



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 19, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Heavenly Sunlight; Holy Ground;
In Christ Alone; I Am a Sheep; Still*

9:30am WORSHIP

AWAKENED BY GRACE

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Here I Am to Worship

I Am a Sheep

Just a Little Talk with Jesus #959

Responsive Reading of Psalm 27:1-6

Prayer – Laura Fike

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Still

Isaiah 60:1-3 & Luke 18:1-8 – Corey Carlson

Sermon – Ben Fike

“Living Light in a Weary World” 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Heavenly Sunlight #611

CHRIST WHO DIED FOR US

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Communion Meditation – Trey Blazer

Down to the River to Pray

KEEP BUILDING ONE ANOTHER UP

Family Prayer – Tim Wood

Create In Me

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Rachael McKay

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

Responsive Reading of Psalm 27:1-6, NIRV

One: The Lord is my light, and he saves me.

All: Why should I fear anyone?

One: The Lord is my place of safety.

All: Why should I be afraid?

One: My enemies are evil.

They will trip and fall

when they attack me

and try to swallow me up.

All: Even if an army attacks me, my heart will not be afraid.

Even if war breaks out against me, I will still trust in God.

One: I'm asking the Lord for only one thing.

All: Here is what I want.

I want to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

I want to look at the beauty of the Lord.

I want to worship him in his temple.

One: When I'm in trouble,

he will keep me safe in his house.

All: He will hide me in the safety of his holy tent.

He will put me on a rock that is very high.

One: Then I will win the battle

over my enemies who are all around me.

At his holy tent I will offer my sacrifice with shouts of joy.

All: I will sing and make music to the Lord.

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 Room (downstairs)

Youth Studying *The Gospel of Mark*

6th-12th Grade in the Teen Room

Adults Two classes are offered:

1 Corinthians: Auditorium / Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

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

October 25 Senior Saints

October 26 Tim Wood Preaching

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

Children's Ministry Procedures As we transition to class time, we ask children 4 years to 5th grade (and their grown-ups) to please use the side door of the Fellowship Hall to enter the Children's Hallway; everyone else, use the front glass doors. Children check in with Laura before class and check out to a parent, guardian, or designated person. Thank you for helping create a Loving Community where our kids are safe, cared for, and welcomed.

Adult Ed Classes Two classes are offered, both lasting 9 weeks:

[1 Corinthians](#) Join Carl Holladay and Ben Fike in the Fellowship Hall Auditorium 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'](#) Because technology is shaping our hearts and homes, we're learning together as a church family. A Christian Response to *The Anxious Generation* is co-taught by CMR members who are psychiatrists—John Beyer, Justin Gettings, and Luke Smith—and CMR members who are parents—Laura Rash and Brenda Peterson. All are welcome to join this important conversation in Room 9 of the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Saints will meet on Saturday, October 25, at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll assemble treat bags for children/families for the upcoming Trick-or-Treat and party. Seniors should bring candy for the bags. A light lunch will be provided. [Please RSVP to Emma by Wednesday.](#)

Families Moving Forward – October 28 We have a chance to share neighbor love by preparing and serving dinner for families at Families Moving Forward, which provides temporary housing and support for those transitioning out of homelessness. This is a tangible

way to live the Gospel through justice-minded presence and shared fellowship. [Click here to volunteer](#) or contact Phil Sweigart with questions.

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.](#)**

Wednesday Nights – 6pm – Fellowship Hall Bring your own dinner and share time around the table, then join a conversational walk through the book of Acts, focusing on how the earliest followers of Jesus learned to share the gospel with others. It’s a space to listen to their story and imagine how that story continues today. No prep needed. Questions? Contact Charles Holton or Neil Clay.

Thursday Bible Study – 7am – Church Library Start your day with scripture, conversation, and warm biscuits. This weekly gathering is a simple way to grow together in faith and friendship. All are welcome—just show up. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

FAMILY NEWS

Praise We rejoice with the Westbrook/Mitchell family in the baptisms of Elodie and Aubrey last Sunday!

Volunteer Scheduler If you know of **Sunday mornings in November** that you will not be available, please **enter those dates before Oct 22** in the [online scheduler here](#), or email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#).



Covenant Renewal Sunday is one of the most meaningful days in our life together at CMR. This year’s theme, “*We Will, with God’s Help*,” invites us to remember God’s faithfulness and renew our own commitments to live and share the gospel together. **Ministry Survey forms (for all ages) and Contribution Planning cards are available today in the foyer, and an online form will be available soon.** Please complete your form and bring it with you to the service on November 16—or submit to Pam beforehand—as we prepare our hearts for this special day of renewal and worship.

Help With Windows 11 Lena Osorio-Gemisc's husband, Kris, is offering to help anyone at CMR who's having trouble with the recent Windows 11 upgrade. He can share workarounds for older laptops and offer affordable recommendations if you're considering a new one. If you'd like help, contact Kris at **646-209-8905** or gkris6@gmail.com

Voting at CMR – Nov 4 Our Fellowship Hall will serve as an official voting site for the **Durham County Board of Elections**. To support a smooth and secure election:

1. Access to the Fellowship Hall is restricted from **Sun, Nov 2 at 3:30pm** through **Wed, Nov 5 at 10:30am**, except for voters assigned to this site.
2. Election signs may remain up for **72 hours after the election**, per state law.

Thank you for your cooperation and neighborly welcome to voters.

Elder Check-In Meetings As part of caring for our church family, the elders meet with each member of CMR once a year to talk, pray, and encourage one another in faith and church life. Over the next several weeks, your Life Group elder will contact you to schedule a time to meet. You'll also receive an email with a few questions to help you reflect and prepare. Please set aside time for this meaningful conversation as we move toward **Covenant Renewal Sunday, Nov 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 10/17: Elodie Mitchell

Saturday 10/18: Carl Holladay

Monday 10/20: Brenda Peterson

Tuesday 10/21: Kelli Bingham, Jim Holton, Eli Jared, Betty Summers, Wilton & Beverly DuBois

Friday 10/24: Jermir Wells

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DurhamCares Event DurhamCares mission is to work toward a more caring, connected, and just Durham. You're invited to their Advancing the Vision Dinner Fundraiser on November 1 at Duke Memorial, with featured speaker Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings. RSVP to

durhamcares.org



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

