



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Only a Holy God; Speak, O Lord;
It Is Well with My Soul; Shine On Us*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Oh, Praise the Lord #282

Only a Holy God

Responsive Reading of Psalm 130

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God

Prayer – Karon Johnson

WORD

Children's Moment – Laura Fike

Speak, O Lord

Luke 18:9-14 – Jim Holton

Sermon – Ben Fike

“Our Salvation within the Gospel” (Romans 3:21-26)

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

TABLE

Shine On Us

Communion Meditation – Charles Holton

Take Time to Be Holy #731

SENDING

Family Prayer – Natalie Beyer

It Is Well with My Soul #490

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selector/Leader – Caroline Smith

After worship, coffee and tea will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 130 (NIRV)

One: Lord, I cry out to you
because I'm suffering so deeply.

Lord, listen to me.

Pay attention to my cry for your mercy.

All: Lord, suppose you kept a close watch on sins.

Lord, who then wouldn't be found guilty?

But you forgive.

So we can serve you with respect.

One: With all my heart I wait for the Lord to help me.

I put my hope in his word.

All: I wait for the Lord to help me.

I want his help more than night watchmen want the morning to come.

I'll say it again.

I want his help more than night watchmen want the morning to come.

One: Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
because the Lord's love never fails.

He sets his people completely free.

All: He himself will set Israel

free from all their sins.

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery During Worship Care for children under age 3 is available in Room 10 of the Fellowship Hall

11:00 Classes

Children

Age 3 and under – Fellowship Hall Room 10

Age 4 – 1st Grade – Fellowship Hall Room 4

Grades 2-5 – Fellowship Hall Room 5

Youth

6th-12th Grade – Teen Room

Adults

Learning the Gospel Again – Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

May 1-3 All-Church Family Camping Trip
May 3 Life Groups then Lunch
May 13 Congregational Singing
May 23 Senior Saints
May 24 Pentecost Sunday, MCC
June 10 High School Graduation Banquet

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Worship Space Experiments We are participating in a series of time-limited worship space experiments as we learn together how our physical space shapes our shared worship. These are not permanent changes, but opportunities to notice, reflect, and listen as a congregation. The experiments will take place in three phases:

- **April 26, May 3:** Worship in the **Fellowship Hall**.
- **May 10, May 17, May 24:** Return to the Worship Center with a different seating configuration.

We ask for your participation in evaluating the Phase 1 worship space experiment (March 15-29) via a questionnaire. Hard copies are on the foyer table (return completed forms to the blue box on the table) or scan the QR code below.



Tim Wood is coordinating these experiments with a team, and care is being taken to ensure accessibility and hospitality throughout. Opportunities for feedback will come after each experiment; for now, we invite everyone simply to participate with curiosity and generosity as we learn together.

Adult Education What is the gospel? Many of us learned to think of it mainly in terms of forgiveness and personal salvation. In this class, we'll explore how the New Testament presents the gospel as the good news about Jesus—his life, death, resurrection, and reign as Lord. Drawing from Scot McKnight's *The King Jesus Gospel* and key passages across the New Testament, we'll rediscover the larger story Scripture tells. This fuller vision invites us not only to believe in Jesus, but to follow him and share in the life of his Kingdom. As we gain clarity about the gospel, we'll also consider how it shapes the way we live and speak about Jesus in everyday life. Ben Fike will teach this class for all adults through May 31 in the Fellowship Hall (with a break for Life Groups on May 3).

Refresh Wednesday Meal Join us for a simple, shared meal of breakfast-for-dinner on Wednesday from 5:30–6:30 PM—a low-pressure space to reconnect, eat together, and be present with one another. If you plan to attend, you can scan the **QR code below**, or [email Pam by Tuesday](#). There are no additional classes or expectations, and you're welcome to come just for the meal and head home if that's what you need. Our Bible study will continue at 6:30pm, studying Acts, for those who wish to stay, and we'll also invite neighbors to join us at the table. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.



Church Family Camping at Hanging Rock – May 1-3 If you are interested in going on a camping trip with others from church next weekend, let Luke Smith know. You can stay both nights or only one night per your preference. Hanging Rock is also relatively close so you can come enjoy the group for the day on Saturday but still sleep in your own bed if that's your style! This is a great opportunity to hang out with fellow church members and enjoy God's creation.

Life Groups – May 3 We'll share a time of reflection on what the gospel means for our daily lives, focusing on how we remember Christ through communion. A prepared lunch will be served afterward, where we ask for an optional donation to cover the cost of the meal (max \$5 per person, \$20 per family). Contact Caroline Smith with questions.

Pentecost Acts 2 Reading Opportunity On Pentecost Sunday (May 24), we will again include a live multilingual reading of Acts 2 during worship. If you speak a language other than English—or would be interested in participating in the reading—we would love to hear from you. This is a meaningful way to help our church celebrate the good news of Jesus proclaimed among all peoples. Please contact Ben **by May 3** if you are interested.

Congregational Singing – May 13 Join us Wednesday, May 13, from 6:30–7:30pm in Room 9 for a simple time of singing together. Song requests are welcome. This gathering will replace the regular Bible class that evening. Coordinated by Priscilla Russell.

Thursday Bible Study – 7am – Church Library Start your day with scripture, conversation, and warm biscuits. This weekly gathering is a simple way to grow together in faith and friendship. All are welcome—just show up. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations Neil and Lisa Clay's son Patrick, with his partner Eric, recently adopted a baby girl they named Naomi. Please consider supporting Patrick and Eric and congratulating them – here are some ways you can do that: [Registry here](#); Venmo @Patrick-Clay-2 ; or contact Neil or Lisa Clay.

Office Update Our Office Manager, Pam, is helping care for her mother during this season. Because of that, she may be working some days from home and some days from the church office, and office coverage may be less predictable. For office-related needs, please email the church office. For urgent pastoral needs, please contact Ben or one of the elders. We are grateful for Pam and appreciate your kindness and prayers.

Prayer Concerns Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Wilton DuBois, Donna Holladay, Joel Keel, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Contacting an Elder Elders are committed to walk with you in prayer, support, and care. Please contact your Life Group elder if a need arises.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Saturday 4/25: Betty Fike

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