

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**A harvest of  
righteousness  
is sown in peace**



**for those who  
make peace.  
James 3.18**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 20, 201 8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.**

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*The Call to Worship

Happy are the people  
**who do not follow the advice of the wicked**  
or take the path that they follow,  
**or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and they meditate on God's law day and night.**  
The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110

## The Opening Prayer

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. **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

### \*Hymn

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

UMH 334

## Prayer for Illumination

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! **Amen.**

## The New Testament Reading – James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

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

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

**The Message**

“A Closer Walk With Thee”

**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:** Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our first fruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

UMH 419

**\*The Charge and the Blessing**

Go out into the world endeavoring to be the last of all and the servant of all. Welcome the children, for in doing so, you welcome Jesus. Submit yourselves to God, resist all evil; draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

May God, who watches over all the righteous, give you the gifts needed to be a capable servant. May Jesus Christ, who welcomes everyone, give you the loving heart of a child so that you can welcome others unconditionally. May the Holy Spirit, who gives us the understanding we need to love God and to love others, give us unselfish and generous hearts, to heal relationships and to live in peace. **Amen.**

**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.*

**All are Welcome** to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card and place it into the offering plate during the collection. We hope you will feel God’s blessing during this time together.

**Assisting with Worship**

**Scripture Readers:**

**Greeters:**

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

**Today:**

Lucy Willard (8:30)

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Tina Lauber

**September 27:**

Tina Lauber (8:30)

Kenny Newton (11:00)

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**Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, and serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. Please see Pastor Mike for the sign-up sheet.

**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:** <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

**Contact us by email:** Pastor Mike is at [reaves.michael.b@gmail.com](mailto:reaves.michael.b@gmail.com)

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**MINISTERS:**

**BISHOP**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**All Members**

**Young Jin Cho**

**Theodore Smith**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**Marie Williams**

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**This Week: September 20 - 27, 2015**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Fish Fry
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
	<b>3:00pm</b>	Charge Conference at Grace-Oak Grove UMC

**Upcoming:**

<b>Saturday, 10/3</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	United Methodist Women Meeting
<b>Sunday, 10/4</b>	<b><u>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</u></b>	
<b>Wednesday, 10/7</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Saturday, 10/10</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Set-Up for Covered Dish Lunch
<b>Sunday, 10/11</b>	<b><u>Loose Change Collection</u></b>	
	<b><u>“Bring a Friend Day” – Special Schedule</u></b>	
	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00</b>	Southern Gospel Concert by “Justified”
	<b>Noon</b>	Covered Dish Lunch

**Birthdays This Week**

9/22 Susan Reaves    9/23 Britney Ayres, Jeanne Bullock    9/26 Jeff Morfit

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**Bring a friend!**

**“Bring a Friend Day”** – Sunday, October 11 will be an exciting day at Fletcher’s Chapel. Instead of a traditional Homecoming Service, we want to invite our neighbors and all of our friends – old and new – to join us at Fletcher’s Chapel for this special day. We will host a Southern Gospel Concert by the group Justified during the 11:00 a.m. worship time. A covered dish lunch will follow at Noon. Come and worship at 8:30, stay for Sunday School, enjoy the concert, and end the day with a meal together. Bring a friend, relative, acquaintance or neighbor to the concert and invite them to stay for lunch. More news to come!



**The Fish Fry is coming!** Plan to join us on Saturday, September 26. We will need help with food prep, set up, and clean up. Sign up to provide side dishes and desserts to serve with the meals. Food will be served from 4:00 – 6:00. All donations will go to the United Methodist Men's group. Please see Allen Coates for more information.

**The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee** will meet again this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Charge Conference is Next Sunday!** Mark your calendars. Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 3:00pm. We will join with Dahlgren, Trinity, Colonial Beach, Epworth, Mizpah, Grace – Oak Grove, and McKendree Churches. All those who plan to attend can meet at the church at 2:00pm and we will carpool.

### **Prayer Concerns**

**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Audrey Schindel, Clifton Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Thomas Bowen, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Frazier Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Alvin Gill, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Camden Newton (infant), Adolfo Pangilinan, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Hubert Roberson, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Lisa Storm, Chris Sutler, Joan Wehner

***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.*