy's Claire de Lune arr. McKechnie

Scripture Reading John 11:20-27;33-35 Richard Kremer

Ministry of Music You Think of Me Mock/Nichols

Sermon	"Behrman's Masterpiece"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response	267 Blest Be the Tie	MANNA
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction	on	Richard Kremer
*Postlude	Toccata in F	Buxtehude

## "SIMPLY AMAZING"

I can sum up Vineville Baptist's Fifth Annual River Trip in two words: "simply amazing." We left Macon under cloudy skies and in the face of a forecast that predicted copious amounts of rain. In fact, Melissa had found a weather app predicting that heavy rain would fall at 2 pm and 5 pm on Thursday afternoon when we were trying to set up camp. But not a drop fell. We had a bit of a shower in the wee hours of Friday morning, while we were sleeping, and we were awakened by a sonic boom of thunder about 4:30 am on Saturday morning, but the rain it heralded stopped by the time I arose at 6 to start cooking breakfast. In between those rains, we enjoyed beautiful weather and temperatures fifteen degrees cooler than in Macon.

What makes the camping/river trip so amazing are the shared experiences that bind different generations together. Several campers noted that they generally had little contact with the children and youth of the church. But on this trip we are all thrown together as we prepared and consumed meals, as we chatted and sang and solved riddles around the campfire, and as we swapped stories of our trip down Nantahala Falls. As I noted last Sunday, no one fell out of their craft going over the falls, though rising seventh-grader Charlie Whitehead, who intrepidly piloted his own funyak down the river and over the falls, almost capsized – but he skill-fully righted himself at the last moment.

We ate well: grilled burgers and hotdogs, steaks cooked to order, corn on the cob, mac and cheese, topped off with four different flavors of ice cream – in addition to all manner of snacks. Though we were all pretty much in constant motion, no one lost any weight on this trip. We enjoyed one hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, grits and all of the bacon you could eat – plus gourmet coffee, brewed by our own baristas.

But the best part of the trip was the way relationships were formed and strengthened over the course of the weekend. As I noted Sunday, we discovered a new singing group, "The Campfire Girls," who will need to share their talents with the whole church some Sunday soon. Cliff Skelton played his mandolin; Alisa Rehberg played her dobro; and to their accompaniment we sang hymns, bluegrass favorites, gospel classics and a few popular tunes. The youth treated us to songs from their choral repertoire, in some cases replete with dance moves. I have challenged them to come down the aisle doing some of those moves during a future service.

Jim Jones created huge fires for the group to enjoy. Truly, there is nothing more mesmerizing than gazing into a huge campfire on a gorgeous summer night. Quiet but meaningful conversations can take place around a campfire when they don't seem to happen anywhere else. In short, the whole trip was a pure delight.

Of course, the entire congregation is invited to enjoy a meal outdoors this Wednesday, July 24, as we gather for a picnic at Amerson Park, starting at 5:30 pm. We will be meeting under the pavilion next to the playground. The place is ridiculously easy to find, not far from the church. Go down Pierce Avenue from the church, cross Riverside as if you are going onto I-75 north, turning right just before you start to enter the interstate ramp. (There will be a sign.) Then go straight, and the road will lead you into Amerson Park. Once you enter the park, I will have someone stationed to point you in the correct direction. Should rain threaten us that night, we will move the event back to the church.

On the following Wednesday night, July 31, we will enjoy a potluck supper and engage in a back-to-school prayer service in behalf of our students, teachers and administrators, many of whom will start school the next day. I will cook the main course, grilled pork loin, and I invite you to bring the remainder of the meal.

A word from your pastor, Dr. Richard Kremer

#### **SYMPATHY**

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families:
Nancy Harmon and her family in the death of her mother, Betty Rose Young.
Shannon and Eva Hutcherson and her family in the death of her mother, Janet Stewart.
Pauline Smith and her family in the death of her son-in-law, Neil Norman.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Betty Rose Young June 20, 1927 - June 12, 2019

## NEW MEMBER

Sarah Roberts

#### YOUTH

**Today:** Volleyball at the Mercer Sand Courts near football stadium. 4:00-5:30 pm, meeting at Mercer. Water will be provided. Sand will be hot, so if you need to bring socks, please do!

Wednesday: Church Picnic at Amerson River Park at 5:30 pm! Youth, friends, and families are welcome!

**Lock-in:** Friday, July 26th at 8pm through Saturday at 7am. Youth should bring \$5 and socks for bowling,. Pizza dinner will be provided. Bring a change of clothes, as well as a 70's outfit for our late night dance/ice cream/energizer party. Rising seventh graders are welcome!

**Prayer Journey:** Sunday, August 4th, 3:00 pm. We will travel to our youth's schools throughout Macon and pray for the upcoming school year!

### CHAT AND CHILL WITH MS. LEIGH AT MACON SWIRL

New Schedule: 1st Sunday – Kindergarteners at 4:00 pm 2nd Sunday – 1st-3rd graders at 4:00 pm 3rd Sunday – 4th-6th graders at 4:00 pm

#### PLEASE HELP

If you have taken home memorial flowers from the sanctuary and accidentally took the decorative vase/urn, please return it to the church office!

#### FALL BAZAAR

Our 2019 Fall Bazaar will be Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12. Mark your calendar! Please continue to contribute to the Fall Bazaar as you clean out and downsize. There is always someone interested in something you no longer are! Those things we think are least likely to sell are sometimes the first to go out the doors of the Bazaar.

Thank you, Harold McAbee



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 24

Church-wide Picnic at Amerson Park

July 31

Pot Luck Supper and Back-to-School Prayer

August 4

Promotion Sunday

August 7

Youth and Children's Summer Testimonies



### THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE.

Sunday, July 21

8:30 AM Early Service

9:15 AM Media Library

9:35 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

4:00 PM Youth Volleyball

4:00 PM Chat & Chill 4th -6th

Monday, July 22

No Activities

Tuesday, July 23

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 AM Media Library

5:30 PM Vineville Brass

5:30 PM Picnic/Amerson Park

7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 25

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

3:00 PM Blood Drive

Friday, July 26

8:00 PM Youth Lock-in

Saturday, July 27

No Activities

Sunday, July 28

8:30 AM Early Service

9:15 AM Media Library

9:35 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

# 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 Chuck Whitehead.

# LIVE STREAMING

If you are unable to attend our worship services, you can stream them live from our website: www.vbcmacon.org.

# REPORT AS OF JULY 21

## **ATTENDANCE**

STEWARDSHIP	
10:45 Worship	166
8:30 Worship	43
Bible Study	185

Budget Offering \$19,075 Following Christ 2 (YTD) \$6,942

YTD Budget Contributions \$436,080

# **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	4/4-6333
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	<b>Todd Smith</b>	474-6333
Missions	Jim Jones	757-8411
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289