



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *A Shield About Me; What A Friend We Have in Jesus #800; Anywhere with Jesus #414; Jesus Loves Me! #1014; Jesus Loves the Little Children*

9:30am WORSHIP

FIRST BELL

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Laura Fike

Surround Us, Lord

Lord Reign in Me

This Little Light of Mine

Prayer for the School Year – Neil Clay

LESSONS IN KINDNESS

Micah 6:6-8 & Galatians 5:22-26 – Callie Blazer and Kipleel Rono

Instruments of Your Peace #828

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23 (NIRV)

Sermon – Ben Fike

“Courageous Kindness” (Mark 5:25-34)

A Common Love #705

GATHERED AT THE TABLE

Back to School Blessing – Laura Fike

Prayer for Students – Carrie Doyle

Prayer for Educators – Colton Blazer

Slideshow

Passing of Kindness

Here In This Place

Communion Meditation – David Jones

RIPPLES OF COURAGEOUS KINDNESS

Shout Hallelujah

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader/Selector – Rebecca Klingaman

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 5th grade – Kids Praise Classroom (downstairs)

Teens Current series is *Bible Geography*

Rising 6th-12th 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

August 10 Back-to-School Sunday, MCC

August 16 Community Book Club

August 23 Senior Saints

August 26 Families Moving Forward

September 7 Life Groups 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 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** Paul Watson will lead our Adult Ed class on "Why Gaza?" In other words, why is the Israeli/Palestinian conflict so brutal and seemingly so unsolvable? And why does that conflict focus on the territory of Gaza - the so-called Gaza Strip? The answer is complicated, and the roots to that answer lie buried deep in Old and New Testament scripture. Join us as we explore those scriptures and the consequent history of that troubled land.

All Students and Families are invited to meet-up for lunch after classes this Sunday at Alpaca on Mayfair Street.

MCC Meeting August 10, 1pm in the Library.

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 12.

Families Moving Forward We have an opportunity to prepare food and help serve an evening meal for the residents at Families Moving Forward on August 26. FMF provides temporary housing and other assistance for families who are transitioning from homelessness. [Click here to volunteer](#). For more information or if you have difficulty signing up online, contact Phil Sweigart.

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

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!

Honduras Missions Collection for August: Band-aids, medical tape, dental supplies, adult and children's multivitamins. Donations may be dropped off in the designated box in the Worship Center lobby.

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)

Friday 8/8: Caroline Smith

Sunday 8/10: Phyllis Rorex

Monday 8/11: Branson & Joanie Brown

Tuesday 8/12: Maria Sanchez

Wednesday 8/13: Judi Runkle

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Book Club We will gather on Saturday, August 16, from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library (with a Zoom option available). We'll be discussing *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck, a historical fiction novel published in 1931 that dramatizes family life in an early 20th-century Chinese village in Anhwei. Whether you've read the book or just want to enjoy good conversation, all are welcome – bring a friend!



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