

Welcome Our Visitors

**We are excited that you have joined us for worship.
We pray that God will bless you and unite us in praise.
Please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew
pocket and place it in the offering plate.**

Restrooms: The restrooms are located through the doors to the left and right of the choir loft.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Just ask an usher.

Nursery is provided downstairs (use the right door by the organ) during Sunday School and Worship for ages birth to five years.

Weekly Growth in Grace

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. One adult class is located through the door to the right of the choir loft. Turn right, go down the hall, second door on the left. The other is downstairs in the room next to the kitchen. K-2nd grade children meet downstairs in the back room to the left off the social hall. 3rd-5th grade children meet in the room to the right off the social hall.

UM Youth Fellowship, ages 12-18, meet Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Lawrence Chapel UMC fellowship hall.

Choir Practice is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Bible Study meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage, 203 Joseph Street, Central

Articles for the Newsletter, "The Grapevine" are due **Sept, 27TH** Please email your articles to the Church at mtzion@nctv.com with newsletter in the subject line, or put in the newsletter mailbox in the church office.

The Beverly Smith Guild will meet at the home of Pam Baker at 102 Wyntuck Court in Clemson on **October 4TH at 7:00 pm**. We will be making plans to help Gene with the Ministers Cook Off which will be held on **November 2ND**. Ladies please join us if you are interested in evening fellowship and some local missions.

Prayer List



Gayle Heater, Greg & Sheila and Lance, David Bullock, Family of Sybil Funchess, Sybil Miller, Darryl Guffey, The Family of J.M. Slaton, Rebecca Carson, Charlie Glover, Terry Handegan, Maude Todd, Carrie Bolt, Grace Shirley, Gerry Smith. Dillon Lollis, Debi Culler, Elizabeth

Martel, Neil Florio, Anne Lewis, Nancy Wilkinson, John Marshall, Kay Barrett, Kristen Wilcox, Amy Hunter, Tommy Barker, Les Neville, Jim Cunningham, Jennifer Grannan. Gary Arney,

Homebound: Bill Clayton, Bobby Garrett, Golda Noblitt, Robert Arrowwood, and Frances Reid

Missionaries: Kat Laun

Active military service: John Holmes – Ft. Bliss; Alex Martin – Virginia; Amanda Chivers Nebraska; Chris Trumbower, Josh Trumbower – Ft. Hood; Derek McDonald, Jordon Cox – Kuwait; Travis Wilbanks – England; John Youngblood, Jr. – Alaska; Wayne Smith

Please leave a message in the offering plate for those that need to be added or removed from the prayer list.

Phone directories can be found on the credenza at the back of the church.

Contact Information

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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24th, 2017**

**Rev. Gene Aiken, Pastor
Mrs. Lynn Martin, Lay Leader
Mr. Malek McDuffie, Choir Director
Mr. Jack Russell, Pianist**

*"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever."
Psalm 125:1*

Order of Worship

*The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

~ GATHERING ~

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND ENTRY OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE....."God Will Take Care of You".....Hymnal 130

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GATHERING SONG....."We Are the Body of Christ"TFWS

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you,
We are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision:
To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.
And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.

~WORD AND RESPONSE~

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 78.....Hymnal 799

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostle's Creed.....Hymnal 881
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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Children May Come to the Altar

LORD'S PRAYER.....Hymnal 895
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN....."O God of Every Nation"Hymnal 435

~ THANKSGIVING ~

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SERMON READING.....Matthew 20:1-16NRSV 22

SERMON "A Just God"

~ SENDING ~

* CLOSING HYMN....."Now Thank We All Our God "Hymnal 102
(All are invited to come forward for prayer and discipleship commitment.)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given to The Glory of God in Memory of Hal Garrett by Jill & Sonny Sims.

Worship Committee Today Sept 24th at 4:00 p.m.

SPRC Meeting on this Wednesday September 27TH at 6:30pm at the church.

RAPpers Luncheon Sept 28th at 12:00 noon at the church. Bring your favorite pot luck dish.

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday October 18TH at 7:00pm here at the church.

The Trustees will meet Wednesday October 4TH at 7:00pm here at the church.

The Church Council will meet on Sunday October 22ND at 4:00pm here at the church.

Report of Finance

Contributions	August	YTD
Less: Operating Expenses	13,631.00	111,234.00
Net Contributions in Excess of Operating Expenses:	(10,444.00)	(104,235.00)
	3,187.00	6,999.00
Budgeted Monthly Expenses	15,049.00	120,392.00
Actual Monthly Expenses	(10,444.00)	(104,235.00)
Under (Over) Monthly Budgeted Amount	4,605.00	16,157.00