

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hymn ..... Lord for Your Glory  
Welcome and Family News..... Carl Lafferty  
Hymn ..... Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Congregational Reading  
Hymn ..... Shine on Us  
Opening Prayer ..... Luke Smith

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Hymn ..... God Who Comes to Save  
Communion Meditation ..... Isaac Reeser  
The Collection  
Hymn ..... More Like You

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Children’s Blessing ..... John Beyer  
*Afterward, children ages 3-2nd grade are dismissed for Kids Worship*  
Hymn ..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12 ..... Lilly and Lisa Harpe  
Sermon ..... Ben Ries  
**“Bearing Fruit in the Wilderness”**  
Hymn 287 ..... There Is a Redeemer

**GOING FORTH**

Hymn ..... Holy Spirit, Rain Down  
Benediction

Song Leader: Caroline Smith

**Adults**

*Preparing for Christ: A Study of Advent*  
Classes are combined in the Fellowship Hall this morning. We will explore the tradition and practice of Advent together in this series through December 17.

**Events**

**Last Choir Practice Today**

Bring a bag lunch to eat, then practice begins at 12:30.

**MCC Meeting Today** 2-3:30 in the Library.

**Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast** Every Tuesday, 7-8am at Biscuitville. —Tim Wood

**Wednesday Evening** Catered meal at 6pm. Sign up on your attendance slip if you plan to attend, or contact the church office by Tuesday morning. First time visitors, college and grad students eat free. After dinner: Full-period devotional, then song team practice at 7:30pm.

*Infants through Age 3*

Nursery/Toddler Room beside the Worship Center lobby

*Age 3-5th Grade*

Children’s Wing of the Education Building

*6th-12th Grade*

Youth Room between the Education and Latino Buildings

**Families Moving Forward** We have another opportunity to serve FMF on Wednesday, December 13, with cooking, serving, cleaning, and providing childcare and/or tutoring. To sign-up, contact Caroline Smith or via her email sent November 30.

**Senior Saints Gathering** Saturday, December 16 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a \$5 gift for the “take-away” game. We will enjoy a light lunch afterward.

**Youth Progressive Dinner** Sunday, December 17 at 4:30pm. Meet at church to travel around Durham for a fun evening. Bring a cheap gag gift for a silly gift exchange.

*We are glad that you have joined us for worship. Please complete the following information and place it in the offering plate.*

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

Care Group # Visiting \_\_\_\_\_

# Coming to Wed. Meal \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any that apply:  
 New in the community.  
 Looking for a church home.  
 Interested in Bible Study.  
 Would like to visit with an elder. The best time to call is \_\_\_\_\_

I would like information on:  
 The ministries of this church.  
 How to begin a relationship with God.  
 How to become a member of this church.

Prayer request or comment:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Announcements**

**Congratulations** to new parents Chris and Brenda Peterson. Monica Faye Peterson was born November 27, weighing 7lbs 4oz, and 20” long. All are doing well. To sign-up for meals, visit the church website under *Church Life* then *Who’s Coming With Dinner*.

**Welcome, Ben Ries** Our new minister, Ben Ries, is with us today and will be with us again next Sunday, when we will formally install him. Ben’s family will also be with us next Sunday for Ben’s installation and for our Christmas Gathering. Keep them all in your prayers as they travel.

**Ministry Surveys and Pledge Cards** If you have not yet turned in your completed forms, please do so this morning in the foyer blue box. Extra forms are available on the foyer table.

**Calling All Cooks** for Wednesday catered meals in 2018. Sign up on the church website under *Church Life* then *Wednesday Night Meals*. Questions? Contact Carol Garth or Anita Holton.

**Elder-on-Call This Week** (Sunday-Saturday) Contact Carl Lafferty with any concerns, needs for prayer, or any other way he can be a source of support and pastoral care.



Members 12/3/17

Please complete the following information so that you are recorded as being present.

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name(s) present

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All family is present except

\_\_\_\_\_

New address/email/phone

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# Coming to Wed. Meal \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request, family news, comment:

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Please check any that apply:

\_\_\_ Share my request above with the elders only.

\_\_\_ Share my request above with members of our prayer ministry.

\_\_\_ List my request in the bulletin.

\_\_\_ Would like to talk with an elder. The best time to call is

\_\_\_\_\_

## Care Groups

Care Groups are our congregation's way for members to get to know each other and care for each other on an on-going basis. If you are a visitor, you are encouraged to attend a Care Group function; ask any member how to do so.

December Fellowship Hosts: CG1 (Doyle, Reeser)

## Volunteers

Building Lockup	December 3	Caroline Smith
	December 10	Anita Holton
Communion Prep	December 3, 10	Beverly DuBois
Flower Providers	December 3	Carl Lafferty
	December 10	Bethany Gray
Greeters	December 3	Henry Felder
		Laura Rash
	December 10	Hannah Smith
		Phil Sweigart
Kids Praise Jr (3y-K)	December 3	Joanie Brown
	December 10	Laura Clay
		Carl Lafferty
Kids Praise (Gr.1-2)	December 3	Carrie Doyle
		Gail McCormick
	December 10	David Harpe
Nursery Infants	December 3	9:15 Laura Clay
		Polly Haugland
		Toddlers
		9:15 Lisa Clay
		Maria Sanchez
		Combined
		10:45 Cristian Collado
		Chris Felder
Infants	December 10	9:15 Haley Dansby
		Heather Jared
Toddlers		9:15 Jane Campbell
		Chris Nelson
		Combined
		10:45 Natalie Beyer
		Cristian Collado
Ushers	December 3	Evan Felder
		David Harpe
	December 10	Dene Haugland
		Sam Wilson

Contribution Attendance November 26

November 26	\$20,497	English Worship	104
<i>Monthly finance summaries are posted in the foyer.</i>		Latino Worship	30
		Prison	40

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Thursday	Stuart Doyle
	Thevita Gaddy
	Alan Hilliard
Friday	Jean-Claude Rinehart
Saturday	Bob Jones

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	John 6:22-29
Monday	John 8:42-47
Tuesday	John 10:7-10
Wednesday	John 10:1-18
Thursday	John 12:1-11
Friday	John 14:25-31
Saturday	John 15:1-8

*The verses above follow along with the publication "Power for Today."*

## Foreign Missions

Argentina	Jane C. de Galeppi
Honduras	Moises Chino
Russia	Igor Egirev
	Luidmila Klimanova
	Joel Petty
	Konstantin Zhigulin
Swaziland	Brad Carter

## Latino Congregation

Minister	Jorge Aguilera
Deacons	Jorge Aguilera
	Jose Ramos
	Miguel Teruel
Finance	Jose Ramos
	Elsa Teruel

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**Interim Senior Minister**  
Dr. Paul Watson

**Minister of Youth & Families**  
Sharon Hilliard

**Associate Minister**  
Isaac Reeser

**Church Secretary**  
Pam Dolejs

**Elders**  
John Beyer  
Neil Clay  
Dene Haugland  
Charles Holton  
Carl Lafferty  
Wayne Massey  
Tim Wood

**Ministry Leaders**  
Pat Daggett, Jonathan Dansby  
*Adult Education*  
Carl Foster  
*Building and Grounds*  
Carrie Doyle, Bethany Gray  
*Care Groups*  
Luke and Caroline Smith  
*Community Service*  
Anita Holton  
*Fellowship*  
John and Carol Shoun  
*Finance*  
Vadim and Emily Kochetkov  
*Foreign Missions*  
Tim Russell  
*Outreach*

# Cole Mill Road Church of Christ

"Joy in the Journey"



In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."  
—Matthew 3:1-2

## Welcome

If you are a visitor, we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please complete the perforated guest card from this bulletin and place it in the collection plate when passed. If you are new to Churches of Christ, the white pamphlet on the round foyer table will help you know what to expect in our worship service. If you would like a new Bible, please take one from the pew as a gift from us.

*An attended nursery* is available during worship for children under three years old. Please ask an usher for directions.

*Cell phones and other electronic devices* should be silenced during worship. Thanks!

*Hearing assistance devices* are available; ask an usher.