

September 6, 2009
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On this Sunday before Labor Day, we're glad to welcome each worshiper. May we all dedicate ourselves to labor for the lord and to help make the world as God would have it be.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP "Jesus' Name Medley" Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 545 (vs. 1, 2, 5) "The Church's One Foundation"
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
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*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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 HOLY SCRIPTURES: 972 – James 2:1 - 17
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "We Shall Behold Him" Choir

SERMON: "The Prize-Winning Town Slogan" Dr. Bill Harris
Responding to the Word

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: 15
*Hymn of Commitment: 349 (2 times) "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Choir
*RECESSIONAL

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:
9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School
9:30am Blood Pressure Screening 11:00am Morning Worship
3:00pm Emerald Gardens

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., Sept. 7, Labor Day (Office Closed)
Wed., Sept. 9, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Sept. 10, 6:30pm – Men's Club

NEXT WEEK: *****

Mon., Sept. 14, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Sept. 15, 7:00pm – Wisewood Neighborhood Meeting
Wed., Sept. 16, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Sept. 17, 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

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

Preparation for Worship: Lord, help us to focus on you. May this time of worship be sincere and fulfilling. May we know without a doubt that we have been in your presence. 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.

"Epworth changed my life and gave me hope," (former Epworth resident). The children living at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia look to us for support. Annual Work Day is next Sunday, Sept. 13th, and this is the time that every church across the state of S.C. has an opportunity to participate in an offering for this wonderful ministry. Let us pray about this offering and the care it provides.

Our next 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal is Sept. 20. This meal will be a **Church Employee Appreciation Dinner** for our staff members; Jesse, Libby, and Ray. You have been touched many times by the efforts of our staff members. Join in expressing appreciation to them on Sunday, September 20, at our congregational lunch following the worship service. Bring your favorite covered-dishes and plan to have a great time of fellowship.

Committee Schedule – The Charge Conference for Harris and Mathews Churches will be held at Harris UMC on Sunday, October 25, at 4:30pm. In preparation for the conference the following committees will meet in September: