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# **SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

**9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**: Forever Reign; Resting in Jesus; The Ninety and Nine; Softly and Tenderly

9:30am WORSHIP

### **GATHERING**

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Seeking the Lost #624

Forever Reign

Be Still, My Soul #689

Prayer – Rebecca Klingaman

#### **WORD**

Children's Moment – Laura Fike

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Colossians 3:12-17 & Luke 15:1-7 – Callie Blazer

Sermon – Ben Fike

"Planted Again"

Softly and Tenderly #934

### **TABLE**

Family Prayer – Luke Smith

I Am the Bread of Life

Communion Meditation – Carl Holladay

### **SENDING**

Psalm 126 - Unison Reading

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Benediction – Ben Fike

## Song Leader – Priscilla Russell

After worship, an elder will be available for prayer in the Prayer Room.

## **Psalm 126 - Unison Reading NIRV**

Our enemies took us away from Zion.

But when the Lord brought us home,

it seemed like a dream to us.

Our mouths were filled with laughter.

Our tongues sang with joy.

Then the people of other nations said,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us.

And we are filled with joy.

Lord, bless us with great success again,

as rain makes streams flow in the Negev Desert.

Those who cry as they plant their crops

will sing with joy when they gather them in.

Those who go out weeping

as they carry seeds to plant

will come back singing with joy.

They will bring the new crop back with them.

## **SUNDAY**

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

### 11:00 Classes

Children Current series is Ripples: Meeting Jesus by the Water

Age 3 and Under – Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 4 through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Kids Praise Classroom (downstairs)

\*Children and volunteers will leave worship following communion

Teens Current series is Bible Geography

Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Teen Room

Adults Current series is Ask Away: Big Questions and Shared Wisdom in the Fellowship Hall

# **COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE**

July 26 Senior Saints

July 27 Drew Baker Preaching

August 3 Brad Carter (ACC) Preaching, Potluck Lunch

August 10 Back-to-School Sunday, MCC
August 23 Senior Saints
August 26 Families Moving Forward
September 7 Life Group Kick-Off
September 13 Women's Retreat

### **EVENTS AND GATHERINGS**

### **Summer Classes**

\*Children Ripples: Meeting Jesus by the Water We're discovering how Jesus brings peace, power, and love into ordinary (and some not-so-ordinary) moments. Through storytelling, play, and prayer, children age 4 through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning to see the presence of Jesus flowing in their own lives and to create "ripple effects" of his love and teaching everywhere they go. Contact Laura Fike for more information.

\*Youth Bible Geography

\*Adults Ask Away: Big Questions and Shared Wisdom We're in a series exploring questions from our own congregation. This month we're discussing questions on the Holy Spirit and its role in our lives today, Atonement, and the New Heaven and the New Earth.

**Summer Prayer Group: Listening to Luke 10** Join a Zoom prayer group on Tuesdays at 12pm as we pray through Luke 10 using the *Dwelling in the Word* practice. This is a space for spiritual listening, community, and shaping our August sermon series. Come once or every week—all are welcome. Interested? Contact Ben to receive the Zoom link and prayer guide. Our next Zoom is July 22.

**Senior Saints** will meet on July 26 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a presentation on artificial intelligence by Brandon Anderson. Lunch will follow, so please RSVP to Pam by Wednesday.

Guest Preachers Drew Baker will preach on July 27, and Brad Carter will preach on August 3.

Potluck Lunch Be thinking of what you'd like to bring for our next potluck lunch on August 3.

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

# **FAMILY NEWS**

**Condolences** Our sympathy goes out to the Fike family in the passing of Ben's grandmother, Bonnie Fike, on July 14. Her memorial service will be held July 26 in Texas. Prayers for all the Fike families are appreciated.

**August Volunteer Scheduler** If you know of Sunday mornings in August that you will not be available, please enter those dates **before July 23** in the online scheduler, or email Sharon and/or Pam.

Jesus Sightings Wall As part of our Ripples series this summer, our children are inviting the whole congregation to join them in creating a wall of "Jesus Sightings". Wherever you see Jesus, you can write or draw your "sightings" on one of the droplets found on the foyer round table or the tables with communion supplies. You can write a paragraph, a sentence, or just one word. Droplets can be left on the tables, pews, or given to Laura Fike. We can't wait to see our wall filled with sightings of Jesus' welcoming, healing, calming, loving work! And if you're having trouble finding Jesus, look for water. Because when we see water, we remember Jesus is near!

**Prayer Concerns** Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Sara Meadows, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

**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)

Friday 7/18: Iris Jones

Tuesday 7/22: Beth Palmer Saturday 7/26: Donna Holladay

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

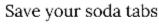
**Learning Forums** Aldersgate UMC in Durham is hosting a series of free Sunday evening Learning Forums in July focused on "Innovating Disciplemaking," featuring Duke professors and church leaders from across the country. If you can't attend in-person, you can watch live at <a href="https://www.aldersgate.org/watch-live">https://www.aldersgate.org/watch-live</a>. A recording of the event will be available next week on their <a href="Vimeo page">Visit aldersgate.org/becoming-bright</a> for details and to register. July 20, 4-6pm: Dr. Alma Tinoco Ruiz and Pastor Ryan Canaday of Free Recovery Community in Denver, CO.

**Flourishing in Marriage Workshop** hosted by Dr. Harold Koenig and his wife Charmin Koenig on August 2 via Zoom. This workshop is intended for couples who want to improve their marital relationship. Contact Pam for more information.



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