



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

9:00am GATHERING SONGS: *We Have Come to Worship Him;*
'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer; Father Knows Best; Abba Father

9:30am WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike
We Have Come to Worship Him
Shout Hallelujah
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #390
'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer #849
Prayer – Seth Cannon
God is So Good #83

SERVICE OF THE WORD

What a Friend We Have in Jesus #800
James 5:13-20 – Romeo Johnson
Sermon – Ben Fike
“Asking God for Rain, Part 2”

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Lord, Take My Life
Communion Meditation – Charles Holton
The Lord's Prayer
Be With Me, Lord #778
Family Prayer – Luke Smith

SENDING

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Priscilla Russell

SUNDAY

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

Under Age 3 – Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 3 - 5th grade – Kid's Praise Rooms, downstairs of Worship Center

Teens Current series is *Jesus and Forgiveness*

6th-12th Grade in the Teen Room

Adults Two classes offered:

Justice in the Fellowship Hall Auditorium

How the Body of Christ Talks in the Fellowship Hall, Room 9

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

August 25 Back-to-School Sunday

September 8 Life Group Launch and New Adult Fall Classes Begin

September 10 Families Moving Forward

September 12 Workshop by Dr. Koenig for CMR

October 6 80th Anniversary Celebration & Life Group Sunday

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Adult Class Offerings

- This Sunday continues the second of three sessions exploring the concept of justice taught by Charles Holton. We will explore areas of overlap and differences between Biblical concepts of justice and concepts promoted by contemporary society.

- The book study class will continue on *How the Body of Christ Talks: Recovering the Practice of Conversation in the Church* (taught by several teachers).

Blood Drive August 28, 1:30-6pm at the Church of Latter Day Saints next door. The Red Cross has announced a national blood shortage due to extreme heat and summer travel reducing the number of blood donors since July. Their national blood supply has fallen by more than 25% and there is a critical need for blood donors (particularly type 0). If you can donate, please visit the [Red Cross Donation website](#) and enter Sponsor Code LDS to find the date and schedule an appointment.

Workshop on Religion, Spirituality, and Health The CMR Outreach team is hosting a presentation by Dr. Harold G. Koenig, MD, on Thursday, September 12, 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Koenig, Director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health at Duke University, is a world-renowned author and speaker on the problems facing our society today. His talk will focus on how spirituality and the church community help us to cope with the issues of modern life such as anxiety and loneliness. We hope you can attend, and please invite your friends and neighbors!

New Fall Adult Class Offerings This fall we are offering two classes. One class is for parents and others with an active role forming faith in multi-generational households. Caroline Smith, Brenda Peterson, and Trey Blazer will lead discussions based on the book, *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley. We hope to discover simple habits and easy-to-implement daily rhythms that help households find meaning beyond the chaos of family life and create homes where all ages practice the love of God and each other. Our other class will be on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) taught by Jo Wall with support from Pat Dagget and Lisa Clay. Our focus is on how to hear Jesus' words in our current culture and time. We want to listen to what Jesus has to say about how to live our lives as his followers today.



Life Groups There is an exciting change coming this Fall at CMR! Three new Life Groups will meet on the first Sunday of the month during the class hour. Make plans to join the 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, contact Caroline Smith (Ministry Leader) or Evelyn Cameron (Elder) who help direct the Life Group Ministry.

Families Moving Forward We have another opportunity to prepare food and help serve an evening meal for the residents at Families Moving Forward on Tuesday, September 10. FMF provides temporary housing and other assistance for families who are transitioning from homelessness. Please sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA5AC2EA5F85-47146868-cmrdate#/. For more information or if you have difficulty signing up online, contact Phil Sweigart.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA5AC2EA5F85-47146868-cmrdate#/)

New date for CMR's 80th Homecoming Update your calendar and save the date for a special worship service and fellowship lunch to celebrate Cole Mill Road's 80th Anniversary on Sunday, October 6, 2024. This is a great opportunity to invite former members, extended family, and neighbors to come home to Cole Mill Road.

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.

FAMILY NEWS

Helping One Another The CMR benevolence ministry gratefully acknowledges the many individuals and families who recently contributed towards the purchase of a vehicle for the Russell family. The Russells shared: "We are blown away by the love and generosity of our church family! Thank you so much for all the donations we received to help us secure a replacement vehicle! A special thank you, as well, to the benevolence ministry for spearheading this effort, and to Caris Foundation for receiving the donations for us. We are grateful beyond words, and give all the glory to God. We love you all. The Russell family."

Thank You from the Family of Elizabeth Walters "Dear Ben and Paul, We would like to thank you and all the members of the Cole Mill Road Church of Christ for all the support we received as we were planning the funeral of our mother, Elizabeth Walters. The service performed by Ben and Paul was exactly what we were hoping for and was done beautifully. We appreciate all the assistance in the planning including your visit to the home to collect more personal information on Elizabeth. We are grateful for Pam and the lovely program she pulled together for the service. Additionally, we are grateful to the Senior Saints for their visitations with Elizabeth. The food that was shared with us, the taco salad and yummy desserts was extremely helpful and delicious! Our thanks also for the gorgeous floral arrangement. This is truly a spiritual community that serves its members. With Gratitude, The Walters Family: Roland, Bart, Vicki, and Bonnie"

Prayer Concerns Office Manager, Pam Dolejs, is home and recovering from an appendectomy. Continue to remember Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Charles and Judi Runkle, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Volunteer Scheduler in September If you know of Sunday mornings in September that you will not be available at church, please email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#) or enter those dates in the [online scheduler here](#) by **August 21**.

Soda Tabs Save your soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Drop off soda tabs at the foyer kiosk.

Elder-on-Call (Sunday-Saturday) Contact Luke Smith with any concerns, need for prayer, or other ways the elders can provide support and care. Luke will be available to pray with you immediately following worship in the Prayer Room.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Sunday 8/18: Tim and Carmen Wood

Thursday 8/22: Wayne Massey



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