

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
September 17, 2017

**Preparation for Worship**

<b>Welcome</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Announcements</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>"The Altar"</i>	Gene Williams
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>*Hymn # 585</b>	<i>"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"</i>	Congregation
<b>Children's Sermon</b>		
Following the Children's Sermon, "Children's Church" (ages five through second grade), will meet in our Educational Building.		
<b>*Hymn # 445</b>	<i>"Something for Thee"</i>	Congregation
<b>Prayer for the Offering</b>		Brenda Temple
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 18:7,21-22	Crawford Dameron
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>"In the Name of Jesus"</i>	Choir
	Ann Heatherley and Karen Whitfield	
<b>Message</b>	<i>"The Key To Christian Unity"</i>	Pastor Atwater
<b>*Hymn of Commitment # 342</b>	<i>"Just as I Am"</i>	Congregation
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		Pastor Atwater

\* Please Stand

**Thoughts to Ponder**

"It is the experience of having been forgiven (by Christ) which releases the generous impulses to forgive others (Matt. 18:23-35), just as it is the refusal to forgive which betrays the reality that forgiveness has not been received, that the individual has not even recognized the need for forgiveness (Matt. 6:14-15). A community has hope of holding together and growing together only when the need for forgiveness is recognized on each side where fault has been committed and only when forgiveness is both offered and received." – James Dunn

"Forgiveness brings great joy, not only to the forgiven, but especially to the forgiver. The Greek term for 'forgiveness' (aphiemi) comes from a word that means 'to let go.' Forgiveness is a release, a letting go of self-destructive feelings such as anger, bitterness and revenge. Those attitudes poison intimacy with God and harmony with human beings." – Philip Graham Ryken

"The Gospel is a message of forgiveness: it could not be otherwise, because it is the Gospel of God, and God is a forgiving God... It is to be expected, then, that those who receive the forgiveness which God holds out in the Gospel, those who call Him their Father, will display something of His character and show a forgiving attitude toward others." – F. F. Bruce

**UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Today**  
Committee luncheon

**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.  
**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.

**AWANA Kickoff Today**

There will be a finger food reception this evening at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome! We are also still in need of listeners and helpers. Please see Pat Cecil for more information.

**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.

**Coming Events!**

**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 8th:** Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**October 9th:** Men's Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**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

**Sanctuary Flowers:**

Flowers are placed in memory of Sandy Jefferson for her birthday by the Median Ladies Sunday School class.

Gordon and Pat Neville celebrated their 59th wedding Anniversary on September 13th.

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

**Deacon of the week: Keith Webster**

**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 9/20/17**

Taco Salad

**How Many Meals?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ Children

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Nursery for Sunday September 17th**

**Babies:** Lyn Lloyd & Jamie Pope

**Children's Church:** Kim Dunn & Jim Keating

**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 24th**

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

**USHERS:** Terry Ward, Duncan MacCalman, Wayne Lacock, & Shelby Ward

**PRAYER CONCERNS HOST:**  
Gordon Neville

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**  
Dale Hammond

**SCRIPTURE READER:**  
Lauren Cecil

**Attendance 9/3/17**

Sunday School	53
Morning Worship	115
Youth (9/13)	11

**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 9/10/17**

Contributions Received	\$ 2,568.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 5,262.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (2,694.00)
Yearly Contributions Received	\$ 179,330
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 194,694
YTD Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (15,364)
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.



"How often should I forgive?  
"Not SEVEN times,  
but, I tell you,  
SEVENTY-SEVEN  
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

**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.*