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Faith, Love, Hope at Work
LIVING GOD'S CALL IN DAILY LIFE TOGETHER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *You Are Holy; Faithful Love #18;*
Take Time to Be Holy #731; Great Are You, Lord

9:30am WORSHIP

IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Doxology #66

10,000 Reasons

Holy, Holy, Holy #47

Prayer – David Jones

GOOD NEWS OF LOVE

Ancient Words

Deuteronomy 10:12–22 & Luke 16:19–31 – Evan Carlson

Sermon – Ben Fike

“Holiness in the Meantime” (1 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

Where He Leads I'll Follow #417

THE TABLE OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING

Family Prayer – Luke Smith

In Christ Alone

Communion Meditation – David Harpe

STAND FIRM, GO IN PEACE

We Are the Body of Christ

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Rebecca Klingaman

After worship, coffee and tea will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 24 (NIRV)

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

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

One: He set it firmly on the oceans.

All: He made it secure on the waters.

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

All: Who can stand in his holy place?

One: Anyone who has clean hands and a pure heart.

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

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

All: People like that will receive the Lord's blessing.

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

All: The people who look to God are like that. God of Jacob, they look to you.

One: Open wide, you gates. Open up, you ancient doors.

All: Then the King of glory will come in.

One: Who is the King of glory?

All: The Lord, who is strong and mighty. The Lord, who is mighty in battle.

One: Open wide, you gates. Open wide, you ancient doors.

All: Then the King of glory will come in.

One: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: 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

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

Age 4 - 5th grade – Kid's Praise Rooms (downstairs)

Youth Studying *The Gospel of Mark*

6th-12th Grade in the Teen Room

Adults will meet with their Life Group to discuss the recent elder mini-series "Living and Sharing the Gospel". If you are visiting, we would love for you to join us and you can talk to either the Minister Ben Fike or the elder leading the family prayer, Luke Smith, to know which group to join.

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

October 5 Life Groups

October 11 Rise Against Hunger
October 12 MCC Meeting
October 25 Senior Saints
October 28 Families Moving Forward
October 31 Trick-or-Treating & Party
November 2 All Saints Day, Life Groups
November 9 MCC Meeting
November 16 Covenant Renewal
November 23 Teen-led Worship, North Durham Community Thanksgiving Service
November 30 Advent Begins

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Life Group Sunday Our LG launch last month was such a success! Our next LG Sunday is October 5 and you're all invited! During class, all ages will meet in LG classrooms to talk about the story of Ruth. After class, we'll meet for an all-church potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall! Start thinking about your favorite recipe for this special meal together.

Children's Ministry Beginning October 12, Children's Ministry procedures will update to strengthen safety and hospitality. As part of these updates, as we transition to class time, we ask families with children to use the side door of the Fellowship Hall that leads to the Children's Hallway. Everyone else, please use glass double doors at the front to enter the Fellowship Hall. We're being proactive to create safe, welcoming, joyful spaces. Details will follow by email and in next week's bulletin.

Upcoming Adult Ed Classes Two new classes begin on October 12:

[1 Corinthians](#) Join Carl Holladay and Ben Fike for a simple, thoughtful study of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Together we'll work through the book week by week, listening deeply to what this letter has to say to the church today.

[A Christian Response to 'The Anxious Generation'](#) This 9-week class will discuss Jonathan Haidt's book "The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness." The class will be co-taught each week by one of our CMR psychiatrists (John Beyer, Justin Gettings, Luke Smith) and a CMR parent (Laura Rash, Brenda Peterson). Though much of the focus will be on parenting issues related to technology, all members are welcome in this important discussion of the role technology plays in our lives and how we as Christians should respond and reflect.

Rise Against Hunger Team CMR will join Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, October 11 (10:00 AM–12:00 PM at Triangle Grace Church) to package meals for hungry children and families worldwide. We exceeded our goal, registering 33 volunteers and raising \$3,584!

Wednesday Nights Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for BYO dinner and fellowship. Beginning this coming Wednesday, we will commence a study of the book of Acts, paying particular attention to the efforts of the early church to share the gospel with others.

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

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 Check-In Meetings As part of caring for the church family, our elders meet with each member of CMR each year to talk, pray, and encourage one another in faith and church life. Over the next six weeks, the elder over your Life Group will contact you to arrange a time to meet. You'll also receive an email with a few questions to help you reflect and prepare for the conversation. Please watch for these communications and set aside time for this important opportunity to connect. Our aim is to complete all meetings by Covenant Renewal Sunday on November 16.

Voting / Fellowship Hall CMR is a voting site for the Durham County Board of Elections, and elections are on October 7. They appreciate your cooperation with two requirements: 1)For security, access to the Fellowship Hall building is restricted from Sunday 10/5 at 3:30pm through Wednesday 10/8 at 10:30am (unless CMR is your voting site), 2)Election signs are allowed 72 hours post-election per state law.

Contacting an Elder Elders are committed to walk with you in prayer, support, and care. Please contact the elder assigned to your Life Group if a need arises.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Friday 9/26: Niam Gettings

Monday 9/29: David & Lisa Harpe

Wednesday 10/1: Polly Haugland

Friday 10/3: John Beyer, Daniel Carlson, Evan Carlson

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope is an opportunity to connect Durham's story, your own story, and God's story. Through a weekend of visiting important places and hearing the stories of leaders who have shaped the city, participants reckon with the challenges Durham has faced and witness the hope in our community. This life-changing experience will give you a renewed sense of purpose and rootedness and will help you connect your faith with the place

you call home. The next pilgrimage is October 17-19 and the registration deadline is October 1. To register, and for more information, [visit \[durhamcares.org/pilgrimage\]\(https://durhamcares.org/pilgrimage\)](https://durhamcares.org/pilgrimage)

North Durham Book Club will meet on Saturday, October 18, from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library (and on Zoom). We'll be discussing *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith, over coffee and lightly guided conversation. Bring a friend and join our growing circle!

Ladies Day at the Church of Christ in Goldsboro on October 18. RSVP by October 3. More information is posted on the foyer bulletin board.

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