

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
September 10, 2017

Preparation for Worship

Welcome		Pastor Atwater
Announcements		Pastor Atwater
Call to Worship	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Atwater
*Hymn # 105	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>	Congregation
Children's Sermon	Following the Children's Sermon, "Children's Church" (ages five through second grade), will meet in our Educational Building. Chime Choir (for third through eighth grade) also meets following the Children's Sermon.	
*Hymn # 185	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Congregation
Prayer for the Offering		Tim Dameron
Offering		
Scripture Reading		Kaylee Farrell
Special Music	<i>He the Pearly Gates Will Open</i>	Choir
Message	<i>"Why Is It So Difficult to Obey?"</i>	Pastor Atwater
*Hymn of Commitment # 366	<i>I Surrender All</i>	Congregation
Closing Prayer		Pastor Atwater

* Please Stand

Thoughts to Ponder

"It is altogether doubtful whether any man can be saved who comes to Christ for His help with no intention to obey Him." – A. W. Tozer

"Partial obedience is really only disobedience made to look acceptable."
– Bill Arnold

"The proximate result of obedience to God is inward conformity to the Divine image." – Charles Hodge

"This commitment to total obedience does not mean a mere negative avoidance of evil practices. It also means positively obeying God's commands. We cannot say that someone is a true Christian just because he is not a thief, liar, blasphemer, drunkard, sexually immoral, arrogant, cruel or fierce. He also has to be positively God-fearing, humble, respectful, gentle, peaceful, forgiving, merciful and loving. Without these positive qualities, he is not obeying the laws of Christ."
– Jonathan Edwards

"Obedience to the revealed will of God is often just as much a step of faith as claiming a promise from God." – Jerry Bridges

"The best evidence that a Christian desires (loves) something more than he desires (loves) God is his willingness to sin against God either in order to acquire that desire." – Lou Priolo

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Today
Welcome to Worship!

Monday
Men's Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Young at Heart meeting 11:30 a.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.
Children in Action & Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
Youth 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Choir 8:00 p.m.

Thursday
Men's Bible Study begins 7:00 p.m.

Door prizes for the Picnic for Residents of Ralph Scott Life-services on October 19th:

Ralph Scott life-services provides community based residential services to adults with intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities in Alamance County. It is the mission of RSL to provide individualized community living services and support that promotes sound health, dignity, growth, stability, and community involvement that recognizes the value of each individual. The picnic is at Mt. Zion Association WMU mission on October 19th at Holly Hill Church 2818 Edgewood Ave. Burlington, NC.

Door prize ideas are: hats, necklaces, body wash, deck of playing cards, card games, checkers on sturdy board, lotions, 500 piece puzzles, basketballs, umbrellas, pocket books, wallets, sport team t-shirts, Walmart or Visa/MC gift cards \$5.00, gloves, scarves, small throws or blankets, and stuffed animals.

Door prizes are due on Sunday **October 1st**. Please place donations in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Flowers:

Flowers are in loving memory of Gwen Atwater by her family and to celebrate her life well lived.

Coming Events!

September 15th: Newsletter submissions due in the office.

September 17th: Committee luncheon; AWANA begins at 4 pm.

September 18th: Deacons' Meeting

September 24th: New Member Reception

September 28th: Ronald McDonald House

September 30th: Siloam Missionary Homes Anniversary Celebration. 4-8 p.m.

October 1st: Lord's Supper

October 20th: Caswell Youth Fall Retreat

October 29th: Backpacks due for Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Ministry.

October 30th: Red Cross Blood Drive

Dear Church Member:

We are in need of a teacher for Kindergarten-2nd grade Sunday school class. If you are willing to serve in this capacity please contact Byron Tripp. 919-360-1786
Thank you!

Our Children Need Your Help

Leaders are needed for Mission Friends and Children in Action on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. You can work 1-4 Wednesdays a month. We will provide flexible hours. Please contact Robin Farrell if you are interested.

Youth Fall Retreat: (October 20-22)

The Theme: Assurance: How to Know You are Saved

The Cost: \$155

The deposit to hold your spot (non-refundable) of \$55 is due on or before September 17th

Balance Due: \$100 on or before October 15th

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 9/13/17

Ham, Green Peas, Potato Salad

How Many Meals?

_____ Adult
_____ Children

Name _____



Nursery for Sunday September 10th

Babies:
Mary Harris & Carol Rigsbee

Toddlers:
Colleen Casper

Children's Church:
Kim Dunn & John McGuire

"When you leave the church property today, you automatically enter 'the mission field'"

Deacon of the week: Tim Dameron

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
September 17th**

NURSERY: Lyn Lloyd, Jamie Pope, Carol Dawson, & Jim Keating

USHERS: John McGuire, Dylan Childress, Marion Merritt, & Boyd Ellington

PRAYER CONCERNS HOST:
Gordon Neville

DEACON OF THE WEEK:
Keith Webster

SCRIPTURE READER:
Crawford Dameron

Attendance 9/3/17

Sunday School	63
Morning Worship	116
Youth (9/6)	13

Financial Report for 1/1/17 - 8/31/17

Actual Contributions	\$ 174,905.21
Actual Expenses	\$ 164,344.95
Amount payable for Discretionary Missions	\$ -7,833.30
Total over (under)	\$ 2,726.96

Contributions Report for 9/3/17

Contributions Received	\$ 5,008.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 5,262.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (254.00)
Yearly Contributions Received	\$ 176,762
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 189,432
YTD Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (12,670)
YTD Building Fund	\$ 646.00

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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.



DOES THE LORD DELIGHT IN...

SACRIFICES AS MUCH AS IN

OBEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD?

TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.

1 SAMUEL 15:22

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.