

**THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS**

**To Prepare Mind and Heart**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY** (10:25 a.m.)

Mike Page

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.*

**PRELUDE**

*The Love of God* .....arr. Carolyn Hamlin Seal  
Clyde Patterson

**To Give Thanks and Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blaine Pittman

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**PEOPLE: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**PEOPLE: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

(Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7)

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 395**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* .....CWM RHONDDA

**INVOCATION and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Pam Bass

*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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**To Come Before the Throne of Grace**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Dr. Clay Warf

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GUIDED PRAYER**

**To Bring Tithes and Offerings**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

*As the Deer* .....AS THE DEER  
(stanza 1 choir, congregation joins on the refrain)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(Offertory plates are located in the Narthex & on the Communion Table)*  
Tim Evans

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 253** .....OLD 100TH

**To Hear and Respond to God’s Word**

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN**

*(children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Children’s Church)*  
Susan Edwards

**CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 499**

*Open Our Eyes Lord* .....OPEN OUR EYES

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

*Who Is Jesus?* .....Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith  
Chancel Choir Music by Joel Raney

**READING OF THE WORD**

Dr. Warf  
Hebrews 2:14-18 and John 19:28-29

**THE MESSAGE**

**Cross Words:**  
**“I Thirst”**  
(5<sup>th</sup> in a series)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 342**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*.....TOPLADY

**\*COMMISSION and BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 252**

*Glory Be to the Father*.....GLORIA PATRI

**\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH DEPARTS**

**To Live for Him**

**POSTLUDE**

Karen Sawyer

*\*Congregation stands, who are able*

**The Ministry of Worship Participants**

Dr. Clay Warf, Transitional Pastor  
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education  
Clyde Patterson, Church Organist  
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

**Today**

Deacons: Pam Bass & Tim Evans  
Children's Church: Brenda Griffin  
Nursery & Toddlers: Paula Strickland

**2026 Financial Summary for 9 Weeks**

**Member Prayer Request**

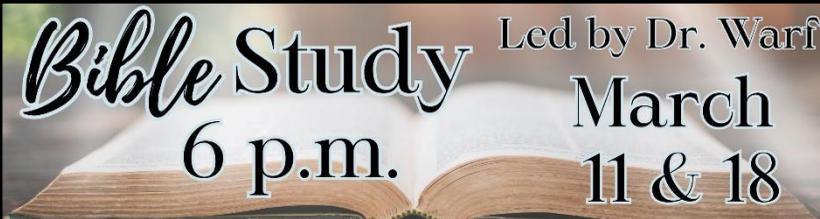
Kathy Davis	Weedie Hayes	Claudia Mull
Judy Edwards	Jane Hedgepeth	Cheryl Rice
Family of Elaine	Sue Jenkins	Healon Smith
Cooper Ferrell	Kelle Joyner	Larry Womack

**Prayer on Behalf of Members**

Harrison Barnett	Carolyn Jernigan	Tracy Radican
Fran Collins	Dougald McLaurin	Johnathan Sawyer
Dexter Denton	Linda McLaurin	Janice Smith
Rudy Frazier	Paul Patterson	Wanda Surles

**Card Ministry to the Homebound**

*Bible Study* Led by Dr. Warf  
**6 p.m. March 11 & 18**



**Seniors on the Go!**   
**Tuesday, March 10, depart @ 11:00 a.m.**  
 Something Different | 3342 Airport Rd, Wilson, NC  
 Sign up by Sunday, March 8, if you are interested in attending.

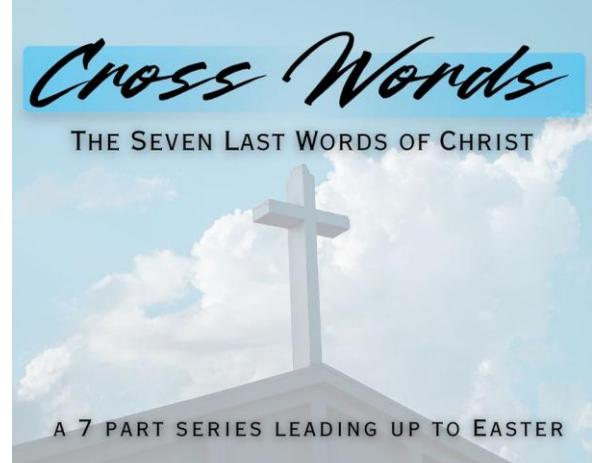
Meet in the Fellowship Hall | *Family Night Meal* | Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.  
 \$5 payable at the door | **March 11 & 25 2026 @ 5:30 PM**

**Security Team Meeting**  
 Thursday 6:00 pm  
 March 12 Fellowship Hall

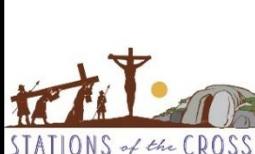
*Items of the Month* **March**  
 • Canned Chicken • Rice  
 • Hamburger Helper



*Cross Words*  
 THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST  
 A 7 PART SERIES LEADING UP TO EASTER



**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS**  
 The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Alvin, my daughter, Janet, and my parents, John & Eloise Richardson, by Mary John Matthews.

 **STATIONS of the CROSS**  
 During the Lenten Season, the sanctuary is adorned with banners depicting scenes from the Stations of the Cross. These images are taken from the last hours of the life of our Savior. Please take time to read the descriptions to further your Lenten worship.

**OUR MISSION** We strive to be an inclusive, loving, and caring fellowship committed to connecting people to Jesus Christ.

**OUR VISION** Through WORSHIP we express our love for God. Through DISCIPLESHIP we grow in God's love. Through EVANGALISM we boldly share God's love. Through FELLOWSHIP we unite in God's love.