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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Kirkpatrick

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Heath Burchett

**\*Call to Worship**

The LORD is our light and our salvation;

**Whom then shall we fear?**

The LORD is the strength of our lives;

**Of whom shall we be afraid?****\*Hymn of Praise No. 604***To God Be the Glory***\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

**Loving GOD,**

**You have formed a covenant with us, committing Yourself to us and inviting us to walk with You. Yet we resist: wanting our own way, complaining about Your children, thinking we know best. Have mercy on us. Stir our hearts that we might walk in Your ways and in Your strength that You have extended to us in Jesus. Amen**

*(In silent prayer, let us offer GOD our confession and our hope)*

Leader:

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**People:****In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!****\*Song of Response**

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

**Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People**

**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 ~

**10 Cents a Meal**

Michelle Walker

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

(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.)

**Anthem**

*Lord Send Your Angels To Watch Over Me*  
Judy Hunter, alto

Gaither/Gaither

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 23:32-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Heath Burchett

Breakfast with the Devil and Supper with THE SAVIOR

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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**

*Nearer, My God to Thee*

Mason

**\*Doxology Hymn No. 964**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Commitment No. 175**

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Hornpipe from "Water Music"*

G. F. Handel

**\*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. Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card or call the church office 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 Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

## Upcoming

**The Christian Education and Missions Teams have once again partnered to bring you "A Call to Action" during Sunday School this summer!** All adult classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00a.m. following our regular breakfast. Please join us for special speakers. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- August 25 - Cut shoe material for Sole Hope
- September 1 - Bill Jolley

**Calling all volunteers!!!** As we look ahead to fall Sunday School and Wednesday Night Life, there are so many opportunities we have to reach our children and youth! If you are in any way interested in teaching or helping to teach a class for our young ones, would you please let Michelle Walker know? Currently, there are opportunities in the following areas:

Sunday School - preK/K assistant  
- Grades 1-5 assistant  
- Middle/Senior High assistant or back-up

Wednesday Night Life - Grades 1-5 teacher & assistant  
- Middle & Senior High assistant or back-up

If you assist in any way with our Children's or Youth Ministries, plan to attend one of our upcoming training sessions. **Volunteers should be trained each year**, so please plan to come even if you've been in years past! The following sessions remain: **Sunday, August 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room**

**Tuesday, August 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room**

Let Michelle know which session you will attend, or if you need to make alternate arrangements.

**Thank you to all who join your Christian Education Team in fulfilling our covenantal promise to raise our children in the truth of God's love!**

**Wednesday Night Life for children and adults officially begins on WEDNESDAY, September 4th!** Classes will be available for Preschoolers through High School. Larry Efird will lead a Bible study for adults based on the book "Mystery of the Holy Spirit" by R. C. Sproul. All adults are welcome to attend. Please just fill out this registration form and place in the offering plate or register online at <https://forms.gle/nna8ius3UmRijjujs9>. Books will be provided, but if you would like to provide a donation to help offset the cost of approximately \$10.00 each, you may do so. Just mark your check or envelope "Holy Spirit book".

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### Wednesday Night Life Adult Bible Study

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is now open for Saltshakers Ladies Bible Study!** All women are invited to join us. Saltshakers will meet September 23 through April 27 each Monday night at 6:00 pm. We will be studying Acts – “The Holy Spirit and the Beginning of the Church”. Register online at <https://forms.gle/BpTZVjgoVwkLG1Xq7> or call the church office at (704) 938-4623.

**Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. the church will celebrate Genesis Sunday** with a church wide breakfast provided by the Fellowship Team. Danny Bost will provide information about the adult classes while Michelle Walker will provide information about youth classes. Classes will depart from the Fellowship Hall for an abbreviated Sunday School time with their assigned classes.

**The Circle of Women** will resume its monthly meeting on Monday, September 9 at 2:00 pm at Editions Coffee Shop and Book Store. We will continue our study of Women of the Bible. All women are invited. We continue monthly meetings through May, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

**It's time once again to start our collection for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!!!** As in years past, we will pack 400 boxes - 200 boy and 200 girl - this year for ages 10-14. In an effort to be more consistent and produce better quality boxes, the Missions Team humbly suggests that you make a financial donation to go towards shopping for and shipping the boxes. (Just write "shoeboxes" on your check or offering envelope memo). Alternatively, if you would like to go shop, you may see Michelle Walker for a date to go shopping or a list of specific items to "adopt"! Thanks as always for your support of this special project!

**Our Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale for Missions will be held on Saturday, September 14 (rain date Saturday, September 21).** Donations of clean household items and clothes, gently used books and toys, furniture, and other items can be placed in the room beside the Choir Room. Please do not include used bedding, undergarments or swimsuits, or items that are stained or in disrepair. If you need pick-up or assistance with moving larger items, please see a Missions Team member. Proceeds will go towards Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

**The Missions Team has reserved the week of September 22 - 28 to serve at the Salvation Army Hope Night Shelter.** Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner for approximately 30 people nightly and provide milk and cereal for the next day's breakfast. Set-up begins at 6:30pm, with meal service from 7:00pm-8:00pm. A sign-up poster has been placed in the narthex. Thank you again for supporting your Missions Team and our Church's outreach efforts!

**The Missions Team is once again spotlighting Jackson Park Elementary School!**

- Collection continues for the Jackson Park Elementary food pantry and clothing closet. See an information sheet in the Narthex for specific needs. Donations may be placed on the bookshelf in the Youth Room.
- Volunteers are needed for a school lunch buddy program, which allows adults to meet monthly with a child during lunch at the school. No monetary commitment is required, just a short amount of time to brighten a child's day. A background check is required - please fill out the form (found in the Narthex) and return to Jenna Baker or a Missions Team Member.



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## The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2020  
Jeff Barnhardt  
Frank Gibson  
Phil McLain  
Gip Rumble

Class of 2021  
Reneé Goodnight  
Debbie McDaniel  
Bill Stricker  
Ryan Walker

## Church Staff

Pastor Heath Burchett  
Supply 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

**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.

## Servants

**Greeter:** Ryan Walker

**Elder Lock-Up:** Gip Rumble

**Children's Message:** Michelle Walker

**Children's Message next week:** Alpha Barger

**Children's Church:** Amelia Goodnight & Debbie McDaniel

**Children's Church next week:** Brian & Hannah Efird

**Videographer:** David Reed

**Acolytes:** Landon & Noah Walker

**Acolytes next week:** Keira Brady & Erica Efird

**Nursery:** Emma & Ella Sechler

**Nursery next week:** Linda Grebler

**Ushers:** Andrew & Jenna Baker, Mel Eaton & Mal McDaniel

**Ushers next week:** Phil & Jill McLain, Todd Pless & Tony Rary

## This Week

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -  
New Connection Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

### MONDAY

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

### 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** -  
Disciples Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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