



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 20, 2019

8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Ann Caldwell, organist; Charles Schaible, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude	<i>Trumpet Tune in D</i>	Telemann
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>In Times Like These You Need a Savior</i>	Jones
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Dan Caldwell
*Hymn 319	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Jennifer Kelly
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	Alan Parker
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
Scripture Reading	Acts 19:1-7	Bob Willingham
Connection verse: [John] told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus!"		
*Hymn 405	<i>Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us</i>	BRADBURY
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	Callahan
Scripture Reading	John 10:14-15	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting</i>	Choplin
Sermon	"The Good Shepherd"	Richard Kremer
Invitation to Discipleship		Richard Kremer

*Hymn of Response *O How He Loves You and Me* PATRICIA
O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;
He gave his life, what more could he give?
O how He loves you; O how he loves me;
O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go. His love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how He loves you; O how he loves me;
O how He loves you and me.

Celebrations and Concerns Richard Kremer

*Benediction Richard Kremer

*Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in B-flat* Bach

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THE BLESSING OF PAIN?

A couple of years ago, my Sunday School class studied a book by Philip Yancey entitled, "*Soul Survivor*." Yancey chronicled a host of influences that enabled him to "survive the church." Yancey included a number of theologians and writers with which I was well-acquainted – Martin Luther King, Jr, G.K. Chesterton, Dostoevsky, to name a few, but one name in the list didn't seem to belong -- Paul Brand.

Paul Brand gained worldwide renown running a leprosarium in Louisiana. While working on the topic of the problem of pain, Yancey had been interviewing people trying to get rid of feeling hurt. Then he encountered Brand, who was endeavoring to create a system *that would allow his patients to experience pain*. In fact, Yancey would soon collaborate with Brand to author a book entitled, "*The Gift of Pain*."

Brand invited Yancey to consider a world without pain. For, as Brand had definitively established, most of the terrible results of leprosy – damaged faces, blindness, the loss of limbs and digits – were caused by a disease that took away people's capacity for pain. I'll give you one example that proved his point. The famed doctor had a key that wouldn't turn in a lock. One of his leprosy patients, a child, offered to do it and turned the key easily. Brand realized that the child had enormous strength in his hands, but also realized that the child's skin was cut to the bone. Unable to feel sensation in his fingers, the child kept turning the key long after a healthy person would have stopped. One of Paul Brand's favorite statements was, "I thank God for pain," and he spent his celebrated life helping people create systems to register healthy pain. In fact, on this wintry day when the morning chill calls to mind our sundry aches and congestions, we do well to hear Brand's wise word that "the symptoms we complain about are usually the display of bodily healing at work. Virtually every response of our bodies that we view with irritation or disgust – blisters, calluses, swelling, fever, sneezes, coughing, vomiting and pain demonstrates a reflex toward health."

Having said all of that, I am here to confess that after ten days living in an ethos of anguish -- and I do *not* feel blessed. I have tried to heed Dr. Brand's wise words, but I keep thinking that it would be easier to do my job if my entire left leg didn't feel as if it were on fire. Silly me, I was sure that being "laid up" would give me more time to read, but when you are ceaselessly shifting your body to find a position of comfort, all you do is read the same passage over and over again!

But hey, life has to get better. I keep looking at the scar on my right knee and remembering that I made it through that ordeal; in time God will pull me through this one, too. Many of you have offered me to bring me delectable items, and I thank you, but the truth is I don't want to eat -- or drink. What I would like to do is sleep, but that sublime pleasure has been denied me so far. But I really do regard the Lord as my Good Shepherd, and he will eventually lead me beside still waters, into green pastures and will restore my soul.

The first Baptist Men's night of 2019 is Tuesday, February 5. Thanks to Melissa for pinch-hitting for me last Sunday. And thanks to everyone who has been making the youth basketball league such a success in my absence. The games are close, the crowd is enthusiastic and the concession prices can't be beat.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

KNOW HYMN

The hymn “Oh How He Loves You and Me” was composed and authored by Kurt Kaiser. Kaiser (1934-2018) had scribbled the words “Oh How He Loves you and me” on a piece of manuscript paper, and he came back later to write the text and tune of the well-known hymn. It only took him 10 to 15 minutes to complete the hymn. He sent it off to be copyrighted, and the copyright organization said it was not original enough to grant a copyright. Kaiser then wrote a second verse and was able to secure the copyright. Kaiser also composed the song “Pass It On,” which was originally from the Christian rock musical “Tell It Like It Is.” Kaiser composed over 400 songs, and though the one we sing today is quite simple, it captures the essence of the gospel story.

YOUTH

Today: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and devotion from 2nd Timothy until 6:15 pm.

Wednesday: Continuing in our theology study, we will explore the moral attributes of God, in how He acts, wills, and loves. Youth are encouraged to join us at 6:30 pm in the youth room.

Next Sunday: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and a youth-led sharing time/devotion until 6:15 pm.

Coats: The youth department will be keeping some of the coats collected in November on hand in case we have needs within our church or in connected community. Please contact Angela if you know of someone who is in need of a coat. Thank you!

VBC SPRING/SUMMER CONSIGNMENT SALE

Volunteers are needed for our upcoming Consignment Sale March 7-9. If you would like to help with the sale, please contact Donna Wood. 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.

MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

On February 1, our Morning School will host a silent auction. They would appreciate your contributions of handmade items, homemade baked goods and any items that could be auctioned off.

OLD CITY FLOWER FESTIVAL - “HYMN OF PROMISE”

The 8th Annual Old City Flower Festival will be held today and tomorrow at Centenary United Methodist Church located at 1290 College Street. The festival will be open to the public today from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and tomorrow from 10:00 - 4:00 pm. An artist meet and greet will be held today and Centenary artists will be displaying and selling their work tomorrow. Admission is free. Roslyn Platt will represent Vineville with her beautiful floral design.

PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please make sure to turn it in to Peggy Jones as soon as possible.

A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21

Office Closed for MLK Day

February 5

Men's Fellowship

6:30 pm

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, January 20

- 8:30 AM Early Service
- 9:15 AM Media Library
- 9:35 AM Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 2:30 PM Handbells
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM SNYF
- 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Monday, January 21

- Office Closed for MLK Day
- 6:00 PM Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 22

- 10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class
- 11:00 AM XYZ Fun Day

Wednesday, January 23

- 9:00 AM Media Library
- 5:30 PM Vineville Brass
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:15 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:30 PM Family Worship
- 6:45 PM Mission Friends
- 6:45 PM Children's Musicianship
- 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 24

- 10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Friday, January 25

No Activities

Saturday, January 26

- 9:30 AM Families at Sky Zone
- 10:00 AM Youth Basketball

Sunday, January 27

- 8:30 AM Early Service
- 9:15 AM Media Library
- 9:35 AM Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Church Council
- 2:30 PM Handbells
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM SNYF

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Brenton Easom. Next week is John Fry, Jr.

REPORT AS OF JANUARY 13

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	182
8:30 Worship	34
10:45 Worship	195

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$11,989
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$570
YTD Budget Contributions	\$28,544

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family and 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