COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, October 18, 2026

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Only A Holy God; Hymn of Heaven; Lord, We Come Before Thee Now; Christ Above Me*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike
Prayer – Kipleel Rono
How Great Thou Art #76
Only A Holy God
Lord, We Come Before Thee Now #797

WORD

Psalm 79:1-9 & Matthew 24:29-35 – Joe Stone
Sermon – Ben Fike
"To You Belongs Mercy" (Daniel 9:1-19)
Good To Me

TABLE

Christ Above Me
Communion Meditation – Luke Smith

SENDING

Neighbor Prayer – Jo Wall
Hymn of Heaven
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selector/Leader – Caroline Smith

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

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

11:00 Classes

Children

Ages 0-2 – Fell. Hall Room 10 (Nursery)

Ages 3-5th Grade – Fell. Hall Rooms 4 & 5

Youth

6th-12th Grade – Teen Room

Adults

Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

October 17 North Durham Book Club

October 24 Senior Saints

October 27 Families Moving Forward

November 1 All Saints Day, Life Groups

November 5 Blood Drive

November 8 MCC Meeting

November 15 Veteran's Day Recognition, Covenant Renewal Sunday

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Sermon Series Our sermons are journeying through the book of **Daniel** in a series called **What's Going On? Faithfulness in a World We Do Not Control.** Daniel was written for people trying to remain faithful to God while living through political upheaval, cultural change, pressure, uncertainty, and questions they could not fully answer. It reminds us that earthly powers are real but not ultimate, that God remains present and faithful, and that we do not have to understand or control everything to live faithfully. Over these weeks, we will listen for the wisdom Daniel offers us as we seek to follow God in a changing world.

Adult Class Our class series is on Ezra/Nehemiah, which will run through mid-November. The class is co-taught by Mark Matson and Paul Watson, and we look forward to learning from them both!

Refresh Wednesday Meal and Midweek Melodies Join us for soup and sandwiches on Wednesday at **5:30pm**—a low-pressure space to reconnect, eat together, and be present with our church family and neighbors. If you plan to attend, scan the **QR code below** or **click this**

link. There are no additional expectations, and you're welcome to come for just the meal and head home if that's what you need. At **6:30pm**, join us for a time of singing together.

Senior Saints Our next gathering is October 24 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be hosting lunch and activities for the South Central Church of Christ seniors from Raleigh. Please mark your calendars for this special time. **RSVP to Emma by Wednesday.**

Families Moving Forward™ Our last opportunity this year to prepare food and help serve an evening meal for the residents at Families Moving Forward will be on **October 27**. FMF provides temporary housing and other assistance for families who are transitioning from homelessness. **Click here to volunteer**. Your feedback is solicited as we consider whether to continue with the program for another year. Questions? Contact Phil Sweigart.

All Saints Day On November 1, Cole Mill Road will join Christians around the world in observing **All Saints Day**—remembering those who have gone before us, giving thanks for those who shaped our faith, and reflecting this year on the story of our own congregation. **There are two ways to participate:**

- **Litany of Remembrance + Slideshow** — We will remember those who have died since last year's All Saints service**.** To include someone, send their name, your relationship to them, date of passing, and a high-quality digital photo if possible, to Pam **by this coming Monday, October 19.**
- **Photo Board of Saints** — Bring a physical photo of a family member, mentor, friend, or other "saint" whose life has shaped you (they do not need to have passed in the last year). Alternatively, you can email a digital photo to Evelyn Cameron. Please label the photo clearly with their name and relationship to you. The deadline is **this coming Monday, October 19**. **Volunteers are needed to help with the photo board – contact Evelyn Cameron.*

Blood Drive The CMR Community Engagement team is again partnering with the Red Cross to give everyone a safe and convenient way to donate blood right in our Fellowship Hall on **November 5**, 1-6pm. If you are able to donate, **please make an appointment today** to help our neighbors who need life-saving blood. The community blood supply is only as strong as the community that supports it.

Veterans Day Plans are underway for a Veterans Day table display to recognize and honor our CMR veterans. We are grateful for the time and service they have provided to our country! The display table will be located in the Worship Center foyer the week of Veterans Day. CMR veterans are asked to please provide the following **by Sunday, November 1:**
- A photo and/or small piece of memorabilia.
- A note (hard copy or emailed to Evelyn Cameron) with your branch of service, dates served, and a favorite hymn or scripture.
You may leave the items on Pam's desk in the church office or hand them directly to Evelyn Cameron.

Covenant Renewal is one of the most meaningful days in our life together at CMR. **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 15—or submit online or to Pam beforehand—as we prepare our hearts for this annual day of renewal and worship.

FAMILY NEWS

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

November Volunteer Scheduler If you know of Sunday mornings in November that you will not be available, please enter those dates **before 10/21/26** in the online scheduler here, or email Sharon and/or Pam.

Neighbor Prayer This Sunday we're praying for Lakewood Elementary School, Asbury United Methodist Church, and The Common Market. Do you have a school, church, nonprofit, local business, or neighborhood concern for neighbor prayer? **Email your suggestions to Pam by Monday of each week**. Please include whether it's a school, church, nonprofit, local business, and a sentence or two about what's happening or why this would be good for us to pray about.

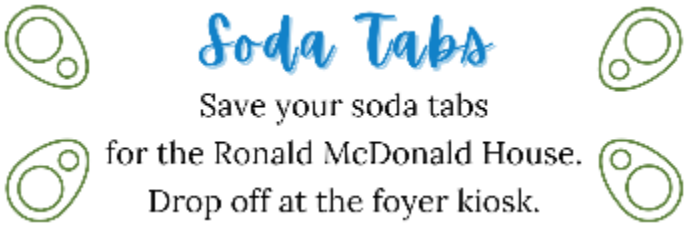
Voting at CMR Our Fellowship Hall is an official voting site for the Durham County Board of Elections. To support a smooth and secure election:
- Access to the Fellowship Hall is restricted from November 1 at 6:30pm through November 4 at 11am, except for voters assigned to this site.
- Election signs may remain up for 72 hours after the election per state law.
Thank you for your cooperation and neighborly welcome to voters.

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 10/16: John Broadus, Joe & Kim Stone
Saturday 10/17: Elodie Mitchell
Sunday 10/18: Carl Holladay
Tuesday 10/20: Brenda Peterson
Wednesday 10/21: Kelli Bingham, Jim Holton, Eli Jared, Betty Summers

COMMUNITY EVENTS

North Durham Book Club will meet on October 17 from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library. We'll discuss *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict, over coffee and conversation. Bring a friend!





MISSION: LIVING AND SHARING THE GOSPEL