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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

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

**~ Gathering before the Word ~****Prelude***Sandringham*

Barnby

**Welcome & Service of Friendship**

Pastor Darryl Evans

**\*Call to Worship**

—1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV

Praise be to you, O LORD,  
God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.

**In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.**

Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 581**

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***\*Prayer of Confession**

David Hamilton

— from Psalm 25 NRSV

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

**For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

**Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.**

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.**

*(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 ~**

### **Word with our Children**

Jennifer Smith

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship his 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**

*Unto Thee, O Lord*  
Michelle Walker, soprano  
Chancel Choir

Aulbach

### **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

An Uneven Match

Darryl Evans

“The midwives [Shiphrah and Puah], however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.”

–Exodus 1:17

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

### \*Affirmation of Faith – The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 103. Which is the First Commandment?

**A. The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."**

Q. 104. What are the duties required in the First Commandment?

**A. The duties required in the First Commandment are: the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly; by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission.**

**Offering & Offertory**

*I Would Be True*

Peek

### \*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. 351

HYFRYDOL

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### \*Benediction

**Postlude**

*Postlude in G Major*

Handel

\*All who are able please stand.  
CCLI # 2221136

### **To Our Guests**

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. You are warmly invited to stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. After the "A Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to the Children's Church. After worship, parents may pick up children in the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building.

### **August Financial Update**

Year to date budget - \$190,187

Year to date income - \$178,226

Year to date expenses - \$183,544

Even though spending is under budget, we have received \$5,000 less than we have spent.

## Upcoming

**Thank you so much** for your support and generosity for Hurricane Harvey victims. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to FPC and put "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line. To date we have collected nearly \$1200 for Samaritan's Purse!

**Thank you for a wonderful Summer Sunday School!** We were filled with blessings with such a wonderful time of sharing and connections. Special thanks to all the teachers, story tellers, facilitators and to all who participated!

**Genesis Sunday is TODAY, September 10.** Breakfast will be served by the Fellowship Team at 9:30 AM. At 10:00AM there will be a presentation about the new style for the children's Sunday School classes. Children's Sunday School teachers will be introduced and children will be dismissed for an abbreviated Sunday School lesson with the teachers. Adult Sunday School teachers will also be introduced and teachers will briefly tell what their class will be studying during the fall. All are invited!

**Circle of Women will resume its monthly Bible Study TOMORROW,** September 11 at 2:00 p.m. They will meet in the fellowship hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, September through May, as they continue their study of John, especially looking at chapters 15 through 21--the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. All women of the church are invited and are encouraged to invite a friend.

**Saltshakers Women's Bible Study** will resume on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. They will meet at the church, weekly, September through April, taking a break during the month of December and other holidays. Look for the registration cards located around the church to sign up.

**The Missions Team is once again welcoming your donations for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!** For the month of September, our focus will be on the everyday essentials, so we need 400 each of the following: Washcloths, Bars of soap, Comb/brush sets, girls' ponytail holders, girls' hair bows, small packs of wet wipes, small cups, small snack containers with lids, and fork/spoon sets. Of course, we'll still gratefully continue to accept school supplies previously listed.

**Wednesday Night Life resumes THIS WEEK, on September 13th:** This year, the meal will be catered by area restaurants. This week's meal will be catered by Bojangles and will include Chicken Strips (3), Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Salad, Bread, Tea and Lemonade. Price for meal to remain the same at \$5 per person over 5 years of age. Under 5 years of age meal is free. \$20 maximum for a family. So we can get an accurate count, please indicate on the pew pads how many in your family will be coming on Wednesday night and circle it. Supper is at 5:45-6:30 followed by Operation Christmas Child craft night for kids, Bible Study for adults taught by Darryl and Mary Lee in the Drummond Classroom, Chancel Choir Rehearsal from 6:30-7:30 and Alleluia Ringers rehearsal from 7:30-8:30. A nursery will be provided.

**Sisters in Christ** - Please join us in this new opportunity to get to know each other. We welcome all women (from teenager to eldest members and visitors) to participate in being paired with another woman of the church for three months (mid-September to mid-December). This is an experience of connecting together with another woman for monthly face-to-face visits, regular check-ins, and prayers with and for one another. We will open this window of connection on Saturday, September 16 with a brunch at which time you will be given your pairing. We will close this experience on December 9 with a Christmas gathering. You can register by completing the registration card and giving it to Terri Pruet in the church office. Please contact Mary Lee Evans with any questions. (252) 944-6264. Please pray and ask Jesus: Lord, is this something you would like me to do? We would love to have you!

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Tear off and return to church office

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range (circle one): 18-29 30-44 45-60 61+



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## The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator  
Wren Philpot, Clerk of Session

### Class of 2018

Danny Bost  
Peggy Gibson  
Mark Goodnight  
Sam McAllister

### Class of 2019

Garrett Brady  
Mike Freeman  
Allison Hammett  
Carol Lowder

## Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans  
Pastor

David Hamilton  
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey  
Youth Directors

Terri Pruet  
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates  
Organist

Irene Davis  
Nursery Director

**Fall Youth Sunday** - All youth are welcomed to participate in the Worship Service this October 22nd for a fall youth Sunday. If you are interested in taking part please let Tracy Caskey know by October 15th. Rehearsal for the youth Sunday will be October 22nd at 9:30am in the Sanctuary followed by a youth breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.

### Mark your calendars for some upcoming family fun!

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> meet after church at 2:00pm at the Regal Corn Maze in Statesville for a group rate.

We will hold another Fall Fun and Vesper Service at 4:30pm on November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a lot of great activities for the kids.

Gingerbread House Workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, parents are welcome to drop off their children at the church for a Parents' Night Out from 5:30-9:00pm. This will include pizza, games, crafts, stories, etc. Registration will be required to ensure enough chaperones, food, and materials are available. More details to come!

### The Christmas Covered Dish Dinner and Children's Christmas

**Play** will be Sunday, December 3rd at 5:30pm this year. If your children or youth wish to participate in the play please let Tracy Caskey know by Wednesday, September 20th. Speaking parts will be assigned at this rehearsal. Please see the rehearsal schedule below to help determine whether you are able to participate this year.

Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall:

6:30-7:30pm September 20-November 1

6:00-7:30pm November 8-November 29 (no rehearsal November 22)

Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 2, 1:00-3:00pm followed by an ice cream sundae party

There will be a Wednesday night class from 6:30-7:30pm for children not interested in participating in the Christmas play from September 13-November 1st.

**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.

## Prayer Concerns

**Chariti Lowder**, on the death of David Threatt.

**Alpha's niece**: Emily, and Hayden Brown and their children, Grace, Coleman, and Rachel.

**A friend of the church**, Oct 11 court case, pray it will be dismissed with no further charges.

**Connie Rary** had a good one year report, and is still fighting cancer.

**Sharon Stricker**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Lynn Efird**, radiation treatments.

**Emily Griggs**, back in Morocco.

**Farrar Griggs**, Restoration process after fire at Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church plus health concerns.

**Lori Holder**, daughter of Sam McAllister, has MS, out of rehab and is home now.

**Teresa Alexander**, friend of Renée Goodnight, brain tumors.

**Mark McDaniel**, lymphoma (Mal's brother).

**Ron Lisenby**, leg and knee issues.

**Clara Burris**, atrial septal defect. Recovering from surgery.

**Gene Griggs**, cousin of Farrar Griggs, suffered a stroke, is home with family in Charlotte & responding to rehab.

**Donna Whitley**, kidney disease.

**Sherri Bridges**, mother of Danielle Byrd, friend of Laura McLain, has breast cancer and had recent double mastectomy.

**Debby Baker**, has cancer again.

**Linda Bost**, small, stable cerebral aneurysm.

**Loretta Young**, Alzheimer's is progressing and she is declining in health.

**Dwight Goodnight**, and his son, **Tod Goodnight** who is struggling with Parkinson's Disease.

**Flaubert & Carine Mbeunkui**, please keep them in your prayers as he seeks employment.

**Juanita Holt**, continues to appreciate your calls, cards, and prayers while she continues to recuperate.

**Christ the Word** church plant in Rolesville, NC with Patrick Cherry.

**Dave Viscount**, friend of Mark Goodnight, suffering from ALS.

**Beth Barnhardt**, friend of Judy Hammond, is still having difficulty seeing clearly.

**Susan (Hodge) Thomas**, recovering from hip surgery.

**Joyce Weaver**, health issues.

**Don Hamilton**, Cookie's husband, is on dialysis.

**Iris Efird**, continued strength and increased mobility with right arm and leg.

**Liam Debord**, Hunters' grandson, fighting brain tumors.

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

### Special Church Member of the Week

#### Joe Crawford

Black Mountain Neuro-Medical  
Treatment Center  
932 Old US Hwy 70  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

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."

## Servants

**Greeters:** Mike Freeman & Allison Hammett

**Elder Lock-Up:** Mark Goodnight

**Children's Message:** Jennifer Smith

**Children's Message next week:** Jennifer Linn

**Videographer:** Michael Martens

**Children's Church Leader:** Jennifer Smith

**Children's Church Leader next week:** Raegan Swaringen

**Nursery:** Allison Hammett & Malaina Meeks

**Nursery next week:** Lynn Efird

**Ushers:** Bobby Hallman, Tony Hunter, Phil & Jill McLain

**Ushers next week:** Paul Barnhardt, Mel Eaton, Mike Freeman, & Amy Hurst

## This Week

### TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - parlor  
9:30 a.m. - **Church Wide Breakfast**  
10:00 a.m. - **Genesis Sunday Presentation**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**  
7:00 p.m. - **Session**

### WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**  
6:30 p.m. - **OCC Craft Night**  
6:30 p.m. - **Adult Class**

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
7:30 p.m. - **Alleluia Ringers**

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Women's Bible Study**  
12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**  
6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**  
8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Time** - parlor  
9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour**  
Walter Goodman Class  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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