

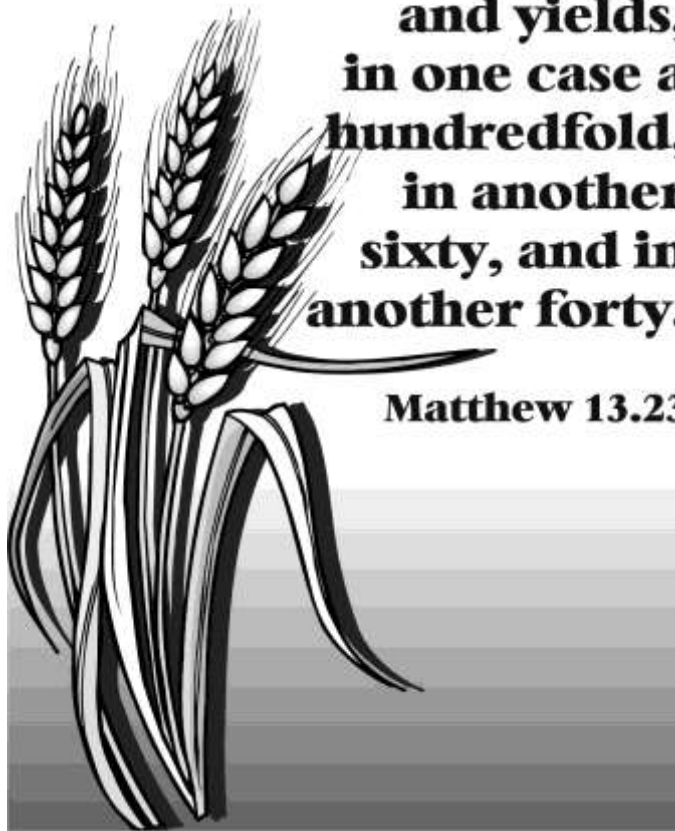
# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

8330 Fletcher's Chapel Road, King George, VA 22485

Church: (540) 775-7247 Parsonage: (540) 625-2834

**As for what was sown  
on good soil, this is the  
one who hears the word  
and understands it,  
who indeed bears fruit  
and yields,  
in one case a  
hundredfold,  
in another  
sixty, and in  
another forty.**

**Matthew 13.23**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*Prayer for Renewal of the Church (in unison)

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us and shape us by your cross. Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*The Call to Worship

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

### \*Hymn

*"Wonderful Words of Life"*

UMH 600

## The Opening Prayer

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and would walk in the light of his love. **Amen.**

## A Minute for Missions: The Heartwood Center

### Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

## The Children's Message

### \*Hymn

*"Spirit of the Living God"* (2x)

UMH 393

## The Prayer for Illumination

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. **Amen.**

## The Scripture Reading – Romans 8:1-11

p. 1700

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Message**

*“Planting Seeds”*

**The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Response:** *“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”* (2x)

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

**\*The Doxology** (UMH 95)

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your seeding of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

UMH 732

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Sisters and brothers, sow the gospel wherever you go—not judging the soil on which you stand—for God brings forth fruit from unexpected places.

May God, whose forgiveness is boundless, the Christ, whose charge is freedom, the Spirit, which grants us life and peace, keep our minds and hearts in grateful communion as we seek to serve. **Amen.**

**\*Postlude**

*“Bless the Lord”* (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**All are Welcome** to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection. Our hope is that you will feel God’s blessing during this time with us.

**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Scripture Reader:**

Lucy Willard (8:30)

**Greeter:**

Stephenie Newton (11:00)

**Assisting with Worship July 20:**

**Scripture Reader:**

Linda Newton (8:30)

**Children's Message:**

Lori Radolinski (11:00)

**Greeter:**

Kenny Newton (11:00)

**Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, serve as greeters, and teach Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Please see the sign-up sheet.

**About Fletcher's Chapel Church**

**Our Vision** is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

**Our Mission:** "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
-- Matthew 28:19-20

**Contact us by email:** Pastor Mike is at [reaves.michael.b@gmail.com](mailto:reaves.michael.b@gmail.com)

The church address is [fletcherschapel@verizon.net](mailto:fletcherschapel@verizon.net)

**Our website** is at [www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org](http://www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org)

Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed.

**"Like" us on Facebook:** If you are a Facebook user, help spread the word about Fletcher's Chapel's page. Search for "Fletcher's Chapel UMC-King George, VA" and when you find our page, click "Like" so you can keep up with the latest news and events at Fletcher's Chapel.

**PRESIDING BISHOP:**

**Young Jin Cho**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Theodore Smith**

**PASTOR:**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**LAY LEADER:**

**Marie Williams**

**MUSICIAN:**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

**THIS WEEK: July 13 - 20, 2014**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship
	<b>4:00pm</b> Ice Cream Social
<b>Wednesday, 7/16</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Saturday, 7/19</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Called District Conference at Trinity Church

**UPCOMING:**

<b>Sun, 7/20 – Thurs, 7/24</b>	Vacation Bible School at Fairview Beach (6:00 – 8:15pm)
<b>Monday, 7/28</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Saturday, 8/2</b>	<b>9:30am</b> United Methodist Women
<b>Sunday, 8/3</b>	<b>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</b>

**Birthdays This Week:**

7/18 Pam Hunter

7/20 Christopher Ohler

\* \* \* \* \*

**The Loose Change Offering** is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



**We welcome Jay Vangelder** this morning who will share some information about the Heartwood Center during both worship services. Jay is a member of Mt Horeb UMC in Fauquier County and currently serves on both the Heartwood Project Construction and Mission teams. In his church, Mr. Vangelder serves as a lay speaker, lay member of Annual Conference, member of the Admin Council and the PPRC. His calling is in mission work and working with youth. Jay is a retired police officer and currently works as a consultant for the Prince William County Police Department

**God uses money to confirm direction.**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths” (Prov. 3:5-6).

**Ice Cream Social:** Mark your calendars because you do not want to miss this! Join us on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm for an Ice Cream Social. We need volunteers to prepare homemade ice cream. Please speak with Pastor Mike if you will bring a freezer of ice cream. It should be hot in mid-July so join us for a cool treat and a time of fellowship.

**Nursing Home Ministry:** Meet us at the church on Wednesday morning at 9:30. We will carpool to Heritage Hall and offer the residents a time of music and song. All are welcome to participate.



### **Vacation Bible School at Fairview Beach**

Sunday, July 20 – Thursday, July 24

Nightly Schedule: 6:00 – 8:15

#### **Volunteer Needs:**

1. Recreation volunteers to lead games and other physical activities and have the ability to participate daily.
2. Music volunteer to lead music and have the ability to participate daily.
3. Volunteers to assist with miscellaneous tasks and supervision of children and have the ability to participate daily.

**Supplies Needed:** Bean Bags, Hula Hoops, Activity Balls (like a kick ball or soccer ball), Color Markers, Hand Sanitizer

**Help Us Spread the Word!** Please bring your children, grandchildren, and your neighbor's children. This will be our only Vacation Bible School this summer. We expect to be joined by 10 – 15 children from the Fairview Beach area as well.

***Preregistration is appreciated but not necessary.***



**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those having difficulties in their marriages; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Dee Campbell, Grace Cleveland, Jayden Cleveland, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Roy Stewart, Pete Sullivan, Sherry Garner Taylor, Dinah Taylor

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Shirley Cahoon, Barbara Canaday, Inez Carver, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Virginia Garner, Alvin Gill, Christine Holdren, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Ellen Page, Msgr John Pennington, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Jennifer Pollard, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Joseph Sirrels, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Patty Darr Sullivan, Joan Wehner

**\*Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22485):** 4173 Brent Ln, 4225 Brent Ln, 4173 Bromme Cir, 9110 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9146 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9159 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9181 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9191 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9211 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9212 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9249 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9294 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9297 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9304 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9306 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9332 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9341 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9348 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9364 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9373 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9384 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9400 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9433 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9435 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9480 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9490 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 9522 Lambs Creek Church Rd, 4326 Turkey Acres Rd, 4416 Turkey Acres Rd, 4418 Turkey Acres Rd,

***Prayer Request Cards*** are available in the pew racks.

*Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.*

*\*There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church.*

*In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list.*

## **Stewardship: Applying Bible Principles**

God uses money in a variety of ways in the lives of His children. One of the most important ways God uses money is to confirm direction. Simply stated, God uses the supply of money or the lack of it to confirm His direction for many of the decisions we must make in life.

If God gives us clear direction which is confirmed by His Word, then He will provide whatever is needed to carry out that direction. The only problem is that He expects us to step out in faith in obedience to His leading and His Word, usually without knowing in full the pathway that lies ahead.

Living that kind of life requires faith in God's person and His promises. It requires taking God at His Word and basing how we live on His Word. It requires trusting Him, even when circumstances appear to be contrary. It requires seeking first His kingdom, and then being confident that He will provide what we need. It requires — as the writer of Hebrews observed — believing that God “. . . exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China who lived in the 19th century, summed it up beautifully this way: “God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply.” This means that if we are not experiencing God's supply, either we are not doing God's work (that is, we are not seeking first His kingdom) or we are not doing God's work in His way.

Make no mistake about it: God is not a God of disorder. He will not provide specific direction which He confirms by his Word if He does not intend to provide what is necessary for us to obey Him fully. But He looks to us to be willing to trust Him by taking the first step, and then another, and yet another.

By the way, has God been speaking to you lately? Has He confirmed that direction through His Word? If so, remember this: You can be confident that as God works in your life, He will use money or the lack of it to confirm His direction.