September 27, 2009
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"Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice" (Psalm 105:31, NRSV). Let us rejoice as we present ourselves before our loving Creator. Welcome to worship. Welcome to this house of God.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *"We Have Not Received"* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 92 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 846 – Psalm 124
*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed
*The Gloria Patri: 70 – *"Glory Be to the Father"*

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
THE OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 496 *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 805 – Mark 9:38 - 50

ANTHEM *"It Could Happen In A Moment"* Choir

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 974 – James 5:13 - 20
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: ***"What Prayer Can Do for You"*** Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 420 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *"Bind Us Together"* Choir
*RECESSIONAL

***Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP …

TODAY:
09:30am Altar Prayer
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Morning Worship
4:00pm S/PPRC Meeting
5:00pm Church Council Meeting

THIS WEEK: **********
Mon., Sept. 28, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Sept. 29, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., Sept. 30, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 1, 11:30am – VIP's

NEXT WEEK: **********
Sun., Oct. 4, 10:45am – Harris UMC Homecoming
Mon., Oct. 5, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Oct. 6, 6:00pm – National Night Out Event 7:00pm – Trustees Meeting
Wed., Oct. 7, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 8, 6:30pm – Men's Club

SERVING OUR LORD:	**Today**	**Next Week**
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *O mighty God, help each of us to sincerely seek and know you so that our souls may be properly fed. Amen.*

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, *or* sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

Our 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal & Church Employee Appreciation Dinner last Sunday was great. We raised a total of $82.00 for the budget and our staff members, Jesse, Libby, and Ray, each received the beautiful book, *Reflections of South Carolina*, with photographs by Robert C. Clark. Plan to join us at our next 3rd Sunday Meal on October 18th, which will be a Pastor Appreciation Dinner.

Staff / Pastor Parish Relations Committee meets today at 4:00pm. Members are: Ann Landis. Jimmie Hodges, David Joseph, Harriett Snelling, and Donna Dolphin.

Church Council meets today at 5:00pm. Members are: Ray Snelling, Chip Snelling, Harriett Snelling, David Joseph, Libby Joseph, Dutsie Cox, Denton Jefferson, Ann Landis, Keith Landis, Beau Lockaby, Jan Herring, Loree Bailey, Dale Moseley, Ray Ouzts, Sybil Baker, Audrey Lockaby, Jesse Nance.

Harris UMC Homecoming – Our congregation will be going to Harris UMC next Sunday morning, Oct. 4, for their Homecoming Celebration that starts at 10:45am. Sunday School and Worship Service for our church will be cancelled.

National Night Out – On Tuesday, Oct. 6, starting at 6:00pm, the Wisewood Neighborhood Association is hosting National Night Out at our church for the Wisewood and Mathews communities. We strongly encourage all of our members to be here that evening to support the two communities.