

THE GOOD LIFE

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“ONE OF THE STRANGEST
SENTENCES EVER SPOKEN”

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 14, 2024

UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

Today at 9:30am in the Gym

Welcome!

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started and stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your visitor gift! We would love to connect and help you get plugged into life and ministry of the church. **Children's Praise Packs** are located in the Reception Area & Welcome Center. These special bags are for kids ages 3-6 or kids ages 7-12 and will help them to engage in worship.



MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING: Scan the QR Code to download our **Realm Connect church app** and begin engaging with events, registrations, groups, the church directory and more! Sign in, Sign up, or learn more at MatthewsUMC.org/Realm. Check-In Station also available at the Welcome Center & Attendance Books on each pew for guests and those without a smart phone.

Get the app!



EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & ONLINE BULLETIN: Access the bulletin and a complete list of ministry opportunities in the [Celebration Newsletter](#). *(Printed copies at the Welcome Center.)*

Thank you for helping to conserve paper and waste.

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 14, 2024

8th Sunday After Pentecost

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Will Thames

Will Thames, Pianist

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Hope Is Built

arr. Will Thames

Will Thames, Pianist

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-4

MESSAGE

“The Good Life...The God Life: One of the Strangest Sentences Ever Spoken”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 700

Abide With Me (v. 1, 3, 4)

EVENTIDE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Partita on SHOWALTER

Jon Spong

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Nancy Miller Campbell;

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*; Kathy White, *Music Ministry Associate/Organist*; Will Thames, *Piano*;

Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*;

Travis Silberquit, *Lay Reader*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

July 14, 2024

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

***Musical Praise**

Fear Is Not My Future

Maverick City

Battle Belongs

Phil Wickham

***Passing the Peace**

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

The Word

Lessons

Matthew 5:1-4

Message

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Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

***Musical Praise**

Gratitude

Brandon Lake

***Blessing**

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Nancy Miller Campbell;

John Woodall, Director of Contemporary Worship; Will Thames, Piano;

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Donna Balisado, Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator;

Contemporary Praise Team

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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ANTHEM

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TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort
Sanctuary Choir; Ritornello Instrumentalists (listed below)

arr. John Ferguson

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WELCOME FROM THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION!

All are welcome here ... and we do mean all. We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look or act alike; God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens, but every Sunday, we worship together as one. Our nearly 150-year-old church is filled with some traditional and inspiring untraditional ways. We study the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing modern songs and old hymns. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant — a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. **After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors or someone at our Welcome Center. We have lots of programs and community groups to**

OUR PRAYERS

In care and sympathy, we lift up:

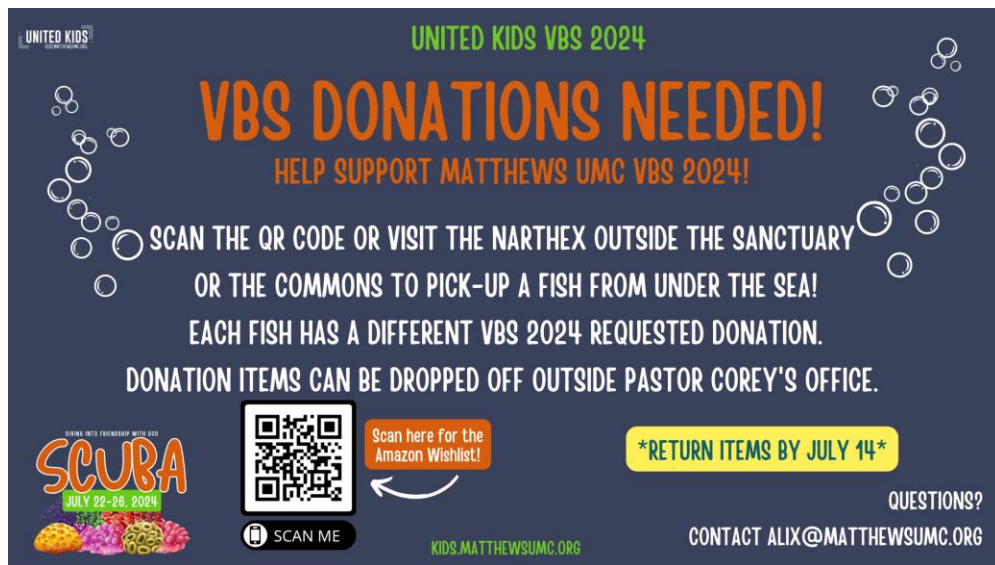
Darian Bouley upon the death of his father.

Kay Csehill upon the death of her sister.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Christ Covenant Church** will flourish, and that God might richly bless their ministry.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Church family with special needs and concerns.



UNITED KIDS VBS 2024

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED!

HELP SUPPORT MATTHEWS UMC VBS 2024!

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Please Welcome Will Thames!

Pianist at all three services this morning

From Will: *"Greetings, Church Family! I've been blind since birth and was born and raised in Charlotte. I love playing and listening to music, as I've been playing piano since I was 5 years old. My musical influences are Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles—I even had the chance to meet Stevie Wonder.*

I've been a part of the Rainbow Express ministry and summer camp for 19 years and look forward to this week every year.

I appreciate the honor of being here to praise God this day!"



COME AS YOU ARE: Sunday Mornings

8:15 (Traditional), 9:30 (Contemporary); 11:00 (Traditional),
9:30 (United Kids Family Worship 2nd Sundays in the Gym);
12:30 Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Espanol)

9:30 & 11:00 Services Livestreamed at MatthewsUMC.org

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

The Good Life ... The God Life: Exploring the Subtle, Subversive and Sublime Way of Jesus from Matthew 5:1-12

Where do you look for the good life? Do you find it in having a good time? Buying a big house? A new car? Getting the corner office? That next promotion? Enjoying the perfect relationship?

Most of us don't look for the good life where we should. Rather, deep abiding happiness is found in the most unusual of places. Jesus said you will find it when you are spiritually bankrupt, when you grieve with others, when you are persecuted, or when you work to resolve a conflict.

Now doesn't that sound crazy? Perhaps, the best way to find the good life is to look where Jesus said it is found. But there's a warning attached: To look for the good life where Jesus looks is serious business. Such a search is not for the faint of heart.

Join us beginning **June 30** in our search for **The Good Life ... The God Life**. Each week our journey will be full of unusual and piercing insights into Jesus' answer for this age-old quest. We are hopeful you'll see the Bible verses, most commonly known as the Beatitudes, as fresh and meaningful as they were the day Jesus uttered them. This summer worship series just might change your view of what it means to flourish and challenge you to seek **The Good Life ... The God Life** in all the right places.

June 30—September 1

July 21: *Humility that Leads to Blessedness*

July 28: *The Blessed Longing*

August 4: *The Circle of Mercy*

August 11: *A Heart of Pure Gold*

August 18: *Moments of Peace at Troublesome Boundaries*

August 25: *Against All Odds*

September 1: *The Good Life Transformed*

Matthew 5:5

Matthew 5:6

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 5:8

Matthew 5:9

Matthew 10-12a

Matthew 5:1-12/
Philippians 4:4