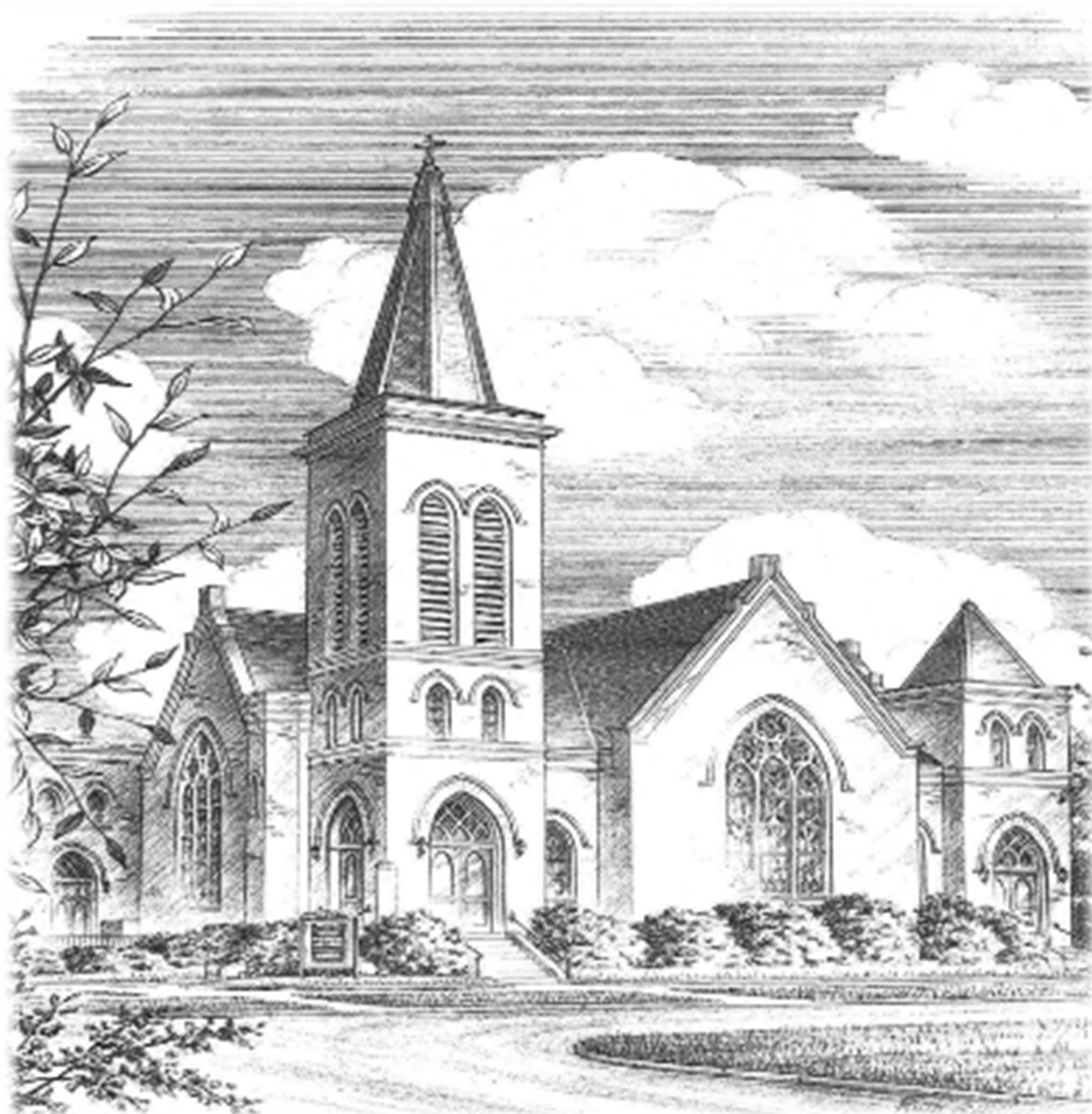


# **Duncan Memorial Methodist Church**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



July 26, 2026

**“Not My Fault”**

**Rev. Dr. Dora Gafford**

**Rev. Dr. Ben Gafford**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 2026**

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

**GATHERING**

*Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.*

**PRELUDE**

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

arr. M. McDonald

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

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

KassiJo Lloyd

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God knows us completely, yet still calls us to draw near with honest hearts.

**People: We come before the Lord, trusting in mercy that is greater than our failures.**

Leader: When fear and shame would lead us to hide, God invites us into the light of grace.

**People: We worship the One who forgives, restores, and leads us in the way of life.**

**+OPENING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Hymnal Pg. 64

**+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.*

|                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>+GLORIA PATRI</b>                                                                                                                                                             | “Glory Be To The Father”                                      | Hymnal Pg. 70        |
| <i>Glory be to the Father<br/>and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;<br/>as it was in the beginning,<br/>is now and ever shall be,<br/>world without end. Amen.</i>               |                                                               |                      |
| <b>THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF FRANKLIN JOSEPH COLPOYS</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                               |                      |
| <b>CHILDREN’S MOMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                                                               | KassiJo Lloyd        |
| <i>Children ages 3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Church.</i>                                                                                            |                                                               |                      |
| <b>CHURCH CONCERNS</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                                                               | Rev. Gafford         |
| <b>PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>                                                                                                                                     |                                                               | Rev. Gafford         |
| <b>THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>                                                                                                                                        |                                                               |                      |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | “Let My Words Be Few”                                         | arr. C. Tornquist    |
| <b>+DOXOLOGY</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                    | Hymnal Pg. 95        |
| <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;<br/>Praise Him, all creatures here below;<br/>Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;<br/>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i> |                                                               |                      |
| <b>ANTHEM</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | “There is a Savior”<br>Mike Taylor and Jim Moody, <i>duet</i> | arr. T. Fettke       |
| <b>+SCRIPTURE READING</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Genesis 3:1-13                                                | Pew Bible NT Pg. 235 |
| <b>SERMON</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | “Not My Fault”                                                | Rev. Gafford         |
| <b>+CLOSING HYMN</b>                                                                                                                                                             | “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”                              | Hymnal Pg. 357       |
| <b>+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING</b>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               | Rev. Gafford         |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               | arr. M. Burkhardt    |

*The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and honor of God and  
in memory of Helen M. Broach by her family.*

| Weekly Calendar |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>July 26</b>  |                       |
| 9:30am          | Choir                 |
| 10:30am         | Worship               |
| <b>July 27</b>  |                       |
| 9:00am          | Counter – Anne Hudson |
| <b>July 28</b>  |                       |
| 6:30pm          | Youth Pool Party      |
| <b>July 29</b>  |                       |
| 6:30pm          | Choir Practice        |

| This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters:</b> Velva Ellerbe, Louise Walters, Elsie Jayroe                                                                                                               |
| <b>Ushers/Offering:</b> Ben Culbertson, John Kester, Velva Ellerbe, Bill Hodgin, Clay Livingston                                                                           |
| 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<br>Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm                                                                                                               |

| CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Duncan's Blessing Box:</b> 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. |
| <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b> – Students and Teachers, please join us on <u>August 2, 2026</u> with your backpacks and school bags for the congregation to pray over during morning worship.                       |
| <b>Fun Nut MYF Sundays are back August 9, 2026!</b><br>4:30pm – 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents Meeting<br>5:30pm – 7:00pm Youth Group                                                                            |

*Our Faithfulness*

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| July 19, 2026 Collection: | \$9,882.00 |
| July 19, 2026 Attendance: | 87         |