

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Grades 1 st – 5 th Sunday School Class	Room 322
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 6

Office & Preschool Closed- Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300&301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 8

6:00 pm	Logos Registration Deadline	
	Logos Staff Meeting & Dinner	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 9

Friday, September 10

Saturday, September 11

Sunday, September 12

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:45 am	Sunday School	143 Broad
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten age during all services and activities on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm. Nurseries are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

Adult Sunday School: We are offering an in-person Sunday School class 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The class is led by John and Judy Daniel, and uses the Ray Vander Laan DVD series, “That the World May Know.” Upcoming class sessions include these topics:
September 5 – The Weight of the World
September 12 – Power to the People

Children’s Programs Kick Off September 12: See the bulletin insert for information about First Kids Worship (grades 1-5) and children and youth Sunday School classes and times.

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall: Beginning next Sunday, September 12, everyone is invited to a Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 – 10:45 am. We’ll enjoy light refreshments, coffee, lemonade, and a great opportunity to visit, talk and connect with our church family.

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2021

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

Class of 2022

Phil Heilman
Zach Miller
Trent Newell
Bill Omohundro
Mickey Russell

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2023

Mark Auten
Chris Creech
Ross Culp
Scott Mauney
Sue Stevens

DIACONATE

Andrew Coates, Moderator

Class of 2021

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Debbie Lackey
Jane Peterson
Teresa Trimble

Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley
Pat King
Liz Rader
Kendall Reid
Ginny Swedenberg

Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter
Laura Christman
Lucy Hastings
Cathy Irwin

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

September 5, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

*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, organist

WELCOME

Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 501: *“Come Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land,
I am weak, but thou art mighty- hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me
till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow,
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside,
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever
give to thee.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

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.

SONG OF WORSHIP 505: *"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"*

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell.
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well,
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread,
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be.
Gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see.
Gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, O the fullness of his love.
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day.
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way,
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 2:11-20

¹¹So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. ¹²Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. ¹³I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. ¹⁵So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. ¹⁶The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work. ¹⁷Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace." ¹⁸I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us start building!" So they committed themselves to the

common good. ¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, "What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" ²⁰Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem."

SERMON *"Discerning a Vision"* Dave Rockness

*HYMN 443: *"Trust and Obey"*

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way. While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he will richly repay. Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay. For the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way. What he says we will do, where he sends we will go never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

*INVITATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

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 have the opportunity to connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): The Logos/MSM program is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 15. Logos/MSM is a mid-week program for children and youth in 1st – 8th grades, and consists of 4 parts – Bible study, recreation, worship skills and dinner hour. The program meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Logos is for grades 1-5 and MSM if for grades 6-8. Cost is a \$35 registration fee and a \$55 per semester tuition fee (scholarship help is available). Registration deadline is this Wednesday, September 8. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) if you have questions about Logos/MSM or if you would like to register your child.

Logos/MSM Staff Meeting and Dinner: All weekly Logos/MSM staff volunteers are encouraged to attend an important staff orientation meeting and dinner this Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will go over program changes, safety information, schedules and important program information. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-

5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) by Tuesday, September 7 to make a dinner reservation.

Adult Sunday School Classes begin September 12: Beginning next Sunday, September 12, there will be 3 options for adult Sunday School classes:

- ❖ 9:45 am – That the World May Know Class - John and Judy Daniel, teachers - Room 301 - Uses the Ray Vander Laan DVD series, "That the World May Know"
- ❖ Covenant Bible Class Bob Amon, teacher - Room 309
- ❖ 10:45 am - Zach Miller, teacher - 143 Broad

Wednesday Night Together

Gospel of Luke Bible Study- This fall we will be offering an 11-week bible study (Sept. 15-Dec 8) for all ages in the 143 Building that will include dinner, a short video presentation, guided group discussion, pastoral insight, and a guidebook for further study. Dinner will be available 5:30-6pm in the 143 Building and then will transition into bible study which ends at 7pm. Those who arrive late for the dinner portion can still grab a quick bite to eat and join the group. The study will be led by Pastor Dave Rockness.

"Lost & Found" Women's Bible study- A woman's study will be offered as well and is entitled What Happens When Women Say Yes to God by Lysa Terkeurst. This study will be led by Jodi Rockness. Those attending can register for dinner as well. **Those interested in dinner-** Please register at the welcome booth after the service or through our church's website (moorevillefpc.org). Dinner will include pizza, salad, and drinks for \$5/per person.

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

Joan Gibson	Billie Brawley	John Westmoreland
Lecie Miller	Mary Mason	Kathleen Bates
Pat Hunter	Dot Nelson	Peggy Rogers
Peggy Davidson		

Bereavement – Russell Borkowsky, in death of wife, Claire Borkowsky

Members of the Church

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Robinson Family
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Seyller Family
Valerie Mauney & Family	Glenda Stutts & Family	Adonna Dickerson
Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Margie Overcash,	Patti Dancoff	Tom Thetga
sister to Marilyn Beaver		
Aldo Martinez	Sibyl Newton	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Maj. William Matheny, Army	LTC Rodney Tatum