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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>We Are an Offering</i>	Liles
<b>Choral Call to Worship</b>	<i>I'm Gonna Sing</i> Chancel Choir	Traditional Spiritual
<b>Welcome &amp; Service of Friendship</b>		Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Let us join ourselves to the Lord,  
in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 559**      *Ten Thousand Reasons***\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Gracious Father, guardian of our lives,  
teach us to treasure our bodies as temples of the Spirit.  
Forgive us for the misuse of food,  
for when we drink without moderation,  
for when we misuse the gift of sexual intimacy.  
Forgive us for not exercising,  
and when we are lazy in our work.**

**Bring us healing to our emotions, bodies and minds,  
bring healing to us through and through  
that we might live as your children.**

*(Please continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

**Leader:** Believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!**

**\*Song of Response**

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.

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Anthem**

*God Is Our Refuge*  
Chancel Choir

Pote

**Word with our Children**

Mary Lee Evans

(Four year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders may now be excused to Children's Church. An adult will now escort the children to the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

**Scripture Reading**

I Thessalonians 4:1-12

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Holiness

Darryl Evans

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified"  
-- I Thessalonians 4:3

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

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  
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the  
dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting.**

**Offering & Offertory**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

JS Bach

**\*Doxology**

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.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 770** *In Christ Alone*

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now*

McDaniel

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Coronation*

Holden

**\*All who are able please stand.**

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## **To Our Guests**

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. If you have a prayer request, please see Darryl or call us at 704-938-4623.

**Children's Activity Bags** are available for children age 3 to Grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

**Children's Church** is available for children 4 years to 2nd Grade. After the "Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to their Children's Church in our Educational Building. 4-year-olds will meet in the nursery, where they are learning from the Gospel Light Preschool unit entitled "Thank You, God!" K-2nd graders are participating in the Kids Quest Catechism Club and will meet on the 3rd floor. Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

## Upcoming

**Notes of thanks:** Michelle and youth, Thank you for a fun and wonderful night Saturday. Dinner, setting, and great entertainment was the best ever! Each of you did such a super job and we could see all the hard work. We did not want the night to ever end because we were having such a good time. We can't wait for the next time! Love you all, *Opal, Bob, & Bob Jr.*

Dear Michelle, John and I want to thank you, your cooks, servers and performers for an absolutely wonderful Saturday evening at church. Everything was fabulous! Everyone was so courteous and delightful. The 1940's theme was a sweet trip down memory lane. Thank you all again. God Bless, *John & Brenda Gail Roberson.*

Join us on March 6 at 7:00 pm for an **Ash Wednesday service**. Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm. Elementary-aged children will meet for a short lesson at 6:30 in the Parlor before proceeding to the service.

**Please join us for a time to pray for our church through Lent.** We will meet every Thursday from 12:30 – 1:15pm in the sanctuary through the Lenten season, beginning Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> until April 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be an intentional time of prayer facilitated by Mary Lee Evans. It is a time to ask God to move among us and open us up to His ways as a congregation. If you have a heart for prayer, are wanting to pray more with others, or even are a little intimidated by the idea of praying out loud, this is a great opportunity to join together as His Body in being open to how God moves mysteriously and powerfully through prayer. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Lee (252) 944-6264, marylee.evans@gmail.com.

**The Women's Sunday Circle** will meet next Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. at French Express Coffee House on Dale Earnhardt Blvd.

**The Circle of Women** will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Jerry Phillips.

**If you would like to contribute flowers for worship**, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56. Or, if you like to purchase something permanent that can be rotated during the weeks we don't have a live arrangement, please contact Jill McLain.

**Time is approaching for our officer elections.** Members of the congregation are invited to submit names of persons to be considered for elders to serve in our next class. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form below and place in offering plate.

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I wish to nominate the person/persons below for the office of elder:

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Tear off and place in offering plate

## Prayer Concerns

**Dave & Jane Argabrite** - death of Jane's mother last week.

**Bill Hammond** - health concerns.

**Mike Williams** - now at home.

**David Grey** - recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Tony Hunter** - Health concerns.

**Mike Freeman** - recovering from neck surgery.

**Iris Efird** - recovering from surgery.

**Mary Johns** - done with surgeries and is doing well.

**Emily Griggs** - teacher in Casablanca.

**Donna Whitley** - at home.

**Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks.

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside with Dementia.

**Lynn Efird** - continuing treatment.

**Ellen Little** - continued prayers for the health issues of Ellen and family.

**Connie Rary** - still fighting cancer, went to Duke specialist.

**Debby Baker** - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

### FAMILY OF MEMBERS

**Annabelle** - The Barger's youngest granddaughter, is in the ICU at CMC-Main with pneumonia.

**Jason Gibson** - Frank's son, still remains in the hospital after several setbacks. Prayers for healing are appreciated.

**Rose** - sister of Ellen Little, kidney stone and liver mass.

**John Bostian** - foster son of Ron & Alpha, at home with home healthcare now.

**Arthur Fu** - Jessica Bell would like to express great gratitude towards God that her brother Arthur is making progress with a new drug. Thank you for your continued prayers!

**Alex & Debbie** - Kaitlyn Maxwell is grateful for everyone's prayers for her nephew Alex as he works through depression and her mother, Debbie, as she is recovering from knee surgery.

**Brenda Park** - friend of Carol Lowder, facing a serious colon surgery.

**Amy Ritchie** - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with stage 4 Breast Cancer.

**Nancy Barger** - friend of Jane Jacobs, dealing with cancer.

**Jay** - brother of Ellen Little, home from hospital and awaiting update for surgery.

**Mark McDaniel** - brother of Mal McDaniel, in remission and making great progress!

**Barbara Coffey** - friend of Judy Hunter: stage 4 Breast Cancer, undergoing chemo.

**Thomas Dishman** - friend of Judy Hunter: problems with LVAD, awaiting heart transplant.

**Chuck Rogers** - friend of Judy Hammond: suffered stroke following surgery.

**Shelia & Steve Dobson** - friends of Judy Hammond: Steve had brain surgery.

**Russell Gardner** - friend of Mike Freeman: cancer and recurring pneumonia.

**Ernest Miller** - friend of Mike Freeman: lung cancer and PTSD (Viet Nam Vet)

**Lori Holder** - daughter of Sam McAllister: Suffering with MS.

**Teresa Alexander** - friend of Renee Goodnight: Diagnosed with brain tumors and staph infection.

**Hope Community** - church plant in Wilmington, NC with Nate Stratman.

**Prayer request?** Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.

### Special Church Member of the Week

#### **Betty Overcash**

1438 Oak Pond PI NW  
Concord, NC 28027-4187

Send a card, make a visit or a call,  
or offer a prayer. All to say "God  
loves you and the church cares  
about you."



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## The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator  
Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2019  
Garrett Brady  
Mike Freeman  
Allison Hammett  
Carol Lowder

Class of 2020  
Jeff Barnhardt  
Frank Gibson  
Phil McLain  
Gip Rumble

## Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans  
Pastor

David Hamilton  
Director of Music

Michelle Walker  
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

## Servants

**Greeters:** Jeff Barnhardt & Mike Freeman

**Elder Lock-Up:** Frank Gibson

**Children's Message:** Mary Lee Evans

**Children's Message next week:** Chris Lowder

**Children's Church:** Mary Lee Evans

**Children's Church next week:** Ali Craft & Raegan Swaringen

**Videographer:** David Reed

**Nursery:** Hannah Efird

**Nursery next week:**

**Acolytes:** Ella Sechler & Abigail Malinovsky

**Acolytes next week:** Toby Caskey & Will Evans

**Ushers:** Andrew & Jenna Baker, Todd Pless, Tony Rary

**Ushers next week:** Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Lynn Sechler & C.J. Semcho

## This Week

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Disciples Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

### MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Saltshakers**  
8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**

### WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**  
6:30 p.m. - **Short Children's Lesson  
in parlor**  
7:00 p.m. - **Ash Wednesday Service**

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning  
Women's Bible Study**  
12:00 p.m. - **NA**  
6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**  
8:00 p.m. - **AA**

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
Good News Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**  
4:00 p.m. - **Women's Sunday Circle**



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