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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Speak, O Lord; Let Us Be You;
Had It Not Been the Lord; All to Us; We Are the Body of Christ*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERED IN CHRIST

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Prayer – Gail McCormick

Holy, Holy, Holy #47

Thank You, Lord! #781

Had It Not Been the Lord

Children's Moment – Laura Fike

WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP

Speak, O Lord

2 Kings 23:1-3 & 1 Peter 1:13-23 – Sharon Hilliard

Sermon – Ben Fike

"We Will, With God's Help" (John 15:1-8)

Let Us Be You

RENEWING OUR COVENANTS

Responsive Reading of Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Renewing Our Covenants – Neil Clay and Luke Smith

Surround Us, O Lord

Invitation to the Table – Ben Fike

All To Us

SENT AS CHRIST'S BODY

We Are the Body of Christ

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Caroline Smith

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

Responsive Reading of Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

One: The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks.

He calls out to the earth

from the sunrise in the east

to the sunset in the west.

From Zion, perfect and beautiful,

God's glory shines out.

Our God comes, and he won't be silent.

A burning fire goes ahead of him.

A terrible storm is all around him.

All: Our God comes, and he won't be silent.

One: He calls out to heaven and earth to be his witnesses.

Then he judges his people.

He says, "Gather this holy people around me.

They made a covenant with me by offering a sacrifice."

The heavens announce that what God decides is right.

That's because he is a God of justice.

All: The heavens announce that what God decides is right.

One: God says, "Listen, my people, and I will speak.

I will be a witness against you, Israel.

I am God, your God.

I don't bring charges against you because of your sacrifices.

I don't bring charges because of the burnt offerings you always bring me.

"You who forget God, think about this.

If you don't, I will tear you to pieces.

No one will be able to save you.

People who sacrifice thank offerings to me honor me.

To those who are without blame I will show my power to save."

All: Lord, show us your power to save.

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 Wing in the Fellowship Hall Building

Youth Studying *The Gospel of Luke*

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

November 16 Covenant Renewal, North Durham Community Thanksgiving Service

November 22 Elder Retreat, Youth Bonfire

November 23 Teen-led Worship

November 30 Advent Begins

December 7 Life Groups, Gingerbread House Decorating

December 13 Senior Saints

December 14 MCC, Christmas Celebration

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS



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 **this Sunday, November 16**—or submit online or to Pam—as we prepare our hearts for this special day of renewal and worship.

Adult Ed Classes Two classes are 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'*](#) This Sunday, 11/16: *What Is Happening to Boys?* Because technology is shaping our hearts and homes, we're learning together as a church family. This class 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.

Youth We'll have a bonfire and practice for the youth-led worship on the evening of November 22 at the Doyle home.

Teen-Led Worship – November 23 On Sunday, November 23, our teens will lead us in worship, embodying the intergenerational faith we're nurturing at Cole Mill Road. As they learn the roles and rhythms of public worship, we have the chance to encourage and receive from them. Show up, be present, and let yourself be led in praise by our young people.

Advent Begins – November 30 Advent begins November 30 with our theme, **"The Will to Dream."** In this season, we practice waiting and holy imagination as we prepare to receive Christ—at Christmas, in his coming future, and in our lives and world right now. Join us each Sunday as we watch, hope, and learn to dream with God.

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

Volunteer Scheduler for December If you know of Sunday mornings in December that you will not be available, please enter those dates **before November 23** in the [online scheduler here](#), or email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#).

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.

Thank You The Blood Drive was a success! A big thank you to all the people who signed up to donate blood at our Veterans' Day Blood Drive. As always, we partnered with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and also invited the neighborhood. We had 38 people sign up and were able to collect 37 units of whole blood to help our community. –Jo Wall

Thank You on behalf of the family of Doris Quarles for the generous donation to her favorite church camp – Camp Bethel. Mom loved going to Camp Bethel all her life and her grandfather was one of the charter board members for the Church of the Brethren Camp. We appreciate this gesture in her memory. –Sharon Q. Hilliard

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 11/14: Eric Thomas, Isic Thomas

Monday 11/17: Kendrick Thomas

Wednesday 11/19: VaLinda Mangum, Alanis Rivas-Espinoza

COMMUNITY EVENTS

North Durham Community Thanksgiving Service – Today at 5pm Today we're invited to a Thanksgiving worship service at Temple Baptist, where our gathering itself becomes a shared witness to Christian unity in North Durham. We'll share in song and gratitude, followed by a light meal together. Come if you can, and if you're able to bring veggies and dip, please contact Sharon Hilliard.

Open Table Ministry Want to volunteer as a group to help Durham's [Open Table Ministry](#) at its "Free Store" on Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.? People experiencing homelessness can come once monthly for clothing, shoes, coats, toiletries and other practical items. In a typical month, Open Table serves nearly 250 people and distributes 2,700 items. Read about the [volunteer duties and see the calendar](#). If you'd like to join a CMR group, contact [Phil Sweigart](#) or [Scott Jared](#).

