

THE SESSION

Class of 2017
Billy Griffith
Gary Hild
Mary Rutland

Class of 2018
Betsey Adams

Class of 2019
Donna Hopkins
Susan Knowles
Lee Matthews

Rev. Mark Knowles, Moderator

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Jim Yarbro

Stephen Henderson

Gary Gore

Susan Jarmon, Treasurer

Karen Selvage, Secretary

HOW WE ARE DOING

Weekly Giving (8/13/2017): \$ 2,365.00

Month to Date Giving: \$ 10,097.00

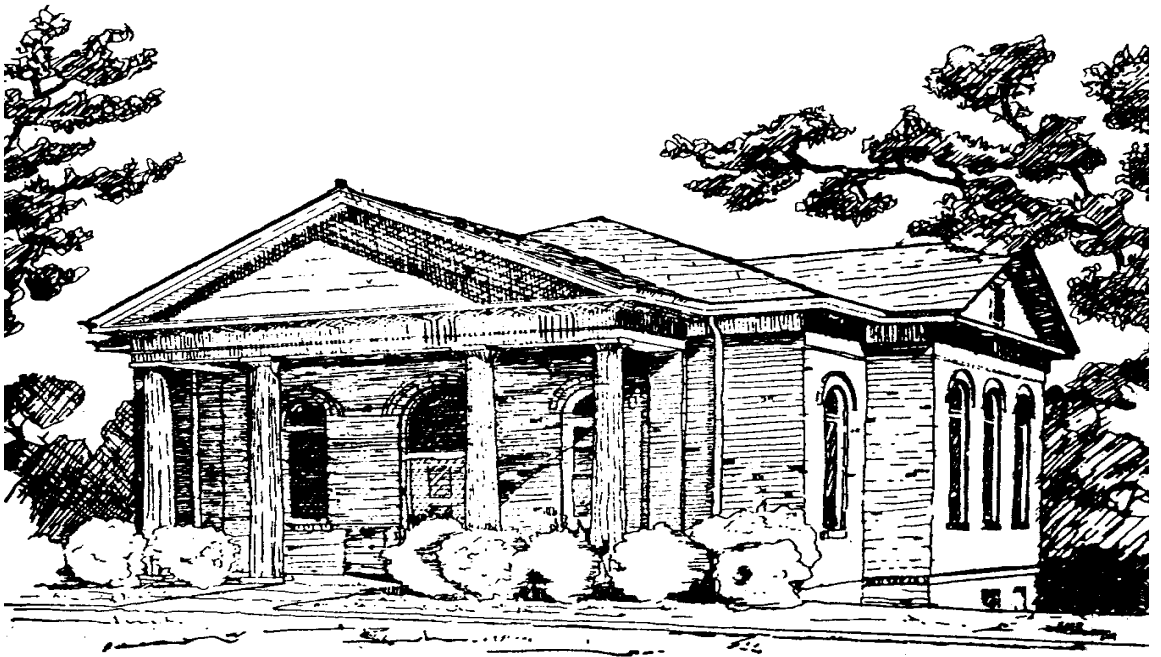
Year to Date Giving: \$ 121,122.75

Church Attendance: 53

Sunday School: 11

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lena Aust, Sam Chandler Jr., Diane Chandler - cancer (Sam's cousin), Grady Campbell (Sam's friend), David Casper - cancer (Lindsey Henderson's boyfriend), Ed Crabtree - cancer, David Hughes, David Jimerson, Mel Strain -hip replacement, Gene Turner, Jim Walker



*"Our Mission is to Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ,
and Meet Human Need"*



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Pastor, Rev. Mark Knowles

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 20, 2017

10:30 A.M.

* AT THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, PLEASE REMAIN SILENT AND TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Bond of Love" Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Many barriers come between God and his people, limiting his ability to give wholeness.

People: **It seemed the Canaanite woman would be rejected; but her faith overcame her barriers, and brought healing to her daughter.**

Pastor: The gift of faith is available to everyone, and breaks through any barrier to God's grace.

People: **May God give us faith to overcome any obstacle which seems to withhold his love from us.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 279

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, Father, it seems we just cannot get through to you. It may be guilt, or fear, or sometimes a feeling of unworthiness. But our separation is more than we can stand, and we need to know you accept us. Forgive us for the barriers we create, and forgive us for too little faith to overcome these barriers. Restore our faith in your Son, our Savior, that he may come into our lives with the assurance of our being made whole. In his name we pray. Amen.

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 8:12)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CHORUS** "The Family of God" No. 282

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Pg. 1522

SERMON

“COURAGEOUS FAITH”

Rev. Mark Knowles

RESPONSE

*HYMN

“Trust & Obey”

No. 349

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“In the Garden”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

*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 DEDICATION

*HYMN

“Faith is the Victory!”

No. 486

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet human need”.

*POSTLUDE

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

***Those who are able may stand**