



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 26, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion;*
How Deep the Father's Love For Us; A Common Love #705; I Love You, Lord

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Rebecca Klingaman

I Come to the Garden Alone #595

Love One Another #719

This Is My Father's World #991

Responsive Reading of Psalm 84:1-7

Prayer – Mark Matson

WORD

Instruments of Your Peace #828

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 & Luke 18:9-14 – Kipleting Rono

Sermon – Tim Wood

“Church Life, Living in Relationship?”

A Common Love #705

TABLE

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? #382

Communion Meditation – John Beyer

Jesus Loves Me! #1014

SENDING

Family Prayer – Natalie Beyer

The Greatest Commands #448

Benediction – Tim Wood

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

Responsive Reading of Psalm 84:1-7 (NIRV)

One: Lord who rules over all,
how lovely is the place where you live!

**All: I can't wait to be in the courtyards of the Lord's temple.
I really want to be there.**

One: My whole being cries out for the living God.

**All: Lord who rules over all,
even the sparrow has found a home near your altar.**

One: My King and my God,
the swallow also has a nest there,
where she may have her young.

**All: Blessed are those who live in your house.
They are always praising you.**

One: Blessed are those whose strength comes from you.
They have firmly decided to travel to your temple.

**All: As they pass through the dry Valley of Baka,
they make it a place where water flows.
The rain in the fall covers it with pools.**

One: Those people get stronger as they go along,
until each of them appears in Zion, where God lives.

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

A Christian Response to 'The Anxious Generation': Room 9 / Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

October 28 Families Moving Forward

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

November 2 All Saints Day Service, Life Groups, Catered Lunch
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
December 7 Life Groups, Gingerbread House Decorating
December 14 Christmas Celebration

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 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 currently offered:

[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.



Families Moving Forward™ **October 28** We are still in need of volunteers for **THIS**

Tuesday! [Click here to volunteer](#) or contact **Phil Sweigart** with questions. Let's share neighborly 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.

Children/Teens/Families are invited to trick-or-treat together on Friday, October 31. We'll meet at the Beyer home at 5:30pm for food-fuel before trick-or-treating in their neighborhood around 6pm. Treats from the Senior Saints will be distributed at the end of the festivities. Feel free to come and go as needed, but *please let Laura Fike know whether or not we can expect you for all or part of this Halloween gathering.*



ALL SAINTS' DAY 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 a Litany of Remembrance of loved ones who have died in the last year (since 11/1/2024). We will also have a Photo Board of Saints in the lobby.



Life Groups – November 2 We will celebrate Life Group Sunday on November 2 during class time, followed by a CATERED MEAL for lunch. Our discussion will focus on the story of Naaman, how he came to believe in God through the testimony of a servant girl. We hope to be inspired to share our faith and testimony with those in our lives. Following class time, we'll share a catered meal together. There will be a basket to collect money to help cover the cost of the meal. We will charge \$5 per person or a maximum \$20 per family. There will also be a Venmo code on display for cashless payments. Questions? Contact Caroline Smith.

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



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 on the foyer table, or click these links to submit your [Ministry Survey](#) and [Contribution Planning](#) information.** Please complete your form and bring it with you to the service on November 16—or submit

online or to Pam beforehand—as we prepare our hearts for this special day of renewal and worship.

Farewell The Turner family moved to Kentucky last weekend to be closer to Tyler’s family. Prayers are appreciated for Tyler, Ashlyn, Carter, Mariela, and baby #3 as they transition to their new home.

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.

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 gakris6@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.

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 10/24: Jermir Wells

Sunday 10/26: Philip Rash, Chris & Brenda Peterson

Monday 10/27: Laura Fike

Wednesday 10/29: Elyse Sanchez

Friday 10/31: Mark Matson

Saturday 11/1: Corey Carlson, Scott & Heather Jared

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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