



# COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024**

**9:00am GATHERING SONGS:** *There Never Was a Pulpit Like the Old Rugged Cross, When I Survey the Old Rugged Cross, Worthy Is the Lamb, Once Upon a Tree*

**9:30am WORSHIP**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

*You're The One*

*We Praise Thee, O God #2*

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee #186*

Prayer – Ruby Bills

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Children's Moment – Laura Fike

*The Old Rugged Cross #313*

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 – Jo Wall

Sermon – Ben Fike

**“On a Tree”**

### **THE TABLE OF THE LORD**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #315*

Communion Meditation – Nathan Bills

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Family Prayer – Luke Smith

**SENDING**

*God Of the Trees*  
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Tim Russell

## SUNDAY

### 8:00 Elders Meeting

**9:30 Nursery During Worship** Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

### 10:50 Classes

*Children's: **The Overstory: God's Story Told with Trees***

Under Age 3 – Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kids Praise Classroom, lower level of the Worship Center

*Teens: **Jesus and Stress***

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Teen Room**

**Adults:** *Update from the Bills Family* in the Worship Center

### 1:00 MCC Meeting

## COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

**July 27** Seniors Saints Activity

**August 4** Intergenerational Sunday

**August 25** Back-to-School Sunday

**September 8** Life Group Launch

**September 29** CMR's 80<sup>th</sup> Homecoming

## EVENTS AND GATHERINGS



**The Overstory: God's Story Told With Trees** This Summer, all ages at CMR are invited into *The Overstory: God's Story Told with Trees*. Did you know, other than humans, trees are the creatures mentioned most often in the Bible? From the trees in the Garden of Eden in Genesis to the Tree of Life in Revelation and everywhere in between, trees frame the Divine and human drama of scripture. Join us for worship and children's classes through July 28 as we consider our own place in the story of God underneath and among the trees.

**Adult Classes** Sunday's class will be a combined report from the Bills Family on their work in Ghana. The combined adult class will meet in the Worship Center.

**Wednesday Nights** Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for BYO dinner, Bible study, and fellowship!

**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** will gather on July 27 to visit at-home seniors.

**Bills Visit** The Bills family from Ghana will be with us on July 14. They will lead a combined class time to share more about their ministry.

**Becoming Intergenerational: Why All Ages Matter to the Church** What does it look like to be a church for all ages? How can our community of faith embrace every generation in our midst? As we go deeper into our mission to Join God's Work of New Creation by Embracing All People, these questions lead us to the heart of intergenerational ministry. We've invited Dr. Wilson McCoy to help us explore and experience a way of being God's people that can spiritually form *all* of us in unique ways. Join us on Sunday, August 4 for worship, an intergenerational experience for teens and adults during class time, and a "lunch and learn" as we seek to intentionally embrace every generation of God's people as we share life together.

## FAMILY NEWS

**Prayer Concerns** Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Charles and Judi Runkle, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, Jordan Russell, Elizabeth Walters, and those who provide care for them.

**God Sightings** During **The Overstory**, all ages are invited to help us create a wall of "God Sightings" as we pay attention to the story of God unfolding before us. Whether you see God in the face of a child, notice God's handiwork in the setting of the sun, experience God's love in the kindness of a stranger, sense God's presence in an answered prayer, or something else

entirely, please write or draw your "sightings" on one of the paper leaves in the pews or in the prayer room and leave them to be added to the wall each week.



**Life Groups** There is an exciting change coming this Fall at CMR! Our current Care Groups will be reshuffled into three new Life Groups. We plan to continue meeting on the first Sunday of the month during the class hour, but the format will look different – more to come on that! For now, make plans to join our Life Group Launch on Sunday, September 8. This will include a catered picnic lunch, games, and a lot of fun. This event is for the entire church family, and we hope you'll be there. If you have questions or want to know more, please contact Caroline Smith (Ministry Leader) or Evelyn Cameron (Elder) who help direct the Life Group Ministry.

**CMR's 80<sup>th</sup> Homecoming** Please save the date for a special worship service and fellowship lunch to celebrate Cole Mill Road's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, September 29, 2024. This will be a great opportunity to invite former members, extended family, and neighbors to come home to Cole Mill Road.

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

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)**

Sunday 7/14: Brenda Hamilton

Monday 7/15: Charlie & Elizabeth McMillan

Tuesday 7/16: Neil Clay

Thursday 7/18: Iris Jones

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Common Grounds Unity Gathering / Singing Event on July 13 at 5pm, Garner Church of Christ in Garner** Triangle area singing event for those across the various streams of our spiritual heritage and beyond. The first half will be a capella, and the second half will have a keyboard accompaniment. [Click here to RSVP](#). Call 919-777-3881 for more information.

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