

October 25, 2009  
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**This is the house of the Lord and the glory of the Lord abides with us. All are welcome to enter and offer praise to our Creator. Let loving-kindness flow through us to others.**

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We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP                      *"Jesus Loves Me"*                      Choir  
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (*Please register your attendance.*)  
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING  
INVOCATION  
\*Hymn of Praise: 64                      *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*  
  Proclaiming the Word

\*Psalter: 769 – Psalm 34:1 - 8  
\*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: 454    *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

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 EPISTLES: 966 – Hebrews 7:23 - 28

ANTHEM    *"He"*    Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 806 – Mark 10:46 - 52  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON:                                      ***"Seeing Is Believing and More"***                      Dr. Bill Harris  
  Responding to the Word

\*Hymn of Commitment: 381    *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*CHORAL RESPONSE                      *"Bless His Holy Name"*                      Choir  
\*RECESSIONAL

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

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

**TODAY:**  
09:30am Altar Prayer    11:00am Morning Worship  
10:00am Sunday School    4:30pm Charge Conference at Harris UMC

**THIS WEEK:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Mon.**, Oct. 26, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts    7:00pm – Art Class  
**Wed.**, Oct. 28, 7:00pm – Bible Study    7:45pm – Choir Practice  
**Sat.**, Oct. 31, 6:00pm to 8:00pm – 'Trunk or Treat' Halloween Celebration

**NEXT WEEK:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Sun.**, Nov. 1, 9:30am – Blood Pressure Screening                      3:00pm – Emerald Gardens  
**Mon.**, Nov. 2, Church Office Closed    7:00pm – Art Class  
**Tues.**, Nov. 3, 7:00pm – Circle #2    7:00pm – Trustees Meeting  
**Wed.**, Nov. 4, 7:00pm – Bible Study    7:45pm – Choir Practice  
**Thurs.**, Nov. 5, 11:30am – VIP's

SERVING OUR LORD:	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

**Preparation for Worship:** *In your light, there is no darkness at all, blessed Creator. May we be humble enough to let your light shine through us, beginning now. 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.

**An Honorarium for Ray Snelling** was received from the Willing Workers Class.

**Memorials for Margaret Maddox** were received from:  
Mrs. Jeanette Evans    Barry, Sally, & Wayne Butler  
Mrs. Jessie Evans    McDonald's Breakfast Friends

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal** last Sunday was enjoyed by all who participated. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great! The total raised for the Budget was \$84.00. Plan now to join us for our next fellowship meal on November 15. This will be our Thanksgiving meal.

**Saturday, Oct. 31 – 'Trunk or Treat'** – Our 'Trunk or Treat' event for the Mathews Community is on Halloween night (this Saturday) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the back parking lot. We still need people to volunteer to decorate the trunks of their vehicles and give candy out to the children who come to 'trick or treat.' We also need volunteers for the games. We're going to need lots & lots of candy! If you can't be here but still want to help, please buy as much candy as you can afford and bring it to the church office by Wednesday, Oct. 28. *If you would like to volunteer for anything, please let Libby know today.*

**Bereavement Fund** – Have you made your \$12.00 contribution to this fund for this year? This is a yearly requirement for each member of the church so that we may provide a hot meal to the families of our dearly departed ones. Thank you for your participation.