

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s)

Street Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email

☐ I would like to become a member

☐ I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission

☐ I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

Name(s)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Marie Lenderman, Brenda Dale, Billy Hayes, Mary Summerford, Dorothy Wilcox, Jane Brady, Mary Jane Rich, Kathy Clonch, Phyllis Austin, **Family of Trenton Barnes (Chuck's nephew)**, Wade & Brenda Church, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Jimmy Epley, Millie Einhardt (2 yr old battling brain cancer), Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Craig Freas, Terry & Anne Garwood, Cade Gibbs, Troy Harmon, Sherry Harrold, Kimberly Hughes, Francoise Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, Brenda Kilby, Pam King, **Tom Kinlaw**, Becky Lakey, Mike Mabry, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Joe McMillan, Ricky Moretz, Adam Randolph, James Rizoti, Tom Sargent, Mary Sallie Styers, Keith Summerford, Lee Tedder, Kim Tetzlaff, Cecil Walters, TA Welborn, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Gavin Young, Hispanic neighbors, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, for God to bring Peace, for our government, for law and order.

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Harmony at Brookberry Farm/Winston), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Troy Harmon (Yadkinville Nursing Center/Magnolias), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF			
TODAY	Join us For Sunday School @ 11:00am in the Ecclesia Room		
TUESDAY	Coffee this week 10 am Anchor Coffee		
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study for Children and Adults @t 6:30		
FRIDAY	Join the Friday Night Foodies at 5pm today at Cagney's for dinner.		
STAFF and LAY SERVANTS			
MINISTER:	Rev. Brian Elwell	919-609-5943	belwell@wnccumc.net
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SOUND TECH:	John Mabry		
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KEENAGERS: (>50)	Let us know if God is calling you to lead this vital ministry.		
MEMBER CARE	Jan Taylor		j.kay.tay@gmail.com
GENERAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES			
8/17/2026 TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$213,358.41 EXPENSES: \$238,350.64			



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

– Call –

Welcome and AnnouncementsPastor Brian Elwell

Time of Centering

Prelude

Call to WorshipDr. Jim Brooks

Leader: We come before the God who calls us to walk the Way.
People: We come with open hearts and willing spirits.

Leader: Sometimes we know where we think we should go.
People: Teach us to listen when the Spirit leads us another way.

Leader: Sometimes a door closes before us.
People: Give us patience to discern what God is doing.

Leader: Sometimes the path opens where we did not expect it.
People: Give us courage to follow.

Leader: The Holy Spirit is still speaking.
People: Lord, make us ready to listen.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who guides us.
People: We will listen. We will discern. We will follow.

*Hymn of ThanksgivingUMH #581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*Prayer of IlluminationPastor Brian Elwell

*The Affirmation of FaithUMH #887

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

*The Gloria PatriUMH #71

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.

– Word –

A Children’s Moment

Godly Play

The New Testament ReadingDr. Jim Brooks

Acts 16:6-15

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the regions of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit kept them from speaking the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they approached the province of Mysia, they tried to enter the province of Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn’t let them. ⁸ Passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas instead. ⁹ A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He

stood urging Paul, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” ¹⁰ Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. ¹² From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia’s first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. ¹⁴ One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul’s message. ¹⁵ Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, “Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house.” And she persuaded us.

The Anthemarr. Fettke

“The Summons”

The SermonPastor Brian Elwell

“The Way Listens”

– Response–

Prayers of the PeopleDr. Jim Brooks

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Congregational ResponseUMH #420 v. 1

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Giving our Gifts

Your gifts go to the building of our mission and ministry.

We ask for your gifts, prayers, and presence.

The Offertory

*The 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 ThanksgivingDr. Jim Brooks

– Sending –

*Hymn of Sending ForthUMH #593

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Blessing and Benediction

*Benediction Responsearr. Fettke

“The Summons”

*Postlude

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you.”

- Mark 11:24 (CEB)

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like for the church and/or the pastor to pray with you about, please let us know by writing it down on the slip below and dropping it in the offering plate.

☐ Check here to have your prayer request shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.

Use the space below to list any requests for more information about events or to provide additional place this slip in the offering plate.

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