



# COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

**9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** *Ancient of Days; Behold Our God;  
Be Unto Your Name; Let God Arise*

### 9:30am WORSHIP

#### GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

*Ancient of Days*

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah #3*

*I Exalt Thee #62*

Prayer – David Harpe

#### WORD

*All Things Praise Thee #43*

1 Samuel 8:4-9 and Mark 10:42-45 – Jim Holton

Sermon – Ben Fike

**“The Story the Gospel Fulfills”** (Genesis 1:26-28)

*Behold, Our God*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 146

#### TABLE

*Be Unto Your Name*

Communion Meditation – Tim Wood

*For the Beauty of the Earth #67*

#### SENDING

Family Prayer – Charles Holton

*Let God Arise*

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selector/Leader – Caroline Smith

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 146 (NIRV)**

One: Praise the Lord.

**All: I will praise the Lord.**

One: I will praise the Lord all my life.

**All: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

One: Don't put your trust in human leaders.

**All: Don't trust in people who can't save you.**

One: When they die, they return to the ground.

**All: On that day, their plans come to nothing.**

One: Blessed are those who depend on the God of Jacob for help.

**All: Blessed are those who put their hope in the Lord their God.**

One: He is the Maker of heaven and earth and the ocean.

**All: He made everything in them.**

**He remains faithful forever.**

One: He stands up for those who are treated badly.

**All: He gives food to hungry people.**

One: The Lord sets prisoners free.

**All: The Lord gives sight to those who are blind.**

One: The Lord lifts up those who feel helpless.

**All: The Lord loves those who do what is right.**

One: The Lord watches over the outsiders who live in our land.

**All: He takes good care of children whose fathers have died.**

**He also takes good care of widows.**

One: But he causes evil people to fail in everything they do.

**All: The Lord rules forever.**

One: The God of Zion will rule for all time to come.

**All: Praise the Lord.**

## SUNDAY

**9:30 Nursery During Worship** Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

### 11:00 Life Group Classes

Visitors are invited to any Life Group

All Ages

LG 1: Corner Classroom – downstairs (Garth/Holton)

LG 2: Room 11 – Fellowship Hall (Peterson/Beyer)

LG 3: Room 5/7 – Fellowship Hall (Carlson/Smith)

LG 4: Kids Praise Classroom – downstairs (Harpe/Cameron)

LG 5: Room 10 – Fellowship Hall (Jones/Wood)

LG 6: Room 9 – Fellowship Hall (Johnson/Clay)

**12:00 Lunch** – 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 Dinner

## EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

**Church Family Camping at Hanging Rock – May 1-3** If you are interested in going on a camping trip with others from church this weekend, contact Luke Smith asap. 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.

**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:

- **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.




This Sunday 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.

**Refresh Wednesday Meal** Join us for a simple, shared meal of sandwiches 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.



**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 on 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

**Thank You** to everyone for another meaningful and memorable Senior Saints Banquet. We look forward to this time of fellowship and interaction with the children, youth, 'in the middle' adults and families, and all who come out to share in and to host this very special time for us. -  
-CMR Senior Saints

**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)**

Monday 5/4: Natalie Beyer, Trey Blazer, Kelly Westbrook

Tuesday 5/5: Trey Blazer & Christy Garth

Wednesday 5/6: Beverly DuBois, Henry McMillan



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