

THE CROSSROADS

Monthly Newsletter of Duncan Memorial Methodist Church



The Excitement of God on the Move

By Kassio Lloyd

There's something unmistakably electric happening among us a stirring that whispers, "God is on the move." You can feel it in conversations that carry hope, in prayers that overflow with faith, and in hearts leaning into the rhythm of His will. Like the cloud by day and fire by night that guided the Israelites (Exodus 13:21), the presence of God is leading us with divine purpose, and our Duncan Church Family is being invited to follow with bold steps.

In Isaiah 43:19, God declares, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" That verse beats like a drum in the spirit urging us to stay alert, expectant, and ready to embrace the new work unfolding around us. It's more than a change in routine or a seasonal shift; it's a spiritual awakening.

We see it in the small miracles: in restored relationships, spontaneous generosity, answered prayers, and worship that lifts the roof in praise. When God moves, He repositions people, reorders priorities, and rekindles passion. Maybe that means stepping out of comfort zones to lead a Bible study, serve in a ministry, or reach out to someone in need.

For others, it might mean simply being still and recognizing His voice amid the noise. Remember what Psalm 46:10 reminds us: "Be still, and know that I am God." Sometimes the most powerful response to His movement is quiet trust.

God's movement doesn't always come with fanfare it often arrives in the gentle nudge, the quiet conviction, the sudden courage to forgive, or the patient strength to keep showing up. That's how revival begins: in hearts that are willing to say "yes" before they even know the full question.

Let's be a church that responds. A church that doesn't just admire the movement of God but joins it with holy urgency. That means praying not just for answers, but for alignment with His will. It means welcoming change not with fear, but with faith. And it means loving each other with the kind of grace that only comes from abiding in the Spirit.

The excitement is real. The invitation is clear. God is moving and He's calling the Duncan Church Family not to sit back, but to step forward. Let's move with Him, together.

A Tribute to Warren Sherrer

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Duncan's Stephen Ministry team would like to pay special tribute to Mr. Warren Sherrer and his contributions to Duncan Methodist Church and especially to the organizing and development of our Stephen Ministry team.

Warren joined Duncan in 2013 transferring from Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church. While at the Presbyterian Church, Warren received training to serve as a Stephen Minister. Through his experience as a Stephen Minister, he saw the value and the importance of a ministry that helped people through difficult and challenging life experiences. Warren, along with the assistance of Susan Church, established our Stephen Ministry at Duncan in 2014. The original class began with 6 trainees. At the present time we still have 8 active Stephen ministers.

Through the years Stephen Ministers at Duncan have worked with over 75 individuals to receive Christian care and support either in a care giver/care receiver relationship or through additional support of sharing books, cards, visits and being present when needed.

If you asked Warren what was the most important thing a Stephen Minister needs to do to help others, his answer was always "LISTEN.... Be that presence in a person's life to show you truly care and are there to offer unconditional, non-judgmental Christian love and support."

We also appreciate Warren's creative contributions to Duncan. If you remember the United Methodist Cross and Flame symbol that was outside the doors at our Orange Street entrance; this was one of his major projects. That was truly a visible addition to the statement of our faith as United Methodists. He and Carolyn made one hundred wooden crosses, along with, the white and purple drapes for them that many of us still place outside our homes during the Lenten/Easter seasons. Warren served on various committees always doing his best to help Duncan be a witness to others.

As long as he was able, Warren was present at Duncan always offering a friendly handshake and a great smile. His care for others touched many lives. We have missed him in the last few years due to his illnesses. Warren will be remembered and appreciated as one who loved the Lord and served well.

Meet your Church Leadership

Church Council

2026 Class

Jeff Nihiser
Lindsay Moore
Sarah Stuckey
Harby Moses
Doc Young

2027 Class

Kevin Jayroe
Ansley Ellis
Austin Beard
Blair Googer
Cindy Thompson

2028 Class

Alton Ewing
Courtney Anderson
Chris Sharp
Patti Harwell
Paige Sawyer

Nominations Committee

2026 Class

Paula Ford
Linda Harmon
Louise Walters
John Kester

2027 Class

Liza Young
Lori Beard
Susan Sawyer

2028 Class

Velva Ellerbe
Nikki Ewing
Pam Toemmes



Church Committees & Chairpersons

Children's Ministry Committee
Communications Committee
Compensation Advisory Committee
Finance Advisory Committee
Historical Committee
Kitchen Angels Committee
Membership Committee
Methodist Men Committee
Methodist Women Committee
Missions Committee
Nurture Committee
Outreach & Evangelism Committee
Prayer Ministry Committee
Property Advisory Committee
Security Committee
Stephen Ministry Committee
Worship Committee
Youth Ministry Committee

Katie Munnerlyn
Nikki Ewing
TBD
Lori Beard
Paige Sawyer & Dwight Ford
Cindy Shaw
Melanie Daniels
Austin Beard
Velva Ellerbe
Justin Jones
Denise Pace
Rebecca Prevatte
Debbie Kaufman
Jack Morgan
Jack Morgan
Barbara Jones
Katie Damon
Courtney Anderson

Stay Up to Date

STEPHEN MINISTRY



September Meeting Dates Sept. 8 & Sept. 22

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

September Meeting Dates Sept. 9 & Sept. 23

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.

Our Nurture group is in the process of developing a "Visitation Ministry." If you are interested in having members visit in your home or being a part of this visitation program, please contact the church office (843-546-5647).

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).

DUNCAN STAFF INFORMATION

Katie Damon, Church Administrator
KassiJo Lloyd, Director of Christian Education
Debbie Kaufman, Director Nurture Ministry
Bonnie Altman, Financial Secretary
Sandra Nihiser, Pianist
Adrienne Farris, Nursery
Anderson Wilson, Steward

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steward@duncanmemorialchurch.com

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. He will be leading our Sunday worship services and, beginning in mid-September, 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Live Out Loud (1st-3rd grade): Since August, our (LOL) kids have been on an incredible journey, laughing, learning, and growing as they discover who they are in Christ. Each week has been filled with joy and purpose as we explore what it truly means to live boldly and authentically for Jesus. From fun activities to meaningful conversations, these young hearts are being shaped by truth and love. It's been amazing to watch their confidence grow as they embrace their identity in Christ and learn how to share His light with the world.

Save the Date - September 21: We're excited to announce that during our 11 AM worship service, the LOL kids will bless us with a special song! It's a beautiful opportunity to celebrate what God is doing in their lives and to encourage them as they lead us in worship. Please have your child at church by 10 AM that morning so we can prepare together. Let's continue to support and cheer on our kids as they Live Out Loud...for Jesus!

Promotion Sunday: Save the Date September 14th. Come and enjoy a cover dish meal, as we enjoy the promotion of all our children and youth. We will also be giving out 1st and 6th grade bibles. After worship we will celebrate with a meal in the Family Life Center. If you have a child in 1st or 6th grade and you would like them to receive a bible, please contact the church office.

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

katie@duncanmemorialchurch.com

843-546-5647

YOUTH MINISTRY**September Schedule:**

- 7 - MYF 5:30-7pm
- 14 - MYF 5:30-7pm
- 21 - Bowling Outing
with lunch after Worship service
- 28- MYF 5:30-7pm

Youth Trip to Rock the Universe

January 22-25: Dear Parents, back on August 17th, we gathered for a Parent Meeting to discuss the future of our annual youth trip. During that meeting, we revisited a vote held in March where our youth expressed a strong preference to attend Rock the Universe 2026 instead of continuing with the traditional ski trip we've taken in past years. This shift marks an exciting new chapter one that reflects the evolving interests and spiritual enthusiasm of our young people. Rock the Universe is more than just a music festival; it's a weekend of faith, fellowship, mission opportunities and unforgettable experiences.

Important Financial Info: To reserve a spot for your youth, we require a \$300 deposit by September 14th. This deposit is essential to begin securing accommodation, which must be locked in sooner rather than later due to high demand. For a full budget breakdown, please reach out to KassiJo as soon as possible. She has all the details and can answer any questions you may have about costs, fundraising opportunities, and payment timelines. We're thrilled to support our youth in this new adventure and grateful for your continued partnership.

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.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS SEPTEMBER 14 @
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

METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST



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

Promotion Sunday

with a Covered Dish meal to follow
for everyone!

Help us celebrate our
1st and 6th Graders during and after worship.



4th & 5th Graders
Wednesdays
at 5pm
Meet in the Youth Room

1 PETER

A LIVING HOPE IN CHRIST



JEN WILKIN

Women's Bible Study
starting
September 11
10am or 5:30pm

Study books can be
purchased through
www.lifeway.com

Wonderful Wednesday Meals

made with love by our Duncan Kitchen Angels

6:00pm  Gym/ FLC

September Menu

9/3 - Taco Bar

9/10 - Chicken Parm

9/17 - Chili & Cornbread

9/24 - Pork Loin & Mashed Potatoes

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.



6th - 12th Graders
Sundays
at 5:30pm
Meet in the Youth Room



1st - 3rd Graders
Wednesdays
at 5pm
Meet in the main hallway.

Prayer List

At Home: Maddie Ellerbe (Velva's Granddaughter), Jean Gaspers, Jane and Jerry Thomas, Anne Scott, Don and Carolyn Rogerson, Warren Sherrer, Wallace Moulton, Chip Stalvey, Hal Tanner, Renee Culbertson, Bill Royster, Tracy Cunningham, Mamie Cunningham

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

In Sympathy

To the members of our Duncan Family who have lost loved ones in the months of June, July, and August.

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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MINISTRY.

September Birthdays

- 1 Mac Moore
- 3 Bob Harper
- 4 Colby Brandon, Alice Edwards, Tyler Rogerson
- 5 Melodie Taylor
- 6 Nikki Ewing, Belev Carter
- 8 Chris Sokoloski
- 9 Timmy Sessions
- 10 Sandy Smith
- 11 Skipper Prevatte, Kari Tayloe
- 12 Pam Toemmes, Christina Wilson
- 13 Marshall Moore, Connie Bethea
- 16 Bryan Gray
- 17 Ron Hunter, Jon Metz
- 18 Doug McClary
- 19 Janet Orosz, Thomas Shortt
- 21 Ansley Ellis, Ayla Church, Mary McCoy
- 23 Brian Blair, Susan Peterson
- 24 Bob Mayer, Grey Moore
- 25 Tyler Easterling, Carolina Casselman
- 26 Billy Ingram, Jackson McCarley, Robert Wolf, Chuck Fonvielle
- 27 Hal Tanner
- 28 Chris Moore, Gloria Westbrook
- 29 Lauren Nettles



Memorials and Honorariums

May 18, 2025 - July 27, 2205

Bell Tower Fund

In memory of Barbara Zobel
by Paige and Susan Sawyer
In memory of Kay Bonnoitt and Katherine Scott
by Paige and Susan Sawyer
In honor of Zach and Jenni Marshall
by Paige and Susan Sawyer
In memory of Anne Scott
by Paige and Susan Sawyer

Children's Fund

In memory of Barbara Zobel
by Lewis and Liza Young
In memory of Katherine Scott
by Mona Floyd

General Maintenance Fund

In memory of Bob and Greg Elwell
by Barbara Zobel
In memory of Barbara Zobel
by Bill and Karen Zobel
by Paul Kirwin
by Waterside Sunshine Committee, Franke at Seaside
by David E. Grabeman, DDS
by Marcus and Sue Googer
by Bobo and Cindy Thompson
by Neal and Lisa Swann
by Eric and Jo Kriikku
by William and Robin Robertson
by Morgan, Brice, Claire, Hank, and Jay Debnam
by Margaret H. Carter
by Jane Holloway

Music Fund

In memory of Barbara Zobel
Hal Tanner

Music Fund

In honor of Debbie Kaufman
by Hal Tanner
In honor of Louise Walter's 90th Birthday
by Bill and Laura Royster
In memory of Barbara Zobel
by Mona Floyd
In memory of Anne Scott
by Mono Floyd
by Lewis and Liza Young

General Operating Fund

In memory of Fred Schilling, III
by Tez and Kay Bonnoitt
In honor of Lewis Dugan
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In honor of the Kitchen Angels
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of Barbara Zobel
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of our parents, Hugh and Margaret Bonnoitt
and John and Marian McCormac
by Tez and Kay Bonnoitt
In memory of John Broach on Father's Day
by his Family
In memory of Bob and Greg Elwell
by Carlton and Sheryl Bourne
In honor of Bonnie Altman
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In honor of Anderson Wilson
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of Betty Marshall and Kay Bonnoitt
by Pam Toemmes
In memory of Kay Bonnoitt
by Bob and Rosalind Barker
by Marjorie Schilling
by Hal Tanner
by Charles T. Smith
by Wayne M. Creech
by Hank and Brenda Stroup
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of George Stanley Vick
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of Hubert Davidson
by Drug Enforcement Admin., Indiana HIDTA - Group 74
In honor of Adrienne Farris
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of Linda and Hubert Davidson, Geraldine Jayroe,
Barbara Zobel, Betty Williams, Bob and Grey Elwell, Dr. Ken
Morgan, and Billy Don Wilson
by Jean Holland
In honor of Sarah Stuckey and Austin and Lori Beard
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In honor of Jamie Walters
by Gerry and Linda Harmon
In memory of Kay Bonnoitt
by Tez Bonnoitt
In memory of Gertie Chandler for the Church Garden
by Doug and Wilmer Richardson

DMMC September 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*

- 7 - Rebecca and Emery Prevatte, Ann Koerber, Sarah Ward, Charlotte Moulton
- 14- Cindy Thompson, Cindy Shaw, Margaret Ulrichsen, Jan Moore
- 21- Connie Fallon, Paula Ford, Millie Roberts, Lori Beard
- 28- Erin Pate, Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe

Ushers *Contact: Paige Sawyer*

- 7 - Paige Sawyer, Timmy Sessions, Lewis Dugan, Randy Stewart, Mitzi Vaimberg
- 14- Bobo Thompson, Kenny Moore, Louise Walters, Melanie Daniels
- 21- Dwight Ford, Gerry Harmon, Glenn Roberts, Jamey Walters
- 28- Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgins, Clay Livingston

Monday Counters

- 8 - Linda Evans
- 15- Margaret Ulrichsen
- 22- Lee Scarborough
- 29- Cindy Shaw

Flowers *Contact: Linda Harmon*

- 7 - Kevin Jayroe
- 14- Julie Sharpton
- 21- Courtney Anderson
- 28- Rita and Hank Strickland

Newsletter Volunteers

- 27- Jackie Bertrand, Jean Holland, Elsie Jayroe

Altar Guild

Help Needed for
September and November

Did you know?

What is the liturgical calendar and why does Duncan follow it?

Christians follow a liturgical calendar to shape the year around Jesus' life: His birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. More than dates on a page, it gives us a spiritual rhythm distinct from the secular calendar, inviting us into seasons of preparation, celebration, reflection, and growth. By guiding worship and uniting believers worldwide in the same story, the calendar deepens faith, fosters community, and keeps our lives centered on Christ.

The Christian year includes six seasons and four key holy days: Christmas Day, Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost. Christmas Day and Epiphany always fall on the same date each year (Dec. 25 and Jan. 6). While Easter and Pentecost are always celebrated on Sundays, their dates are determined by the lunar calendar. Advent begins the Christian year, and starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, typically just after Thanksgiving.

Each holy day marks a transition between seasons, and each season is associated with a liturgical color that symbolizes the spirit of the time. These colors adorn Duncan's sanctuary as a visible reminder of the Church's journey through the Christian year.



Look at us!



DUNCAN WORD SEARCH

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 INOWWKBXCUDXOLMTHIPALY
 CMPTBWADSOCSHIRMASBUHBL
 NZGZUDMZSWOFISARJVTXUS
 IRTMXCONCISTVOSLNTZMQA
 XKACJFRANSTVENIFYSWESL
 COZFEHODIENIYGNATSCOTR
 MNPMSIARLCKGNCIRCUINEX
 UBPRESSIARLCKGNCIRCUINEX
 IAOJUSLEGNATSCOTRINEX
 OPTCHARKGNATSCOTRINEX
 NTWCKJGNATSCOTRINEX
 HIBKMGCLIAMWAFPFQJCARRE

Baptism	Sanctuary	Duncan
Confirmation	Worship	Charles Wesley
William Wayne	Prayer	Grace
Circuit Rider	Stewardship	Sanctifying
Doxology	Francis Asbury	Prevenient
Missions	Methodist	Justifying
Discipleship		Communion



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