



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 20, 2019

8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Ann Caldwell, organist; Jane Self, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>	arr. Busarow
Welcome		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	<i>Slane</i>	arr. Norris
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Russell Honeycutt
*Hymn 377	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i>	GREEN
Children are invited to gather at the front after the last stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Norma Thompson
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Mary Kay Smith
Scripture Reading	Psalm 62:5-8	Russell Honeycutt
Connection Verse: "On God my salvation and my glory rest...my refuge is in God."		
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 607	<i>I Will Sing the Wondrous Story</i>	HYFRYDOL
Offertory Prayer		Alan Parker
Offertory	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>	arr. Ashford
Scripture Reading	John 20:24-29	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	arr. Carter
Sermon	"The Great Sin of Thomas"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 499	<i>I Surrender All</i>	SURRENDER
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	<i>Trumpet Processional</i>	Fedak

“THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN”

Yes, if you haven't noticed, the Operation Christmas Child boxes have arrived, and you can find them in church hallways. Please take one (or more) and fill it appropriately. We will plan to present and dedicate these boxes on Sunday, November 17, during our “blessing of the boxes” ceremony, so please return them to the church in a timely manner. If you desire, you can contribute items to the children's department so they can make use of them in filling shoeboxes for their annual “Packing Party,” which will happen Wednesday, November 13. You will find donation boxes designated for this purpose located throughout the church.

Certain items are recommended for inclusion, others are not. Toy guns and items related to warfare are not suitable. Samaritan's Purse requests that food items not be included. Samaritan's Purse has also nixed toothpaste as an acceptable item. Mini soccer balls, or deflated soccer balls with pumps, short-sleeved shirts, particularly in small sizes, and small flashlights with batteries included are all prized gifts. So, too, are good quality plastic plates, bowls or cups, and bar soap, accompanied by soap dishes. And you can never go wrong by providing school supplies.

Note also that about this time of year needy families start calling us to sign up for a Thanksgiving box of food. The last couple of years we have tried to collect food enough for 15-20 boxes. We will soon put tables out across from the church office door to collect for this purpose. If you can provide canned goods or other items, I will provide the turkeys.

Also, several of you have asked if I will be providing a meal for the homeless this Thanksgiving. The answer is, Yes. We will plan to serve the meal on Monday, November 25. If you would like to be involved in this project, let me know. I will fry a couple of turkeys for the occasion, but we have learned that whatever we bring is appreciated -- and consumed. A couple of you have said you will already be traveling by that day, but if you want to bring food by on that Sunday, November 24, I can take care of it.

Don't forget, that particular Sunday, November 24, is a special day in the life of our church. We will have one morning worship service that day, and we are labeling it “Membership Appreciation Day.” We are encouraging everyone to make worship attendance that Sunday a priority. Sunday School classes, contact all of your members for that Sunday, and deacons, invite the members of your flock. Of course we will punctuate that Sunday with a potluck supper. The church will provide fried chicken. We invite you to provide the remainder of the meal, enough for your family and for one or two others.

I announced in last week's Vision the theme of this year's Advent booklet: “Favorite Christmas Characters.” You are invited to write about some Christmas character – Biblical, cinematic, or literary – who conveys the spirit and meaning of the Christmas season to you. We will need your entry by no later than Wednesday, November 20, but Melissa Kremer and Jody Thornton, who produce the Advent booklet, would love to have your entries even earlier.

Let me just say a word of belated thanks to Ann Caldwell, Don Kendrick, Angela Blizzard, and to the choir and brass for their assistance in making “Mozart Sunday” such a delight. I've already been asked when we will do a “Bach” or “Beethoven” Sunday. No time soon.

Finally, as you start your holiday shopping, keep this in mind: those of you who shop on Amazon can designate the church as a recipient of an Amazon donation for each purchase you make on Amazon. For this to happen, you will need to make your purchase through AmazonSmile and designate the church as a beneficiary. We receive one-half of one percent of each purchase. Every little bit helps!

Finally, we will soon be crafting our 2020 budget. If you are a committee chair who has not provided me with your budget ambitions for next year, please do so immediately.

A Word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mary Anne Edge by her husband, John Edge, and son, Gary Clinton.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Brenda Songer and her family in the death of her husband, Jerry.

IN MEMORIUM

Jerry Songer
January 27, 1936 - October 10, 2019

YOUTH

Today: No youth evening activities.

Wednesday: Youth Bible Study in youth room at 6:30 pm. We will focus on the spiritual discipline of “study.”

Next Sunday: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and Oak Haven outreach/service until 6:30 pm.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will be Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Ethiel Garlington, Executive Director of Historic Macon Foundation. Prior to joining Historic Macon, Ethiel served as the Director of Preservation Field Services for Knox Heritage since 2008. During his tenure at Knox Heritage, he founded the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance (ETPA) and provided preservation and economic development services to the Alliance's sixteen county region. Ethiel structured a partnership among the Department of Energy, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Tennessee Historical Commission and local officials to enable private developers to invest \$4.5 million to save endangered properties from the Manhattan Project to be reused as an assisted living facility. Garlington holds an undergraduate degree from Presbyterian College and a Master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Georgia. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Beall's Hill with their son Conway.

CHAT AND CHILL UPDATE

In an effort to be prepared for the upcoming Christmas Play there will be no Chat and Chill for the remainder of 2019. Chat & Chill will resume in January.

A PRESENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We will be welcoming trick-or-treaters to Vineville Baptist Church on October 31 with candy, prize gift baskets, a fun tunnel as well as information about our church. Please consider donating candy or a gift basket for this outreach event.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

There are opportunities to serve in 8:30 and 10:45 worship services, 9:30 Sunday School, and Wednesday nights with babies through kindergarten. Please contact Leigh Halverson for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



GOOD NEWS! GREAT JOY! Help reach millions of children, some who live in the most remote areas of the world! Your special toys will be included with the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pack your box(es) for a boy or a girl and be a part of sharing Christmas joy. **The deadline to turn in the boxes is November 10.** Children's packing party on November 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27

All Saints' Sunday

October 31

Halloween Outreach

November 1-2

Children's Sleepover

November 16

Chill at the Grill

Kremers at 3:00 pm

November 24

Membership Celebration

Thanksgiving Service and

Potluck lunch

(One service at 10:45 am)

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, October 20

8:30 AM Early Service

9:15 AM Media Library

9:35 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

2:30 PM Handbells

Monday, October 21

No Activities

Tuesday, October 22

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 AM Media Library

5:30 PM Vineville Brass

5:30 PM Family Supper

6:00 PM Preschool &
Children's Choir

6:30 PM Family Worship

6:30 PM Youth Bible Study

6:40 PM Mission Friends & Kingdom
Kids

7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Friday, October 25

No Activities

Saturday, October 26

No Activities

Sunday, October 27

8:30 AM Early Service

9:15 AM Media Library

9:35 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship/All Saints' Day

12:00 PM Church Council

2:30 PM Handbells

4:00 PM Youth Choir

4:00 PM Children's Play Rehearsal

5:00 PM Youth-Oak Haven Outreach

6:00 PM Adult Play Rehearsal

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 Mike Sharpe. Next week is Todd Smith.

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 OCTOBER 6

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	158
8:30 Worship	34
10:45 Worship	190

STEWARDSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 6

Budget Offering	\$15,825
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$11,411

YTD Budget Contributions \$601,095

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
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289