

WELCOME!!!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We welcome each of you to our worship services today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Children's and Youth Classes

Blackburn Education Building

Nursery (Infant to Pre-K): Rm. 102 - Kelly Hayes, Alicia Gregory, Nicole Duenas

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School (Pre-K—5th Grade)

Room 104 Hannah Thomas, Kate Putney, Ellen Poland, Amy Stadiem

Youth Small Groups

Room 204 Kaitlyn Dean, Mandy & Wes Berry

Adult Classes

Bradshaw Class: Parlor, Barbara Robl

Open Door Discussion Class: Room 201

Transforming Lives Class: 2nd Floor, Room 202

Sanctuary Building

Adult Classes

Pathfinders Bible Study Class: Chapel, Michelle Newton

Woman to Woman: First Floor, Conference Room -

Debbie Bradley

Hardison Discussion Class: 2nd Floor, Dave

Williams, various class members

Watson Class: 2nd. Floor, Snookie Parker

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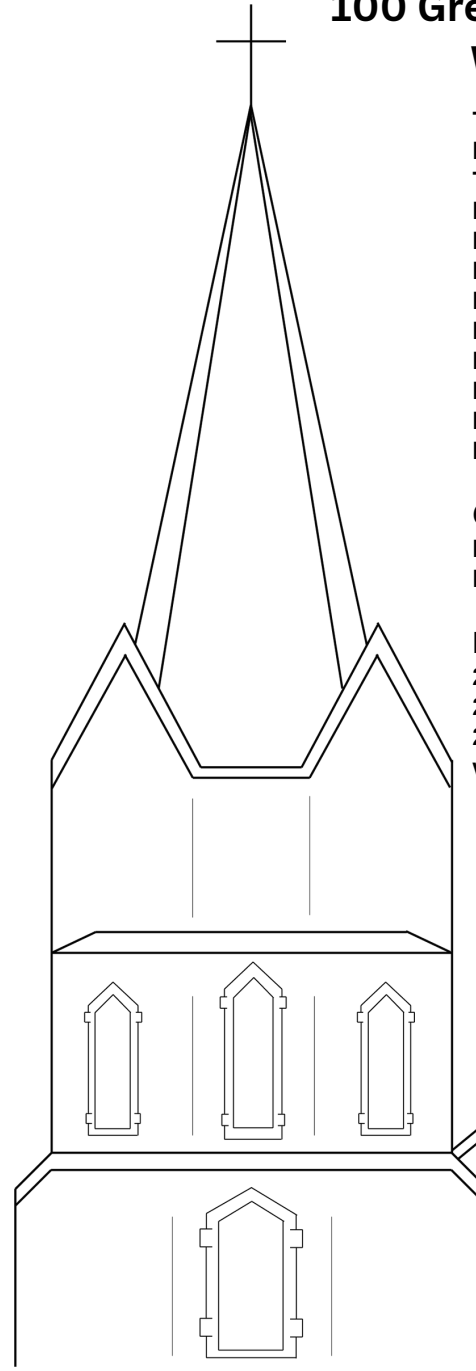
The Reverend Mike Frese, Senior Pastor
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The Reverend Robert E. Bergland, Pastor Emeritus
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Mrs. Shelley Gibson, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday School
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
Ms. Jo Shackelford, Church Secretary
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Church Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00pm

Phone Numbers

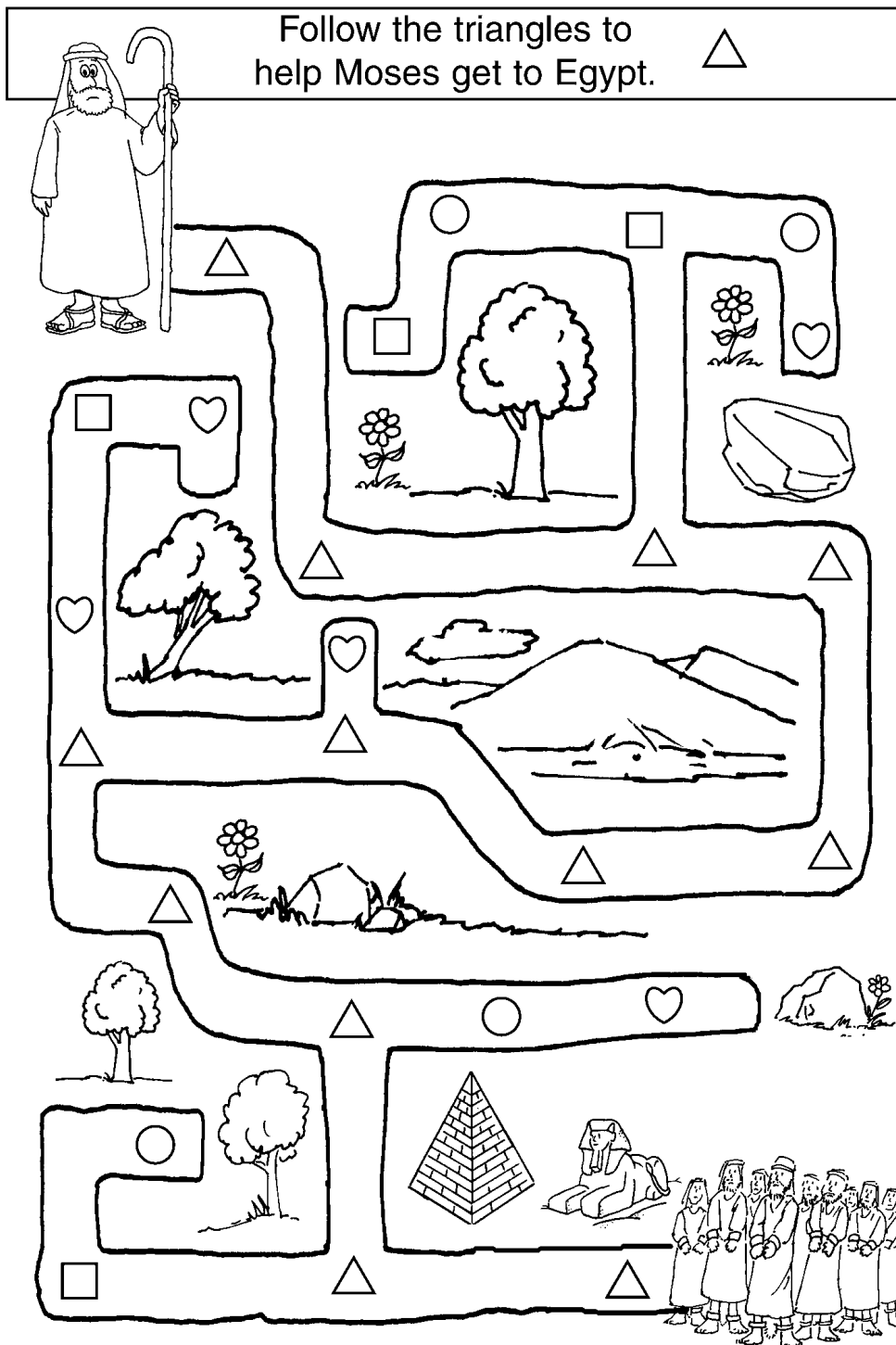
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“Invite, Inspire, Ignite”

September 22, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

God was sending Moses back to Egypt.



First Wednesdays at First! FUMC Kids is hosting Wednesday Night Supper on October 2! Come out to enjoy fellowship and a delicious taco bar with all the fixins! Adults: \$7, Children: \$4, Max for family: \$20. RSVP to 237-6121 by September 30 at noon!

Fifth Sunday Fellowship! Everyone is invited to stay after our combined worship service on Sunday, September 29 for hot dogs, refreshments, and a time of fellowship as a church! We can't wait!

FUMC Kids is having a parent/son fishing trip on October 19 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bring your fishing supplies and chairs and we will provide hotdogs, s'mores, fish, and a fire!!! Register on our website!

Greeter and Usher Celebration We want to celebrate the people who make our services welcoming and seamless! All Ushers, Greeters and their spouses are invited to dinner in Asbury Hall on October 16 from 6 - 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided! Please call the church or email shelleygibson@fumcwilson.org by 10/14 to RSVP.

First Methodist Women continue to sell pecans! Fill out your order form by October 6 and leave it in the box on the office desk or find any FMW member! Order forms can be found on the table in the atrium.

Are you in need of some help around your house? Let M&O know! We'd love to send a team to you on October 12 to assist what you need! Contact Jessica (satterfields2@yahoo.com) or Matt (nestor_matt@yahoo.com) to sign up.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Organ and Harpsichord Concert - September 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Join us in the sanctuary for the "Greatest Hits of the Organ and Harpsichord" Concert. David Bellows will present an exciting program of music showcasing our church's fabulous instruments. Free Concert - Donations accepted for the "Psalm 150" Music Ministries Fund.

Nerf Battle and Pizza Party! FUMC Kids is hosting a Nerf battle at GSK on Sunday, September 22 from 5 - 7 p.m.! Nerf guns and darts are provided!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury
- 10:00 Adult Sunday School Children/Youth Small Groups - Sanctuary Building and Blackburn
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 5:00 FUMC KIDS Nerf Battle - Asbury Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 10:00 CHEW Packaging - Asbury Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:30 Missions & Outreach - Conference Room
- 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal - Watson Classroom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 6:00 Stewardship Committee - Conference Room
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Suite

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:30 Weekday School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 12:30 Colvin Family Meal - Asbury Hall
- 2:00 Colvin Funeral - Sanctuary
- 6:00 Christmas Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:30 Praise Band - Asbury Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:00 ECU Organ Lessons - Sanctuary
- 7:00 Organ Concert - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

LOOKING AHEAD...

- October 5:** Rise Against Hunger
- October 6:** Blessing of the Animals Service
- October 12:** Love Your Neighbor Missions Day
- October 19:** Parent/Son Fishing Trip
- October 23 - 25:** Congregational Soup Care
- October 27:** Trunk or Treat Bash

From the Pastor . . .

On Sunday, we will continue our Sermon series, “Episodes in Exodus.” We will be moving slowly through chapter 3 of Exodus, because it is rich in what it reveals about God and God’s relationship with us. Last week, we were reminded that God is always around us and with us. Each day can be filled with special revelations of God’s presence and power. The key for us encountering God is that we step aside from our daily tasks and habits and look for God’s manifestation.

This is what our youth will be doing this weekend. This weekend, 62 youth and 13 chaperones will gather at Camp Don Lee for their annual fall retreat. Following the trajectory of last week’s sermon, they are stepping aside from their typical weekend schedule to attend to their spiritual growth. Retreats can provide space for a deeper experience of God’s presence and power. Please be in prayer for Tiler as he leads the retreat and for all those participating. May the Holy Spirit rest upon each person in attendance and on the overall group so that they can encounter their risen Savior in a more meaningful way.

This Sunday, we return to the burning bush and the content of God’s conversation with Moses. As God speaks with Moses, God makes clear that God is completely aware of the suffering of the Israelites. God knows about their misery. God intends to deliver them from their circumstances. God seeks to save them from their situation. This is true not only for the Israelites, but for us as well. God knows what we are experiencing, and God seeks to save us. However, there’s a twist in the conversation, and it involves Moses. Come and join us in worship and see God’s invite for Moses (and us) to be agents of liberation.

Pastor Mike

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, retirement and rest homes, and the sick and shut-ins with prayers, cards, calls, and visits:

HOSPITAL: Andy Michaud - Rex

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **H. F. Kelly** who died on September 12, 2024.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Pam Barrett** and family on the death of her father, Johnny Raper, who died on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

BY OUR PRESENCE

The following numbers represent our in-person and livestream numbers for Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024:

Contemporary Service

In-Person - 69 Online - 37

Traditional Service

In-Person - 143 Online - 65

Total In-Person Attendance - 212

Total Online Worship Attendance - 102

Sunday School - 58

BY OUR GIFTS

2024 Operating Budget	\$1,083,500
Weekly Requirement	\$20,837
Received September 15, 2024	\$12,593
YTD Requirement	\$770,952
Received YTD	\$792,433
Over (Under)	\$21,481*

*Includes 2024 pledges paid in full

BY OUR SERVICE AND OUR WITNESS

Congregational Soup Care is looking for volunteers! We will be making and packaging the soup October 23 - 25 this year. Please sign up to volunteer for this amazing ministry that not only feeds your belly, but provides soup for those in need throughout the year!

The Worship of God

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Hour
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering of God’s People

Sharing in Song

**WHO YOU SAY I AM
OCEANS**

Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Moments

First Lesson

Mark 1:16-20

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

OVERCOME
(Please sign and pass the attendance pad)

Praise Band

Prayer of Dedication

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

Exodus 3:1-12

Morning Message

“Called To Be an Agent”

Reverend Mike Frese

OUR RESPONSE

Closing Song

SET A FIRE

Praise Band

Reader: Lee Edwards

Sound Operator: Bill Bass

Pro Presentor: Johna Kite

Video: Ed Reel

Greeters: The Fassnachts

We are so grateful to all who give of their time and talents to our Praise Band. Thank you for leading in worship and for your ministry to our church!

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Hour
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please let the first note of the prelude be a call to silent meditation.

PRELUDE

“Tis’ So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

T. Osman

(Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ashley Patterson)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN NO. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDA

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, All You People”

J. Bell

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

+HYMN NO. 71

GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

A short devotion for preschool and elementary children

+FIRST LESSON

Mark 1:16-20

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PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please sign and pass the attendance pads.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

R. Shepherd

+HYMN NO. 95

DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 3:1-12

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Called to Be an Agent”

Reverend Mike Frese

+HYMN NO. 568

“Christ for the World We Sing”

ITALIAN HYMN

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“Festival Voluntary”

F. Peeters

+Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Todd Davis by his parents, Henry and Sandy Davis, and by Amy and Mark Timberlake.

Participating with the clergy today:

Sound: T Franks

Reader: Scott Haynes

Video: FT Franks

Greeters: Carla Colvin

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: “What We Learn from God’s Name”

Hebrews 1:1-4 and Exodus 3:13-17