

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**Homecoming Sunday -- October 27, 2013**



## **Celebrating 162 Years of Ministry**

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 2013, 11:00a.m.

**MINISTERS:**

All Members

**PASTOR:**

Michael B. Reaves

**LAY LEADER:**

Marie Williams

**MUSICIAN:**

Gwen Henderson

## The Prelude

## Chiming of the Hour

## Special Music

Bob Stone & the Virginia Gospel Singers

## The Welcome, Recognition of Visitors, and Announcements

### \*The Call to Worship

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

**But we also look to the future as well as the past.**

The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

**Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful. Nothing can separate us from the love of God!**

**All: Praise be to God!**

### \*Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

## The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the history and heritage of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have used it; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

## Sharing with the Family of God: The Children's Message

## Special Music

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## Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Spirit, purify us that our ears may be unplugged and that we may respond to you in love and joy. May we be ready to do your work, to share in the fellowship of your people, and to bear the Cross with those who lay down their lives for your glory; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**The Old Testament Reading** – Joshua 5:9-12 p. 325

**The Gospel Reading** – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 p.1573

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Message** “Never Far From Home” Pastor Reaves

**The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Special Music**

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**\*The Doxology**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:**

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Victory in Jesus” UMH 370

**\*The Dismissal from the Service and Blessing of the Meal**

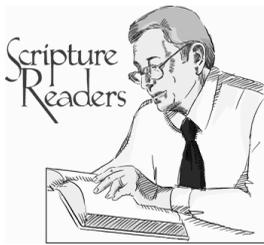
**\*The Postlude** “Bless the Lord” (2X)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Welcome to our Homecoming Celebration!** We extend a sincere welcome to everyone who is visiting with us this morning, especially all former members, friends, and family who have returned to celebrate this day of worship and fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about our church or about Church membership, contact Rev. Michael Reaves at [reaves.michael.b@gmail.com](mailto:reaves.michael.b@gmail.com) or (540) 775-7247. We hope that you will find the warmth and love of Jesus Christ among the congregation at Fletcher’s Chapel today!



**Volunteer Signup Sheet for Sunday Mornings:** We need people to serve as greeters, scripture readers, and children's message speakers. The signup sheet is on the table in the sanctuary entrance.

**All are Welcome** to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection. Our hope is that you will feel God's blessing during this time with us.



**Our Vision** is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

**Our Mission:** “<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” -- Matthew 28:19-20

**Check out our website** at [www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org](http://www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org) and let us know what you think! Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed. Download a copy of the bulletin.

### **Fletcher's Chapel Members with 50 Years of Continuous Membership**

Mabel Corbitt (1946), Shirley Seay (1946), Allen "Burkett" Coates (1949), Louise Henderson (1949), James Henderson (1950), Peggy Jett (1950), Judith Batten (1954), Ashley Williams (1956), Colleen Bowie (1957), Mildred Brooks (1957), Victoria Parker (1957), Nancy Sullivan (1957), Marion Tucker (1957), Kenneth Williams (1957), Phillip Williams (1957), Marie Williams (1958), Clifton Seay (1959), Joyce Henderson (1960), Ruby Hawkins (1961), Beatrice Newton (1961), John Coates Jr. (1962), Delores Coates (1962)

If you believe that your name has been left off the list, please contact the church office as we are in the process of auditing our membership records.

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**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: October 27 – November 3, 2013**

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Music Program
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
<b>Tuesday, 10/29</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Sunday, 11/3</b>		Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Upcoming:**

<b>Wednesday, 11/6</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry (9:30am)
<b>Wednesday, 11/13</b>	Charge Conference at Trinity UMC (7:00pm)
<b>Saturday, 11/16</b>	District Conference & Training Event (9:00am)
<b>Sunday, 11/24</b>	Operation Sharehouse at King George YMCA (2:00pm)

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**Our Thanks to Bob Stone & the Virginia Gospel Singers** for our special music this morning. For nearly 60 years, Bob Stone has been playing bluegrass Gospel music all over the area. We are blessed to have him and the band with us today.

**The Homecoming Meal** will be served at the conclusion of our Worship Service. All are welcome to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship. When the service has ended, please go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall. If you need assistance getting down the stairs, please inform one of the Ushers or the Pastor.

**District Conference & Training Event:** is November 16, 2013 at King George High School. Everyone is invited to the conference and training - you don't have to be an official delegate to come. While the conference and training are free, we do ask that you register so we are better prepared. Registration Deadline for District Conference and Training is November 11.

**The Board of Trustees** will meet on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00pm. Please mark the date and plan to attend if you are a Trustee.



# FALL BACK

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 3.** Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



# PRAYER LIST

The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community;  
Those who are having difficulties in their marriages;  
The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center;  
Missionaries throughout the world; Our men and women in service;  
Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Colleen Bowie,  
Dave & Dee Campbell, Barbara Canaday, Delores Coates, Faye Coates,  
John Coates, Darrell Critzer, Audrey Davenport, Joe & Dot Dunivin,  
Christine Holdren, Louise Henderson, Pam Hunter, Gwen Henderson,  
Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett,  
Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Clifton Seay,  
Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens

***Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pew racks. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.*

**"Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace"** is the theme of our Stewardship emphasis for 2014. Our stewardship campaign will begin on November 10 and conclude on November 24 with our Harvest Celebration Sunday.

**Operation Sharehouse (Stop Hunger Now)** is coming soon. You can still donate money today to Stop Hunger Now. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 from churches and other organizations throughout the county. The deadline for contributions is November 17. Please plan to help pack meals on Sunday, November 24.

**Money can be a blessing or a curse, depending on our attitude towards it.**

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).