

8:30 AND 10:45 AM

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

VINEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Alice Ridgeway, pianist; Dr. Ann Caldwell, organist  
Vineville Instrumental Ensemble, Kelly Graves, director

**The Worship of God**

Welcome Dr. Bill Hardee

Music for Meditation *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Smith

\*Hymn 16 *O Worship the King* LYONS

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

Children's Sermon Dr. Hardee

Ministry of Music *Oh To See the Dawn* Amanda Porter

Sermon Scripture Acts 4:1-22 Dr. Hardee

Pages 1297 in the pew Bible

*This is the Word of God*

**Thanks be to God**

\*Hymn 397 *Sing, Congregation, Sing* MICHELLE

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Mandy Hughes

Offertory *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* arr. Haan

Ministry of Music *Open Thou Mine Eyes* Cox

Sermon **The Strength of Conviction** Dr. Hardee

\*Hymn of Response 352 *Faith of Our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE

Benediction

Postlude *Sortie Toccata* Dubois

\**Congregation Standing*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Thelma Goss on the occasion of her birthday, September 11, by special friends*

***From the Pastor. . .***

**June Smith**—In three weeks, on Sunday, September 28, we will gather in our Family Life Center from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. to honor one of our celebrities, June Smith. June has set that date to be her last official day of service as our Church Hostess. June will

have served at Vineville for 38 years, half of her life (she also has another 38 years ahead of her). A basket for cards of memories and blessings will be available at our entrance.

**Old Testament Survey**—Dr. Rick Wilson, Chair of the Christianity Department at Mercer University, will lead us in a survey of the Old Testament. The classes begin tonight in M-106 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

**Vineville Legacy Society**—To date, more than 60 members have returned signed forms committing them to be Charter Members of the Vineville Legacy Society. To be a charter member, you must have your signed commitment forms in today.

**Empowering the Church**—This fall, we are reflecting on what it means to be a healthy church. As part of this emphasis, we have asked a number of our lay leaders to think about the fundamental character of Vineville. “What” we asked, “do you think the fundamental or core values may be at Vineville? What constitutes our spirit as a church? What are the basic principles involved in the decisions we make whether they be part of the ministry staff or lay leadership?”

I was deeply pleased by the ideas they noted. First, they said that we are a church that values Excellence. We want the things to which we give ourselves to be the best we can possibly create whether it be Bible Study, Child Care, Worship, Ministry, or Missions.

Second, they noted, we are a church that values Freedom. We are free to share our perspectives on biblical interpretation and the issues of our day without fear of rejection or personal rebuke. We affirm the value that we are different, we come from different places and have different life experiences. Yet it is our hope be sharing and listening to deepen our understanding of the rich ways that God intersects our lives.

Third, they noted that we are a church that values Growth. While numeric growth is always appreciated, their specific meaning was personal and spiritual growth. They recognized that what we chose to invest in indicated that we were seeking to create better Christians, families, children, parents, and leaders. We believe that growing as a person and a Christian is one of the high callings of God who which we respond.

Finally, they noted that we are a church that values Health. An undergirding conviction is that healthy organisms grow. Healthy churches grow. As people are healthy, they are able to build God’s kingdom effectively. Healthy leadership means that people are seeking to emulate Christ’s spirit in the various venues in which they serve. Healthy relationships mean that people are better cared for and our families have rich strength placed within them.

We have not arrived, but we are on a remarkable journey to become what we have been called to be.

**ADULTS ON MISSION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 AT 9:45 A.M. IN ROOM M-106.**  
Please join us Tuesday morning for a very interesting program about "Over the Mountain

in Haiti". Cheryl Mason-Mercer, a member of Vineville, spent part of her summer in a very small village in Southern Haiti. She served with two groups: The Christian Medical Dental Association, composed of licensed doctors and nurses; and the Global Health Outreach (out of Bristol, Tennessee) that specifically handle logistics and plan trips all over the world. Cheryl provided assistance with medical, dental and optical care. She will be telling us about the Haitian people and the good work that was done for them during her stay there.

**THE HONDURAS MISSION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP**—The Mid-State Baptist Association is forming two teams to go to Honduras January 31 through February 7, 2009. The teams will be sharing the Gospel, distributing food and clothes, providing medical, dental and optical screenings, and distributing medication.

You can help these mission teams by donating baseball caps, flip-flops, backpacks and cloth tote bags for adults and children, as well as used glasses and sunglasses. There will be a They also need money donations to enable them to purchase rice, beans, and other items. You can make checks payable to the Mid-State Baptist Association. Donations of money and other items will be accepted through the end of October. Thank you for your help with this project!

**REPORT- Sunday, August 31**

**ATTENDANCE**

Bible Study	339
8:30 Worship	129
10:45 Worship	279

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Gifts	\$10,047
Budget Gifts (YTD)	\$708,450
Budget Required (YTD)	\$799,604
YTD% Budget Giving	88.6%
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$ 23,119

**THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:15 AM Media Library
- 9:35 AM Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 2:30 PM Adult Handbells
- 4:00 PM Old Testament Bible Study
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM Youth Supper
- 5:30 PM Youth Bible Study

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 9:00 AM Mothers' Morning Out

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 9:45 AM Adults on Mission
- 10:30 AM Yoga/Stretching Class

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:00 AM Media Library  
5:30 PM Vineville Brass  
5:30 PM Children's Choirs  
5:45 PM Family Night Supper  
6:15 PM Media Library  
6:20 PM Mission Friends  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study  
6:35 PM Kingdom Kids  
6:50 PM Family Worship  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

10:30 AM Yoga/Stretching Class

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

9:00 AM Mothers' Morning Out

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

8:30 AM Worship  
9:15 AM Media Library  
9:35 AM Bible Study  
10:45 AM Worship  
2:30 PM Adult Handbells  
4:00 PM Old Testament Bible Study  
4:00 PM Youth Choir  
5:00 PM Mission Team  
5:00 PM Youth Supper  
5:30 PM Youth Bible Study