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## Favorite

Someone once said, “My favorite color is October.” From Prince Edward Island to Grant County, West Virginia to the back roads of Penrose, North Carolina, beautiful shades of red, yellow, purple, black, orange, pink, magenta, blue and brown will light up the sky for the next few weeks. But why? Why do leaves change color? Here is one aspect of the science behind the colors:

Winter days are short and dry. Many plants stop making food in the fall. The chlorophyll goes away. Then we can see orange and yellow colors. These colors were in the leaves all summer, but the green covered them up. ([www.sciencemadesimple.com](http://www.sciencemadesimple.com))

The vibrant colors of fall were already there, but they were covered up. You could take that one paragraph above and make about 379 connections to biblical truth, but here are two quick ones from the last sentence.

**God is not hiding.** God was. God is. God is to come. He has no beginning. He has no end. And he is not hiding. The Apostle Paul told the folks in Rome that God’s eternal power and divine personality and awesome character are all clearly seen in creation (Romans 1:20). Creation like fall colors.

Jared Wilson wrote, “The created world is constantly saying something about its Creator – or more accurately, the Creator is constantly saying something about himself through his created world. The picture we receive from Psalm 19 is of a world that acts as a loudspeaker, a stage, and an art gallery – all pointing to God’s glory.”

**We should not hide.** Every season and every day and every minute provide us opportunities to call on Creation and the Scriptures to give us stunning displays of God’s majesty, power, justice, mercy, grace and love. In other words, the colors of the gospel are not just for a few weeks in October and should not be covered up in the life of a believer. Julia Bettencourt wrote, “Fall colors are warm, vibrant, extraordinarily rich, and energetic. I wonder how appealing I am as a Christian? Do other people gravitate to me because I am a warm, vibrant, and inviting person?”

Here’s praying that this October might stir in us a fresh, crisp desire to say with our hearts, “The gospel is my favorite color.”

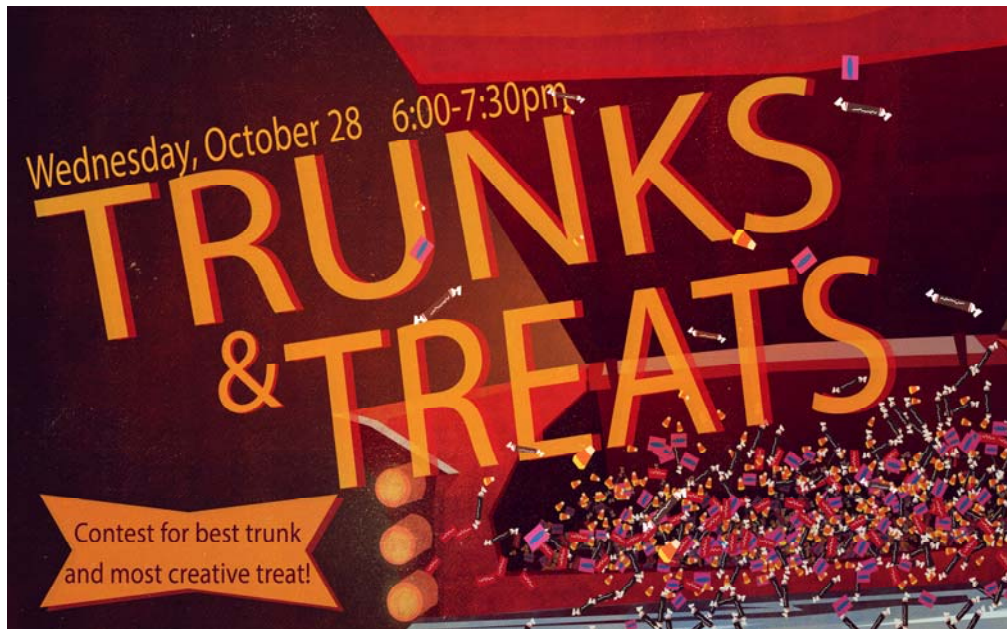
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## August

### Attendance

Avg. SS Attendance 182

Avg. Worship Attendance 306

### Budget

Budget Offering \$53,170.55

B.O.F. \$1,585.00

Other Designated \$12,745.79

**Total Offering \$67,501.34**

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$11,485.40

## October Extended Session

### Nursery Volunteers

October 4 - Team 7

October 11 - Team 8

October 18 - Team 1

October 25 - Team 2

### Children's Church Leaders

Wee Worship - Lindsay Shupe

K-5th Grade - Tammy Adams

Angie Sanders

## Women's Retreat

Ladies! Don't forget to sign up for our annual women's retreat! We are headed to Charleston November 6-8 for a weekend that is sure to refresh and encourage you. Cost for the retreat is \$150.00 which includes hotel, all conference materials and some meals. Last day to sign up is October 25, so don't delay! When registering for the event, please remember to give your t-shirt size.

## Thank You

Thank you so very much for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement following my recent mild stroke. A special thank you to Ricky for taking care of my lawn while I recover. I am blessed to be back in the pulpit at Mt. Elon. Pat and I love you and pray daily for God to richly bless Holland Avenue.

Charles



## October Birthdays

- |                       |                    |                      |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Mary Grace Heustess | 8 Greta Siedschlag | 13 Annet Tidwell     | 18 Claude Lucas    |
| 3 Jane Driggers       | 9 Barbara Antley   | 13 Janet Kudzia      | 19 Jackson Ward    |
| 4 Evelyn Coffey       | 9 Taylor Day       | 13 Christy Henderson | 21 Larry Fowler    |
| 4 Joy Lynn Boozer     | 10 Vivian Coleman  | 14 Marie Jeffcoat    | 21 Billy West      |
| 5 Mary McGee          | 10 Cameron Brazell | 14 Bill Whisonant    | 21 Allen Hegler    |
| 5 Tonya Franklin      | 10 Hannah Rea      | 14 Kelly Nation      | 22 Frank Long      |
| 6 Pam Fields          | 11 Kathy Lorick    | 14 Sarah Burggraaf   | 24 Grant Adams     |
| 7 J.C. Sutton         | 11 Lynn Epps       | 15 Madeline Duncan   | 26 Brian Conner    |
| 8 Raymond Brown       | 11 Tom Waring      | 16 Debbie Craig      | 29 Jessica Able    |
| 8 John Allen Mower    | 12 Jennifer Waring | 16 Chris Netherton   | 29 Emily Crow      |
|                       |                    |                      | 30 Warren Franklin |

# Church Staff

**Dow Welsh**  
Pastor

**Brad Siedschlag**  
Student Minister

**Tammy Adams**  
Minister of Children

**Lindsay Shupe**  
M.O.M. /Preschool Director  
& Preschool Outreach Dir.

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am - 4:30pm



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## October Calendar

### Sunday Schedule

9:15am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship Service

### Fourth Sunday

9:15am - Prayer Time in room 105  
9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am -Worship Service

### Wednesday Schedule

4:30pm - Prayer Time  
5:00pm - Supper  
6:00pm - Adult Bible Study  
6:00pm - Children's Classes  
6:00pm - Youth Class  
6:45pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						8:00am - Women's Ministry Yard Sale
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Regularly Scheduled Services			Regularly Scheduled Activities			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Regularly Scheduled Services 4:30pm - SS Leader Meeting 6:00pm - Called Church Conference			Regularly Scheduled Activities	11:00am - Metallic Club		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Regularly Scheduled Service			Regularly Scheduled Activities			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Regularly Scheduled Services 6:00pm - Church Conference			6:30pm - Trunks & Treats			10:00am - 2:00pm Weekday Preschool Fall Family Fun Day