

Weekly Calendar	
Oct. 5	
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Worship
Oct. 6	
9:00am	Counter (Barbara Jones)
Oct. 7	
9:00am	3M (Methodist Morning Moment)
6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Oct. 8	
	No Wednesday Programs – Fall Break
Oct. 9	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study

This Sunday’s Greeters & Ushers
Greeters: Rebecca and Emery Prevatte, Ann Koerber, Sarah Ward, Charlotte Moulton
Ushers/Offering: Paige Sawyer, Timmy Sessions, Lewis Dugan, Randy Stewart, Mitzi Vaimberg
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! Acolyte & Crucifer Training: Training is offered to all 2nd Graders and other Elementary age children interested in serving. Contact Katie Damon (843-344-0942) for more information and to reserve a training time. All Saints Sunday: We will honor our members who have gone to be with our Lord on November 2, 2025. Our All Saints Banner is in the back hallway if you would like to add the name of a loved one. Church Council: Council will meet Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Faithfulness for September 28, 2025
Weekly Collection: \$8,006.00
Attendance: 103

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025
“God’s Gift to Me”
Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale

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+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in BOLD .		
GATHERING <i>Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.</i>		
PRELUDE	“Nearer, My God, to Thee”	J. Raney
<i>Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time. Please take a moment to sign the Red Pew Pad.</i>		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Katie Damon
+CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Ragsdale
Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness! Let us enter His presence with joyful songs. For the Lord is good and His steadfast love endures forever.		
+OPENING HYMN	“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”	Hymnal Pg. 361
+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		Paula Ford
<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	“Sanctuary”	C. Tornquist
+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>		

SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 3:21-26	Pew Bible NT Pg. 154
SERMON	“God’s Gift to Me”	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>		

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION <i>Communion will be shared by intinction at the altar; where you may come forward to kneel or stand. Ushers will guide worshippers to the altar at the proper time. Those who desire a blessing in place of the sacrament are invited to cross their arms over the chest.</i>		
+CLOSING HYMN	“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”	Hymnal Pg. 363
+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Ragsdale
POSTLUDE	“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”	A. Geibel

*The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and in honor of God
and in loving memory of our daughter and mother, Rosa Parker Vereen,
by Angie Watkins and Nate Shelley.*

God's Great Gift to Me

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Now the righteousness of God is revealed vs. 21-22

1. Which finds its origin in Himself
2. Which is not earned by obedience to the law.
3. To which the OT bears witness
4. Which is through faith for all who believe.

How is this accomplished for all who believe? "no difference"
Paul says there are four facts about all believers. Vs. 22b-25a

1. They have all sinned.
2. All have their sin paid for by the shedding of Christ's blood and God is satisfied his death. (propitiation)
1 John 4:10 "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a propitiation for our sins."
3. They are all justified by his grace as a gift. (justification)
4. They are all liberated by his ransom payment. (redemption)
Mr 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Heb 9:15 ...he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

This process guarantees God's integrity and justice. Vs 25b-26

1. It took care of his past forbearance in the case of B.C. believers.
2. It enables him to be just and the justifier of those who have faith in Christ today.