

8:30 AND 10:45 AM

OCTOBER 5, 2008

VINEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**The Worship of God**

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

Welcome Dr. Bill Hardee

Music for Meditation *If You Will Only Let God Guide You* J.S. Bach

\*Hymn 147 *And Can It Be?* SAGINA

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

Children's Sermon Dr. Hardee

Ministry of Music *Heaven Came Down* arr. Graves  
Low Brass Ensemble

Sermon Scripture Acts 8:26-40 Dr. Hardee  
Pages 1305 in the pew Bible

*This is the Word of God*  
**Thanks be to God**

\*Hymn 334 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Chris Jones

Offertory Shout to the Lord arr. Dalton

Ministry of Music *Celebration Psalm* Martin

Sermon **Led to a Mission** Dr. Hardee

\*Hymn of Response 565 *So Send I You* TORONTO

Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in G Major* J.S. Bach

\*Congregation Standing

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of John Overman on his birthday, October 5, given by his wife, Kathryn.*

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

**Old Testament Survey**—Dr. Rick Wilson, Chair of the Roberts Department of Christianity at Mercer University, will lead us in a fifth installment as he gives to us an overview of the Old Testament. The class will be held tonight, in M-106 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

**Men's Ministry**—Our Men's Ministry is this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Our program speaker will be Ben Jones of 13WMAZ.

**Family Fun Night**—Next Sunday evening from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

**Cross Keys Reunion**—A reunion for former Cross Keys members, teachers, faculty, and students will be held on Sunday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the former Cross Keys sanctuary. Lunch will follow the service along with a self-guided tour of the facilities. Please contact Janet Woodward Cruse at 745-8022 with any questions

**Our Four Commitments**—Our ministerial and lay leadership have recognized that there are four deep values that are apart of our decision-making at Vineville: Excellence, Freedom, Growth, and Health. Today, we focus on Health.

With the stressful events happening in our economy, we have all had reason to think about health—specifically what a lack of health can cause. When our national leadership seems so divided regarding a cure, it creates deep frustration and confusion in the rest of us. Every organization functions better when it is healthy. We pray for health in our national political structure.

When it comes to churches, creating health is not rocket science. We need: inspiring worship, connections between tasks and people gifted for those tasks, a deepening spirituality, capable and passionate leadership, openness to new ideas, caring small groups, evangelism that is focused around people's needs and above all, a culture that nurtures loving and supportive relationships.

As it turns out, our greatest asset is also our greatest liability. To create or maintain health depends upon people. Some Christians are givers, some are takers. Some are involved, others are just present. Some are deeply visionary about God's presence here and how they fit in, others see only how the total package affects them personally. Some are focused, others are distracted by peripheral issues. Some are encouragers, others are rude. Some are growing, others are plateaued. Some are reflective and personally aware of areas they need to grow, others don't even understand the idea of growth. Some are gracious, others are sharp. Some pray with depth and understanding, others voice only what they want God or others to do. Some want to serve, others want to be served. Some are able to see the big picture, others see only what affects them or those they love.

Creating health is a task too big for man. God is the one who can speak to us and lead us to recognize our own limitations and inspire us to be a part of his work. If we open our soul to God, we will discover the truth of Jesus' words, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you

can do nothing.” [John 15:7]. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is the one who draws us together. Let us hope and pray that the very human and cultural instinct to pull away creating isolated kingdoms can be overcome by the divine impulse to empty our self in order to make room for God—and each other.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED** for the weekday children's program in Haiti:

- children's clothes and shoes (new or used)
- children's vitamins
- bar soap (any size, any brand)
- plastic drinking glasses, 4 to 6 oz.

Please keep in mind that it is always summer in Haiti! If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the Haiti drop box outside the church office. *Thank you!*

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING.** Join us for a time of fun and fellowship. Hot dogs will be served and we will hold our annual chili cook-off. We will also have bingo, inflatables and children's activities.

**THE NEXT ROUND TABLE MEETING AND BOOK DISCUSSION** will be held Monday, October 6 at 10:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Dr. Jim Williamson will discuss the book “*Thinking for a Change*” by John C. Maxwell. Bring a covered dish for lunch.

**MANY THANKS** to all of you Vineville aluminum recyclers! Last year, our checks to Habitat for Humanity totaled \$292.37, and so far this year, we have raised \$212.70. Special thanks to John Hughes and Respass Carr for delivering the cans to Macon Iron. Keep on recycling! *Mary Landrum*

**MONTH-TO-MONTH MISSIONS ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**—We need to collect more of the following items: toothpaste (we have plenty of toothbrushes already!) bars of soap, and small toys for girls and boys. We also still need more shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper. These items can be placed in the Missions Box in the hall outside the church office. Thank you so much for continuing to help us get ready for *Operation Christmas Child!*

### **REPORT- Sunday, September 28**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Bible Study	332
8:30 Worship	116
10:45 Worship	282

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Gifts	\$8,420
Budget Gifts (YTD)	\$782,464
Budget Required (YTD)	\$890,987
YTD% Budget Giving	87.8%
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$ 24,822

**THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- 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, OCTOBER 6**

- 9:00 AM Mothers' Morning Out
- 10:45 AM Round Table Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- 10:00 AM WMU Lead Team
- 10:30 AM Yoga/Stretching Class
- 6:30 PM Men's Ministry Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- 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, OCTOBER 9**

- 10:30 AM Yoga/Stretching Class

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**

- 9:00 AM Mothers' Morning Out

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