



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *10,000 Reasons;
Build Your Kingdom Here; Growing Up in the Lord; Behold Our God*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Priscilla Russell

Firm Foundation

O Worship the King #144

Ancient of Days

Unison Reading of Psalm 24 (NIRV)

Prayer – Gail McCormick

WORD

Children's Moment – Brenda Peterson

Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom #643

Mark 4:26-32 – Landon Klingaman

Introduction of Brad Carter – Charles Holton

Sermon – Brad Carter

“Growing in Allegiance”

Build Your Kingdom Here

TABLE

Family Prayer – Natalie Beyer

I Am the Bread of Life

Communion Meditation – Wayne Massey

SENDING

Behold Our God

Benediction – Brad Carter

Song Leader/Selector – Priscilla Russell

Unison Reading of Psalm 24 (NIRV)

The earth belongs to the Lord. And so does everything in it.

The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it.

He set it firmly on the oceans.

He made it secure on the waters.

Who can go up to the temple on the mountain of the Lord?

Who can stand in his holy place?

Anyone who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Anyone who does not trust in the statue of a god.

Anyone who doesn't use the name of that god when he makes a promise.

People like that will receive the Lord's blessing.

When God their Savior hands down his sentence, it will be in their favor.

The people who look to God are like that.

God of Jacob, they look to you.

Open wide, you gates.

Open up, you ancient doors.

Then the King of glory will come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, who is strong and mighty.

The Lord, who is mighty in battle.

Open wide, you gates.

Open wide, you ancient doors.

Then the King of glory will come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The Lord who rules over all.

He is the King of glory.

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 6th grade – Kids Praise Classroom (downstairs)

*Children and volunteers will leave worship following communion

Teens Current series is *Bible Geography*

Rising 7th-12th grade in the Teen Room

Adults Combined Class in the Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

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



Welcome Brad Carter is in the US for the summer months, and we are fortunate to have him preach and lead the adult class for us on Sunday. His partner in life and ministry, Rachael, will also be joining him on this visit. They have three children who were raised in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). Brad has served as president of African Christian College and lived on campus with his family for the past 13 years. He enjoys sharing stories of God at work in Africa -- especially to partners in ministry like Cole Mill Road -- and is passionate about helping others follow King Jesus. He studied Bible and ministry at ACU (undergrad and grad degrees) and has his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Lamar University. Before moving to Africa, Brad worked in student development and teaching at ACU, doing community development work as a minister and later a nonprofit executive director, and consulted with nonprofit boards and leaders.

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 6th 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** On August 3, we will have a combined class in the Fellowship Hall with Brad Carter discussing the work of ACC. Starting August 10, we will continue covering questions asked by the congregation: *Why Gaza? Looking at over 4000 years of geopolitical history*. We will also continue our conversation about 'what happens after you die'. Come join our discussion on these topics!



Potluck Lunch This Sunday, August 3. Everyone is invited for food and fellowship as we welcome our missionary partner, Brad Carter. Fried chicken will be provided. [Please sign up here to bring sides, salads, and desserts to share](#)! Contact Natalie Beyer or Wayne Massey with questions.

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 August 5.

MCC Meeting August 10, 1pm in the Library.

Wednesday Nights Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for BYO dinner and fellowship, followed by discussing and viewing *The Chosen* until mid-September.

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




Macadamia Oil African Christian College has macadamia trees on campus, and they sell macadamia oil as a fundraiser for the school, which will be available for purchase this Sunday.

Back-to-School Photos Needed If you are heading back-to-school this year, whether as a student or someone who works with students, please send a current photo to Laura Fike **by August 4**, along with your grade, course of study, school and/or role. The photos will be used for a back-to-school slideshow played during our August 10 worship.

Collecting Shower Supplies One of the ways we're spreading ripples of love this summer is by collecting shower supplies to send with Jane Campbell on her upcoming trip to Honduras. The next time you're at the store, think about picking up an extra washcloth, bar of soap, or travel shampoo to add to our children's collection. Our collection box will be downstairs in the Kids' Praise Room, or you can give your donations to any children's ministry leader to bring downstairs. We welcome your additional support of one of our favorite children's ministry volunteers!

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.

 **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!

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Friday 8/1: Herschel Rorex




Monday 8/4: Dene Haugland, Walker Meineipaikeh

Tuesday 8/5: Elizabeth Massey, Carlos & Maria Sanchez, Kris & Lena Gemisic

Friday 8/8: Caroline Smith



Joining God's Work of New Creation

-  Embrace all God's People
 -  Rely on God's Spirit
 -  Join Christ's Global Church
- in the Ministry of Reconciliation

