

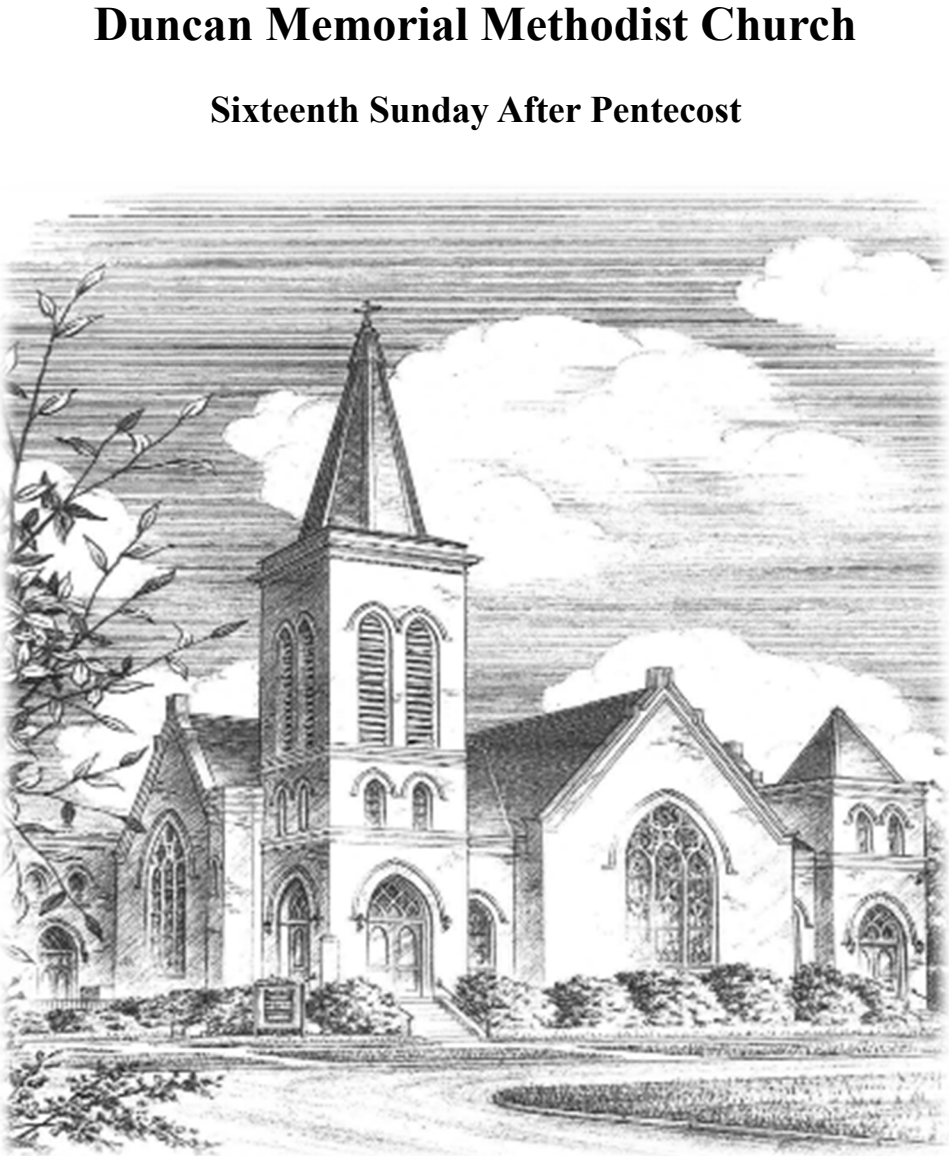
Weekly Calendar	
Sept. 28	
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Worship
5:30pm	MYF Fun Nuts
Sept. 29	
9:00am	Counter (Cindy Shaw)
Sept. 30	
9:00am	3M (Methodist Morning Moment)
Oct. 1	
5:00pm	The Bridge & LOL
6:00pm	Wednesday Meal
Oct. 2	
10:00am	Women's Bible Study
Oct. 4	
9:00am	The Grumpy Pumpkin @ Duncan

This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers
Greeters: Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe
Ushers/Offering: Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgins, Clay Livingston
We are glad you are here!
Welcome to Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. May this time of worship renew your spirit, draw you closer to God, and remind you that you are deeply loved and never alone.

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Date: October 22 – Decorating begins at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, and Trunk or Treat starts at 6:30pm. Call or text the church office at 843-546-5647 to volunteer to decorate a trunk!
Wednesday Night Meals: Come join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on October 1st at 6pm.
Acolyte & Crucifer Training: Training is offered to all 2 nd Graders and other Elementary age children interested in serving. Contact Katie Damon (843-344-0942) for more information and to reserve a training time.

Our Faithfulness for September 21, 2025
Weekly Collection: \$7,548.00
Attendance: 128

The flowers on the sanctuary side tables are given in to the glory and honor of God and in honor of the marriage of Mary Britt and Max Revercomb by the bride's parents, Lura and Britt Marsh.



September 28, 2025
“Without Excuse”
Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 28, 2025		
+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in BOLD .		
GATHERING <i>Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.</i>		
PRELUDE	“There is a Fountain”	J. Turner
<i>Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time.</i> <i>Please take a moment to sign the Red Pew Pad.</i>		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		KassiJo Lloyd
+CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Ragsdale
Leader: Come, brothers and sisters, for we gather not to exalt ourselves, but to magnify the Lord who is sovereign over all.		
People: We come to worship the God who spoke creation into being, who upholds the universe by the word of His power.		
Leader: Let us remember: though we were rebels, Christ died for us. Though we were far off, the Spirit has drawn us near.		
People: We are His people, bought with a price—the blood of the Lamb.		
Leader: Lift up your eyes to the throne of grace, where mercy and justice meet, where Christ intercedes for His church, where every promise of God finds its “Yes” and “Amen.”		
All Together: With humble hearts and joyful voices, we come to worship the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever worthy of praise.		
+OPENING HYMN	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Hymnal Pg. 400
+GLORIA PATRI	“Glory Be To The Father”	Hymnal Pg. 70
<i>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.</i>		
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		KassiJo Lloyd
<i>Children ages 3 years – 3rd Grade are invited to Children’s Church.</i>		
CHURCH CONCERNS		Rev. Ragsdale

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Ragsdale
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“His Name is Wonderful”	F. Bock
+DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymnal Pg. 95
<i>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.</i>		
ANTHEM	“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone” KassiJo Lloyd and Blair Googer, Duet	Tomlinson/ Giglio
SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 1:19-23, 2:1-5, 3:9-20	Pew Bible NT Pg. 152-154
SERMON	“Without Excuse”	Rev. Ragsdale
+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles’ Creed	Hymnal Pg. 881
<i>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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day, he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</i>		
+CLOSING HYMN	“Amazing Grace”	Hymnal Pg. 378
+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Ragsdale
POSTLUDE	“Revive Us Again”	J. Husband
<i>The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and in honor of God and in loving memory of our son, Mark, by Hank and Rita Strickland.</i>		

Without Excuse

Romans 2:15 *"All who sin without a knowledge of the law will also perish without a knowledge of the law, and all who sin having a knowledge of the law will be judged by the law."*

Theological truth: Humanity is without excuse when they stand before the judgment seat of God because of natural revelation and special revelation. Through natural revelation God has made himself known in creation and He has written his law on the hearts of man, which is witnessed by the conflicting thoughts of their conscience. Through the Jews, He has given humanity the special revelation of the Scriptures.

Paul uses **three arguments** to show that all of humanity (Jews and all the rest) are without excuse when they stand before a holy God.

1. God gives humanity glimpses of transcendence so they are without excuse. Romans 1:18-20

2. God has placed the requirements of the law in man's hearts so they are without excuse. Romans 2:14-15

The law written on their hearts is displayed in the judgments they pass and by those same judgments they will be judged. Romans 2:1-3

Observations:

- A. **2:12** God will take the moral tape recorder from around their neck on judgment day.
- B. The delay of judgment is God's mercy. **2:3-4**
- C. God is impartial and does not show favoritism. **2:6-8, 11**
- D. God in his mercy sometimes gives special revelations outside of the Scriptures.
Missionary Ben Skaggs

3. The condemnation of sin is clear in the Bible so that all excuses will be silenced and every man held accountable for their sin. Romans 3:9-20

Observations:

- A. Every person (myself and each of you) is without excuse. **3:23**
- B. **V. 20** Therefore **no one** will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. The law has three purposes.

We are without excuse, God must provide a solution or we are lost.

Romans 1:18-20 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Romans 2:14-15, Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, ¹⁵ since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

Romans 2:1-3 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Romans 3:9-20 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

As it is written: "There is no-one righteous, not even one"; **Psalm 51:4 - Sept**

"there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no-one who does good, not even one." **Psalm 14:1-3**

"Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." **Psalm 5:9**

"The poison of vipers is on their lips." **Psalm 140:3**

"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." **Psalm 10:7 - Sept**

"Their feet are swift to shed blood; **Isaiah 59:7,8**

ruin and misery mark their ways,

and the way of peace they do not know."

"There is no fear of God before their eyes." **Psalm 36:1**

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

²⁰ Therefore **no-one** will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.