



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

10:45 AM

Ann Caldwell, organist; Chris Inhulsen, pianist

Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Give Thanks Unto the Lord Our God</i>	Ritter
Welcome		Leigh Halverson
Music for Meditation	<i>St. George's Windsor</i>	arr. Hayes
Invocation		Norma Thompson
*Hymn 371	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NUN DANKET
	Children are invited to gather at the front after the last stanza.	
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Children's Sermon		Stacy Whitehead
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>You Are My All in All</i>	Vineville Handbell Ensemble
Scripture Reading	Mark 10:17-27	Anna Marie Smelley
	Connection verse: "All things are possible with God!"	Vanessa Henry
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 372	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	Organ, Brass, and Bells
Scripture Reading	John 10:7-11	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>A Harvest of Thanksgiving</i>	Nordmeyer
Sermon	"The Abundant Life"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn 640	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	FAITHFULNESS

*Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

*Benediction

Richard Kremer

*Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott

arr. Travis

“UNSUNG HEROES”

A couple of weeks ago, after a blustery couple of days, the walkway under our church breezeway was littered with leaves on an early Sunday morning. Frankly, it was unsightly. Enter Faye Welch. Though dressed in her Sunday best, she found a broom, swept up the walkway and made it clean and presentable for the rest of the congregation. No one saw her, save me. No one knew what she had done. But she had given the whole church a little present, and her act of altruism made everyone's day a little brighter, not to mention a little safer. She is just one of the unsung heroes who together make our congregational life vibrant.

I told you a few weeks ago to thank Faye's husband, Gene, for coming up to the church in the wee hours of the morning on the first cold Sunday that we experienced. Gene realized that we had no heat, that our furnace wasn't functioning. But through his hard work he coaxed it into functioning so we could all enjoy some warmth. Another unsung hero.

The truth is, I couldn't mention all of our church's unsung heroes by name, not if I filled the entire *Vision*. Every Sunday, folks you don't know and folks you don't see handle our sound and our video. Every Sunday, Sunday School teachers prepare lessons which they have endeavored all week to make interesting and instructive. Every Sunday, adults volunteer to work with our babies, our children, and our youth. Every Sunday, we have ushers deliver bulletins and help people take their seat. Every Sunday, greeters stand at the doors to speak a word of welcome. Every month, Gene Robertson, Harold McAbee and Jackie Odom work to prepare a meaningful XYZ event. Every Sunday, Mike Corrigan teaches our special needs Sunday School class. Unsung heroes all. On this Sunday when we take stock of our blessings, individually and communally, pause to thank God for all the unsung heroes who contribute to Vineville's life.

I would just add one more unsung hero. In Peggy Jones' absence, Pat Schaible has stepped in and served as our unofficial church financial secretary. Pat has worked closely with me in helping craft the 2020 budget and has contributed countless hours of her time. You need to know that we are all in her debt. Give thanks to God for her generous spirit.

I remind you that next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, December 1. We will celebrate communion and observe our new member reception following the service. And we will have our 2019 Advent Devotional booklets ready for your edification and enjoyment. Be sure to pick one up next Sunday and read it each day of Advent. Thanks to all who contributed an entry or artistic work.

Keep these important Advent events in mind: the Hanging of the Green service will be Sunday, December 8. All of the choirs of the church will participate, and during the service we will adorn the sanctuary with finery as an act of preparing our hearts to receive afresh the gift of the Christ child. We will enjoy a scrumptious breakfast that morning from 8:15 am – 9:15 am. (If you would like to have a hand in preparing, serving or cleaning up after the breakfast, contact Melissa Kremer.)

The Children's and Youth's Christmas musical presentation is Wednesday, December 11, at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. The adult choir's Christmas cantata, replete with orchestra, happens on Sunday, December 15. The presentation of *The Christmas Maker*, a Christmas comedy in three acts, will take place at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 18 – our last Wednesday service until January 8. And our beautiful and always meaningful Christmas Eve service will begin at 5 pm that Tuesday evening. Don't miss any of these special events.

I remind you on this Membership Celebration Sunday that you are invited to partake of our Thanksgiving potluck meal following today's service. If you weren't able to bring anything for the meal, that is okay. We will have plenty. Come and fellowship with us. And thanks to all who penned a Thanksgiving expression. We will enjoy reading them.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of Maxine Tilley and Glenn Brassel.

IN MEMORIUM

Maxine Tilley
May 2, 1939 - November 14, 2019

YOUTH

Today: No formal youth activities, but there is play practice for all actors at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend.

Wednesday: No youth or church activities.

Next Sunday: Very important youth choir rehearsal at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and ADVENTure until 6:30 pm. We will sprinkle the community with some cheer and love.

YOU ARE INVITED

Friends of Hugh and Betty Addleton are invited to attend a reception in the Activities Building on November 30 from 2:30 - 5:30 pm to celebrate Hu's 90th Birthday. No presents, please.

POINSETTIAS

On Sunday, December 8 through Christmas, the sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias. They will be foil wrapped with a beautiful red plaid bow. If you would like to place a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact Ginny Ferguson in the office. The cost is \$20 and the deadline for placing your order is November 27. You may take your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Service.

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.

HYGIENE ITEMS

Church family, we will begin collecting hygiene items during the first week of December to create hygiene kits for the people in need that Dr. Kremer and his crew serve over the holidays. We will collect toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand sanitizer, Band-Aids, small shampoos and conditioners, lotions, soap, and feminine hygiene products. Our final collection day will culminate on the Hanging of the Green Breakfast, December 8th. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE AND STOCKINGS



Again this year, the Salvation Army needs our help to provide a Merry Christmas to 820 needy children in Bibb County through the Angel Tree and Stocking programs. Angels and stockings are available across from the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

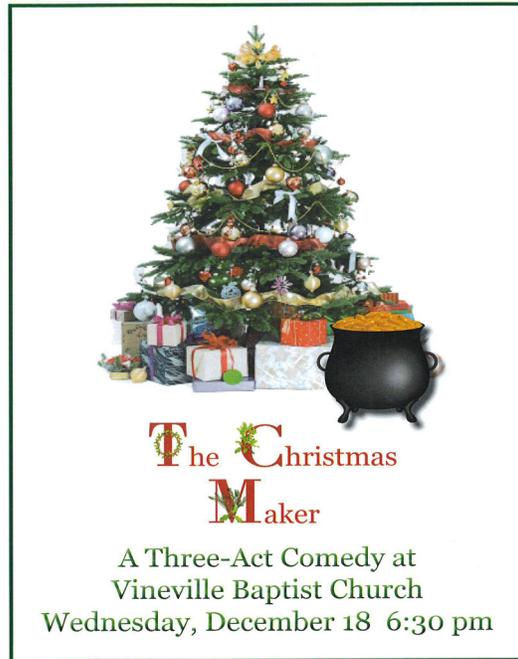
December 8
Hanging of the Green

December 11
Children and Youth
Christmas Program

December 15
VBC Sanctuary Choir
God Came Near

December 18
The Christmas Maker
Three-Act Comedy Play

December 24
Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm



THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, November 24

9:15 AM Media Library
9:35 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM Pot Luck
4:00 PM All Ages Play Rehearsal

Monday, November 25

No Activities

Tuesday, November 26

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, November 27

No Activities

Thursday, November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

No Activities

Saturday, November 30

2:30 PM Reception for Hugh and
Betty Addleton

Sunday, December 1

9:15 AM Media Library
9:35 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship and Communion
2:30 PM Handbells
4:00 PM Youth Choir
5:00 PM SNYF



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 Stacy Whitehead. Next week is Rick Jones.

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 NOVEMBER 17

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	194
8:30 Worship	37
10:45 Worship	222

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$19,442
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$13,141
YTD Budget Contributions	\$707,109

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