



CBC News

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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

This is an excerpt from my sermon that I think is truly relevant to our time. I will not entirely answer this question for you, so you will have to listen to the whole sermon for that. Hopefully, this will get your curiosity going.

If God is Good, Why is There Evil and Suffering?

If we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit we have asked or thought this question. The question itself is not bad. I assure you God can handle the questions. In fact, with impeachments, spy gate, pandemics, radicals trying to overthrow our government, and earthquakes in Sparta, NC is it any wonder we ask this question? On the surface, it looks like our country is falling apart, and it might be falling apart. However, **God is not falling apart**. He is supremely and sovereignly in control. The fate of God's creation is not determined by men's schemes, plans or philosophies. The end of the age (the end of time) has already been written, and no scheme of man can alter Almighty God's plan. Do not let the false security of your patriotism deceive you into thinking you deserve exemption from pain, suffering and persecution. Do not forget that the ideals of the Word of God supersede that of our country. **If our nation falls, we as the church will be covered in the debris.** The Scripture is clear that "it rains on the just and unjust."

Although I believe strongly in the Sovereignty of God, I do believe men have free will. The Scripture is clear on this. In the OT (*Old Testament*) God tells men to "choose life that you might live" or "choose you this day whom you will serve" and "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We reap what we have sown as a nation. John Calvin said, "When God wants to judge a nation, He gives them wicked rulers."

We are seeing the results of wicked leaders who will not follow the basic precepts of God's word. Precepts laid down by our founding fathers that said, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights...."

This is clear, the Founders of our nation were firm in their assertion that our rights do not come from men, kings, or governments; they come from God. However, evil men have hijacked those beliefs, and we are seeing the erosion of these God-given principles before our very eyes. If we know what to do and don't do it, we are culpable in the destruction. We must choose to obey God and elect leaders who adhere to those principles. If we do not, then evil will perpetuate itself.

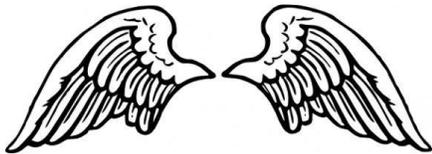
*Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike*

Flowers: *All Sundays are available.*

Building Attendant: Lenn Gardner

Counting Committee:

- 9.6 Tom Chappell, Adriane Gaff
- 9.13 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 9.20 Heather Alsbrook, Jewell Brown
- 9.27 Robert Etheridge, Derek Lee



“He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings, you will find refuge.” Psalm 91:4

To all who are involved in various ministries, please keep in contact with the chairperson of your ministry as we move forward. Thank you for your faithfulness and patience.

Happy Birthday

- 1 Mary Lynn Lee
Amery Sanders
- 2 Terry Gaff
Hugh Thompson, III
- 4 John Taylor Duke
- 5 Pat Baird
- 6 Joe Fleming
Mary-Esther McCabe
Janice Richburg
- 9 Heather Hudson
Christi Morris
- 10 Rob Morris
- 11 Tommy Geddings
- 12 Linda Eaddy
- 15 Russell Harrelson
- 16 Aimee McWhite
Benji Thompson
- 17 Grayson Harrelson
Grainger Powell
Barbara Walker
- 20 Trevor Morris
- 21 Abigail Tanner
- 22 Betsy Jordan
- 26 Chandace Tanner
- 28 Carl Gamble
- 29 Luke DeCosta
Kim Langston
- 30 Sara Thompson

If we have missed your birthday, please call the church office so that we can add your name to our birthday list.

PRAYER MINISTRY

CBC Members:

Johnny Baker, *Welborn Brewer, Esau Dennis,
Jennie DuRant, Shawn Joyner, David McCabe,
Jessie McCabe, Shaun Richburg, Joshua Stone,
Hugh Ray “Juke” Thompson, David Young

“With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18b
Let us continue to pray for and encourage each other, making sure that none are forgotten.

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Calendar of Events

September

- 7 Labor Day
Church Office Closed
- 8 Deacon Board
Meets, 7 PM

October

- 13 Deacon Board
Meets, 7 PM

I Said A Prayer for You Today

Author: Unknown

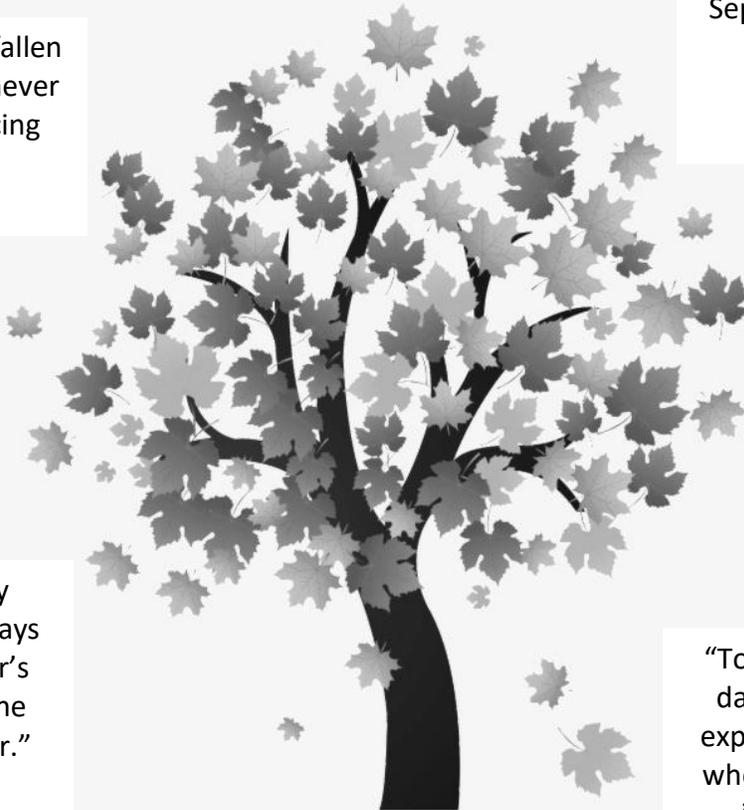
*I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard;
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame; I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.*



*"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day."
Shira Tamir*

*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
Albert Camus*

*"With all these lovely tokens of September days are here, with summer's best of weather and the autumn's best of cheer."
Helen Hunt Jackson*



*"My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."
Groucho Marx*

*"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all."
Stanley Horowitz*

*"To say it was a beautiful day would not begin to explain it. It was that day when the end of summer intersects perfectly with the start of fall."
Ann Patchett*

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."
John Steinbeck*