

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2018**  
Betsey Adams  
Mary Kate Beard  
Sandra Jimerson

**Class of 2019**  
Donna Hopkins  
Susan Knowles  
Lee Matthews

**Class of 2020**  
Lonnie Feller  
Greg Ledford  
Perry Leaming

Rev. Mark Knowles, Moderator

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

**TRUSTEES**

Stephen Henderson

Gary Gore

Franklin Bevel

Karen Selvage, Secretary

Sherry Feller, Treasurer

**HOW WE ARE DOING**

\*Weekly Giving (8/19/2018):\$ 3,038.00

Month to Date Giving: \$ 8,593.00

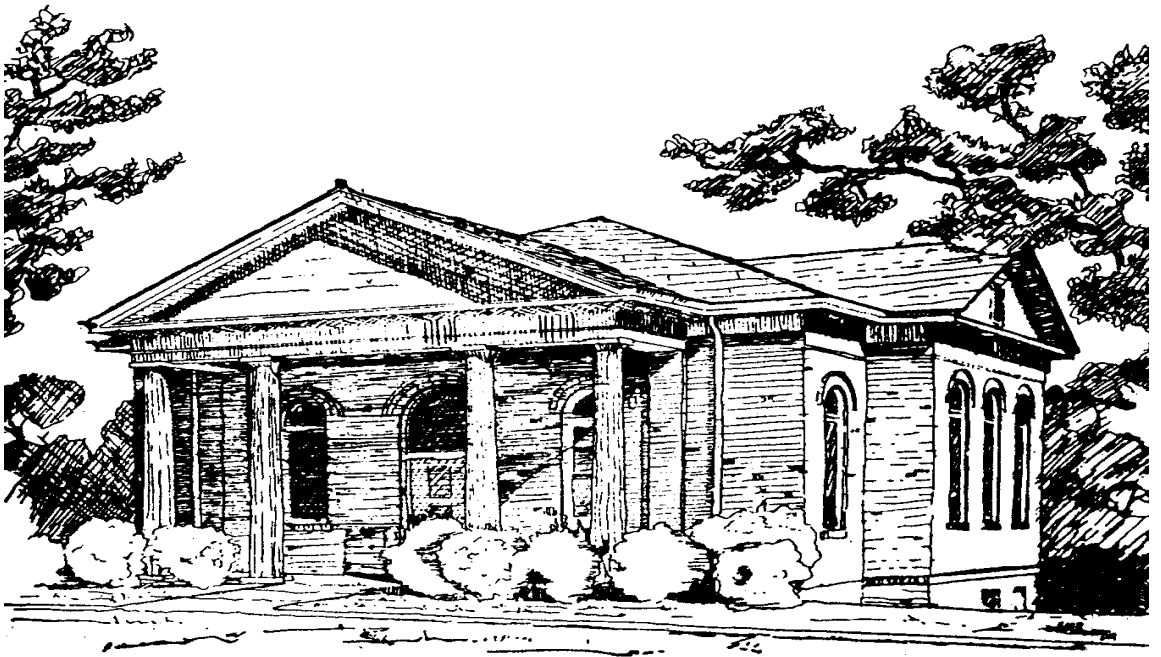
Year to Date Giving: \$ 91,845.03

Church Attendance: 54

Sunday School: 11

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

W.S. and Betsey Adams, Louise Chandler, Sam Chandler Jr., Roger and Faye Heath, David and Patsy Hughes, Kaila Holand (cancer – Lena’s neighbor), David Sewell (hospitalized for Guillain Barre Syndrome), Ginger Matthews, Bonnie and Gene Turner.



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



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*Organized 1890*

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*Rev. Mark Knowles, Pastor*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 26, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "More About Jesus" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty" Choir  
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** We are here because Jesus is God's Son, our Savior.

**People:** We believe Jesus has the words of eternal life, and desire to learn more of what Jesus taught.

**Pastor:** Jesus speaks through his church. And those who listen receive God's life-giving Spirit.

**People:** We love our Lord and cherish his words. We pray we will never fall away from serving him.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*HYMN** "O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 76

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have read many times, Father, what Jesus said during his ministry. Certainly we would not question him. Yet, by our choice of lifestyle, we often live as those who choose not to believe him. Forgive us for our indecisive discipleship which makes our Lord question our loyalty. Lead us in a life which is built on the wonderful words of Jesus, in whose 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”

Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:55-69

Pg. 1658

### SERMON

“PERSISTENCE OF THE SAINTS”

Rev. Mark Knowles

## RESPONSE

### \*HYMN

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

No. 460

### \*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.**

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

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

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

### \*HYMN

“Victory in Jesus”

No. 473

### \*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

“Lead On O King Eternal”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist  
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

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**\*Those who are able may stand**