

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
September 24, 2017

**Preparation for Worship**

<b>Welcome</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Announcements</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>"Blessings"</i>	Debbie Bowden
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>*Hymn # 455</b>	<i>Come, All Christians, Be Committed</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. Chime Choir (for third through eighth grade) also meets following the Children's Sermon.		
<b>*Hymn # 375</b>	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	Congregation
<b>Prayer for the Offering</b>		Dale Hammond
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Exodus 18:13-18	Lauren Cecil
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>"The Anchor Holds"</i>	Choir
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Sharing the Load"</i>	Pastor Atwater
<b>Deacon Ordination</b>		
	Karen Whitfield	
<b>*Hymn of Commitment # 470</b>	<i>"Footsteps of Jesus"</i>	Congregation
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		Pastor Atwater

\* Please Stand

**Thoughts to Ponder**

"... The specific "functions" for deacons are never spelled out in detail – except the one that is inherent in their title – to "serve" (diakoneo)." – Gene Getz

"What may we observe about deacons in Acts 6:1-7? 1. Their work was practical in nature. 2. Their name also denotes the practical nature of their work. They are servants. But practical work is spiritual work when done for Christ and the kingdom. 3. Their objective was to relieve the elders (originally the apostles) for the ministry of the Word, prayer, and oversight of the church. 4. They were to be accountable to the Elders ("whom we may put in charge"). 5. Their work was assigned and was not related to decision-making for the church as a whole. 6. Some deacons were also gifted in other areas of ministry and were at liberty to use their gifts. Stephen and Phillip, for instance, were deacons who also had other gifting. As deacons, however, they functioned in a practical way. Deacons are not limited to practical service, but must be engaged in practical service to be deacons."

– Jim Elliff

**UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Today**

Deacon Ordination for Karen Whitfield  
New Member Reception  
AWANA 4:00 p.m.

**Monday**

**Music Committee 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** 7:00 p.m.

**Ronald McDonald House**

**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, basket-balls, 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 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.

**Sanctuary Flowers:**

The flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary in honor of Jamie Pope by her family.

**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 9/27/17**

**How Many Meals?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ Children

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Marinated Chicken, Rice, Green Beans



**Nursery for Sunday September 24th**

**Babies:**

Allyson Cecil & Lucy Upchurch

**Toddlers:**

Angie Dameron

**Children's Church:**

Carol Dawson & Tim Dameron

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

**Deacon of the week: Dale Hammond**

**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**

**October 1st**

**NURSERY:** Becky Stone, Evie Keating, Becky Smith, Jim Keating, & Lyn Lloyd

**USHERS:** Mark Lloyd, Joel Lloyd, Luke Lloyd, & Dale Hammond

**PRAYER CONCERNS HOST:** Gordon Neville

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** Virginia Ferguson

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Clark Thompson

**Attendance 9/17/17**

Sunday School	57
Morning Worship	124
Youth (9/20)	12

**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 9/17/17**

Contributions Received	\$ 5,168.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 5,262.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (94.00)
Yearly Contributions Received	\$ 184,498
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 199,956
YTD Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (15,458)
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.



**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.*