



# COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026**

**9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship;  
What the Lord Has Done In Me; Holy and Anointed One; Hymn of Heaven*

**9:30am WORSHIP**

## **GATHERING**

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Opening Prayer – John Beyer

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds #711*

*How Sweet, How Heavenly #709*

## **WORD**

Children's Moment – Laura Fike

Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 2 Peter 3:8-10 – John Broadus

Sermon – Ben Fike

**“Not One of These Little Ones”** (Matthew 18:10-14)

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Family Prayer – Luke Smith

## **TABLE**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? #324*

Communion Meditation – Tim Wood

## **SENDING**

Neighbor Prayer – Jane Campbell

*Hymn of Heaven*

Benediction – Ben Fike (Unison Reading of Psalm 23)

Song Selector/Leader – Caroline Smith

## 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 Classes

#### Children

Ages 0-2 – Fell. Hall Room 10 (Nursery)

Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Fell. Hall Rooms 4 & 5

#### Youth

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Teen Room

#### Adults

Fellowship Hall

## COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

**August 19** Refresh Wednesday

**August 22** Senior Saints

**August 23** Jane deGaleppi Visit

**August 30** MCC

**September 1** Families Moving Forward

**September 13** Life Groups

## EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

**The Work of Belonging: Formed by Christ for Life in God's Kingdom** In this sermon series, we will listen to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18 about vulnerability, harm, conflict, restoration, and forgiveness. As a church committed to *Living and Sharing the Gospel*, we believe the gospel is not only a message we proclaim but a life we learn to practice together. Jesus is forming us into a community that protects the vulnerable, faces wounds honestly, pursues repaired relationships, and remembers that no one is expendable in God's kingdom.

**Adult Ed Class** *Ask Away 2: Big Questions and Shared Wisdom* is answering questions that you asked! On August 16, we will look at **The Intersection of Science, Medicine, and Religion**. Other topics will include **Forgiveness: An Old Testament, a New Testament, and a Psychiatrist's perspective**, and **AI and the Christian**. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service to join in these discussions.

**Children's Bible Classes** Our children are celebrating God's goodness this summer through August 23. As part of our **Good Fruit series** during the Bible class hour, ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will explore the fruits of the spirit, which become amplified when we pay attention and pursue

God's goodness. We'll share stories of God's goodness from the Bible and in our own lives during weekly children's moments in worship, and at our Good Fruit Family Gathering on August 21.



**Refresh Wednesday** Join us for hot dogs and ice cream this Wednesday, August 19, at 5:30pm as we reconnect and eat together (no class that evening). If you plan to attend, scan the **QR code below** or [click this link](#).



**Senior Saints** will gather on August 22 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Jane deGaleppi, who is a CMR global missions partner in Argentina, will be joining us. Lunch will be provided, so [please RSVP to Emma by Wednesday](#), August 19.



**Families Moving Forward™** We have an opportunity to prepare food and help serve an evening meal for the residents at Families Moving Forward on September 1. FMF provides temporary housing and other assistance for families who are transitioning from homelessness. [Click here to volunteer](#). Questions? Contact Phil Sweigart.

## FAMILY NEWS

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

**Volunteer Scheduler** If you know of Sunday mornings in September that you will not be available, please enter those dates **before August 26** in the [online scheduler here](#), or email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#).

**Neighbor Prayer** We've added a simple practice to our Sunday worship called Neighbor Prayer. Each week, we take time to pray for people and places in the neighborhoods around the church building. We'll begin with schools, churches, nonprofits, local businesses, and neighbors affected by violence, tragedy, or other significant needs. Our hope is that this practice will help us grow in love, awareness, and prayerful attention to the community around us. Email your suggestions to Pam **by Monday of each week**. Please only share details that would be appropriate to include in public worship.

Please include:

\*Whether it's a school, church, nonprofit, local business, or another neighborhood concern.

\*Who or what specifically we're praying for.

\*A sentence or two about what's happening or why this would be good for us to pray about.

**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)**

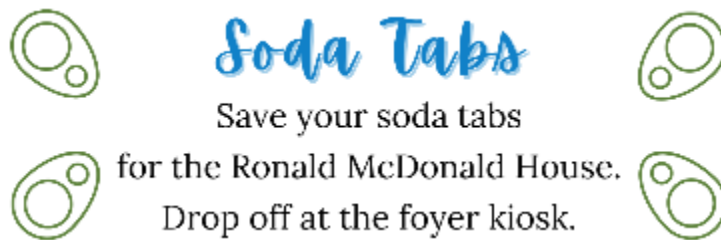
Monday 8/17: Judy Cuffee, Justin Gettings & Meena Bhatia

Tuesday 8/18: Tim & Carmen Wood

Saturday 8/22: Wayne Massey

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**North Durham Book Club** will meet on August 15 from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library. We'll be discussing *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride over coffee and conversation. Bring a friend and join our growing circle!



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