

The Colorado Mission Team with members of a partner church.



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From the Pastor...

As a pastor, I often get asked, "Why does God let bad things happen?". Of course, that is an answer only God can give. What I will say is that Jesus warned us that we would have trouble in this world (John 16:33). Jesus also said, "take heart! I have overcome the world."

We may not understand why troubles exist, but we can be assured that we are not alone and that we will overcome. The psalmist said, "Weeping may last for the night, but Joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). In other words, there is good news, even in troubled times.

I hope you will join me throughout August and into the first Sunday of September, as we look at "Good News for Troubled Times." I won't promise to answer all your questions about why bad things happen, but I will promise to give you encouragement to move through them.

Good News for Tough Times 2026 Late Summer Preaching Schedule

August 2, 2026

Trials Will Come
John 16:33, James 1:2-12

August 9, 2026

God Whispers in the Storm
I Kings 19:3-13 (Psalm 13)

August 16, 2026

Don't Be Anxious, Right?!?
Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:4-9

August 23, 2026

God is Birthing Something New
Romans 8:18-28

August 30, 2026

God is For Us
Romans 8:31-39

September 6, 2026

You Don't Have to Do It Alone
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Schedule

Sunday, July 26 - Jubilee Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Rainforest Falls VBS

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Rainforest Falls VBS

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Rainforest Falls VBS

Thursday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Rainforest Falls VBS

Friday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Rainforest Falls VBS

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, August 6

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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August 1

Lynda Card

Garrett Gilliam

August 3

Nedra Broyhill

August 5

Sandra Brown

Kay Martin

Carrie Sykes

Linda Tinsley

August 7

Ken Marsh

August 9

Sawyer Hinceman

August 11

Wayne Rash

Joe Stephens

August 13

Anna Hill

August 14

Jesse Jackson

Kathy Mullins

August 15

Angie Shook

August 16

Lynn Barker

Chris Buckner

Nancy Deal

Gavin Sykes

Harry Tsumas

August 18

Connie Linyard

August 20

Meg Tillery

Walt Tillery

August 25

Pam Benfield

August 26

Laura Marsh

August 27

Pat Rushton

August 29

Ralph Bentley

Martha Boyles

Jackie Holshouser

August 31

Henry Crouch

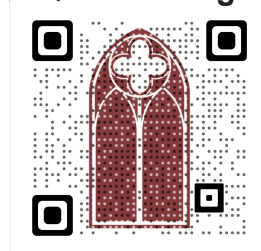
Spiritual Statistics

	7/12	7/19
In-Person	159	171
Online	18	18
Sunday School	78	85

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	66,647.00	862,240.00
Budget Receipts	50,690.00	853,319.00
Goals Not Met	(15,957.00)	(8,921.00)
Alms	1,109.00	20,226.00
Designated	1,264.00	131,339.00

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Colorado Mission Trip

July 11-17, 2026

What a great week we had together in Colorado. We loved on each other and both our partner churches. Greater St. John Baptist Church and Rapture Missionary Baptist Church welcomed and fed us. We left feeling like family. Much work was completed: a complete overhaul of basement including kitchen, dining room, and Sunday school room; a complete upgrade to a nursery; and a revamp of a clothes closet that once was a hindrance to those with a handicap. It now has a flow, a feel of peace, and a bunch of prayer.

It could not be done without your prayers, support and encouragement. For that, we are thankful.

To both churches we thank you for making us feel like family and for encouraging us with your wisdom, music and friendship.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth





Announcements

Alms Offering

The first Sunday of each month we receive an Alms Offering. This offering, taken at the end of the service, is used to help people in our community meet basic needs. An example of this is a wheel-chair lift we helped fund for one of our neighbors. Iredell Memorial Hospital had asked Together in Christ, a Union Grove ministry if they could assist one of their patients. Since they were in our neighborhood, Together in Christ, invited us to help. Together we met the need. Thank you for giving to our Alms Offering each month. It is one of the most tangible ways we show Christ's love.



Upcoming Events

Jubilee Sunday
July 26

Wednesday Evening Activities Resume
August 19

Visioning Luncheon - Forming Teams
August 23

Operation Inasmuch / Project Nehemiah
August 29

Parents Night Out
September 11

White Christmas
December 5



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