



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

9:00am GATHERING SONGS: *O Praise the Lord, My Soul; Your Kingdom till Then;
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God; Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

*O Praise the Lord, My Soul
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Shout Hallelujah
Joyful, Joyful
My God and King
Prayer – David Jones*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Days of Elijah
Matthew 28:16-20 – Brent Palmer
Sermon – Ben Fike
“Ripples & Waves”

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

The Light Shines in the Darkness
Communion Meditation – David Harpe
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Family Prayer Time – Evelyn Cameron

SENDING

Your Kingdom till Then
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Caroline Smith

SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Visitors are invited to join Care Group 3 in classroom 9 in the Fellowship Hall

9:45am Children's Classes

Under Age 3 – Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 3 - 5th grade – Kid's Education Wing Classrooms

10:50am Teen Class

6th-12th Grade – Teen Room

10:50am Adult Classes

CG 1: Room 11/ Fellowship Hall

CG 2: Room 14 / Fellowship Hall

CG 3: Room 9 / Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

September 24 Last Day to Sign Up for WDG Focus Groups

September 30 Senior Saints Gathering

October 1 Care Group Sunday

October 8-11 Voting Equipment in Fellowship Hall

October 9-15 WDG Focus Groups

October 28 Fall Festival

October 29 Elder Ordination/Reaffirmation Service

SUNDAYS

Children's Classes Ages 3-5th grade's current series is *Problems and Promises*. For questions or information, contact our Family Minister, Sharon Hilliard.

Adult and Teen Classes Care Group and teen classes have begun a study developed by Dr. Amanda Pittman titled *Walking in the Way: The Journey of Discipleship in Luke's Gospel*. For questions or information, contact our Adult Education Ministry Leader, Lisa Clay.

Next Sunday 10/1 To mark the beginning of the fall season and Care Groups resuming, we're offering coffee and snacks *next* Sunday 10/1 between worship and class time. We hope you will enjoy the extra fellowship time with one another.

ONGOING GATHERINGS

Wednesday Nights Bring your own dinner at 6pm, followed by a devotional.

Thursday Bible Study All are invited to a Bible study held every Thursday at 7am in the church library. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

Senior Saints Senior Saints will host guest speaker Dr. Harold Koenig from the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health with Duke University Medical Center, for a "Mental Health Hour." Dr. Koenig will focus on adjustment to grief, loss, depression, and coping with stress. He will examine how religious faith, and religious community involvement in particular, can be a major source of joy and stability, making a major difference in prevention and treatment. The entire congregation is invited to join us on September 30, at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please **RSVP by September 25** to [Emma Davis](#) if you plan to attend.

Voting Equipment Elections are on October 10, and CMR is a voting site for the Durham County Board of Elections. They appreciate your cooperation with two requirements: 1) For security, the entire Fellowship Hall building is restricted from access from Sunday 10/8 at 2:45pm through Wednesday 10/11 at 10:30am, unless CMR is your voting site on Tuesday. 2) Election signs are allowed 72 hours post-election per state law.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Elder Selection 2023: Major Dates

Through October 1: Nomination/reaffirmation forms are available on the foyer table and can be placed in the bright blue box on the foyer table or hand-delivered to one of our current elders. You can also drop them off at the church office during the week.

October 1: Last day to submit nomination/reaffirmation forms

October 1-22: Forms are being reviewed by Dene & Paul, any new candidates are being identified and talked to privately by current elders

October 22: The names of current elders up for reaffirmation and new candidates to serve as elders are shared with congregation

October 27: Last day for any written, scriptural objections to any elders up for reaffirmation or new service

October 29: Ordination of new elders and reaffirmation of continuing elders in worship service

Campus Usage Focus Groups The next step in our ongoing conversations about how we can better use our physical resources for mission and ministry is a series of three focus groups led by our strategic partner, the Wesley Development Group:

- Monday, October 9th | 02:00PM | Zoom Meeting
- Tuesday, October 10th | 06:00PM | Zoom Meeting
- Sunday, October 15th | 12:30PM | In-Person at Cole Mill Road

Sunday, September 24 at 11:59pm is the deadline for signing-up to participate in this important conversation about the future vision and direction of our church! If you would like to

sign up, please contact [Ben Fike](#) or [Pam Dolejs](#) at the church office and let them know which session you are available to attend.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Adam Beyer who passed the North Carolina bar exam and is now licensed to practice law! He is currently working for a judge in Detroit, Michigan.

Prayer Concerns Douglas Harpe, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Charles and Judi Runkle, Reverdy Ransom, Scott Hamilton, the Russell family, Elizabeth Walters, and those who provide care for them.

Giving You can give four ways: [Online](#), automatic bank draft, mail a check to the office, or leave a contribution in the plate at the back of the auditorium. Thank you for supporting our mission to join God's work of New Creation!

Listen to Sermons Did you know? You can [listen to sermons](#) from the church website!

Elder-on-Call (Sunday-Saturday) Contact Evelyn Cameron with any concerns, need for prayer, or other ways the elders can provide support and care.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Saturday 9/23: Rachael McKay

Tuesday 9/26: Niam Gettings

Friday 9/29: David & Lisa Harpe



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