

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

August 20, 2017

Preparation for Worship

Welcome Pastor Atwater

Announcements Pastor Atwater

Call to Worship *“Who at My Door is Standing”*
J.C. Underwood, Judy Tripp, Barry Carroll, and Carl Lloyd

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Atwater

***Hymn #562** *“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”* Congregation

Children’s Sermon
Following the Children’s Sermon, “Children’s Church” (ages five through second grade), will meet in our Educational Building.

***Hymn #563** *“Count Your Blessings”* Congregation

Prayer for the Offering Ross Ludwig

Offering

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38-42 Gracie Casper

Special Music *“Worship at the Cross”* Choir

Message *“Choosing the Better Part”* Pastor Atwater

***Hymn of Commitment #89** *“Our Great Savior”* Congregation

Thoughts to Ponder

"Prayerful waiting on God is indispensable to effective service. Like the time-out in a football game, it enables us to catch our breath and fix new strategy. As we wait for directions, the Lord frees us from the tyranny of the urgent. He shows us the truth about Himself, ourselves, and our tasks. He impresses on our minds the assignments He want us to undertake. The need itself is not the call; the call must come from the God who knows our limitation. "The Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:13-14). It is not God who loads us until we bend or crack with an ulcer, nervous breakdown, heart attack, or stroke. These come from our inner compulsions coupled with the pressure of circumstances." – Charles Hummel

"The presence of extreme busyness in our lives may point to deeper problems – a pervasive people pleasing, a restless ambition, a malaise of meaninglessness. 'Busyness serves as a kind of existential reassurance, a hedge against emptiness.'" writes Tim Kreider in his widely read article for The New York Times. 'Obviously your life cannot possibly be silly or trivial or meaningless if you are so busy, completely booked, in demand every hour of the day.' The greatest danger with busyness is that there may be greater dangers you never have time to consider." – Kevin DeYoung

"When we pursue first things first [God’s priorities – Mt. 6:33], the second things are thrown in; when we pursue second things first, we not only miss out on the first things, but we also miss the fullness of the second things [see 1 Kings 3:5-14]." – Kenneth Boa

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Today Welcome to Worship
Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Monday
Deacons’ Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Prayer time 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Meal 6:00-6:40 p.m.
Please help us by making reservations— either by calling the church office Monday morning, or by filling out the form on your bulletin.
Pastor’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Youth 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Choir 8:00 p.m.

Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach:
If you would like to participate in adopt a backpack it’s not too late. We have 13 that still need to be adopted. Contact Robin Farrell to adopt a backpack.

Men’s Bible Study: Winning at Work & Home
For most men, happiness and satisfaction in life are locked up in two words– work and home. This study gives you a game plan for winning in both arenas. You’ll get the tools you need to build (or rebuild) your confidence; expand your vision; develop successful life strategies; and improve your performance in your relationship with your wife or girlfriend, in your relationships with your children, and in your job.
This study will begin Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 PM.

The Red Box Ministry
DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 3RD
Donations of Chap Sticks are needed for Christmas gift bags that will be distributed to all women who are incarcerated in North Carolina. This is a state wide mission project coordinated by the WMU of NC. Please place donations in box between the Educational Building and the Sanctuary.

Coming Events!

August 24th: The Mt. Zion Baptist Association will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Shanita Brown on “Engaging the Church’s Response to Domestic Violence – 6:00 p.m. in the Paramount Theatre in Burlington. This event is open to all churches and individuals but registration is required due to limited seating. Call the Association office at (336) 226-0249 for more information or to reserve your seat.

August 24th: Ronald McDonald House

August 27th: Deacon election. Also, Mr. Sam Harrell of “Africa Exchange” will be our speaker during morning worship.

September 3rd: Chap Sticks due for the Christmas gift bags distributed to all women incarcerated in North Carolina.

September 14th: Men’s 16 week Bible Study beings at 7:00 PM. “Winning at Work & Home”.

Deacon Election– Absentee Ballots
In accordance with our by-laws, absentee ballots will be available at the church office during regular business hours (except for homebound members, who may have a ballot delivered to them.) The church will also provide a stamped self-addressed envelope for any homebound member who wishes to mail his/her ballot. **All absentee ballots must be received by the church office no later than Thursday, August 25th** (two days before the scheduled election).

Sunday, August 27th
Special Called Business Meeting for Deacon Elections following morning worship. This year, we have openings for four (4) deacons. Nominees for deacons to serve terms from 2017-2020 are: Byron Tripp, Tommy Cecil, Gene Williams, and Karen Whitfield.

Wednesday Night Supper 6:00-6:40 p.m.

Please sign up by indicating on this form the number of meals you will need and placing it in today’s collection plate or call the church office on Monday.

Adults- \$4.00
Ages 4-12- \$2.00
Ages 3 & under-free;
Maximum per family \$12.00

Menu for 8/23/17

Chicken Parmesan, Green salad, Garlic Bread, & Peach Cobbler

How Many Meals?

_____ Adult
_____ Children

Name _____



Nursery for Sunday August 20th

Babies:
Lyn Lloyd & Jamie Pope

Children’s Church:
Carol Dawson & Jim Keating

“When you leave the church property today, you automatically enter ‘the mission field’”

Deacon of the week: Ross Ludwig

Welcome

Date: _____

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Is this your:

1st time?

2nd time?

3rd time?

I'm interested in:

Knowing how to commit my life to Christ.

Growing in my relationship with Christ.

Information on joining this church family.

A small group.

Activities:

Children

Junior High

Single Adults

Young Couples

Young Adults

Adults

Seniors

Music

Bible Studies

NEXT WEEK

August 27th

NURSERY: Allyson Cecil, Lucy Upchurch, Angie Dameron, Evie Keating, & Tim Dameron

USHERS: Claude Neville, Jerry Lloyd, Bart Maynor, & Lee Ann Maynor

PRAYER CONCERNS HOST: Gordon Neville

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Lamont Durham

SCRIPTURE READER: Fletcher Dameron

Attendance 8/13/17

Sunday School	58
Morning Worship	214
Youth (8/16)	7

Financial Report for 1/1/17 - 7/31/17

Actual Contributions	\$ 153,225.66
Actual Expenses	\$ 142,951.39
Amount payable for Discretionary Missions	\$ -6,658.27
Total over (under)	\$ 3,616.22

Contributions Report for 8/13/17

Contributions Received	\$ 5,978.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 5,262.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 716
Yearly Contributions Received	\$ 161,208
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 173,646
YTD Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (12,438)
YTD Building Fund	\$ 596.00

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During the Hymn of Commitment, we encourage you to respond if you are considering becoming a Christian, church membership, or any other spiritual decision. A minister will be located in the welcome center at the conclusion of the service. We will gladly answer any questions you may have.

THE ABC'S OF SALVATION

ADMIT

Admit to God that you are a sinner. All persons need salvation. Each of us has a problem the Bible calls sin. Sin is a refusal to acknowledge God's authority over our lives. Everyone who does not live a life of perfect obedience to the Lord is guilty of sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Since none of us is perfect, all of us are sinners (Romans 3:10-18).

The result of sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23). Spiritual death means eternal separation from God. By God's perfect standard we are guilty of sin and therefore subject to the punishment for sin, which is separation from God. Admitting that you are a sinner and separated from God is the first step of repentance, which is turning from sin and self and turning toward God.

BELIEVE

Believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son and receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness from sin. God loves each of us. God offers us salvation. Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation, God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

CONFESS

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to others. After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, share your decision with another person. Tell your pastor or a Christian friend about your decision. Following Christ's example, ask for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

PRAYER:

Dear God, I believe you sent your son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life the way you want me to. Please put your Spirit in my life to direct me. Amen.



LUKE 10:42, CEV

WELCOME !

We extend the hand of friendship to all who have come to worship. We rejoice in your presence and invite you to spend time after the service to get acquainted with those who are near you.

If you are new to our church or community, we realize that you likely have many questions – about what we believe, about what you see and hear in our services, about our ministries, or perhaps just about our facilities. Please ask. Many of us came here as strangers, and found a community of shared faith that we now call home. Even if you are here for just a short while, our prayer is that you will leave refreshed and renewed for the journey ahead. May God bless you as you seek to worship Him.

OUR MISSION:
LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.