



THE CROSSROADS

Monthly Newsletter of Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

The Season of Becoming by KassiJo Lloyd

Ezekiel 36:26 - *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

Have you ever stepped outside and felt the shift in the air? The breeze carries a different scent, the sun sits lower in the sky, and the leaves begin to let go. Seasons don't ask permission to change, they simply do. And in that quiet transformation, God whispers a truth: change is not only natural, it's necessary.

There was a time when I felt stuck—emotionally, spiritually, even relationally. Like winter had settled into my soul. I was going through the motions, but something inside had hardened. I didn't laugh as easily. I didn't pray as freely. I didn't love as deeply.

But God doesn't leave us in our winters. Amen!

Just as spring follows the frost, He began to thaw the places in me that had grown cold. Through His Word, through quiet moments of conviction, through unexpected kindness from others—He was working. Not all at once, but gradually. Like the first buds on a tree, change began to bloom.

Now, I'm not the same anymore. And I don't want to be.

Scripture That Echoes:

Romans 12:2 - *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

Challenge for this Month:

Recognize your season. Are you in a time of pruning, planting, or harvest? Ask God to show you what He's doing in this season of your life.

Let the Spirit move freely. Don't resist the wind of change. Invite the Holy Spirit to stir up what's stagnant and breathe life into what's dormant.

Lean into transformation. Heart change isn't cosmetic, it's foundational. Let God dig deep, even if it's uncomfortable. He's not interested in surface-level fixes; He wants to make you new.

Prayer: Lord, I see the seasons changing around me, and I feel the shift within me. Thank You for not leaving me where I was. Thank You for the promise of a new heart and a new spirit. Help me to embrace the transformation You're working in me. Let my life reflect Your grace, Your growth, and Your glory.

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

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Pastor Survey. Your thoughtful responses will play an important role in shaping the search for Duncan's next Senior Pastor. We are grateful for your input and excited to share that the search process is now officially underway. Our website has been updated with a dedicated "Senior Pastor" page where you can follow along with updates. As resumes come in, our committee will prayerfully review each application, conduct introductory interviews, and continue discerning the leader God is preparing for us. We invite you to remain in prayer for Duncan Memorial, for our Pastor Search Committee, and for the pastor who will one day join us in ministry and mission.

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



Hanging of the Greens

November 23, 2025

immediately following Sunday Worship

Enjoy a cup of Chili and help decorate the church to prepare for the season of Advent.

We will need adults to:

Make a Pot of Chili

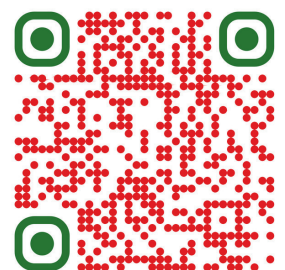
Decorate the Sanctuary

Decorate the Chapel

Decorate the Family Life Center

We will also have a Kids Ornament Station so our children can be involved too!

We need to know if you can make it so please sign up by scanning the QR Code to the right or call/text the church office at 843-546-5647.



Stay Up to Date

STEPHEN MINISTRY



November Meeting Dates

November 10 & 24

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

November Meeting Dates

November 11 & 25

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).

2-By-2



Looking for a way to make a difference? Join our new 2-By-2 Ministry - teams of two dedicated to reaching out to those in our church family who can't always be with us in person.

If you would like to join this group, call or text the church at 843-546-5647.

Saints of Duncan

Brooks Mayer High

April 20, 1943 - November 22, 2024

Hubert Logan Davidson

January 9, 1941 - January 17, 2025

Sue Bentley Varn

September 2, 1942 - January 19, 2025

Robert Elwell

September 18, 1933 - January 24, 2025

Charles Bonner "Sonny" Tharp

September 8, 1929 - February 5, 2025

Robert Michael Davis

August 10, 1940 - February 27, 2025

Margaret Gregory Elwell

October 1, 1936 - March 24, 2025

Barbara Jennings Zobel

April 16, 1932 - May 24, 2025

Kay McCormac Bonnoitt

March 23, 1943 - June 13, 2025

Camelia "Anne" Scott

April 13, 1960 - July 24, 2025

Warren Archibald Sherrer, Jr.

May 29, 1942 - July 28, 2025

Duncan will honor the memory of these Saints during All Saints Sunday on November 2, 2025.

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

In Sympathy

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

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®

November Birthdays

- 1 Dwight Ford, Bobby McLaughlin
- 2 Donna Orndorf, Kelly Metz, Robert Mitchell, Wilson Smith, Donna Sparger
- 3 Reese Johnson
- 5 Grady Adkins
- 6 Austin Beard, Ashley Popson
- 7 Cort Brandon
- 9 Debbie Young
- 13 Renee Culbertson, Emma Barrier, Melissa Constable, Jacquelyn McCants
- 14 Angela Ingram, Taylor Colpoys, Sally Cahill
- 16 Trace Harmon, Anna LeGette, Dallas Sanchez
- 18 Bobo Thompson, Megan Lambert
- 19 Henry Harwell, Reed Harwell, Nate Shelley
- 20 Judy Myers
- 21 Nancy Stewart
- 22 Lori Beard, Michael Taylor
- 23 Kimberly Van Kirk
- 24 Peachey Jordan
- 25 Robert Sharpton, Stuart Ballard
- 26 Porter Harmon, Fairy Newbern
- 27 Ernie Burns
- 28 Darby Ewing, Bailey Dozier, Angela Church
- 30 Gina DeLeone



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

November Schedule

November 5 - 5pm - 6:30pm
November 12 - 5pm - 6:30pm
November 19 - 5pm - 6:30pm
November 26 - No Programs - Happy Thanksgiving!

December Schedule

December 3 - 5pm - 6:30pm
December 10 - 5pm - 6:30pm - Caroling & Christmas Party
December 17 - No Programs
December 24 - No Programs - Christmas Eve Service at 5pm
December 31 - No Programs

YOUTH MINISTRY

November Schedule:

2- 4:30pm - 7pm - Canned Food Drive
9- 5:30pm - 7pm - MYF
16- 5:30pm - 7pm - MYF
23- 5:30pm - 7pm - Youth-Giving
30- No MYF - Happy Thanksgiving!

December Schedule:

7- CANDLELIGHT DINNER
14- 5:30pm - 7pm - Caroling
21- 5:30pm - 7pm - Christmas Party
28- No MYF - Merry Christmas!

Candlelight Dinner

Candlelight Dinner is Sunday, December 7, 2025.

And the planning has already begun! We need volunteers

to:



Host Tables
Donate Turkeys
Donate Desserts



To Sign up, please scan the QR Code to the left
or call the church office at 843-546-5647.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School started in September. We need Sunday School teachers and Sunday School assistants. Please call church office to sign up or reach out to KassiJo.

Children's Sabbath



November 16, 2025

9:30am Practice & Breakfast

11:00am Worship Service

Duncan's Kids (Preschool - 5th Grade) will be leading the entire service - serving as Greeters & Ushers & Scripture Readers & Singers. We need everyone to make Nov. 16 a special day!

Kids should be dressed in a bright shirt and jeans.

This kids will be singing "This Little Light of Mine" and "Your Way's Better" by Forrest Frank. The QR Codes below link to YouTube videos for your kids to practice at home.



Please let us know if your kid will be able to participate by texting KassJo at 304-877-8690!



Matthew 5:14-16

Goings 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



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

Wonderful Wednesday Meals

made with love by our Duncan Kitchen Angels

6:00pm  Gym/ FLC

November Menu

11/5	Spaghetti
11/12	Chicken Parmesan
11/19	Taco Bar
11/26	No Meal - Happy Thanksgiving

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

November 23, 2025

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



6th - 12th Graders

Sundays
at 5:30pm

Meet in the Youth Room



1st - 3rd Graders

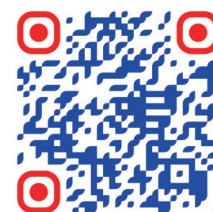
Wednesdays
at 5pm

Meet in the main hallway.



Duncan would like to participate in
Georgetown's Veteran's Day Parade, but we need your help!
We need volunteers to help decorate a float as well
as people to walk/ ride in the parade.

If you can participate, please sign up by scanning the QR Code or by
calling the church office at 843-546-5647
by Wednesday, November 5th.



DUNCAN STAFF

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	9:00am - 5:00pm
TUESDAY	9:00am - 5:00pm
WEDNESDAY	9:00am - 5:00pm
THURSDAY	9:00am - 5:00pm
FRIDAY	9:00am - 12:00pm

STAFF OPENING

Director of Music Ministries

The Director of Music Ministries will lead and coordinate all aspects of the church's music ministry with a focus on the Chancel Choir. This individual will help provide opportunities for worship and witness through music that enhances the spiritual life of the congregation and reflects the mission of Duncan Memorial.



If you know someone who may be interested in joining Duncan as our Director of Music Ministries, please have them send their resume to Katie Damon at katie@duncanmemorialchurch.com.

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 at:
843-546-5647 • katie@duncanmemorialchurch.com

Memorials & Honorariums

September 28, 2025 - October 26, 2025

General Operating Fund

In Honor of Jan and Kenny Moore

by Gerry and Linda Harmon

In Honor of Velva Ellerbe

by Gerry and Linda Harmon

In Honor of Susan and Harby Moses

by Gerry and Linda Harmon

In Honor of Cindy and Bobo Thompson

by Gerry and Linda Harmon

In Honor of Chris Sharp

by Gerry and Linda Harmon

In Memory of Dr. W. Kenneth Morgan, Sr.

by Libby and Ron Chinnes and Danny Flanders

Bell Tower Fund

In Memory of Hubert Davidson

by Melanie and Chip Daniels

In Memory of Mike Johnson

by Susan and Paige Sawyer

In Memory of Mary Shaw

by Susan and Paige Sawyer

Stephen Ministry Fund

In Memory of Anne Scott

by Debbie Dugan

A Love Letter... by Katie Damon

I love Duncan. I mean, I really love Duncan. I am thankful for the beautiful sanctuary, adorned with hand-crafted pews and breathtaking stained-glass windows. The sounds of the organ and piano on Sunday mornings give me chill bumps. I am humbled by our history books, that tell a story 240 years old (and counting). I treasure the church grounds that give us, and those that came before us, a place to call home. The kitchen, altar guild room, parlor, and youth room make me smile. I have countless memories that have been made in this church. The joy I feel when opening the portico door every weekday morning is unmatched. I am grateful for the worn steps and handrails leading into our vestibules, smoothed by the footsteps of saints who came before us. It is exciting showing someone a little-known spot hidden away from the hustle and bustle of the week. When I ride by Duncan and look up to the steeple, I am in awe of its beauty.

I am proud to tell people I am a member of Duncan, that I love my church. But the reasons I mentioned above are only a small percentage of why I love this place. I love Duncan because I LOVE MY CHURCH FAMILY most of all. Our church is woven together with some of the finest people I have ever met, full of men and women I aspire to be like. Some of the most profound influences on me as a child, a teenager, and as an adult are the people, the family, that I worship with.

You have taught me how to be kind, how to be charitable. You have shown me what stewardship and discipleship look like. You have nurtured and molded my faith and taught me how to grow in my relationship with Christ. You have cooked countless meals for me and created hundreds of crafts to help me remember stories from the Bible. You have made many years of Vacation Bible Schools magical. You have shown me how much fun you can have while sharing your faith. You have encouraged me and supported me. You have made me laugh and wiped my tears. You have prayed for me. You have shaped me. You love me. And I am eternally grateful for each of you. And I love you!

Duncan is a special place, full of special people. It is a living, breathing reminder of God's goodness. It is a place where love overflows, where faith is strengthened, and where we carry one another through every season of life. My prayer is that future generations will continue to be shaped by this family of faith just as I have been and that I, in turn, make others feel as loved as I do. I love Duncan because you have given me a home, a family, and a glimpse of heaven on earth.

DMMC November Servants

Greeters *Contact: Katie Damon*

- 2 - Rebecca and Emery Prevatte, Ann Koerber, Sarah Ward
- 9 - Cindy Thompson, Cindy Shaw, Margaret Ulrichsen, Jan Moore
- 16 - Connie Fallon, Paula Ford, Millie Roberts, Lori Beard
- 23 - Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe
- 30 - Laura Royster, Cheryl Bolin, Elsie Jayroe

Ushers *Contact: Paige Sawyer*

- 2 - Paige Sawyer, Timmy Sessions, Lewis Dugan, Randy Stewart, Mitzi Vaimberg
- 9 - Bobo Thompson, Kenny Moore, Louise Walters, Melanie Daniels, Jerry Broome
- 16 - Dwight Ford, Gerry Harmon, Glenn Roberts, Jamey Walters
- 23 - Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgins, Clay Livingston
- 30 - Sammy Walters, Laura Royster

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

Monday Counters

- 3 - Louise Walters
- 10 - Velva Ellerbe
- 17 - Linda Evans
- 24 - Hal Tanner
- 1 - Susan Sawyer

Flowers *Contact: Linda Harmon*

- 2 - Linda and Gerry Harmon
- 9 - Jack Morgan
- 16 - Sassy Tugwell
- 23 - Cornucopia
- 30 - Nicole and Scooter Harmon

Newsletter Volunteers

- 25 - Elsie Jayroe, Ann Koerber, Cindy Shaw

Altar Guild

Pam Toemmes, Margaret Ulrichsen

Did you know?

What is an Advent Wreath?

The Advent wreath is a beautiful reminder of what the season of Advent is all about. Its circle shape shows us that God's love has no beginning and no end, and the evergreen branches remind us of the new life we have in Christ. Each candle on the wreath has a special meaning as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

The first candle is the candle of **Hope**, reminding us to trust in God's promises. The second is **Love**, showing us how deeply God cares for us by sending His Son. The third candle represents **Joy**, celebrating the happiness we feel as Christmas gets closer. The fourth candle is **Peace**, reminding us of the angels' message of peace on earth when Jesus was born.

Finally, the center **Christ Candle** is lit on Christmas Eve, celebrating that Jesus, the true light of the world, has come to us.

CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY: 1. Prevent, 2. Parameters, 3. Advent, 4. Invocation, 5. Confirmation, 6. Hymnal, 7. Communion, 8. North, 9. Stewardship, 10. Vestments, 11. Methodism, 12. Discipleship, 13. Postlude, 14. Benediction, 15. Gospel, 16. Doxology

Look at us!





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



I am thankful for...

A _____	N _____
B _____	O _____
C _____	P _____
D _____	Q _____
E _____	R _____
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G _____	T _____
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M _____	Z _____

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Methodist Historical Moment

Rev. James Mellard and Rev. Joseph Travis

In 1804 membership slowly grew, but weekly attendance was poor. Rev. James Mellard, serving his one year in Georgetown, decided to do something to boost the crowds for his sermons. Mellard marched to the middle of Front Street in Georgetown near the market. He began to preach - loudly - with great zeal to every sinner he saw pass by.

Within minutes Mellard was the talk of the town. Some men in military uniforms tried to drown him out with a drum and bugle. The Reverend shouted louder. The men threatened to throw him in the Sampit River. He kept on preaching. One of the men drew a sword, but he continued until his sermon was complete.

Mellard's street preaching worked. Great crowds filled the sanctuary. At a time when all other preachers were rotated after one year, Mellard was sent to Georgetown for a second 12 months.

Joseph Travis was the next minister to spend time in Georgetown where he found a large number of black members, but less than a dozen whites. William Wayne, the town's first Methodist, was elderly but still dedicated and at work. Travis' first Sunday on the job in Georgetown, people packed the church to hear the new minister. But - men smoked cigars during the service!

After months of hard work, Travis built up his congregation. He had few members, but the church was crowded. People with no church membership and even Episcopalians came to hear him preach. Still, Travis' worries were far from over. Local people threw broken bricks at the church building at night. Others threatened to throw him in a local pond. Travis was lame; he couldn't swim and would drown.

For three nights men waited outside the church door to seize him. The third night Travis preached to a filled room. As the service ended, a mixed-race man rushed forward to the pulpit. He told Travis to leave quickly in the middle of the crowd. Travis sneaked outside before the three men knew he was gone.

Once away from the church, Travis found a friend waiting to protect him. John Shackelford was no Methodist. He was wealthy, influential and the owner of 11 slaves. Shackelford had heard the men were planning to drown the preacher and wanted to help. Shackelford saw him safely to a Mrs. Carr's house not far from the church. The preacher hid there until the mob gave up and went home.

Travis kept on preaching even when he was discouraged. Once he wrote that it was good he was broke and had hocked his horse, or he would have ridden straight out of town.

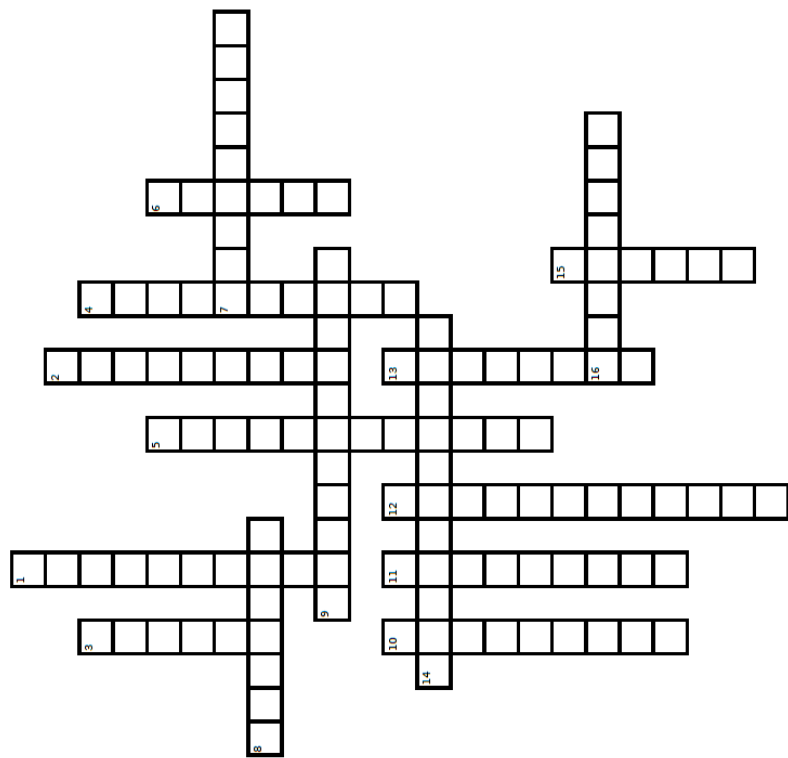
Travis was about to give up on Georgetown when he had a strange vision one night. He dreamed a huge raging bull blocked the door to the local church. He cried for help from the onlooking crowd, but no one came forward. Travis then shouted, "In the name of God, I seize you." He caught the bull by the horns and twisted its neck around completely. The bull ran. It crept under the church, never to be seen again. Travis woke up. He believed the dream was a sign. He would win souls in this "bull" of a town.

A few Sundays later, Travis watched strange things happening in the church. About halfway through his sermon, a "tawdry-dressed" woman fell out of her seat and shouted for mercy. Then another person shouted. And another. Suddenly the whole congregation stood up as if in a trance. No one was smiling. Every face was deathly pale. Travis took this as a sign that he had "conquered the bull." He hopped down from the pulpit and invited all sinners forward, adding 30 or 40 to his flock in one night.

excerpts taken from Duncan's 200 Year Celebration: "Bibles, Bullets and Bushels of Oysters"
by Lynne Taylor Hart and Katherine Wells Scholtens



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Down:

1. The theological concept of a divine grace that comes before a person's salvation, enabling them to respond to God's call.
2. The linens and cloth hangings used on communion tables, altars, pulpits and lecterns.
3. The Christian season that focuses on preparing for the coming of Christ.
4. A prayer asking for a special sense of God's presence and guidance.
5. The act by which persons who were baptized as infants or young children make their first public statement of their declaration or profession of faith.
6. Collection of hymns printed and bound together for use in congregational and private worship.
10. Items of clothing, such as robes, gowns, or other special garments and stoles worn by ministers and lay persons while conducting worship services.
11. The movement resulting from the work of John Wesley and his brother Charles.
12. A ministry of outreaching love and witness to others concerning Christ and God's grace.
13. The musical selection played or sung at the conclusion of a service of worship.
15. The Good News concerning Christ!

Across:

7. This sacrament is often called the Lord's Supper.
8. That portion of a church building between the outside door or other portion of the building and the entrance door to the sanctuary.
9. The devout investment or use of money, time and ability.
14. A traditional close to the worship services with a word or a blessing.
16. A short hymn short used as a statement of praise, glory, and thanksgiving to God.

ANSWER KEY ON PAGE 11.

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