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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

**9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** *He Will Rejoice Over You; Be Unto Your Name; Surround Us, O Lord; All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### 9:30am WORSHIP

#### GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike  
Psalm 29 Responsive Reading  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Prayer – David Harpe

#### WORD

*He Will Rejoice Over You*  
Isaiah 42:1-9 & Acts 10:34-43 – ACC \*  
Sermon – Ben Fike  
**“Beloved”** (Matthew 3:13-17)  
Communal Contemplative Practice: Breath Prayer  
*I Will Change Your Name*

#### TABLE

Passing the Peace  
*Jesus, Son of God*  
Communion Meditation – Trey Blazer  
*Good To Me*

#### SENDING

Family Prayer – Tim Wood  
*Be Unto Your Name*  
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selector/Leader – Caroline Smith

\* The scriptures are read by African Christian College students  
Nokwethu Felicia Ndlangamandla and Percy Chilufya

## 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 Life Group Classes**

Visitors are invited to any Life Group

All Ages

LG 1: Corner Classroom – downstairs (Garth/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 (Jones/Wood)

LG 6: Room 9 – Fellowship Hall (Johnson/Clay)

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

## COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

**January 24** Senior Saints Gathering

**January 18** New Adult Classes Begin

**January 27** Families Moving Forward

**February 1** Life Groups

**February 8** Super Bowl Party

**February 18** Ash Wednesday

**February 21** Book Exchange

**February 20-22** Youth Retreat

**February 28** Senior Saints

**March 1** Life Group Sunday

**March 14** Church Work Day

**March 28** Senior Saints

**March 29** Palm Sunday/CROP Walk

## EVENTS AND GATHERINGS



**Life Groups and Chili Lunch – January 11** All

ages will meet with their Life Group during class time this Sunday. Then we will gather for a

chili lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share - from salad to toppings to pots of chili or lemonade or tea. We are also including food for kids to enjoy who may not want to eat chili (PB&J sandwiches as well as a veggie tray). Contact Caroline Smith or Carol Garth with questions.

**Refresh Wednesdays** Join us for a simple, shared meal of soup this Wednesday from 5:30–6:30 PM—a low-pressure space to reconnect, eat together, and be present with one another. There are no additional classes or expectations, and you're welcome to come just for the meal and head home if that's what you need. Our Bible study will continue at 6:30pm for those who wish to stay, and we'll also invite neighbors to join us at the table. If you can attend, scan the QR code below or write on the back of your attendance card how many from your family will attend. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.



**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.

**New Adult Classes** Beginning January 18, adults will have two classes to choose from:

- *Encountering Jesus* We are excited to share our new class series Encountering Jesus. The objective of this course is to create a class that engages in open discussion of various encounters between Jesus and the people he met during his ministry. We hope that, through reflection, discussion, and study, the class will help us recognize these encounters in scripture. We also hope to make connections to the ways we encounter Jesus in our lives today and how those encounters might lead us to do something new or different in our walk with Christ. This class will be led by various members of our congregation with support from Paul Watson, Pat Daggett, and Karon Johnson, in classroom 9.

- *Wisdom Literature* Wisdom Literature is a distinctive class of literature in the Old Testament, alongside Historical Narrative and Prophecy. It deals with issues of success in life, why good and bad things happen to people, and grapples with how humans engage with God. We will explore these challenging books, and hope to apply them in our own lives. We will study Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, and also touch on wisdom books in the Greek Old Testament (Apocrypha). This class will be led by Mark Matson, in the Fellowship Hall Auditorium.

**Senior Saints** will gather on January 24 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We will welcome in the New Year with our annual planning session. Come ready to share your thoughts and ideas for 2026 activities. Please [respond to Emma by Wednesday](#), January 21 so we can plan lunch.

**Families Moving Forward – January 27** We have an opportunity to prepare food and help serve an evening meal for the residents at Families Moving Forward on January 27. FMF provides temporary housing and other assistance for families who are transitioning from homelessness. [Click here to volunteer](#). Questions? Contact Phil Sweigart.

## FAMILY NEWS

**Prayer Concerns** Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

**February Volunteer Scheduler** If you know of Sunday mornings in February that you will not be available, please **enter those dates before January 20** in the [online scheduler here](#), or email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#).

**New Address** for the Hyaccinte family: 104 King Street #26, Jacksonville, FL 32204

**Honduras Missions** Collection for January: Pain relief meds for adults and children, Ivory soap, probiotics, eye drops, and any dental supplies. Donations may be dropped off in the designated box in the Worship Center lobby.

**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 1/9: Carmen Wood

Saturday 1/10: Anita Holton

Sunday 1/11: Charles Holton

Monday 1/12: Meena Bhatia

Wednesday 1/14: Reginæ Dunbar, Carson Jones

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**North Durham Book Club** will meet on January 17 from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library (and on Zoom). We'll be discussing *Come and Get It* by Kiley Reid, over coffee and lightly guided conversation. Bring a friend and join our growing circle!

**Dementia Support** Aldersgate UMC is beginning a new ministry to address the growing need in our community of dementia support (such as Alzheimer's, Frontal Temporal, and Parkinson's). The group is recruiting participants and volunteers, which will officially open

February 2, 2026, at Aldersgate UMC from 10am-2pm, every Monday. For more information, pick up a brochure on the side table in the lobby.

