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The Journey

Thomas Kleinert

None of us can recall the days when Vine Street Christian Church began, but we remember. It was in 1828, about one year after Alexander Campbell's first visit to Nashville that members of the Nashville Baptist Church nullified their founding charter and reconstituted themselves as the Nashville Church of the Disciples of Christ.

This year, we remember 180 years of ministry in Nashville – from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We can look back on 180 years of Christian witness, because generation after generation, this congregation has faced the challenges of the time with courage and responded faithfully.

We will have opportunities to celebrate our past with hymns of praise to God who has guided us, with prayers of gratitude to God who has been faithful to us, with glorious music, fine food, and speech making – but there is an even better way.

Throughout the years, this congregation has been attentive to the changing demands of the changing times, and obedient to God's call to embody and proclaim the kingdom. I cannot imagine a more appropriate way to observe an anniversary than to take time to listen for God's call; to do in our time what generations before us have done in theirs. What does God call us to be and do? Who does God call us to become? What is the future into which God calls us to live?

Beginning the weekend of April 4-7, we will embark on a journey of discovery; a journey that consists of careful listening, disciplined prayer, imaginative story telling, and stepping out on faith. We have found an experienced coach to assist us in setting the course for Vine Street's future. [George Bullard](#) is a Christian leadership coach and a ministry partner with [The Columbia Partnership](#). He will be at Vine Street on April 4-7, the first of four weekends that will mark stations on the way (the next Journey weekend will be May 16-18).

On Friday evening, April 4, he will introduce us to the [Spiritual Strategic Journey](#); on Saturday, April 5, he will meet with several focus groups; on Sunday, April 6, he will worship with us and watch how we're "being Vine Street" on Sunday mornings. There will be other meetings with key leaders, but those details are neither urgent nor important at this point.

What's essential is that you make plans now to attend George's presentation on Friday, that you clear your calendar to be available for one of the focus groups on Saturday, and that you make arrangements to be at your church on Sunday morning. You will receive phone calls and/or emails in the next few days by a member of the Journey Crew (Beth Marshall, Cindy White, Hope Hodnett, Greg Bailey, Brian Berhow, Thomas Kleinert) with more details about this first weekend, the launch of what we are simply calling The Journey. We will also maintain a bulletin board for The Journey in the lobby, next to the water fountain, where you will find news and regular updates about The Journey.

Remembering 180 years of our mission and witness is both humbling and empowering. Envisioning the next 10 years of our ministry could be intimidating – but not for those who listen to God's call and trust the Spirit's movement. Let the journey begin!





PRIME TIMERS

Your fearless leader failed to make necessary reservations for the Prime Timers to hear the organ recital at the Schermerhorn Symphony Hall in February. We did, however, enjoy the exhibit of European masterpieces and lunch at the Frist. We now have reservations to hear the organ recital on April 4th. I promise to reserve box lunches if you let me know. We will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and carpool.

Ruth

Special Services

Vine Street is honored to host a memorial service on March 29th at 2:00 p.m. for Lucile Rizor, beloved member and friend.

On March 30th, at 1:00, we have a special service planned in memory of Marcia Kump, friend and fellow servant.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Easter Sunday

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

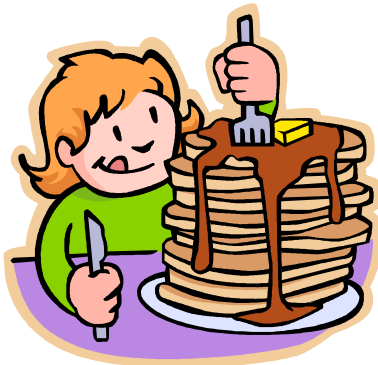
No reservations needed

This annual fundraiser for the youth group is a long standing tradition at Vine Street. The teenagers will be using Risley Lawrence's secret pancake formula to create a mouth watering delight for people of all ages. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, OJ, milk, and Fair Trade coffee from Bongo Java.

Adults \$5

Under 12 \$3

The proceeds from the event will be used to purchase an undisclosed item to help VSCC in our efforts to be better environmental stewards. Come to the breakfast, enjoy pancakes, and witness the unveiling of this special addition to our church.



Notes from the Choir Room

Julia Callaway

Two hymn arrangements in our Easter Sunday service were written by Hal H. Hopson, a prolific and internationally known church music composer and arranger. Hal was Director of Music at VSCC in the early 1970's and his many compositions and arrangements are very popular in churches of all denominations. We have commissioned him to write works for special occasions at VSCC, the last being Bob Binkley's retirement concert in 2005.

****Easter Guest Musicians:** We welcome trumpeter Alan Suska and timpanist Harley Tartarsky as guest musicians. They have participated in Easter worship at VSCC for many years. In addition to guest musicians, we express our appreciation to VSCC member and pianist Marcina Clark who serves so capably on many occasions as our "unofficial" church pianist. Thank you for sharing your gifts, Marcina!

Worship on March 23rd Easter Sunday

Sermon

Thomas Kleinert

Lectionary Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

Hymns

Concertato on Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Thine Is the Glory

Musical Gifts

Children's Choir

Every Morning Is Easter Morning,

Arr. Avery and Marsh

Musical Gifts

Chancel Choir

Easter Antiphon, David Hurd

I am the Resurrection and the Life (REQUIEM),

John Rutter

Postlude

Julia Callaway, Organist, **

Easter Praise, Arr. Linda and Larry Sprunger

****See Notes from the Choir Room**

Scheduled to Serve

Elders

8:30 Service	Pancake Breakfast
Dedication	John Fleming
Bread&Cup	Joann Reynolds
Visit shut-ins	John Fleming
Visit shut-ins	Pat Cole
Lead Vespers (Wed)	Kathy Zamata

Deacons

Prepare Communion	TBA
Open Church	John Cauthen
Greet	Marcie Nash
Greet	TBA
Clean-up	Sara Tarpley
Clean-up	Sue Richards
Shut-ins	Sarah Spencer
Shut-ins	Eric Hutton
Phone 9:15-10:45	Jenny Fleming

Other

Extended Session	Sue & Chris Richards
Sound System	Jim Carls
Financial Steward	Robb Nash
Call & Scripture	Risley Lawrence
Coffee Hour	Cancelled
Building lock-up	Joann Reynolds

Deacons to Serve Communion

East	West
Sue Richards	Sara Tarpley
Marcie Nash	Jennifer Jafari
Sarah Spencer	TBA
John Cauthen	Eric Hutton

Deacons and Elders—Please view the [Online Serving schedule](#) for 2008.



Vine Street Participates in Hunger Relief

I would like to invite you to join the Vine Street team on the CROP Walk website. The CROP Walk is on April 6th at 2 PM. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Funds raised from walk will support local, national, and international hunger relief and advocacy. The local agencies we support include Manna Nashville's 2nd Table, and Luke 14:12. To walk is free. Walkers are encouraged to try and raise funds to support the hunger cause. However just showing up and walking in solidarity and awareness with those who have to walk daily just to eat, have water and survive is also important.



[Register or donate at VSCC CROP Walk.](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Yay hunger relief!

Warmly,

Christopher Kopetz, VSCC CROP Walk Chair

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Youth News

TNT Party—Easter Egg Hunt—March 22 at 1:30

Wear your Easter bonnet and come prepared to hide eggs, lead crafts, and celebrate New Life. After the event, we'll transform the room into the Pancake Palace.

Pancake Breakfast—March 23 at 8:00 a.m.

This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year! Forget the bonnet this time and bring your apron. Be here by 8:00 a.m.! Breakfast starts at 8:30.

ChiRho Retreat Registration Deadline—March 26th

The Bethany Hills Spring Retreat for our 6th-8th graders is just around the corner and today is the registration deadline. Need a form? www.bethanyhills.org

CYF Spring Fling—March 28 through 30th

This event was originally scheduled for the first weekend in March. It was postponed due to a freakish March snowstorm that crossed our state. The retreat starts at 8 pm on Friday night and concludes at 11 am on Sunday. The theme is "UNITY: One puzzle; Many pieces".

ChiRho Retreat—April 4 through 6

This weekend event is for 6th-8th graders. The registration deadline is Wed. March 26th. Go to www.bethanyhills.org for a registration form. The retreat begins at 8 pm on Friday night and concludes at 11 am on Sunday.

Agenda

Wednesday—March 19

- 5:15 p.m. Special Spring Break Rehearsal - Children & Youth
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. Lent Book Group in Thomas' Study

Thursday—March 20

- 5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday—March 21

- 12:00 p.m. Service at Hillwood Presbyterian
- 2:00 p.m. Baptism Retreat
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday—March 22

- 2:00 p.m. TNT - Church Wide Party - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday—March 23 - Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (No Children's Classes)
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday—March 24 - Office Closed

Wednesday—March 26

- 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:15 p.m. TEAM

Thursday—March 27

- 5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday—March 28

- CYF Spring Fling through the 30th

Saturday—March 29

- Room 8 Habitat Build
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Lucile Rizor

Sunday—March 30

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Join Vine Street Members for Coffee in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Marcia Kump

Tuesday—April 1

- 10:00 a.m. CWF Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Vine Street at the Movies

Wednesday—April 2

- 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:15 p.m. TEAM

Thursday—April 3

- 5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

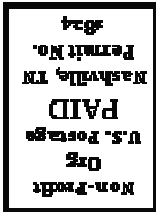
Friday—April 4

- ChiRho Retreat through the 6th

Sunday—April 6

- First Long Weekend with George Bullard
- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Join Vine Street Members for Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

Dated Church Material
Please deliver by March 19



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Holy Week

Good Friday Service, March 21 at 12:00 noon—The 2008 Community Good Friday service will be held at Hillwood Presbyterian Church. **Baptism Retreat** begins at Vine Street at 2:00 with worship at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m.—Easter Egg Hunt and Party for the TNT Club and the Vine Street Community—Meet in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon filled with hunting eggs, Easter hat parade, crafts, recreation and refreshments. This is an event for all ages. Wear your Easter bonnet and bring a basket for the egg hunt.

Sunday, March 23, 8:30—10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast—We start this day of celebration with a pancake breakfast in the fellowship hall. This is an annual fundraiser for our youth group. Reservations are not required. Enjoy pancakes made from Risley Lawrence's famous secret recipe.

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Service in the sanctuary—He is risen! Come celebrate new life with us in this service of baptism, word and communion.

Along Vine Street

Lucile Rizer died on Monday afternoon, March 10; she was 104 years old. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, March 29, 2 pm.

Barbara and Stephen Tallent had their baby just after 5:00 on Wednesday, March 12. We welcome **Ben Chappell Tallent**, 8 lb 5 oz. All are doing well!

Dick and Mary Anne Schellhardt celebrate the birth of their sixth great-grandchild. **Hannah** was born on Thursday, March 13.

Jim Clendening is happy to announce the birth of his granddaughter, **Katiana**.

Lyn Dorris's mother, **Frances** is recuperating from knee replacement surgery (March 11).

The Chaldean Catholic archbishop of Mosul, **Paulos Faraj Rahho**, was buried Friday, March 14, two weeks after he was kidnapped. His driver and two guards were shot dead in the abduction. We pray for the church in Iraq and for peace.

Pat Bentrup will be staying with her sister until she is able to drive (she is recuperating from double knee replacement surgery). Her sister lives at 1000 West Eastland, Nashville, 37206, phone 258-3045.

Cindy White's dad, **Landrum Salley**, is at St. Thomas; he needs back surgery, but a skin infection needs to be treated first.

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