

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Alice Ridgeway, pianist  
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 2, 2015 AT 8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Angela Blizzard

Music for Meditation

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

arr. Oyer

Invocation

John Fry, Jr.

\*Hymn 559

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WARRENTON

Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza

Children's Sermon

Russell Honeycutt

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

*Beautiful Savior*

Ladies Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Jeff Allred

Pastoral Prayer

Jeff Allred

\*Hymn 471

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

Offertory Prayer

Angela Blizzard

Offertory

*God's Time Is Best*

Bach

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

Craig McMahan

Ministry of Music

*And the Father Will Dance*

Hayes

Sermon

"What Is the Good News?"

Craig McMahan

\*Hymn of Response 41

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

Benediction

Craig McMahan

Postlude

*If You Will Only Let God Guide You*

Bach

## WELCOME CRAIG MCMAHAN

We welcome Dr. Craig McMahan to our pulpit this morning. Craig presently serves as the University Minister and Dean of the Chapel at Mercer University. He is also an assistant professor in the Columbus Roberts Department of Christianity.

In 2007 Dr. McMahan established the Mercer on Mission program, a program that sends Mercer students into developing countries in partnership with faith-based mission agencies to engage in humanitarian aid projects. In 2009 and 2010 Mercer on Mission's prosthetic program was featured at the Clinton Global Initiatives University meetings. Since the beginning of Mercer on Mission Dr. McMahan has directed development projects in more than thirty Third World countries. (In fact, when I first contacted him early this summer about preaching this weekend, he was in Vietnam!) Dr. McMahan also plays an integral role in planning a variety of other events, including weekly chapel and the Mercer Commons annual Beloved Community Symposium, which develops models of racial reconciliation.

Before coming to Mercer University in July of 2005, Dr. McMahan pastored churches in Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama and North Carolina. He initiated two church-based programs that provided educational opportunities to the disadvantaged. One of them, Open Doors, assisted single, homeless mothers in obtaining their Graduate Equivalency Degree (GRE), while the other, Rainbow Kids, provided tutoring and mentoring support for struggling elementary school students. Dr. McMahan also served for ten years on the Ethics Committee of the Alamance Regional Medical Center. He has been a regular guest lecturer in medical ethics at national conferences and on university campuses. He has also been active in building projects with Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center for Housing.

Dr. McMahan graduated with honors from Taylor University in Indiana, then earned an M.Div and a Ph.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Dr. McMahan loves sports and has coached football on the high school and middle school level. In fact, our friendship goes back to our seminary days in Louisville when we covered the outfield for the Highland Baptist Church softball team. I know you will extend to him your warmest hospitality. Next Sunday, Dr. Frank Broome, Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, will deliver our morning message.

Wow! Our Potluck Wednesday night supper and Haiti Mission Team report made for a marvelous night of worship and fellowship. I thank everyone who brought food and/or a hearty appetite for our communal potluck meal. The reports from our Haiti Mission Team were heartfelt, moving and instructive. Last week, our Wednesday attendance was such that we almost ran out of food. This week, we almost ran out of plates! These are wonderful problems to have. It was a portrait of Vineville Baptist at her best.

Don't forget that this coming Wednesday night (and the next), Dr. Wil Platt will be sharing insights into the work and world of C. S. Lewis. He will shed explanatory light on the movie that we enjoyed the last couple of weeks, *"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,"* and perhaps contextualize it within Lewis' overall series of children's novels, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. I will begin a Bible study in the Gospel of Matthew starting Wednesday August 26th.

I remind our young adults beyond college age, that Donna Wood and Melissa Kremer are beginning a new Sunday School class, starting Sunday, August 23rd. Of course, college students are invited to attend the new college class taught by Candace and John Fry Jr.. Remember also that we need volunteers for the upcoming Fall Children's Consignment Sale, August 27-29, and the Fall Bazaar, October 2-3.

A word from your (vacationing) pastor,  
Dr. Richard Kremer

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Jim and Frances McNorrill and their family in the death of Jim's nephew, Robert Dimmick, Jr.

## VBC FALL/WINTER CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Our 2015 Fall/Winter Consignment Sale will be August 27-29. The public is invited to attend Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday from 12:00-6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. As always our Activities Building will be jam-packed with incredible inventory and great prices, from quality children's clothing to furniture, toys, maternity, and more! There is so much to see and so much to save! You may pay with cash, personal checks or credit card. Volunteers will be needed so contact Candace Fry if you would like to help with the event.

## FALL BAZAAR

Our Fall Bazaar is October 2-3. We need donations of jewelry and any other donations except clothes, shoes, or books. We specifically need small appliances and kitchenware. If you have sewing skills and would like to help, please contact Violet Stover, 474-2510, or the church office. There are sign-up sheets located on the table outside the Guest Reception Room and the church office which lists many ways that you can help with the bazaar. The next steering committee meeting will be August 16 at 3:30 p.m. in Room M-106.

## XYZ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Movie and Pizza Party** will be Tuesday, August 11 in the Activities Building at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$5 and the deadline for purchasing a ticket is today.

**Macon Little Theatre:** XYZ will be attending the production of *On Golden Pond* at the Macon Little Theatre on September 6. The cost is \$12 and at we will meet at the theatre at 2:15.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** XYZ will meet as a group at 5:00 in Room M-106 for the Fall Bazaar spaghetti supper on October 2. Following the supper we will enjoy shopping in the Activities Building The cost is \$6.

**Back to Pigeon Forge!** Sign-up has begun for our Pigeon Forge trip, November 10-12. Experience Christmas in the Smokies! Stay tuned for details.

## YOUTH

**Today:** There will be no youth afternoon activities this afternoon.

**Wednesday:** First Youth Bible study of the new school year! We will meet upstairs at 6:30 pm after dinner. We are beginning a Bible study called “Who are we?” as we look at our identity as believers in Christ, as a youth group, and as a church. Our first exploration will be called “Salt and Light,” and we will be taking a walking field trip to the corner of Vineville and Pierce (on the church steps) to discuss our call to be salt and light to our community. Get your taste buds ready!

**Prayer Journey 2015:** We will meet in the Pierce Avenue lot on Sunday, August 9th, at 3:00 pm to pray at our schools! We will travel on the bus from school to school, praying for the students, teachers, administration, and community for each. We will wrap up at Sonic for a tasty treat (no money needed), and then we should be back at the church by 5:30 pm. Friends are welcome! Be thinking of specific ways we can pray for your school!

**Updated Calendar Date:** Youth Fall Retreat is now on the weekend of October 16-18 at High Falls State Park.

## MISSION FRIENDS

Mission Friends will resume on August 12. Have a fun and safe summer!

## KINGDOM KIDS

Kingdom Kids will resume on Wednesday, August 12. Have a blessed summer!

## VBC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our 41st Annual Tournament of Champions will be September 21 at Idle Hour Golf and Country Club. Hole Sponsorship brochures and registration forms are now available. Call Charles Schaible, Charles Jay, or the church office if you would like to sponsor a hole or register to play! We look forward to another year of great golf, fun fellowship, fabulous door prizes, and an exceptional banquet following the tournament!

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is John Fry, Sr. Next week is Michael O’Neal.

## FOOD PANTRY

The food item we will be collecting for August is canned meat with a pop-top lid.

## THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

### **Sunday, August 2**

8:30 am Early Worship  
9:15 am Media Library  
9:35 am Bible Study  
10:45 am Worship

### **Monday, August 3**

No Activities

### **Tuesday, August 4**

10:00 am Leadership Team Meeting  
10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

### **Wednesday, August 5**

9:00 am Media Library  
5:30 pm Vineville Brass  
5:30 pm Family Supper  
6:15 pm Media Library  
6:30 pm Family Worship  
6:45 pm Youth  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 6**

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

### **Friday, August 7**

No Activities

### **Sunday, August 9**

8:30 am Early Worship  
9:15 am Media Library  
9:35 am Bible Study  
10:45 am Worship

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **August 27-29**

Fall/Winter

Children’s Consignment Sale

### **September 21**

VBC Tournament of Champions

### **October 2-3**

Fall Bazaar

## REPORT AS OF JULY 26

### ATTENDANCE

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Bible Study   | 221 |
| 8:30 Worship  | --  |
| 10:45 Worship | 271 |

### STEWARDSHIP

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Budget Gifts             | \$16,507  |
| Budget Gifts (YTD)       | \$493,901 |
| Budget Required (YTD)    | \$644,937 |
| YTD% Budget Giving       | 76.6%     |
| Following Christ 2 (YTD) | \$13,370  |

### OUR STAFF

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Richard Kremer    | Pastor                     |
| Jeff Allred       | Minister of Music          |
| Loyd Landrum      | Minister of Music Emeritus |
| Angela Blizzard   | Minister to Youth          |
| Peggy Jones       | Financial Administrator    |
| Jody Thornton     | Administrative Assistant   |
| Ginny Ferguson    | Receptionist               |
| Sandra Head       | Music Ministry Coordinator |
| Tonia Boyd        | Weekday Morning School     |
| Velma Gene Clarke | Higher Life                |

### OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

|                   |                   |          |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Church Council    | Greg Winters      | 731-0916 |
| Deacon Ministry   | John Fry, Sr.     | 745-5045 |
| Media Center      | Carol Lincoln     | 743-9366 |
| Men's Ministry    | Todd Smith        | 474-6333 |
| Missions          | Jim Jones         | 757-8411 |
| Preschool         | Bobbie Scarbrough | 254-4595 |
| Senior Adults-XYZ | Harold McAbee     | 935-8000 |
| Sunday School     | Jeane Easom       | 719-1289 |
| WMU               | Cris Williamson   | 719-1581 |
| Women's Ministry  | Susan Milam       | 714-0545 |