



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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BETWEEN HERE & THERE



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *I Am the Lord Your God; Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing;
Had It Not Been the Lord; As the Deer; This World is Not My Home*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

To God Be the Glory

Amazing Grace

Prayer – Kipleel Rono

WORD

Hymn

Matthew 14:22-33 *

Sermon – Ben Fike

“Is the Lord Among Us?” (Exodus 17:1-7)

Had It Not Been the Lord

TABLE

Because He Lives

Communion Meditation – Paul Watson

Communal Reading of Psalm 63:1-8 – Rachael McKay

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

SENDING

Family Prayer – Evelyn Cameron

Send the Light

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selector/Leader – Rachael McKay

* Reader from Heritage Christian University in Ghana

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

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 – 1st grade – Fell. Hall Room 4

Grades 2-5 – Fell. Hall Room 5

Youth

6th-12th Grade – Teen Room

Adults

Encountering Jesus in Classroom 9

Wisdom Literature in the Fell. Hall Auditorium

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

March 8 MCC Meeting

March 14 Church Work Day

March 15 Worship Space Experiment Begins

March 21 North Durham Book Club, Song-Leading Workshop & Congregational Singing

March 22 Egg Hunt at the Haugland's

March 28 Senior Saints

March 29 Palm Sunday/CROP Walk

April 5 Easter Sunday

April 12 Life Groups

April 18 Senior Saints Banquet

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Adult Classes

March 8

- *Encountering Jesus* This class series invites us into an open discussion about Jesus and the people he met —through conversation, shared reflection, and the many voices of our community. As we explore encounters between Jesus and the people he met, we'll listen for how Christ is still meeting us today and shaping the way we walk with him. The class is led by members of our congregation, with support from Paul Watson, Pat Daggett, and Karon Johnson, in Classroom 9.

- *Wisdom Literature* Wisdom Literature invites us to listen carefully to God amid the real

questions of life—why good and bad things happen, how to live well, and what faith looks like in times of uncertainty. In this class, we'll study Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, and also touch on Wisdom Literature from the Greek Old Testament, listening for how these ancient voices continue to form wisdom for faithful living today. The class will be led by Mark Matson in the Fellowship Hall Auditorium.

[March 15 & 22](#)

Reflecting on the Crucifixion Charles Holton will lead a class on March 15 on the legal aspects of the Holy Week and the Crucifixion. Wayne Massey will lead a class on March 22 about the physical/medical aspects of the Crucifixion.

MCC Meeting Sunday, March 8, at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Refresh Wednesday Meal Join us for a simple, shared meal of spaghetti on Wednesday from 5:30–6:30 PM—a low-pressure space to reconnect, eat together, and be present with one another. If you plan to attend, you can scan the **new QR code below**, or [email Pam by Tuesday](#). 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, studying Acts, for those who wish to stay, and we'll also invite neighbors to join us at the table. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.



Our annual Church Workday is scheduled for March 14. We'll start at 8:30 with pastries, donuts and juice in the Fellowship Hall, then get started with work at 9am. Feel free to bring gardening tools and help us beautify our church grounds. We'll also clean in the kitchen. Contact Donnie or Carmen with any questions.

Worship Space Experiments Begins Next Sunday This spring, we will be participating in a series of time-limited worship space experiments as we learn together how our physical space shapes our shared worship. These are not permanent changes, but opportunities to notice, reflect, and listen as a congregation. The experiments will take place in three phases:

- **March 15, March 22, March 29 (Palm Sunday):** A temporary adjustment to seating in the Worship Center, with some back sections roped off.
- **April 5 (Easter Sunday):** Worship as usual in the Worship Center.
- **April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3:** Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

- **May 10, May 17, May 24:** Return to the Worship Center with a different seating configuration.

Tim Wood is coordinating these experiments with a team, and care is being taken to ensure accessibility and hospitality throughout. Opportunities for feedback will come later; for now, we invite everyone simply to participate with curiosity and generosity as we learn together.



Song-Leading Workshop & Congregational Singing – March 21

[Song-Leading Workshop](#) Have you ever wondered what goes into leading songs in our worship? Or thought you might like to grow in that area? On **Saturday, March 21, from 2:00–5:45 PM**, we will host a **Song-Leading Workshop** to encourage and equip both current and prospective song leaders. No experience is necessary — this is a relaxed, learning environment where you can ask questions, practice, and build confidence. The workshop will be **led by Tim Russell and John Jackson (Milligan University)**, and a meal will follow. If you are interested, please **contact Mark Matson or Evelyn Cameron**.

[Congregational Singing – Everyone Welcome](#) From **4:30–5:45 PM**, the congregation is invited to join our song leaders for a time of singing together. You do not need to attend the workshop to participate - simply come and sing. Feel free to invite friends or family who enjoy singing. A meal will follow.



Egg Hunt Families are invited to an egg hunt at the Haugland's on March 22, from 5-7pm. Hot dogs will be provided; be on the lookout for an email to sign-up to bring a side. Pre-filled plastic eggs can be dropped off in the blue tub under the kiosk.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



The Durham CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, March 29 at 2:30pm. Walkers of all ages are invited to join us for a picnic lunch after church before carpooling to Duke to walk together. Those who can't walk that day are invited to join our team by making a donation. We hope to raise \$3,000 as a church! Please register [here](#) to walk and/or make a donation and help us end hunger once and for all. The first 10 children to register for the CROP Walk will receive a free t-shirt! Contact Laura Fike or Jo Wall with questions.

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

Spring Forward It's that time of year for longer evening light. Set your clocks forward an hour Saturday evening (officially Sunday 2am).

Between Here and There - The Season of Lent During these weeks leading to Easter, our worship and preaching follow the theme *Between Here and There* — learning to trust God when life feels unsteady. A simple shared Lenten practice (the “40-Day Pathway”) is also available for anyone who finds it helpful: daily prayer, a weekly practice of release, and one act of mercy beyond our church each week. [The companion guide is available online.](#)

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

Honduras Missions Collection for March: Listerine, Fixodent, dental floss, small square gauze, used luggage, and adult and children's gently used shoes. 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 3/6: Rowan Massey

Saturday 3/7: Scott Hamilton

Tuesday 3/10: Pat Daggett

Wednesday 3/11: Laura Rash, Kipleting Rono

COMMUNITY EVENTS

North Durham Book Club will meet on March 21 from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library (and on Zoom). We'll be discussing *The Next Ship Home* by Heather Webb, over coffee and lightly guided conversation. Bring a friend and join our growing circle!



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