



ESSENTIALS

August 16, 2026



SIGNUP

WORSHIP

Sundays | 9:30 am

Stream on Facebook, YouTube
or [messiahwilmington.org](https://www.messiahwilmington.org)

Message Today:

Explain Yourself - My Hope
(1 Peter 1, 3:15)
Timothy Steele

Hymns for our service:

#596 vs. 1-4
#478 vs. 1-4

Baptisms Today:

*Graysen Gaige Lawson and
Bellamy Blake Lawson, sons of
Corey Lawson and Maria Craig*

Message Next Week:

Explain Yourself - Part 2
Timothy Steele

Offering | Collected at the door.

Child Care Amenities

Available in Pingo Land.

Hearing Assistance

Ask the Information Center for a
headset to amplify what you hear.

New Here? First-Time Guest Gift

Stop by the Information Center and
introduce yourself!

Find Help and Care in Life

In times of transition, we can all
use a guide to navigate life. Meet
after service with a Care Leader in
the front of the church.

ENVIRONMENTS

Pingo Land | Every Sunday

Precious Puffins (ages 3-5) meets
during the service in Pingo Land.

Caribou Kids, Xtreme

Our kids environments are on
summer break—will return Sept.

Adult Choir | Begins Sep 9

Rehearsals begin Wed evenings.
Contact Ivey James to join.

Converge | Begins Sep 13

Bill and Burma Chase will lead a 7-
week study on the book of Proverbs
which helps us master the art of
godly living. Sign up using the QR
code or at the Information Center.
Guides will be handed out at the first
session. Join 8:30-9:20 am in the
Fellowship Hall before the service.

MidWeek | Begins Sep 16

It's back! Wednesdays 9:30-11 am
in the Fellowship Hall. This year's
study through May 2027 (with
holiday breaks) provides an in-
depth look at the Gospel of Luke.
Sign up using the QR code or at the
Information Center. Study guides at
the Information Center. Contact Bill
or Burma Chase with questions.

OTHER INFO

New Sunday Series | Starts Today

People may never ask you to
defend Christianity, but they may
wonder why you've chosen to follow
Jesus. Being prepared for that
moment could deepen your own
faith as much as theirs. Join us for
our new 2-part series.

Quarterly Congregation Meeting

TODAY | 11 am, Fellowship Hall.
Get a coffee or drink before the
meeting.

Food Drive 2026 Through Aug 30

We're collecting food for the Food
Bank of Central & Eastern NC.
Grab a handout to purchase the
most needed items and bring them
to the church lobby.

Scoops from Groups | Aug 23

Get Connected in a Group! Join a
community group and see why we
say that life is better connected.
Sign up online (QR code on the
front) or at the Information Center.
Come to our Scoops from Groups
event on August 23 after the
service.

Help us Honor Fire Station #7

Save the Date: Sunday, Sep 6. We
will collect snacks and treats and
deliver them in person for Patriot
Day. More to come.

Prayer Requests

(Parentheses is person related):
Drew Doherty; Phyllis Smith (*Pam
Hammond and Wendy Smith*);
Kevin and Dalida Wichman and
family with the passing of Kevin's
mother, Connie; Max Zoellin; Tex
Mueller; Josh and Tina Harman;
Jack and Linda Foster (*Leslie
Aschemeier*); Mel and Dawn
Foels; Mark Spelzhausen; Trudy
Fike, Karen and Dave Devan, Hoyt
and Gale Hedgecock (*Barb Millis*);
Grant Haynes (*Lee Musolf*).

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