



# COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025**

**9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** *Salvation Belongs to Our God; Only a Holy God;  
Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy; Shout Hallelujah*

**9:30am WORSHIP**

**CLAIMED AND CALLED**

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

*Unto the Hills #137*

Prayer – Paul Watson

*Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*

*Shout, Hallelujah*

*Into My Heart*

Children's Moment – Laura Fike

**GOD'S WILL, OUR WALK**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #226*

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Luke 17:5-10 – Lisa Harpe

Sermon – Ben Fike

**"The Ambition to Do Less and Love More" (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 37:1-9

**THE LORD WHO CLAIMS US**

*Just As I Am, I Come Broken*

Communion Meditation – Charles Holton

*Only A Holy God*

**QUIET LIVES, LOUD LOVE**

Family Prayer – Evelyn Cameron

*Salvation Belongs to Our God*

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Caroline Smith

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

### **Responsive Reading of Psalm 37:1–9**

One: Don't be upset because of sinful people. Don't be jealous of those who do wrong.

**All: Like grass, they will soon dry up. Like green plants, they will soon die.**

One: Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live in the land and enjoy its food.

**All: Find your delight in the Lord. Then he will give you everything your heart really wants.**

One: Commit your life to the Lord. Here is what he will do if you trust in him.

**All: He will make the reward for your godly life shine like the dawn. He will make the proof of your honest life shine like the sun at noon.**

One: Be still and wait patiently for the Lord to act.

**All: Don't be upset when other people succeed. Don't be upset when they carry out their evil plans.**

One: Turn away from anger and don't give in to wrath. Don't be upset, because that only leads to evil.

**All: Sinful people will be destroyed. But those who put their hope in the Lord will receive the land.**

## **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**

Visitors are invited to any Life Group

Youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades in the Teen Room

Studying *The Gospel of Mark*

Children and Adults

LG 1: Corner Classroom – downstairs (Jones/Holton)

LG 2: Room 11 – Fellowship Hall (Peterson/Beyer)

LG 3: Room 5/7 – Fellowship Hall (Carlson/Smith)

LG 4: Kids Praise Classroom – downstairs (Harpe/Cameron)

LG 5: Room 10 – Fellowship Hall (Garth/Wood)

LG 6: Room 9 – Fellowship Hall (Clay)

**12:00** Potluck Lunch – Fellowship Hall

## **COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE**

**October 5** Life Groups, Potluck Lunch

**October 11** Rise Against Hunger

**October 12** MCC Meeting

**October 18** North Durham Book Club: *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

**October 25** Senior Saints

**October 28** Families Moving Forward

**October 31** Trick-or-Treating & Party for Children/Families

**November 2** All Saints Day, Life Groups

**November 9** MCC Meeting

**November 11** Blood Drive

**November 16** Covenant Renewal

**November 23** Teen-led Worship, North Durham Community Thanksgiving Service

**November 30** Advent Begins

## EVENTS AND GATHERINGS



Our next LG Sunday is this Sunday, 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! Bring your favorite recipe for this special meal together.

**Children's Ministry** One week to go! Children's Ministry updates launch October 12. 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 the glass double doors at the front to enter the Fellowship Hall. We're being proactive to keep spaces safe, welcoming, and joyful for our children and neighbors.

**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.

**MCC Meeting** October 12, 12pm in the Library. 2026 Budgets and Ministry Survey revisions are due.

**All Saints Day** On November 2, we will join Christians around the world in celebrating *All Saints Day*, giving thanks for the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) who surround us in faith. This year our worship will include:

\* **Litany of Remembrance** If you have a loved one who has died **in the last year** (since 11/1/2024) that you’d like to **include in a slideshow during worship**, please send their name, the nature of your personal relationship with them, date of passing, and a high-quality picture [to Pam by Monday, October 20](#).

\* **Photo Board of Saints** If you have a loved one who has died that you’d like to **include on a photo board in the lobby**, please send their name, the nature of your personal relationship with them, and a high-quality picture [to Pam by Monday, October 20](#).

**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! Thank you!

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

**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 this 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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)**

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

Monday 10/6: Lisa Clay

Saturday 10/11: Corey & Michelle Carlson

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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.

**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!

