

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:45 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM Sunday School for all Ages (Various)
11:00 AM The Table Worship Service (Sisk Hall)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

11:30 AM Congregational Care Meeting (Room 100)
12:00 PM Emmanuel’s Hammer Monthly Meeting (Truluck)
5:30 PM Feeding the Soul Coed Small Group Fall 2026 (Room 217A)
6:00 PM Pickleball (Drake Hall)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30 AM Well Balanced for Seniors Exercise Group (Drake Hall)
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer Group (Prayer Chapel)
4:00 PM Kairos Meeting (Rooms 214, 215, 216 and 217A)
5:30 PM Missions Meeting (Room 100)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00 AM Next Level Bible Study (Room 100)
9:30 AM MomCo (Truluck)
12:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting (Room 100)
6:00 PM The Story Monthly Small Group Meeting (Room 102)
6:30 PM God-Fellas Men’s Small Group (Room 100)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:30 AM Well Balanced for Seniors Exercise Group (Drake Hall)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00 AM Art Enthusiasts Coed Small Group (Room 217A)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

No Events Scheduled

FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **MRS. SANDRA TATE** and in honor of **MISS NATALIE WILLS**, who share a birthday on September 7th, by Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Wills.

If you would like to offer an altar flower arrangement in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Judy Suggs, jusuggs@buncombestreet.org

WELCOME TO BUNCOMBE STREET
METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	THE TABLE WORSHIP
8:45 AM & 11:00 AM	11:00 AM

CLERGY

THE REVEREND
LONNIE PITTMAN
SENIOR PASTOR

THE REVEREND
GROVER PUTNAM
PASTOR OF
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

THE REVEREND
CHRIS ASHLEY
PASTOR OF
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

THE REVEREND
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MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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THE CENTERING WORDS

As we gather for worship, let us remember the encouragement of Hebrews: *“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.”* In a world that often pulls us apart, God calls us together to encourage one another, to stir one another to love and good works, and to strengthen our hope in Christ. Let us quiet our hearts, draw near to God with confidence, and rejoice in the gift of this gathered community.

THE GREETING

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE VOLUNTARY

“Oh, How Good It Is” (8:45 AM) Getty
Madeline Simon, *Soprano*

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven” (11:00 AM) Setting, Smith
R. Vance Jenkins, *Director of Music & Principal Organist*

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION OGRP 36
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing!” SPANISH HYMN

*THE COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*An asterisk noted in the Order of Worship indicates a time to stand.
Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*THE OFFERTORY HYMN OGRP 87
“God Is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him” BEECHER

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, you have called us to hold fast to the hope we profess, trusting in your unfailing promises. As we present these gifts, use them to encourage love, strengthen your Church, and serve those in need. May our giving be an act of gratitude and a witness to the hope we share in Christ. Receive these offerings and our lives and use them for your glory. Amen.

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

“Oh What a High and Holy Privilege” (8:45 AM) Boswell
Madeline Simon, *Soprano*
“To God Let Us Sing Our Praises” (11:00 AM) Charpentier
BSMC Chancel Choir
Kay McWatters, *Associate Organist*

*THE DOXOLOGY OGRP 682 OLD 100TH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:23-25

THE SERMON Back 2 Church: “Back 2 Belonging”
The Reverend Lonnie Pittman, *Senior Pastor*

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

THE CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(time of silent confession)

THE PARDON

In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy to give thanks to you in all places and at all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from you and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God and called us to new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, we praise you with the angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, receiving these gifts of bread and wine with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one as your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ and gather us together with all your saints in the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit in your holy church be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for you. May it preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Drink this in remembrance that Christ’s blood was shed for you.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN OGRP 44
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

*THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00 AM)

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*THE ORGAN POSTLUDE
“Fugue in G minor” Charpentier

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