

# THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth 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

*Just as I Am*.....arr. William Bradbury  
Karen Sawyer

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 224

*Holy Ground*.....HOLY GROUND

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 1:21-30

Blaine Pittman

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 4

*To God Be the Glory*.....TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## PSALTER READING: Psalm 145:1-8

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. 43

*This Is My Father's World*.....TERRA PATRIS

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ross Strickland

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

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

## CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 71

*On Eagle's Wings*.....ON EAGLE'S WINGS

## JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

## A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

## WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

*In The Garden*.....arr. Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

## SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

***Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From Bondage (BFFB)***  
*Exodus 3:1-15*  
Rev. Byrd

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 337

*I Know Whom I Have Believed (stanzas 1 and 4)*.....EL NATHAN

## \*EXPRESSIONS OF DECISIONS

## \*SENDING FORTH

God promised to be with Moses,  
and we are here as witnesses to a promise fulfilled.  
From generation to generation, the God of Israel  
is also the God of Nashville Baptist Church.  
The God of the burning bush is waiting even now  
to encounter you, call you, challenge you and change you.

Go out to be sustained and surprised by the love of God,  
living in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit!  
Break Free From Bondage!

***Amen!***

## \*RESPONSE NO. 252

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

## \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in C*.....C. Patterson  
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  
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

## Today

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

## 2023 Financial Summary for 38 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 Mary Ellen Beal by Ed & Ann Gaskins, Mary Lewis Collins, and 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

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

### CCM ENSEMBLE

 CCM stands for Contemporary Christian Music. 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

*Special Called Church*  
**BUSINESS MEETING**

*~ Deacon Nominations ~*  
October 1, 2023  
following worship service

All NBC members are encouraged to be present to vote.  
Please prayerfully consider serving if you are nominated.

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

 **NBC Yard Sale Preparation**  
Drop off details: October 5 & 6 from 5-7 p.m. (no clothes)  
**What can you do?**

- October 5 & 6 from 5-7 p.m. - set up, display & price items
- October 7 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - collect money, answer questions, straighten items

**Saturday October 7, 2023 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Contact Brenda Viverette by October 1 if you can help or have questions.

**They Are Here!**

The new NBC Directory can be picked up M-Th, 9-2 from the NBC office.

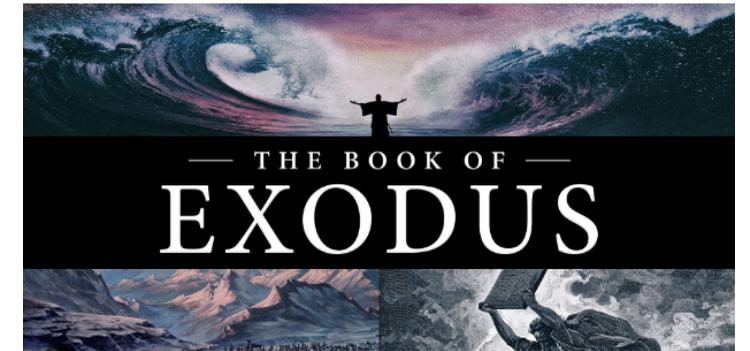


*Youth Sunday Night Dinner*

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.

*Item of the Month* **September**

**Soup & Muffin/Cornbread Mix**



## Defying Gravity