



# THE CROSSROADS

## Monthly Newsletter of Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

### Fear Not ('Cause God Said So!) by Katie Damon

I have a bad habit of over-thinking EVERYTHING. So much so that I can become frozen in uncertainty. I can let the fear of not “getting it perfect” stop me from making decisions. If it’s just about what color to paint my dining room, that’s not such a big deal. But when it comes to bigger things, over-thinking can become a stumbling block. It’s an insecurity I’ve been working hard to recognize and overcome in recent years.

A little over a year ago, I noticed this creeping into my faith journey and my life in the church. Not so much my relationship with God, but more in how I process things about church itself. I am not even sure I can really describe this time – I just know it was causing me a little too much anxiety. After a few months, I recognized what I was doing to myself and knew I had to do something. During that time, I prayed and talked (and fussed – although it was just one-way) with God. I asked him to give me the courage to stay faithful, to stay connected. And in that time, God calmed my spirit and prepared me for things I wasn’t expecting.

A verse I am drawn to, Joshua 1:9, says “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” God does not just suggest that we be strong and courageous, He commands it. Not because we always feel

brave, or because we have all the answers, but because He promises His presence. It reminds me I don’t have to understand everything perfectly – He does – and I that He is working out all the details, he just needs me to trust Him.

As my church family, I can imagine some of you have maybe felt this same way lately. It is easy to let uncertainty creep in and to become consumed with questions: What will happen next? What will the future look like? Will we be able to move forward together? Just like in my own tendency to overthink, those questions can become paralyzing if we let them. But God is not calling us to stand frozen in fear, He is calling us to move forward in faith.

The truth is, we will not have every answer right away. We may not see the full picture of what God is doing. But what we do have is His promise: that He will not leave us, that He goes ahead of us, and that His strength is made perfect in our weakness. This means we can take each next step with confidence, not in our own ability, but in His faithfulness.

So, as Duncan looks toward the future, let us choose courage over fear and faith over doubt. Let us remember that God has carried this congregation through many seasons before, and He will continue to carry us now. Together, we can be strong and courageous, not because we have all the answers, but because the One who holds the future walks with us.



# Get to know your Church Leadership

## Church Council

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Jeff Nihiser  | Blair Googer      |
| Lindsay Moore | Cindy Thompson    |
| Sarah Stuckey | Alton Ewing       |
| Harby Moses   | Courtney Anderson |
| Doc Young     | Chris Sharp       |
| Kevin Jayroe  | Patti Harwell     |
| Ansley Ellis  | Paige Sawyer      |
| Austin Beard  |                   |

## Nominations Committee

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| John Kester    | Lori Beard    |
| Paula Ford     | Susan Sawyer  |
| Linda Harmon   | Velva Ellerbe |
| Louise Walters | Nikki Ewing   |
| Liza Young     | Pam Toemmes   |



## Church Committees & Chairpersons

|                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Children's Ministry Committee .....   | Katie Munnerlyn            |
| Communications Committee .....        | Nikki Ewing                |
| Compensation Advisory Committee ..... | TBD                        |
| Finance Advisory Committee .....      | Lori Beard                 |
| Historical Committee .....            | Paige Sawyer & Dwight Ford |
| Kitchen Angels Committee .....        | Cindy Shaw                 |
| Membership Committee .....            | Melanie Daniels            |
| Methodist Men Committee .....         | Austin Beard               |
| Methodist Women Committee .....       | Velva Ellerbe              |
| Missions Committee .....              | Justin Jones               |
| Nurture Committee .....               | Denise Pace                |
| Outreach & Evangelism Committee ..... | Rebecca Prevatte           |
| Prayer Ministry Committee .....       | Debbie Kaufman             |
| Property Advisory Committee .....     | Jack Morgan                |
| Security Committee .....              | Jack Morgan                |
| Stephen Ministry Committee .....      | Barbara Jones              |
| Worship Committee .....               | Katie Damon                |
| Youth Ministry Committee .....        | Courtney Anderson          |

## Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee is prayerfully leading the process of calling our next pastor. Their work includes defining the Pastor Profile, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and seeking the Spirit's guidance at every step. You can help by praying faithfully, encouraging the committee, trusting the process, and participating fully when invited. Together, we trust God is preparing both us and our future pastor. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [pastorsearch@duncanmemorialchurch.com](mailto:pastorsearch@duncanmemorialchurch.com).

The Pastor Search Committee is conducting a Congregational Survey through **October 12, 2025** to help understand what qualities, priorities, and leadership the members of Duncan feel are most important in a new Pastor. If you would like to participate in the survey, please send a text message to 843-546-5647 with your name and email.

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Cindy Thompson (Chair) | John Kester    |
| Christine Sokoloski    | Leslie McCants |
| Glenn Roberts          | Nikki Ewing    |

# New Ministry Spotlight

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

*John 13:34-35*



Looking for a way to make a difference? Join our new **2-By-2** Ministry! Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness make the biggest difference. That's the heart of **2-By-2**! A team dedicated to reaching out to those in our church family who can't always be with us in person.

**2-By-2** members will be paired with someone from our Nurture Group to form a visitation team. Together, you'll bring encouragement through phone calls, visits, cards, shared meals, or even a helping hand with life's little challenges.

This ministry is about more than service, it's about connection, friendship, and living out Christ's call to love one another. If you've been looking for a way to share your time and your heart in a meaningful way, **2-By-2** is a wonderful place to start.

Come join us! Because caring is always better when we go **2-By-2**! If you would like to join this group, call or text the church at 843-546-5647 or scan the QR Code to fill out our **2-By-2** volunteer form!



*Stay Up to Date*

### STEPHEN MINISTRY



#### October Meeting Dates

**October 13 & 27**

**3:30pm - Fellowship Hall**

Merciful God, there are those in our midst who carry heavy burdens. Help us to be sensitive to those needs, reaching out to them with your love and compassion. Help us also to encourage them to turn to our pastors and Stephen Leaders, who can help them receive the care they need.

In your name we pray. Amen.

For more information call the church office, Debbie Kaufman (843-655-9848) or Barbara Jones (276-608-2794).

### NURTURE GROUP

#### October Meeting Dates

**October 14 & 28**

**10am - Fellowship Hall**

We are always looking for people who want to help touch others with the love of Christ. Join us at any of our scheduled meetings. We would love to have you be a part of this team.

Also, the Nurture group sends a monthly "Hometouch" set of devotionals which also include various puzzles, word games, etc. to our homebound members. If you are interested in receiving the monthly mailings, please call the church office (843-546-5647).

### WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

Duncan sends out weekly emails with the most recent church news. To be put on the weekly update list, please email or call

Katie Damon

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### Revered William "Ted" Ragsdale

We are excited to share that Rev. Ted Ragsdale will be walking alongside Duncan during this season of transition as we prayerfully seek our next full-time Senior Pastor. While Ted will not be serving in the full role of an interim pastor, he looks forward to getting to know the Duncan family and sharing in ministry together. As well as leading our Sunday worship services and, he would like to meet with members of Duncan during the 10am Sunday School hour (before our regular Sunday Worship service). If you would like to reserve a date to meet with Ted, please contact the church office at 843-546-5647 or email Katie at [katie@duncanmemorialchurch.com](mailto:katie@duncanmemorialchurch.com).



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Live Out Loud (1st-3rd grade) &  
The Bridge (4th & 5th)**

October 8: No LOL or Bridge- Fall Break

October 22: No LOL or Bridge- Trunk or Treat

# Trunk or Treat October 22

Get ready for a night of faith-filled fun and festive fellowship! Our annual Trunk or Treat event is just around the corner, and we're calling on every member to help make it the best one yet!

**Trunk Decorating Begins: 5:00 PM**

**Dinner Served: 6:00 PM**

**Trunk or Treat Starts: 6:30 PM**

This is more than candy and costumes, it's a chance to show our children the love of Christ through community, celebration, and service. Let's engage, encourage, and elevate this event with the full spirit of our church family. Together, we'll make memories that shine with faith and fun!

**Trunk Decorators: Sign-up by  
October 20th by calling or texting the  
church office at 843-546-5647 or sign up  
by scanning the QR Code below!**



Save the Date...

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

November 16, 2025

Join us as our Children's Ministry leads us in worship—a joyful celebration filled with faith, music, and heartfelt praise. Let their voices and spirit inspire us all to draw closer to God. Come ready to be uplifted, encouraged, and moved. Come ready to worship. Come ready to support our children as they share their gifts. Let's show up, participate, and celebrate together!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **October Schedule:**

- 5- NO MYF - Fall Break
- 12- MYF 5:30-7pm
- 18- Wooden Boat Show Fundraiser 10am - 1pm
- 19- MYF 5:30-7pm
- 22- Trunk or Treat 5-7:30pm (Wednesday)
- 26- Boo Bash at KJ's House 5-7pm

**Hey Youth,**

**Let's Rock the Boat Show, October 18th!**

The **Wooden Boat Show Fundraiser** is coming, and we need every hand, every heart, and every smile to make it unforgettable.

Youth—We Need YOU! This isn't just another event. It's how we fuel all our youth activities—from Sunday gatherings to local outings to those epic trips we all love. Your energy, your presence, your service, it all matters. So, grab your friends, wear your best smile, and let's show up in full force!

Church Family—Let's Rally! Support our youth by coming out, parking in the best spot at Duncan, and cheering them on. Your encouragement means the world. Let's surround our young people with love, laughter, and spiritual support as they serve with purpose.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts back up for all ages September 14. We need Sunday School teachers and Sunday School assistants. Please call church office to signup or reach out to KassiJo.

# Going On

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Trinity Adults Class   | Fellowship Hall      |
| Busy Parents Class     | Parlor               |
| Pre-K & Kinder Class   | Downstairs Classroom |
| Elem. Class (1st-5th)  | Upstairs Classroom   |
| Youth Class (6th-12th) | Youth Room           |

### Trinity Adult Sunday School Class

This Fall the Trinity Adult Sunday School Class is studying 1 King and 2 Kings with The Gospel Project series. We gather Sunday morning at 9:45am for fellowship and class starts at 10am. Come join us for great discussions on this study!

## METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST



2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:30AM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Wednesdays  
at 5pm  
Meet in the Youth Room

## Wonderful Wednesday Meals

made with love by our Duncan Kitchen Angels

6:00pm  Gym/ FLC

### October Menu

- 10/1 Fried Chicken
- 10/8 No WW - Fall Break
- 10/15 Martin Harper's Pileau
- 10/22 Hot Dogs - Trunk or Treat
- 10/29 Pork Loin with Sweet Potato Casserole

## 3M Methodist Morning Moment

Every Tuesday

drop-in between 9am - 10:30 am

Join the staff and fellow church members for a Tuesday morning refreshment and moment of fellowship.



## Hanging of the Greens

Stay after our regular Sunday service to enjoy at bowl of Chili and help decorate the church for the advent season.

**November 23, 2025**



6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Sundays  
at 5:30pm

Meet in the Youth Room



1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Wednesdays  
at 5pm

Meet in the main hallway.



## Prayer List

**At Home:** Maddie Ellerbe (Velva's Granddaughter), Jean Gaspers, Jane and Jerry Thomas, Don and Carolyn Rogerson, Wallace Moulton, Chip Stalvey, Hal Tanner, Renee Culbertson, Bill Royster, Tracy Cunningham, Mamie Cunningham, Donna Orndorf, Cindy Thompson, Susie McMullan, Chip Daniels, Frank and Judy McKenzie

**The Landings of Georgetown:** Susan Cline, Walt Thomas

**Lakes of Litchfield:** Wilson Smith

**Homeplace at Midway in KY:** Jane Holloway

Prayer Requests can be emailed to:  
[prayers@duncanmemorialchurch.com](mailto:prayers@duncanmemorialchurch.com)

## In Sympathy

To the members of our Duncan Family who have lost loved ones in the month of September.

*If you are struggling to cope with a loss or sudden life change and are in need of help, please reach out to our Stephen Ministry Team by contacting the church office at 843-546-5647 or reach out to Barbara Jones or Debbie Kaufman.*

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## October Birthdays

- 1 Tripp Coker, Ed Gibson, Liz McCall, Rita Strickland
- 2 Doug Doscher, Leslie Morris
- 3 Susan Church
- 4 Graham Emry, Anna Livingston
- 5 Nicole Harmon, Morgan Mayer
- 6 Beth Prevatte
- 7 Abby Emry, Wallace Moulton, Cindy Shaw
- 8 Zach Ulman
- 11 Pat Rogerson
- 12 Katie Damon, Leah Ross
- 13 Susan Cline
- 14 Timmy Cameron
- 15 Rebecca Prevatte, Emmaleigh Wilson
- 16 Teague Perrow
- 17 Jane Thomas
- 19 George Graham, Anna Moore, Randy Moore
- 21 Christy Emry, Daniel Taylor
- 22 Cindy Bowen, Luckey Nowlin
- 23 Cindy Gibson
- 24 Maggie Wall
- 25 Lewis Dugan
- 26 Mickey Bourne
- 27 Charlie Garner
- 28 Mona Floyd, Lewis Young
- 29 Carla Brandon
- 30 Lee Graham, Alyx Potterfield



# Memorials & Honorariums

July 27, 2025 - September 21, 2025

## General Operating Fund

In Memory of Anne Scott  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
by Bruce Ward  
In Memory of Anne Scott, Kay Bonnoitt, and Warren Sherrer  
by Pat Zack  
In Memory of Dick Rosen and Ralph Ward  
by Julia "Judy" E. Myers  
In Memory of John Broach  
by his Family  
In Memory of Katherine Scott  
by Bobo and Cindy Thompson  
In Memory of Kay Bonnoitt  
by Karen McNeil  
by Herbie and Lucy McClary  
In Memory of Kay Bonnoitt and Betty Thrailkill  
by Jim and Becky Moody  
In Memory of Mildred Higgins  
by Loril Young  
In Memory of Warren Sherrer  
by Elsie Jayroe  
In Honor of Ansley Ellis  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
In Honor of Glenn and Millie Roberts  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon

In Honor of Jack Morgan  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
In Honor of Jeff and Sandra Nihiser  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
In Honor of Jim and Becky Moody  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
In Honor of Lewis and Liza Young  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
In Honor of Mike Taylor  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon  
In Honor of Patti Harwell  
by Gerry and Linda Harmon

## Bell Tower Fund

In Memory of Bill Abee  
by Paige and Susan Sawyer  
In Memory of Lauren McKenzie and Warren Sherrer  
by Paige and Susan Sawyer

## Nurture Fund

In Memory of Warren Sherrer  
by Mona Floyd  
by Hal Tanner  
In Memory of Anne Scott  
by Robin Oliver

# Methodist Historical Moment

On February 23, 1785, Reverend Francis Asbury, Reverend Woolman Hickson, Reverend Jesse Lee, and Reverend Henry Willis rode into Georgetown on horseback. Asbury's first visit to Georgetown was nearly a disaster. He didn't want to come to the coast. He doubted he would have any success - for Georgetown had a reputation as a town full of sinners. But - the men had ridden hundreds of miles and spent their traveling money. While the name of the ministers' first host in Georgetown is unknown, journals mention that just as the men were leaving their host's house for preaching, the man excused himself as it was his turn to supervise a ball that night. The ministers were shocked - any kind of dancing was a sin in the Methodist Church. Not only were they broke, but they were also staying in the home of a dancer!

Reverend Jessie Lee prayed that, if the Lord had sent them to such an evil place, he would find them another home in which to stay. After the prayer meeting, Lee felt his prayers were answered when William Wayne introduced himself. He welcomed the ministers to spend the night in his home. Wayne was the nephew of General "Mad Anthony" Wayne of Revolutionary War fame and a local merchant who had moved to South Carolina from Pennsylvania. Wayne was well-known to the Baptist and Episcopalian churches already in Georgetown. They had both refused to make him a member. Wayne was so concerned about his soul that he took to preaching in the streets of town. People thought he was crazy.

The man rejected by other churches became a solid rock foundation for Methodists in Georgetown. Wayne gave the ministers shelter for the night and breakfast the next morning. He showed the preachers to the ferry and paid their passage across the river.

While Asbury, Lee, and Willis rode to Charleston, Hickson stayed behind in Georgetown, to start a local church with William Wayne. Two weeks later, Asbury returned through Georgetown on his way north at which time he ordained William Wayne as a local preacher. Hickson stayed behind with Wayne to serve the new Methodist Church in Georgetown.

William Wayne is named as the first Methodist convert in the state and Georgetown is credited with the first Methodist Church in South Carolina, known today as Duncan Memorial Methodist Church.



# DMMC October Servants

We are always in need of servants to help. If you know where you would like to serve or are unsure of where you can serve, please contact Katie Damon by:  
843-546-5647 (Office)  
843-344-0942 (Cell Phone)  
katie@duncanmemorialchurch.com

## **Greeters** *Contact: Katie Damon*

- 5 - Rebecca and Emery Prevatte, Ann Koerber, Sarah Ward, Charlotte Moulton
- 12- Cindy Thompson, Cindy Shaw, Margaret Ulrichsen, Jan Moore
- 19- Connie Fallon, Paula Ford, Millie Roberts, Lori Beard
- 26- Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe

## **Ushers** *Contact: Paige Sawyer*

- 5 - Paige Sawyer, Timmy Sessions, Lewis Dugan, Randy Stewart, Mitzi Vaimberg
- 12- Bobo Thompson, Kenny Moore, Louise Walters, Melanie Daniels, Jerry Broome
- 19- Dwight Ford, Gerry Harmon, Glenn Roberts, Jamey Walters
- 26- Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgins, Clay Livingston

## **Monday Counters**

- 6 -Barbara Jones
- 13-Pam Toemmes
- 20-Anne Hudson
- 27-Linda Evans

## **Flowers** *Contact: Linda Harmon*

- 5 - Angie Watkins
- 12- Debbie Dugan
- 19- Velva Ellerbe
- 26- Katie Damon

## **Newsletter Volunteers**

- 29- Jackie Bertrand, Jean Holland, Elsie Jayroe

## **Altar Guild**

Mitzi Vaimberg

## *Did you know?*

### **What do the colors on the altar mean?**

The colors you see on the altar and pulpit aren't just decoration, they tell the story of the Church's seasons.

**Green** is for growth, used in "Ordinary Time" as a reminder of steady faith and discipleship.

**Purple** marks seasons of preparation like Advent and Lent and reminds us both of the majesty of Christ the King and the call to prepare our hearts through prayer, repentance, and hope.

**White** celebrates the high feasts of Christmas, Easter, and special holy days, symbolizing joy and purity.

**Red** represents the fire of the Holy Spirit, especially on Pentecost, and also honors the sacrifice of martyrs.

Together, these colors mark the rhythm of our Christian journey and keep our worship rooted in the life of Christ. So next time you're in Duncan's sanctuary, take a look around and you'll see the story of faith told in color!



# Look at us!







Have any photos  
you want in the next  
issue? Text them to:  
843-546-5647





## Scripture Unscramble

“strength Christ I through all  
who can me gives do.”

1

“paths makes He your directs straight  
trust Lord with heart all the in your.”

2

“life and I bread am of whoever in me  
shall never believes hungry whoever  
will thirsty not and be.”

3

Hints: 1. Philippians 4:13; 2. Proverbs 3:6; 3. John 6:35



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