

# THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

September 3, 2023

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## GATHERING MUSIC

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*Worship begins with the Voluntary. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.*

## VOLUNTARY

*How Great Thou Art*.....arr. Gregg Sewell  
Clyde Patterson

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

## CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 361

*We Have Come Into His House* (stanza 1).....WORSHIP HIM

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 13:8-14

Blaine Pittman

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 383

*We Are God's People*.....SYMPHONY

## PSALTER READING: Psalm 119:33-40

Linda Cooper

## AN INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## \*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 506

*In Christ Alone*.....IN CHRIST ALONE

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ross Strickland

## \*DOXOLOGY.....OLD 100TH

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

## CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 203

*His Name Is Wonderful*.....MIEIR

## JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

## A CALL TO PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

*Holy, Holy, Holy*.....NICAEA  
Blaine Pittman and Clyde Patterson

## SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

***Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From Bonds (BFFB)***

*Emphasis Text: Exodus 1:1-22*

Rev. Byrd

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 473

*More Love to Thee, O Christ* (stanzas 1 and 3)..... MORE LOVE TO THEE

## \*EXPRESSIONS OF DECISIONS

## \*SENDIN FORTH

Go now into a world overwhelmed and in bondage,  
taking the hope and love shared by God.

Go to those battling despair,  
to those at odds with neighbors,  
to those mocked for their faith,  
to those in the valley of sin.

Go and share the "way out" of sin,  
and that way is Jesus Christ.

We go with hope and love to serve the Lord,  
***In the name of Christ. Amen!***

## \*RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*..... GLORIA PATRI

## \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \*POSTLUDE

*Hymn to Joy*.....arr. Al Travis  
Clyde Patterson

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*\*Congregation stands, who are able*  
All scripture readings are from *The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.*

## The Ministry of Worship

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr., Pastor  
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music and Education  
Clyde Patterson, Church Organist

## Today

Deacons: Linda Cooper & Ross Strickland  
Children's Church: Brenda Griffin  
Toddlers: Paula Strickland

## 2023 Financial Summary for 36 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

### TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of John Carty by Patsy Carty.



**\$10** Purchase your ticket for the **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
A FUNDRAISER FOR OUTREACH MINISTRIES  
Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 8-11 a.m.

Consider selling tickets to friends, family, and neighbors. Tickets are available for purchase from the Fellowship, Nominating, and Personnel Teams or NBC office.

North Carolina  
**MISSIONS**  
Offering

### September Mission Emphasis

*A few prayer points...*

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission
- Church planters & church plants across NC
- Local Baptist associations across the state
- Physical & spiritual needs of those served through medical, dental, & health screening ministries.
- Mission camps in Red Springs & Shelby

## NBCU Fall Semester begins ~ TODAY!

Classes offered @ 9 am Sunday:

- 2 different adult classes
- class for 6th - 12th grade
- learning & fun for nursery - 5th G

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Class**  
A study of  
1 and 2 Peter

Young Adult  
Class  
"Prayer: The  
Great Adventure"  
by: David  
Jeremiah"

God calls us to be serving people. "He came not to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45  
How can God use your gifts, your talents, and your heart to help build His Kingdom?

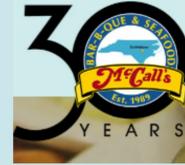
The Nominating Team will be making contacts in a few weeks to fill Leadership and Team positions for 2024. "Serve" cards are available in the Narthex for you to indicate where you feel led to serve. A basket in the Narthex is available for you to place your completed cards. Serving in a specific ministry in 2023 does not mean you will automatically serve on the same Ministry Team in 2024. Please designate your preference on the "Serve" cards.

*Remember: "I will give my all to Christ and NBC today."*

## Seniors on the Go!

Tuesday, September 12 ~ bus leaves NBC @ 10 a.m.  
Restaurant: McCall's BBQ & Seafood ~ Goldsboro, NC

Contact Cheryl Rice by Sunday, September 10  
if interested in attending.



### Family Night Meal

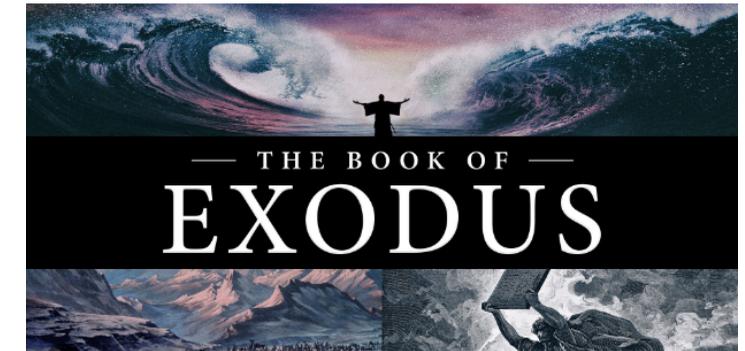
Hosted by: Hospitality Team  
**September 13, 2023, @ 5:30 PM**  
Fellowship Hall ~ \$5 payable at the door  
Sign-up sheets in Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Purchase a  
**Pixel**



Purchase a Pixel Fundraiser  
Pixels are available for \$50 each.  
You may designate pixels in  
honor or memory of a  
person/couple.

Forms are available next to the AV Table of Fellowship Hall.



## Defying Gravity