

**WEST BEND CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 10 AM**

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Gordon Fulton

OPENING SONG “Open Your Heart” C&W 65 Choir

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Rise Up, O Men of God” UMH 576

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you have a prayer request and/or praise report, please fill out a prayer request card even if you announce it so we can get the correct information. Visitors, please fill out a connection card. Cards may be placed in the offering plate.)

***THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** (In Unison)
“The Apostles’ Creed” UMH 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. (**universal)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER Hal Johnson

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “No Tears in Heaven” C&W 38 Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SPECIAL MUSIC Susie Fulton

MESSAGE Pastor Gordon Fulton

**“Give? How Much?”
(Let’s Look At The Contract)**

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Mark 4:30-32 *(see front of bulletin)*

2 Corinthians 9:1-11 (NKJV)

9 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; **2** for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. **3** Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; **4** lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. **5** Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

4 Key Benefits That You Can Count On

1. Don’t Limit God Or Your Imagination Mark 4:30-32
2. God Expects Generosity 2 Corinthians 9:5
3. Do What You Are Able (While Trusting) 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7, 8
4. Fruitfulness and Enrichment Are Guaranteed (2 Corinthians 9: 9, 10, 11)

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** UMH 557
“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***THE RECESSIONAL** UMH 672
“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please stay for a short, few minutes, meeting after worship with Pastor Gordon.

Please stay for the church meeting after worship at 11AM.



Our Church Family

Jane Cox
Carolyn Dotson
Harold Hill
Doug McMasters

Our Family & Friends

Roby Boswell (Cyndi Reinhardt's friend)
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)
Evelyn Ellis
Our Church & Country
Ida Starr (Clay & Reagan Hill's grandma)
Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne Campbell's daughter)
Unsaved
Unspoken Requests

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member
Alpine: *Juanita Porche
Brookdale: Betty Sykes
Clapp's: *Lena Mae McMasters
Cross Roads: Marie Caldwell (Carol's sister)

Our Military

Kasey Ingold, Logan Morris, Veterans

Prayer Requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.

Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall
August & September

Worship Associates:
Musicians-April Brown, Choir, Handbells
Sound System-Richard Lanier
Power Point-Tina Gunn
Nursery/Children's Church-Cedelle Troxler
Ushers: Mike Brown, Bill Burrow
Communion Preparer: Debra Hill
Thank you for your service!

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 10

9:30AM Choir Practice

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Church Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

12:00PM Table of Grace

The Church office will be closed this week!

Last Week's Tithes & Offerings & Attendance Update

*You can give in person or by mail to
P.O. Box 1845, Asheboro, NC 27204
or by PayPal Link:*

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=GEAUNSMH5HM9L&source=url

Budget Offering Received: \$1,790

Thank you for your gifts to the budget which allows us to keep the church running & participate in many ministries.

Last Week's Attendance: 25

Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Interim Pastor	Gordon Fulton
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Carol Petty
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

Ways to Reach Church Staff

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Mark 4:30-32 (NKJV)

30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? 31 It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; 32 but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."