

# **Duncan Memorial Methodist Church**

**Second Sunday After Epiphany**



**January 18, 2026**

**“Gonna Serve Somebody”  
Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale**

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+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in **BOLD**.

**GATHERING**

*Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.*

**PRELUDE**

“I Will Enter His Gates/ This is the Day”

M. Hayes

*Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time.*

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

KassiJo Lloyd

**OUTREACH MOMENT**

Justin Jones

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Ragsdale

Leader: This is the day the Lord hath created;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**+OPENING HYMN**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymnal Pg. 138

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal Pg. 881

*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.*

**+GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be To The Father”

Hymnal Pg. 70

*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.*

<b>CHILDREN’S MOMENT</b>		KassiJo Lloyd
	<i>Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to Children’s Church.</i>	
<b>CHURCH CONCERNS</b>		Rev. Ragsdale
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Rev. Ragsdale
<b>THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	“Grace Greater than Our Sin”	B. Wolavaer
<b>+DOXOLOGY</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymnal Pg. 95
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i>	
	<i>Praise Him, all creatures here below;</i>	
	<i>Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;</i>	
	<i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“There’s Something About That Name”	Jim Moody, <i>Solo</i>
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Romans 6:15-23	Pew Bible NT Pg. 156
	Leader: The Word of the Lord!	
	People: Thanks be to God!	
<b>SERMON</b>	“Gonna Serve Somebody”	Rev. Ragsdale
<b>+CLOSING HYMN</b>	“Trust and Obey”	Hymnal Pg. 467
<b>+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING</b>		Rev. Ragsdale
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	“He is Exalted”	Twila Paris

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory and honor of God our Father, and  
In recognition of our dedicated Duncan Memorial Methodist Church staff  
who continuously work on behalf of its members and guests.  
Anonymously Thankful!*

### Weekly Calendar

#### Jan. 18

10:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Chancel Choir Practice  
11:00am Worship  
5:30pm MYF Fun Nuts

#### Jan. 19

9:00am Counter – Cindy Shaw

#### Jan. 21

5:00pm LOL & The Bridge  
6:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Meal  
6:30pm Choir Practice

### This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers

**Greeters:** Connie Fallon, Paula Ford, Millie Roberts, Lori Beard

**Ushers/Offering:** Dwight Ford, Gerry Harmon, Glenn Roberts, Jamey Walters

#### 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 Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm  
Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

### CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PAPER TOWEL ROLLS needed!** The kids are working on a project and need about 25 cardboard paper towel rolls. Please bring in all you have by February 1.

**Chancel Choir** - Are you interested in joining Duncan's choir? If so, they would be happy to have you join them! If you would like more information, please call the church office at 843-546-5647.

**2026 Altar Flowers** –If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship, please add your name to the calendar in the back hallway or call the church office at 843-546-5647.

**Women's Bible Study** starts back Thursday, February 5 with "Daring Joy" by Nicole Zasowski. 2 times will be offered – 10am and 5:15pm. You can purchase your own at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com).

**Duncan Oyster Roast** – Save the Date! Saturday, February 28 join us for an All-You-Can-Eat Oyster Roast. Look for more information in this weeks weekly email!

**Vacation Bible School!** You don't want to miss this VBS this summer! Get ready for a fun week, Sunday, June 14 – Wednesday, June 17, 2026!

#### *Our Faithfulness*

January 11, 2026 Collection:	\$17,222.00
January 11, 2026 Attendance:	140
Budget Required To Date:	\$20,716.00
Receipts To Date:	\$23,898.00

## Gotta Serve Somebody

### Romans 6: 15-23

- I. **Review 6:1-14 IT IS A THEOLOGICAL ANSWER TO THE QUESTION:** “If we are saved by faith and not by obedience to the law, then the results will be a freedom to disobey the commands of God. It will lead to license and sinfulness.”

The answer is “**May it never be!**” for by faith we were united to Christ and that has spiritual results. v. 9-10 “For we know .... Vs. 6-7 “for we know .....**it is common Christian knowledge** – we declare it in our common ancient creeds. **1 Corinthians 15: 3-4** .... Apostle’s Creed

**Four stages of man’s moral condition** (introduced by Augustine)

**Innocent** – able to sin (*Posse peccare*)

**Guilty** – not able not to sin (*Non posse non peccare*)

**Grace** – able not to sin (*posse non peccare*)

**Glory** – not able to sin (*Non posse peccare*)

So vs. 13-14 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin,. **For sin shall not be your master,** for you are not under law but under (the reign of) grace.

- II. **6:15-23 THE PRACTICAL ANSWER TO THE QUESTION:** v. 15 “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? **By no means!**”

**THE LOGICAL STATEMENT:** v. 16

A. **Human beings have to serve somebody.**

Bob Dylan, Gotta Serve Somebody

B. **God rescues individuals in order to serve him**

**THE DECLARATION OF THANKSGIVING** v. 17-18 “But thanks be to God”

Ephesians 2:1-10

**THE UNPROFITABLE PAST:** vs. 19-21 “Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, (1) you were free from the control of righteousness (God had no significance, no consciousness, no influence) <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap (2) **unprofitable harvest** at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? (3) **shameful life** Those things result in death!” (4) **Eternal condemnation.**

**THE BUT NOW** in vs. 22-23 “**But now** that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to (1) **holiness**, and the result is (2) **eternal life.** v. 19 “**so now** offer the parts of your body in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.”

**THE ETERNAL PREMISE**

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:14-23** For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law (trusting in self righteousness), but under grace (*grace reigns in me now*).

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

**THE LOGICAL STATEMENT** <sup>16</sup> Don’t you know that **when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey**--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

**THE DECLARATION OF THANKSGIVING** vs. 17-18 <sup>17</sup> **But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.** <sup>18</sup> **You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

<sup>19</sup> I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. **Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.**

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**1 Corinthians 15: 3-4** “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

**Ephesians 2:1-10** As for you, **you were** dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.<sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

<sup>4</sup> **But because of his great love for us,** God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> **For it is by grace** you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no-one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.