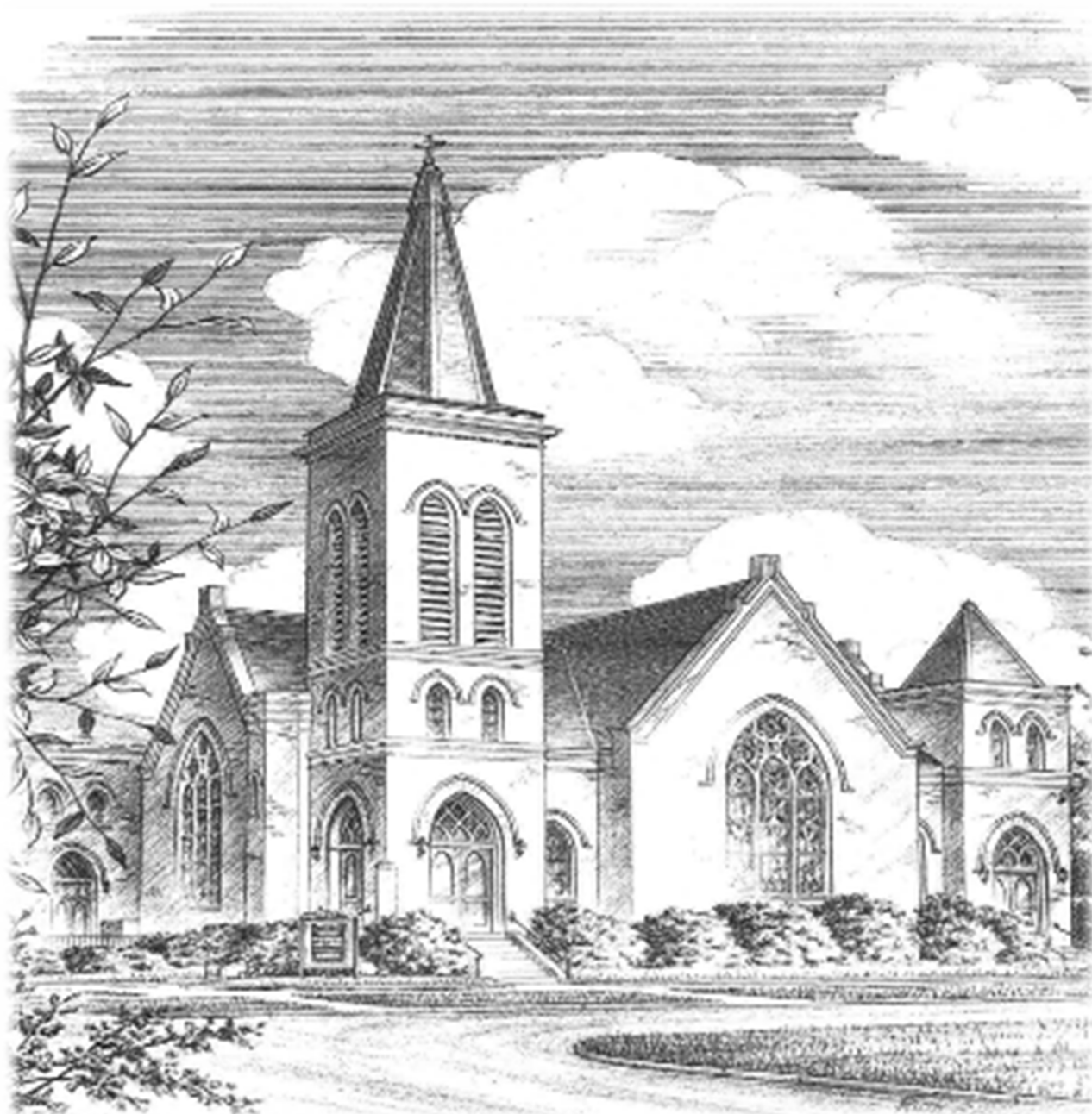


Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 20, 2026

“The Greatest Commandment”

Rev. Dr. Dora Gafford

Rev. Dr. Ben Gafford

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

GATHERING

Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.

PRELUDE

"Name Above All Names"

arr. N. Hearn

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

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KassiJo Lloyd

+THE INTROIT

"Spirit Song"

arr. J. Wimber

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Love is at the heart of God's invitation to us—a love that draws us closer to God and closer to one another.

People: **May our worship today be an expression of our love for the God who first loved us.**

Leader: Let kindness shape our words, compassion guide our actions, and love reach beyond these walls.

People: **May we honor God by loving our neighbors and reflecting His love wherever we go.**

+OPENING HYMN

"Lord, I want to Be a Christian"

Hymnal Pg. 402

+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
<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		KassiJo Lloyd
<i>Children ages 3 years – 3rd Grade are invited to Children’s Church.</i>		
THE PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Gafford
THE LORD’S PRAYER		Congregation
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“Give Them All to Jesus”	arr. P. Johnson
+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>		
ANTHEM	“He’s Been Faithful”	arr. C. Cymbala
+SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 22:34-40	Pew Bible NT Pg. 25
SERMON	“The Greatest Commandment”	Rev. Gafford
+CLOSING HYMN	“Pass It On”	Hymnal Pg. 572
+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Gafford
+ CHORAL BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Higher Ground”	arr. C. Gabriel

*The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and in honor of God
and in loving memory of our son, Mark, by Hank and Rita Strickland.*

Weekly Calendar

Sept. 20

10:00am Choir & Sunday School

11:00am Worship

3:00pm Duncan at the Movies

Sept. 21

9:00am Counter – Lee Scarborough

Sept. 22

4:00pm Duncan Dines Out

Sept. 23

5:45pm Wonderful Wednesday Dinner

6:30pm LOL & Bridge

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

6:30pm Choir Practice

Sept. 24

10:00am Women's Bible Study

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

The Grumpy Pumpkin will be at Duncan on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 2-4pm. Come pick out your fall pumpkins and enjoy some treats! Text your name and pumpkin to 843-546-5647 to let us know you are coming!

Duncan's Blessing Box: Our blessing box needs replenishing. Everyone is encouraged to stop by any time and refill it with non-perishable items. The blessing box is located at the Orange Street double doors.

Meals for Homebound Members: Help Nurture Group share a little extra love with members who are homebound or recovering from an illness or surgery by providing a meal. Volunteers serve on a rotating list, so the commitment is occasional and easy to share—if you'd like to be added, please contact Debbie Kaufman or call the church office!

Duncan Dines Out: Our Older Members (65+) are invited to enjoy a meal together at Ball and Que Restaurant on Tuesday, September 22 at 4:00pm. Please RSVP by calling the church office or letting Debbie Kaufman know. Transportation will be provided if needed.

Our Faithfulness

September 13, 2026 Collection: \$6,941.00

September 13, 2026 Attendance: 126