



**WELCOME!!!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We welcome each of you to our worship services today. PLEASE sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Visitors, please include your address and phone number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Church, 1st Floor

Chapel: Pathfinders Bible Study - Michele Newton

Conference Room: The Upper Room - Doug & Michele Insko

Church, 2nd Floor

Watson Class - Larry Price, Kent Anderson, Snookie Parker, & Lindy Newton

Hardison Discussion Class - Dave Williams, Will Winslow & Woody Harrison

Blackburn Education Building

Room 104 3 & 4 Year Olds - Teachers - Ginger Bisette, John & Stephanie Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson

Room 106 Infants, Toddlers & 2-Year Olds

Room 108 The Bradshaw Class (older adults) - Teachers - Bob Bergland, Charles Robl, Bill Presnell & Susan Barnes

Room 203 Young Adult Class - Leaders - Emily Aycock, Shelley Gibson, & Suzette Gibson

Room 201 4th & 5th Grade Class - Debbie Bradley, Allison Robl, Suzette Gibson, Alicia Gregory

Room 206 2nd & 3rd Grade Class - Teachers - Ellen Barkley, Anne & Gary Benton, Ginny Eagles, Ginger & Mark Godwin

Room 205 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class - Teachers - Noelle Halverson, Anne & David Clark, Jenny & Reggie Harrison, Heather Lasitter

Epworth Building

Middle School & High School Teachers - Alysun Skinner, Henrienne Allegood, Ben Eagles, Mandy & Wes Berry, & Susan Barnes

Woman to Woman Teacher - Cathy Heimer

Transforming Lives Class (TLC) - Teacher - Lorie Halverson



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The Reverend Charles J. Robl III, Associate Pastor
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Mrs. Vickie Franks, Director of Children's Ministries
Mr. Andy Michaud, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Jo Shackelford, Church Secretary
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May 13, 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

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The Worship of God
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 173 **“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”** **UMH**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **“The Apostles’ Creed”** **UMH 881**

+GLORIA PATRI **UMH 71**

SCRIPTURE READING **Colossians 3:12 - 25** **NT Page 201 -202**

MORNING MESSAGE **“Amazing Grace, Awkward Families”** **Dr. Duffy Robbins**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 365 **“Grace Greater than Our Sin”** **UMH**

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The **KK4J team** is pleased to announce **2 upcoming dental missions**: July 8-13 and October 17-22, 2018. We are seeking volunteers (no dental experience necessary) with interest in attending for both trips. We will be conducting Vacation Bible School during the July mission and would love to have anyone willing to serve join us! Contact Marilee ASAP at marilee.williford@yahoo.com or call 252-230-2742 for more details.

On May 20th, all **children’s & youth Sunday School teachers** are invited to join us on the playground during the Sunday School hour for **“Sweet Treats for Teachers”**. Thank you for teaching our young disciples!

Vacation Bible School is June 18th-22nd, Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 12:00. Register your child on the children’s page of our church website: <http://fumcwilson.org/ministries/children>. We are in need of volunteers! Join us for an awesome experience watching children learn about God and grow in their faith. Contact Vickie at vickiebfranks@fumcwilson.org or call the church office if you are interested.

Join the **Motoring Methodists** in visiting the gardens at the Executive Mansion in Raleigh on Thursday, May 31st. Reserve your space by May 16th (the list of those attending must be submitted two weeks in advance) by calling Connie Wood at 237-0649 or texting Karen Blume at 230-5299. After the tour, we will have lunch at 18 Seaboard

Reminder: Today we will be taking the United Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. Mother’s Day Offering. This offering raises funds to provide Benevolent Care to residents within our retirement communities whose resources have been depleted. We thank you, in advance, for any donation to this fund. Envelopes were in last week’s bulletin and there are a few on the welcome table in the Atrium. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and in the memo line write **“Mother’s Day Offering”**. Fran will write one check from FUMC to the NC Conference.



MUSIC NOTES

We thank the Carillon Ringers, the Chancel Choir and the Children’s choir for their ministry of music this morning.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 13

- 8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 5:15 Children’s Choir- Blackburn Building

MONDAY, MAY 14

- 6:30 Boy Scouts - Asbury Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 15

- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:15 Children’s Musical Rehearsal - Asbury Hall
- 5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
- 6:30 SPRC - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

- 6:15 Carillon Ringers - Handbell Room
- 7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MAY 17


- 10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles’ Office
- 11:30 Preschool Graduation - Asbury Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 18

- 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 5:00 Wedding - Sanctuary



Calling all high school seniors, college and graduate school graduates: We want to recognize you in our **Graduation Sunday bulletin on June 3rd**. Please send the following information by **May 24th** to joshackelford@fumcwilson.org: student’s full name, recent photo (send via jpeg), parent’s names, name of school graduating from, plans following graduation (college attending, branch of service, work, etc.). College / graduate students - indicate name of your degree (Bachelor of Science in ____, Master of Education, etc.) and plans following graduation.

From Pastor Bob

This morning we extend a special welcome to all the women. Let me be quick to say that I am also very pleased and want to welcome all the men who are here. However, today is Mother's Day, and it is fitting to extend a special welcome to all the women. Welcome! Happy Mother's Day!

Much has been said about all that is involved with motherhood. I wonder if the Apostle Paul was thinking of his mother when he wrote about the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5? *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

If he was, he may have also included something about the ability to answer questions, for that is a big part of motherhood. Recently, I heard about a little girl who has been asking her mother some big questions – "Where is heaven?" "Who goes there?" "Who will be there?" Perhaps, you ponder the same questions.

Besides today being Mother's Day, it is also Ascension Sunday, the Sunday when we remember that 40 days after Easter, when Jesus was raised from the dead and taken up into heaven. Whenever we speak the words of the Apostle's Creed or have a baptism we talk about this event – *"He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God."*

So, heaven is up? Artists throughout history have depicted heaven being a celestial place above the earth. Henry David Thoreau said, "Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." Charles Wesley gave us a glorious view of heaven in the hymn 312 (Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise).

Is heaven up or down? Is it in front or behind or beside us? I don't know. But what I do know is that heaven is where Jesus was taken and is now seated at the right hand of God in glory. Like Reverend Adam Hamilton has said, *"one of the biggest questions I receive from people is, 'Do you really believe in heaven?' And that's easy for me to answer and my answer is always the same. I not only believe in it but I'm counting on it."*

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, nursing and rest homes, the sick and shut in with prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

Hospital: Erick Walston - Vidant

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Lillian H. Swain** who died on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in Wilson, NC.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Nonie Phillips** in the death of her mother, Eleanor T. Windham, who died Sunday, May 6, 2018, in Wilson, NC.

BY OUR PRESENCE

ATTENDANCE : May 6, 2018

Sunday School - 111
8:45 - 30; 9:00 - 80; 11:00 - 151
Tuesday Communion - 11
Total Worship - 272

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received May 6th	\$	23,306
YTD Requirement	\$	377,748
Received YTD	\$	407,400
Over (Under)	\$	29,652

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

We give thanks to our members who participated in the county-wide Bible reading this past Wednesday, May 2nd. Members read scripture aloud in the Wesley Chapel from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thanks to **Clara Daughtridge** for helping to coordinate this event in which the entire Bible was read in one day throughout Wilson County. Also, thanks to **Henrienne Allegood, Lindy Newton, and Leigh Wilhelm** for facilitating the event at FUMC.

We invite you to help celebrate our 2018 High School graduates. Please stop by the atrium and leave an encouraging note, prayer, or Bible verse in the notebooks provided.

FUMC Youth are invited to a cookout at the Skinner home on Sunday, May 20th from 5:30 - 7:30. Contact Alysun at alysunskinner@fumcwilson for directions.

The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song

IN THE RIVER
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Praise Band

Announcements

First Lesson

Acts 1:1 - 11

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings

WAITING HERE FOR YOU

Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12 - 25

Message

"Amazing Grace, Awkward Families"

Dr. Duffy Robbins

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth

LET THE HEAVENS OPEN

Praise Band

Greeters for May 13th: Ellen Barkley, Reed Barkley, Jane Cook, Ginger Bissette

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

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Ascension Sunday
11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“A Journey of Faith”

Ron Mallory

“Song Without Words”

Holst / Mallory

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 173

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS - A short children’s devotion for preschool and elementary children.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1 - 11

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PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Family of Love”

Mary McDonald

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

Thank you, God, for family, for those we call our own. For giving to each other a place to call our home.

For sisters and for brothers, for loved ones all alone, we thank you, God, for family, our family of love.

We are one in God’s Son. We are one, a family of love. We are always together, whether we’re near or apart: all united together, a family of love.

Thank you, God, for children you are trusting us to raise, and for the ones who raised us, we give to you the praise. Each one, part of you, Father, extensions from above. We thank you for our family, our family of love. We are always together, whether we’re near or apart, all united together, together in our heart. We are joined by your Spirit, coming or when we depart, all of us joining together, a family of love, a family of love.

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 445 “Happy the Home When God Is There”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12 - 25

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Amazing Grace, Awkward Families”

Dr. Duffy Robbins

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 365

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

UMH

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Musical Selection for the Organ

+Those who are able, please stand.

The Chancel lowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lou Bridgers Mattox and George Thomas Davis by their families.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Ian Dixon and Thorne Williford

Crucifer: Andy Peacock

Reader: Emma Townsend Satterfield

Volunteers:

Sound System: Parker Moody

Greeters for May 13th:

8:45 Narthex: Maggie and Billy Lamm

11:00 Office Area: Mary Alice Dunn

11:00 Narthex: Allison and Joe Robl