

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
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)
12:15 PM B-Street Kids Sunday School Teacher Training (Truluck)
12:15 PM Sports/Rec Committee Meeting (Room 100)

MONDAY, AUGUST 31
5:30 PM Feeding the Soul Coed Small Group (Room 217A)
6:00 PM Pickleball (Drake Hall)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
9:30 AM Well Balanced for Seniors Exercise Group (Drake Hall)
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer Group (Prayer Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
6:00 AM Next Level Bible Study (Room 100)
3:00 PM Circles (Truluck and Various)
6:30 PM God-Fellas Men’s Small Group (Room 100)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
9:30 AM Well Balanced for Seniors Exercise Group (Drake Hall)
10:00 AM Covenant Promises Coed Small Group (Room 100)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
10:00 AM Art Enthusiasts Coed Small Group (Room 217A)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
No Events Scheduled

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Today we baptize **COLLINS ANN CLAY**, marking her as a Christian disciple. Please extend your congratulations to her parents, Adam and Caroline Clay.

FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Baptism of **COLLINS ANN CLAY**, by her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. David Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clay.

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

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 <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i>	
THE REVEREND GROVER PUTNAM <i>PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE</i>	THE REVEREND CHRIS ASHLEY <i>PASTOR OF ADULT DISCIPLESHIP</i>
THE REVEREND ANGIE GAGE <i>PASTOR OF MISSIONS & EVANGELISM</i>	THE REVEREND JANICE HOLLIDAY <i>PASTOR EMERITUS</i>

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THE CENTERING WORDS

As we gather in worship, we meet a God who is always on the move, leading people into new places of faith and understanding. In Acts 8:26-40, Philip follows the Spirit’s prompting and discovers that God is already at work in the life of a seeking traveler. Today, let us open our hearts to the Spirit’s guidance, trusting that Christ still meets us on the road, reveals truth through Scripture, and welcomes all people into the joy of God’s kingdom.

THE GREETING

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE VOLUNTARY

“Hear the Call of the Kingdom” (8:45 AM) Getty
Madeline Simon, *Soprano*
“Trumpet Processional in G” (11:00 AM) German
R. Vance Jenkins, *Director of Music & Principal Organist*

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION OGRP 9

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” AUSTRIAN HYMN

*THE COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM) See Insert

**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 454
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as Philip answered your call and shared the good news with the Ethiopian traveler, so send us forth as faithful witnesses of your love. Receive these gifts we offer today, and use them to open hearts, build your kingdom, and welcome all people into the joy of Christ. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

“How Beautiful” (8:45 AM) Setting, Lawson
Madeline Simon, *Soprano*
“Blessed Assurance” (11:00 AM) Setting, Hopson
BSMC Chancel Choir
Lexi Howard, *Soprano and Furman Choral Scholar*

*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 Acts 8:26-40

THE SERMON Back 2 Church: “Back 2 Business”
The Reverend Lonnie Pittman (8:45 AM), *Senior Pastor*
The Reverend Chris Ashley (11:00 AM), *Associate Pastor*

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (8:45 AM)

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
**universal

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 452
“Go, Make of All Disciples” LANCASHIRE

*THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00 AM)

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*THE ORGAN POSTLUDE
“Epilogue” Williams