

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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*To each is given  
the manifestation  
of the Spirit for  
the common good.*

*1 Corinthians 12.7*

**Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*Prayer for Renewal of the Church (in unison)

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us and shape us by your cross. Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*The Call to Worship

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

**Alleluia!**

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

**Alleluia!**

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

### \*Hymn

*“O Spirit of the Living God”*

UMH 539

## The Opening Prayer

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

## The Children’s Message/Loose Change Collection

### \*Hymn

*“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

UMH 334

## The Baptismal Covenant I

Reception of New Members (8:30)

Confirmation (11:00)

UMH 33

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. **Amen.**

**The First Scripture Reading** – Acts 2:1-21

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**The Second Scripture Reading** – 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

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

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

**The Message**

*“Using Our Gifts”*

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

**The Response:** *“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”* (2x)

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

**\*The Doxology** (UMH 95)

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

UMH 540

## **\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who sits at the right hand of God in glory, and who sends the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name.

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God’s son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! **Alleluia!**

**\*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.*

**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Scripture Reader:**

Lucy Willard (8:30)

**Assisting with Worship June 15:**

**Children's Church (11:00)**

**Greeter:**

Mary Ellen Emory  
Kenny Newton (11:00)

**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.

**About Fletcher's Chapel Church**

**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:** "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and 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

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Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed.

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**PRESIDING BISHOP:**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**Young Jin Cho**

**Theodore Smith**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**Marie Williams**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

**THIS WEEK: June 8 - 15, 2014**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Confirmation Sunday/Loose Change Collection</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship
	<b>Noon</b> Reception for the Confirmation Class of 2014
<b>Thursday, 6/12</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> Finance Committee
	<b>7:30pm</b> Administrative Council
<b>Saturday, 6/14</b>	<b>8:00am</b> UMW Yard Sale
	<b>Noon</b> Fairview Beach Property Reserved
	<b>3:00pm</b> Picnic Shelter Reserved for Oakland Park HOA

**UPCOMING:**

<b>Tuesday, 6/17</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
<b>Wednesday, 6/18</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Friday, 6/27	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Sunday, 7/6</b>		<b>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</b>

**Birthdays This Week:**

<b>6/12</b> Gary Higgs	<b>6/14</b> Nicole Montgomery
<b>6/13</b> Dwayne Hilton, Jr.	<b>6/15</b> Luke Ohler

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**Today is Pentecost Sunday!** After Easter and Christmas the other major celebration of the Christian Church is Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the church. The color for the day is red. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs; those believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

**We are blessed today** to welcome nine new members to the Fletcher's Chapel Church family. Chris and Tina Lauber and their daughters, McKenna and McKenzie, will transfer their membership this morning during the 8:30 service. The Lauber family comes to us from Fredericksburg UMC. During the 11:00 service, we will welcome the 2014 Confirmation Class. Benjamin Larimore will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Ben, along with Kyle Critzer, Carissa Emory, Chloe Hartung and Elizabeth Rand will make professions of faith and be confirmed into the membership of Fletcher's Chapel.

**Confirmation Class Reception:** Join us today after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall as we take time to congratulate the Confirmation Class of 2014.

**The Loose Change Offering** is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



**High School & College Graduates:** We would like to publish a list of high and college graduates in the June 15<sup>th</sup> bulletin. If you have a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild graduating this year, pass that information on to Pastor Mike.

**Annual Conference Offering:** This year's Annual Conference Offering will benefit Imagine No Malaria, Initiatives of Hope in Mozambique, Brazil, Cambodia, Children's ministries in Virginia, and Connecting Hope in Haiti. To contribute please indicate on your check or contribution "Annual Conference Offering." Please refer to the insert for more information.

**Kits For Conference:** Kit's are being collected conducted to replenish the UMCOR supply. Copies of the instruction for assembling the kits are on the table in the sanctuary entrance.

**UMW Yard Sale Items Needed!** As you do your spring cleaning this year, remember that the UMW will be having a Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 14. Consider donating your gently used items. Children's toys, kitchen items, books, and other household items are especially needed. Any clothing donations should be cleaned and in good condition.

**2013 Samaritan Fund Offering:** Envelopes are on the table in the entrance to the sanctuary. This offering allows Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH) to give financial assistance to residents who, through no fault of their own, are unable to meet the full cost of their care.

**God expects Christians to pay their taxes,  
since the government is ordained and authorized by God.**

*"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,  
And to God the things that are God's" – Matthew 22:21*





**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those having difficulties in their marriages; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Dee Campbell, Grace Cleveland, Jayden Cleveland, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Pete Sullivan, Sherry Garner Taylor, Dinah Taylor

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Shirley Cahoon, Barbara Canaday, Inez Carver, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Virginia Garner, Alvin Gill, Christine Holdren, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Hugh "Little Boy" Newton, Msgr John Pennington, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Kert Ryder's Great-Aunt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Patty Darr Sullivan, Joan Wehner

**\*Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22485):** 1056 Garner Dr, 1059 Garner Dr, 1062 Garner Dr, 1068 Garner Dr, 1076 Garner Dr, 1086 Garner Dr, 1110 Garner Dr, 1118 Garner Dr, 1127 Garner Dr, 1130 Garner Dr, 1136 Garner Dr, 1140 Garner Dr, 1145 Garner Dr, 1148 Garner Dr, 1154 Garner Dr, 1158 Garner Dr, 1170 Garner Dr, 1176 Garner Dr, 1188 Garner Dr, 1281 Forest Ridge Dr, 1284 Forest Ridge Dr, 1293 Forest Ridge Dr, 1299 Forest Ridge Dr, 8503 Summerbeam Dr, 8509 Summerbeam Dr, 8512 Summerbeam Dr

***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.*

*\*There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church.  
In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list.*

## **Stewardship: Applying Bible Principles**

Under the Old Testament economy, people were required to give to God because this was also the means of providing the government. A theocracy was in place then, which meant that government was actually operating under the direct authority and leadership of God Himself.

Today, we are under a different economy. However, we are still required to support the government. We may not like the way government operates. We may not agree with the policies of our governmental leaders. We may not even like the political process or the individuals involved in it.

But God says that is not the issue. The issue is one of obedience. He says we are to pay our taxes to which “taxes are due” (Romans 13:7). In spite of all the ills of government, God says that governmental agencies and government leaders are His “servants” and that they operate for our ultimate “good.”

So the question is not whether we agree with or even support the work and activities of our governments at the local, state and national levels. The question is one of whether or not we will obey God. You see, it’s relatively easy to sing, “Oh, How I Love Jesus.” It’s far more difficult to demonstrate our love for Him by yielding to Him in full and complete obedience, especially when His commands are ones we do not care for — like paying our taxes.

If He is in charge, if He is Lord of our lives, then we will do what He tells us to do. As the little chorus states it so clearly, “I’ll say, ‘Yes,’ Lord, ‘Yes,’ to Your will and to Your way; ‘Yes,’ Lord, ‘Yes,’ I will trust You and obey.” Even when it comes to paying my taxes? Even when it comes to paying my taxes!

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21).