

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Worship & Music committee	Room 307
6:30 pm	Combined Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Filter of Hope: Panama Recap	143 Broad

Monday, September 14

2:00 pm	Circle 1	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Personnel committee	Room 222
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 15

12:30 pm	Saints Alive Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16

2:30 pm	Prayer meeting	Library
5:30 pm	WNT	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, September 17

7:00 pm	Preschool Fire Safety Day Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad
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Friday, September 18

	Preschool Fire Safety Day	
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Saturday, September 19

7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
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Sunday, September 20

	Newsletter Deadline	
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Christian Ed committee	Room 222
2:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Team	Parlor
3:00 pm	Combined Refresh Youth	Hinman home

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Music Ministry: There are many times in Scripture that we are exhorted to make music. Psalm 95 begins: “Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.” Psalm 96 begins: “Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name.” Psalm 98 begins: “Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.” And St. Paul reminds the Ephesians to “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” I invite you to prayerfully consider joining Chancel Choir and share your gift of music, sing your faith, and share the Word of God through music as we help lead 11:15 a.m. worship. All singers are welcome! Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you have questions or need additional information, please don’t hesitate to ask. Robbie Pearson, Interim Director of Music, robbietpearson@gmail.com; 704-560-9978.

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Robert Holman
Vic Petrenko
Susan Poore
Johnny Robertson
Lynda Robinson
Al White

Class of 2027
Brent Curtis
Philip Heilman
David Handy
Rachel van Harn
Trent Newell
Donna Welsh

Class of 2028
Michelle Drodgy
Nathan Glad
Dave Ramey
Nikki Robinson
Sue Stevens
Michelle Stissel

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

September 13, 2026 ♦ 11:15 AM

*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”
Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE Greg Thompson - piano

WELCOME Moses Camacho-Greer

MOMENT FOR CONNECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139

Leader: Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my
sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**People: You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are
acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it
altogether.

**People: You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand
upon me.**

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I
cannot attain to it.

INVOCATION

**Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are awed by your
wondrous works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. For all
your majesty we praise you; yet even more we rejoice that you do
not forget us, that you want to know us, that you come to care for
us, sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 406: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*
Tune: LANDAS

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* Moses Camacho-Greer**
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 Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM:
Craig Courtney

The Staff of Faith

Chancel Choir

*My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier's trusty blade.
I'll travel on, and still be stirred by prayerful thought or holy Word;
By all my peril undeterred, a soldier pilgrim staid.
I have a guide, and in His steps when travelers have trod,
If there beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod,
They cared not, but with force unspent,
unmoved by pain they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God.
My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword, may falsehood find it keen!
Thy spirit Lord, to me impart, O make me what Thou ever art,
O patient and courageous heart, as all true saints have been.
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!
My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Moses Camacho-Greer

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 412: *He Comes to Us as One Unknown*
Tune: REPTON

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:24-31

SERMON: *“Encounters with Jesus: Thomas”* Dave Rockness

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 712: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*
Tune: ASH GROVE

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson - piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you a first-time visitor? If so, please make sure to check in at the welcome table in the church parlor after the service. We want to make sure you can connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Patrick and Laura Wright and in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary.

Join Us for an Evening Celebrating Our Panama Mission Trip: Please join us on **Sunday, September 13th, at 6:30 pm in the 143 Building** as we celebrate the most recent FPC Mission Trip to Panama with Filter of Hope. The FPC team of 13 spent a week serving the people of Panama by providing clean drinking water while sharing the hope of the Gospel. It was an incredible opportunity to serve, build relationships, and share Christ with those they encountered. The team would love to share their experience with our entire congregation through pictures, videos, and stories from the trip. Whether you would like to learn more about Filter of Hope and its mission, hear about what God is doing through these trips, or have considered joining a future mission trip, we hope you'll come and be part of the evening!

You're Invited to Our Fall Picnic! Make plans to join your church family for our annual Fall Picnic on **Sunday, October 18**, following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. We will meet at Cornelius Road Park in Mooresville for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fall fun. All are welcome—members, guests, families, and friends. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

Give the Gift of time: Our Sprouts ministry urgently needs volunteers during the 10am service. Currently we have several Middle School volunteers who serve weekly and we feel they are in a place where they need to continue to grow, learn, and mature in their faith through Sunday School classes. We are looking for high school and adult volunteers to step in to serve 1x every other month! We need 8 people who are willing to serve 1x every 8 weeks. If you are willing to gift your time to our young children please contact melissaf@moorevillefpc.org as soon as possible. Our goal is to have our Middle Schoolers back in Sunday School classes by September 13th!

Radmard Conference: Please keep Mike and Sue Tribby in your prayers as they attend this conference through the Outreach Foundation. Here is a brief description of the ministry that will take place: Our team will spend time with Radmard's men and their wives in worship, prayer, and conversation over meals. Participants will return energized by the work of God happening in a country listed on the Open Doors top ten watch list. Due to security concerns, we cannot share details of the men or the locations from which they are traveling to meet with our team. Radmard, which means "men of purity" in Persian, is a one- of-a-kind ministry for men facing their addictions. Many of the men are Muslims who discover the healing power of the Christian gospel, combined with modern-day best practices in addiction recovery. As these men experience healing, they

discover Jesus, decide to follow Him, and lead their families into faith. This year, we are privileged to include and hear from their wives.

Wednesday Night Together (WNT) – Coming Soon – Fall 2026:
Wednesday Night Together returns this fall beginning September 9! Join us each Wednesday evening as we gather for fellowship, dinner, discipleship, and programs for every generation. Whether you've been coming for years or are looking for a place to connect, WNT is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and build relationships within our church family.

Fall Schedule

- September 9 – Kickoff Night of Dinner and Classes
- Weekly gatherings through November 18
- No WNT: November 25 (Thanksgiving Week)
- October 14 – Worship Night
- December 2 – Worship Night & Semester Close

Evening Schedule

- 5:30 PM – Dinner together (suggested donation: \$6/person, \$25 family maximum)
- 6:20–7:30 PM – Adult classes & Bible studies, children's ministry, youth ministry, and childcare
(Fall offerings are posted on the church website.)

****Note:** *There will not be music time offered this semester.*

This Fall's complete list of offerings, class descriptions, and registration information will be available soon on the church website. We hope you'll make Wednesday nights a part of your fall rhythm as we grow together in Christ.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. **Prayer concerns will remain for six weeks. If you wish people to remain longer, please contact the church office and ask to have the period extended.** If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Joyce Johnson	Jean Chislaghi	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	

Members of the Church – Larry & Celia Putnam		
Justin Foulke	Barbara Hinson Family	Family of David Howie
Bill Morrow Family	Jeff Stonestreet	Christon Carlson
Family of Barbara Newton	Family of George Brawley Jr.	Family of John Neely
Family of Marshall Crouch	Family of Franklin Holshouser	Lorra Lee Holshouser

Friends of the Church

Emily Procik	Brock & Casey McNabb	Seth Snodgrass
Jeri Laud	Louis Vargas	Barbara Weyer
Jim & Sharon Veley	Joyce Gilland	Donna Lane & family

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LT Dylan Powell, USN
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