

MEMBERS WHO NEED OUR CARE AND PRAYERS: Mitch Adkins, David and Ivanna Anderson, Barbara and Henry Atkinson, Lynn Baird, M.B. Collier, Bob Carter, Phyllis Carter, Baz Cunningham, Pam Collier, Bob de Andrade, Patty Kreiselman, Mark Gilbreath, Nancy Grinstead, Martha Gurganus, Jan Hagerty, Kaye Harris, Justice Jackson, Dennis Kay, Ruth Kay, Margaret Leahy, Jim MacLauren, Carol Lowans, Fran Newman, Rochelle Nye, Beth Ormond, Jo'an Paine, Al Piacentini, Carley Prenshaw, Kathy Rainey, Sandra Reynolds, Virginia Roberts, Kay Shaver, Jim Smith, Luci Smith, Christian Strupe, Diane Weller, Chris Wallace.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY OF: Ken Carle.

MEMBERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE: Aaron Foote (grandson of David & Carol Brese), Tyler Hanson (son of Jim & Jill Hanson), Noah James Hayden (grandson of Jim Willis), Anthony Siler (son of Mike & Katherine Siler), Justin Story (son of Shaunesy Story), Michael Solon (grandson of Lee and Burton King).

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

George Beckwith (friend of Peggy & Carl Allen)
Candie Buchanan (cousin of Jimmy Sykes)
Kim Carden (friend of Amelia & Ronnie Oakley)
Ruth Clisham (mother of Carol Newman)
Margie Cobb (sister of Shirley Bullock)
Gerald Edwards (friend of Bob Carter)
Sharon Einsmann (mother of Dawn Eckhoff)
Connie Eva (friend of Paula & Gary James)
Tammy Evans (friend of the Wilfong family)
Nancy Fletcher (mother of Heidi Miller)
Mary Loretta Fogle (mother of Mike Fogle)
Sandy & Harold Furbee (friends of Virginia Hawkins)
Ann Gilreath (mother of Emily Wike)
Rachel Hart (mother of Susan Leonard)
Patricia Hobbs (mother of Rochelle Nye)
Catherine Kearns (friend of Jan & John Howe)
Peggy King (mother of Linda Morris)
Patty Lanier (friend of Robbie Knight)
Terry Lawrence (cousin of Jimmy Sykes)
Diane, daughter of Pat Lawler (friend of Mary Ellen Rogers)

Roy Mathis (friend of Gene & Cynthia Bell)
Trevan McCracken (nephew of Jacqueline Andrews)
June Morris (mother of Ruth Kay)
Lad Ottofy (step father of Laura Fogle)
Rev. John Panning (father of Cathy Voorhees)
Waverly Rainey (son of Kathy Rainey)
Theresa Rinehart (cousin of Judy & Paula Alford)
Roxane Rhodes (niece of Jackie Andrews)
Mark and Leah Sells (friends of Jan Hagerty)
Rev. Marilyn Shipman (friend of Aldersgate)
Brian Snyder (Son of Barbara & Jack Snyder)
Shane Synan (friend of Patty, Rick & Richard Kreiselman)
Karen Williams (friend of Tracy Byerly)
Bobby Wingate (father of Debbie Sykes)
Mary Jo Woods (daughter of Bob & Eleanor Elium)
Nancy Worley (grandmother of Eric Prenshaw)
Greg "Buck" Wright (cousin of Lynn Wilfong)
Jeffrey (nephew of Jacqueline Andrews)

THE SOWER



July 16, 2017

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services



AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC Stan Benton
 GREETING, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 CENTERING MUSIC
 *CHORAL INTROIT *“Wonderful Words of Life”* Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in our hearts.
All: We come with joy, remembering the good news of God’s abundant, lavish love for all creation.
 One: We are rooted in the faith of the Sower.
All: We flourish in God’s miraculous possibilities for hope and peace.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God,
We gather together in Your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with You,
eager to hear Your Word.
Open our eyes and ears
to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.
May the seeds of Your Word
scattered among us this morning
fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest
of good words and deeds.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE *“Standing on the Promises”* UMH 374
 (#16 in the countdown)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*SERVICE OF WORD**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER *“Spirit of the Living God”* Chancel Choir
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING *“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”* Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”* UMH 95
 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*INVITATION TO KIDS OWN WORSHIP 4-year olds through 2nd grade are invited to join us in Room 102 in the Family Life Center for an age appropriate time of worship. (11:00 service)

*SONG OF PREPARATION *“Rock of Ages”* (verses 1,2, & 4) UMH 361
 (#17 in the countdown)

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13: 1-9,18-21
 SERMON **“The Relentless Tenderness of the Sower”** Rev. Dr. Bryan Faggart
 PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

*SONG OF COMMITMENT *“My Life is in You”* TFWS 2032

*BLESSING
 *SENDING SONG *“My Life is in You”* (chorus) TFWS 2032

***POSTLUDE**

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by John Hall to the Glory of God and in celebration of Holly’s birthday.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: If you need pastoral care, or in the event of any emergency, please feel free to contact our Senior Pastor, Bryan Faggart: (919) 971-2960.

OUR LAY MINISTRY

	8:30 Service		11:00 Service
Acolyte:	Elizabeth Healy	Acolyte:	McKayle Nye
Ushers:	John Field	Ushers:	Kim Riggs
	Mitch Adkins		Ronnie Oakley
	Jacqueline Andrews		Paula Alford
	Chick Hinton		Jan Howe
Greeters:	Mary Tom Roberts (m)	Greeters:	Rusty Grimm (m)
	Richard Riggsbee (o)		Liz Crose (o)
Lay Reader:	Judy Alford	Lay Reader:	Cathy Cozart