

**WEST BEND CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT 10 AM**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Gordon Fulton

OPENING SONG

Dan Leonard

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

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

Wanda Stout

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

SPECIAL MUSIC

Susie Fulton

MESSAGE

Pastor Gordon Fulton

“Missed Opportunities”

SCRIPTURES

Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”

58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

59 Then He said to another, “Follow Me.”

But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”

60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

61 And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.”

62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

James 4:13-17 (NKJV)

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow [a]we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

**IT ISN'T PRODUCTIVE OR PRACTICAL
TO EXPECT FORWARD PORGRESS WHILE
LOOKING BACK.**

Our Potential Missed Opportunities

To KNOW - More Of Jesus (Personally)

To GROW – Within Your Purpose And Gifting

To GO – Where The Holy Spirit Leads

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***THE RECESSIONAL**

**Please stand as you are able*

Special thanks to Susie Fulton and Dan Leonard for sharing their musical gifts with us today.



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.

**New Request for this week

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 24

9:30AM Choir Practice
 10:00AM Worship
 11:00AM Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 26

12:00PM Table of Grace

Wednesday, September 27

11:00AM Bulletin Deadline

Tithes & Offerings Update

Received 9/10: \$1,090
 Received 9/17: \$1,232

*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

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

9/10 Attendance: 37
 9/17 Attendance: 29

Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Interim Pastor	Pastor Gordon Fulton
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
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MISSED OPPORTUNITIES