

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2019**  
Betsey Adams  
Donna Hopkins  
Lee Matthews

**Class of 2020**  
Mary Kate Beard  
Lonnie Feller  
Perry Leaming

**Class of 2021**  
Sandra Jimerson  
Sarah Martin

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

**TRUSTEES**

Gary Gore

Franklin Bevel

Ray Metzler

Karen Selvage, Secretary

Sherry Feller, Treasurer

**HOW WE ARE DOING**

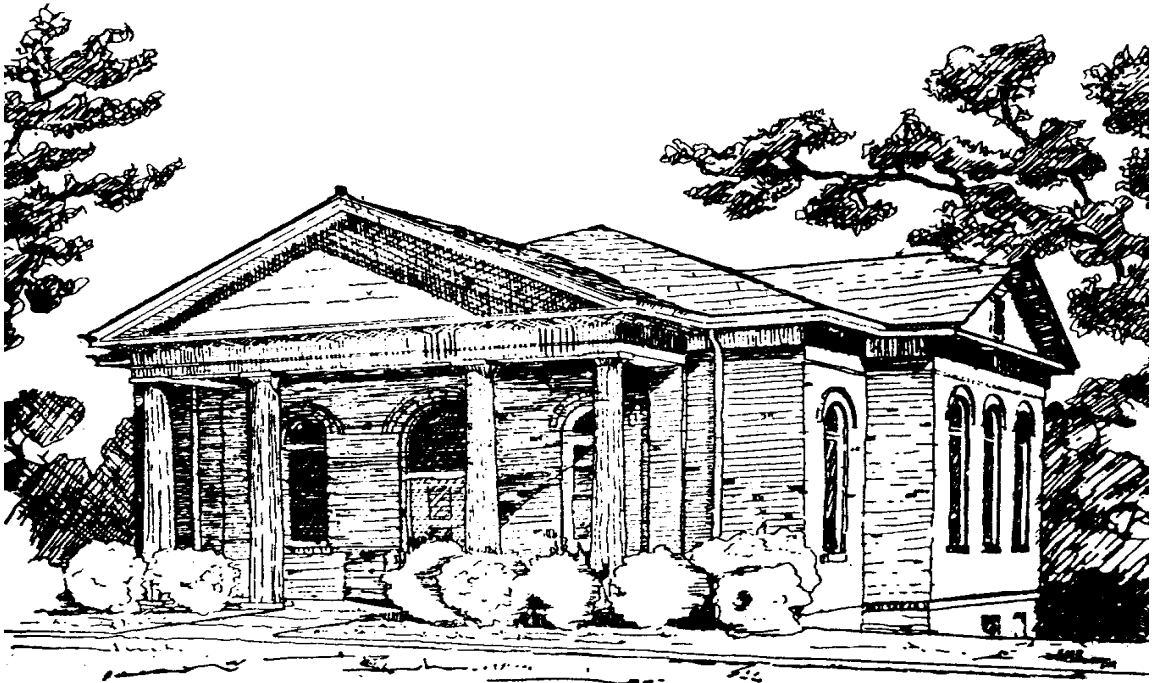
General Contributions (9/15/2019):	\$ <u>1,643.00</u>	
Month to Date Giving:	\$ <u>6,835.00</u>	Monthly Budget: \$ <u>11,792.00</u>
Year to Date Giving:	\$ <u>88,079.45</u>	Yearly Budget: \$ <u>141,500.00</u>

Church Attendance: 29  
Sunday School: 7

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Trey Adams, W. S. Adams, Louise Chandler, Sam Chandler Jr., Judy Metzler, Cassie Rollings, family of Jane Rutland.

Also, please keep your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers. They need prayers for guidance, wisdom, and patience while searching for your new pastor.



*"Our Mission is to Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and Meet Human Need"*



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "He Careth for You" Choir  
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers.

**People:** **Not with perishable things, such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without spot or blemish.**

**Leader:** Through Him you have confidence in God

**People:** **Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 8

**SCRIPTURE** Revelation 14:14-20 Pg. 1929

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! Renew a right and willing spirit within me and restore to me the joy of your salvation. Amen.**

*(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)*

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*CHORUS** "The Family of God" No. 282

# THE WORD

<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”	Choir Accompanist, Bonita Hubble
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Pg. 1518
<b>SERMON</b>	“Distinguishing What is Fatal from What is Nonfatal to Spiritual Fruition: The Difference Between Thorns and Tares”	<i>Rev. Mark Linker</i>

## RESPONSE

<b>HYMN</b>	“Standing on the Promises”	No. 271
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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “The Apostles’ Creed”

**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 Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he  
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** “Evangelism Medley” Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (followed by Prayer Requests)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Nothing but the Blood” No. 195

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.  
Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.  
Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.  
Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet  
human need”.**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Victory in Jesus” Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist  
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

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**\*Those who are able may stand**