



*Building a community of forgiveness, purpose and hope in Jesus Christ*

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September 3, 2017

10:15 a.m.

**WELCOME**

*Don Pullen, Associate Pastor*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Holy Is the Lord (Hymnal #10) F. Schubert

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymnal #294—Let Us Sing to the Lord  
*Leader: Randy Woods, Minister of Worship & Music*

**\*SING GOD'S PRAISE**

Hymnal #298 — God Is Here

**INVOCATION**

## **HYMNAL DEDICATION**

*LEADER:* Believing that God has ordained that music be used in this house of worship as an expression of His praise,

**CONGREGATION:** We dedicate this hymnal to the glory of God; as we sing may our hearts, minds and voices be united in praise.

*LEADER:* For the furtherance of worship, for the interpretation of the message of the great truths of the Christian faith, for the appreciation of the music of the masters, and for the development of the language of praise which belongs both to earth and heaven,

**CONGREGATION:** We dedicate this hymnal to the glory of God, that through our worship we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

*LEADER:* For beauty in worship, for comfort in sorrow, and for thanksgiving on festive occasions,

**CONGREGATION:** We dedicate this hymnal to the glory of God. As we sing through the seasons and the stages of life may the Word of God sustain and inspire us through the ministry of song.

*LEADER:* For the healing of life's discords, for the revealing of the hidden soul of harmony, for the lifting of the depressed, for

the humbling of the heart before our Creator, and for the exaltation of the soul through noble and transcending melody inspired by God.

**CONGREGATION:** We dedicate this hymnal to the glory of God. In our worship may we experience Christian nurture as we speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. As we sing and make music in our hearts, minds and with our voices, may we always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SING GOD'S PRAISE**

Hymn #7—Worthy of Worship

**MINISTRY IN SONG**

*Brian Shepson (son of Charles & Colleen Shepson, Sundial);*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE & PETITION**

*Sunny Torres, Director of Spiritual Services*

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*SING GOD'S PRAISE**

Hymn #43—Grace Alone

**DISTRACTED**

*Scott Eding, SP Employee Chaplain*

**SING GOD'S PRAISE**

Hymn #641—Higher Ground

**LORD'S SUPPER**

Hymn #462—In Remembrance

**\*SING GOD'S PRAISE**

Hymn #519—Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Randy Woods, Minister of Worship & Music*

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING**

*Deacons will receive the offering as you leave the sanctuary.*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Ronald Boud (Estuary)*

\*congregation standing

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## For Your Information

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**THIS SUNDAY** Employee Chaplin Scott Eding will bring a message from God's Word entitled, "Distracted" from Luke 16:16-18. In the evening, Ronald Boud (Estuary) will further introduce us to "Celebrating Grace," the new hymnals we are blessed to have in our sanctuary. Come prepared to participate in song. Jon and Anya Erickson will also be sharing about their ministry with Hope Clinic in Guinea, West Africa.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pastor Hawkins will continue his Signs of Life series with a message from John 5 entitled, Like Father, Like Son. In the evening, Pastor Randy & Karen Woods, along with several of the other 11 who traveled to Ireland last month will share testimonies of their music ministry with the American Festival Choir.

**THE BENEVOLENT OFFERING** received on the first Sunday of the month as you leave is distributed by the Deacons. Recent recipients include: Gladiolus Learning & Development Center, Harry Chapin (for credit to South Fort Myers Food Pantry), Lifeline Family Center, Path2Freedom and church members in need.

**THE BETHANY HOUSE IN ALICANTE, SPAIN** provides a training program for future pastors and active lay workers for the Alliance family in Spain, Portugal and Italy. The total cost per student for the month is \$500. The Christian Education Committee's goal for our 2017 missions project is \$4,000 — funding for 16 partial scholarships of \$250 to assist in training students for more effective ministry in their local churches.

Offerings are taken the first Sunday of each month in the CLS classes, and contributions may be made through the regular offering by marking your envelope with the designation CLS Project (Bethany House).

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, at 8:00 a.m.

**ALL SINGERS ARE INVITED** to join The Village Church Choir as we rehearse on Wednesdays, at 5:45 p.m. on the stage. Please contact Randy Woods for more information.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS:** Want to dig into God's Word with other men during the week? There are two options open to anyone who's so inclined. Monday morning at 10:15 a.m. in The Arbor Country kitchen (4th floor) David Perkins leads 15-20 men in a study of Romans. On Wednesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. Arni Shareski leads 20-30 men who meet on the Island in the Osprey Room of the Resident Activity Center. They will be starting a study on Matthew on Wednesday, September 6. God's Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path!

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE SHELL POINT COMMUNITY** by picking up a copy of the monthly publication of *Shell Point Life* which is available in the Narthex.

**GRIEFSHARE WILL BEGIN** its Fall series on Thursday, September 7, meeting every Thursday from 1:15 – 4:00 p.m. through November 16 in the Manatee Room on the Island. GriefShare offers help and encouragement to those grieving the

death of a loved one. This weekly seminar and support group is designed to help reorient your life; we know it hurts, and we want to help. There is a workbook designed to help you work through this process which is available for \$15. Call Jim and Judy Mayer (454-3139) or the church office to sign-up.

**HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?** Water Baptism is an opportunity to declare your personal decision to join the family of God, having received the gift of forgiveness by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist when he was 30 years old and, we have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps by taking this step. The Village Church would like to encourage you to consider being baptized if you haven't yet. Please see one of our pastors or call the church office if you are interested.

**MISSION REQUEST:** Pray for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Although there has been minimal damage to C&MA churches and relatively few evacuations of Alliance households, many fear the worst is yet to come.

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# This Week at The Village Church

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## SUNDAY — September 3

6:15 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

## MONDAY — September 4 — *Church Office Closed*

## TUESDAY — September 5

*8 a.m., 4 and 8 p.m. Sunday Morning Service Rebroadcast on SPTV Channel 12*

8:15 a.m. Stamp Ministry Stamp Room

1:15 p.m. Women's Connections Prayer for Missions Hospitality Room

## WEDNESDAY — September 6

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study Osprey Room

10:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study Osprey Room

5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

7:15 p.m. Prayer & Praise — *David Pavey* Hospitality Room

## THURSDAY — September 7

*8 a.m., 4 and 8 p.m. Sunday Morning Service Rebroadcast on SPTV Channel 12*

10:00 a.m. Missions Committee Conference Room

2:00 p.m. Stamp Ministry Stamp Room

1:15 p.m. GriefShare Manatee Room

3:00 p.m. The Spring Bible Study The Springs/Private Dining Room



## **FRIDAY — September 8**

8:15 a.m.	Stamp Ministry	Stamp Room
1:30 p.m.	No Vespers	The Arbor
2:30 p.m.	No Vespers	King's Crown
3:30 p.m.	No Vespers	The Springs

## **SUNDAY — September 10**

8:20 a.m.	Elders' Prayer	Conference Room
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### **CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDIES — 9:00 a.m.**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Drawing Near	Chapel
When	Hospitality Room

10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship — <i>Andy Hawkins</i>	Sanctuary
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*(Recorded broadcast available Sunday afternoon at  
[www.villagechurchmedia.com](http://www.villagechurchmedia.com))*

6:15 p.m.	Evening Worship — <i>Ireland Ministry</i>	Sanctuary
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# Save The Date

- Sep 7 GriefShare begins
- Sep 18-20 The Alliance Southeast District Conference
- Sep 20 Women's Connections—Making a Difference in Your Community
- Oct 8 Membership Class
- Oct 9 Operation Christmas Child Box Making Party
- Oct 9 TVC Movie Night — The Ultimate Gift
- Oct 10 Kaleidoscope: A Showcase of Fine & Performing Arts
- Oct 15 Church Multiplication

*A more extended list of upcoming events and the up-to-date church calendar is available at [www.VillageChurchShellPoint.org](http://www.VillageChurchShellPoint.org)*

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***Distracted***  
**Text:** Luke 16:16-18  
**Speaker:** *Scott Eding*  
**The Village Church • September 3, 2017 • 10:15 a.m.**

- **Various Pictures of Distraction**
- **Various Ways of Communicating a Message on Distraction**
- **Luke's way of communicating his gospel**
- **Luke's way of communicating a message on Distraction**
- **Interpreting Luke's Message**
- **Interpreting the cultural context**
- **Understanding the One who isn't distracted**
- **Receiving the One who isn't Distracted**