

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth 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

To God Be the Glory.....arr. Smith/Hustad
Karen Sawyer and Clyde Patterson

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 557

People Need the Lord.....PEOPLE NEED THE LORD

GOSPEL READING: John 3:13-17

Blaine Pittman

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 587

Jesus Shall Reign.....DUKE STREET

PSALTER READING: Psalm 98:1-5

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. 12

Great Is the Lord.....GREAT IS THE LORD

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ross Strickland

*DOXOLOGY NO. 253.....OLD 100TH

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 457

Lord, Be Glorified.....BE GLORIFIED

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....arr. Tom Fettke
Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From Bondage (BFFB)
Emphasis Text: Exodus 2:1-24
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 572

I Love to Tell the Story (stanzas 1 and 3).....HANKEY

*EXPRESSIONS OF DECISIONS

*SENDING FORTH

God heard their cries for help!
Remembering the promises to his people,
He sent a deliverer to guide them.
Because he heard our pleas, in his love,
He sent his own Son, Jesus.
Through this gift, we were offered salvation
and called to the holy work of discipleship.
Go out and share the great Deliverer sent
by God to save the world!
I will give my all for my Deliverer!
Amen!

*RESPONSE NO. 252

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

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Great Is the Lord.....GREAT IS THE LORD

**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
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Linda Cooper & Ross Strickland
Children's Church: Kelle Joyner
Toddlers: Nancy Machuca

2023 Financial Summary for 37 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 my wife, Barbara Ann Sasser, by Tommy Sasser, Sr.



\$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



CCM ENSEMBLE



DO YOU PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT? LIKE THE GUITAR, KEYBOARD, BASS, OR DRUMS? THEN THE NBC CCM ENSEMBLE IS FOR YOU!

CCM stands for Contemporary Christian Music. Our church has a long history of providing great traditional church music for our worship services and occasionally incorporates CCM. My vision is to create a new ensemble that will focus mainly on the CCM worship style with the intention to occasionally present music in worship. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me know! ~ Blaine

They Are Here!
The new NBC Directory can be picked up TODAY in the Fellowship Hall AFTER service or M-Th, 9-2 from the NBC office.



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?

TODAY is the last day to turn in your "Serve" card.

Cards may be picked up in the Narthex.
Completed "Serve" cards may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.



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

Youth Sunday Night Dinner

Consider supporting the NBC Youth by providing a dinner for the Youth Sunday evening fellowship and devotion time.
A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



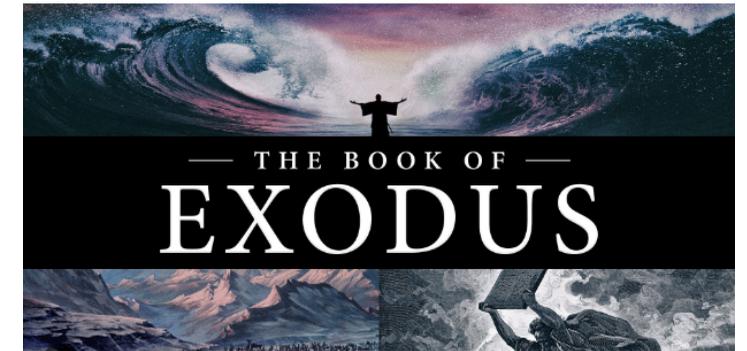


World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 1, 2023. We will be observing the Lord's Supper & collecting a Benevolence Fund Offering.

Item of the Month **September**

Soup & Muffin/Cornbread Mix





Defying Gravity