

## MEDITATION



Josh Tucker  
Pastor  
St. Matthew's  
Lutheran Church

*The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come*

*to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as*

*each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.* Ephesians 4: 11-16

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus. Amen.

We all have gifts; spiritual gifts that God has blessed us with. Paul talks about these gifts in the fourth chapter of his letter to the Ephesians. God has given us skills and talents, natural tendencies and abilities that aid us in our life journey, in our work and in our leisure. Some of us are great organizers, some handy carpenters; some of us are well-spoken communicators, some are fervent thinkers. What special gifts from God have you discovered in your life?

God also gifts us with abilities and talents that "equip us for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." This in important work as we Christians strive to share the gospel with others. Paul writes that God has gifted

some with the skills and abilities to be apostles, some to be prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and some teachers. We are called to use these gifts so that the entire body of Christ, that is all of God's creation, may be built up and unified to spiritual maturity and understanding, faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our skills, our abilities – the gifts God has given us for ministry help to grow the body of Christ and the kingdom of God. Therefore, we act as the fertilizer, the catalyst of God's love for creation. We hear in John's gospel that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son for us so that all who believe in him will not perish but have eternal life. In his great love for us, God has gifted us with so many blessings; why wouldn't we want to faithfully respond to his love? We have important ministry to do so that our gifts made be shared with all!

## CHURCH NEWS

**HARVEST TIME ASSEMBLY**, 904 2nd St., is holding a fellowship meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 28. Everyone is invited to attend.

**LENTEN SERVICES** – Most people find ways to better themselves during Lent. That was the message of Rev. Rex Gibbs, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, to a large crowd of worshipers last Wednesday at noon at Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

Lent is the Christian season of preparation for Easter.

Gibbs said that most

people give up bad things for Lent (to get rid of it) but he suggested, "Why not take up something good for Lent?" The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is sponsoring a series of noon Lenten services at Kings Mountain churches.

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the service Wednesday (today) at noon with Rev. Josh Tucker, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church as speaker.

Rev. James Lockridge, pastor of Second Baptists Church, will speak at the April 2 noon service at East Gold Wesleyan Church.

## Fellowship & Faith

### Church Service Directory

#### KINGS MOUNTAIN

**Advent Lutheran Church,**  
NALC Member  
KM Senior Center  
909 E. Kings St.

**Anew Beginning Baptist Church**  
415 Dixon School Rd.  
704-473-1372

**Ardent Life Church**  
420 Branch Street  
704-739-7700

**Arise Church**  
Kings Mountain YMCA  
211 Cleveland Ave.

**Bethlehem Baptist Church**  
1017 Bethlehem Road  
704-739-7487

**Boyce Memorial ARP Church**  
Edgemont Drive  
704-739-4917

**Burning Bush House of God**  
310 Long Branch Rd (KM)

**Calvary Way Holiness Church**  
1017 Second Street  
Pastor Clifton Morgan

**Carson Memorial Baptist Church**  
262 Sparrow Springs Road  
704-739-2247

**Central United Methodist Church**  
113 S. Piedmont Avenue  
704-739-2471

**Cherokee St. Baptist Church**  
421 S. Cherokee Street  
704-739-7697

**Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church**  
618 Chestnut Ridge Road  
704-739-4015

**Christian Freedom Southern Baptist Church**  
246 Range Road  
704-739-4152

**Christ The King Catholic Church**  
714 Stone Street  
704-487-7697

**Church at Kings Mountain**  
108 E. Mountain St.  
(KM Women's Club Bldg.)  
704-739-1323

**Cornerstone Church Of God**  
202 Margrace Road  
704-739-3773

**Cornerstone Independent Baptist**  
107 Range Road  
704-737-0477

**Crowders Mountain Baptist**  
125 Mayberry Lane  
704-739-0310

**David Baptist Church**  
2300 David Baptist Church Road  
704-739-4555

**Dixon Presbyterian Church**  
602 Dixon School Road  
dixonpresbyterian.com

**East Gold Street Wesleyan Church**  
701 E. Gold Street  
704-739-3215

**East Kings Mountain Church of God**  
Hwy 161, Bessemer City/KM Hwy.  
704-739-7367

**Eastside Baptist Church**  
308 York Road  
704-739-8055

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
1621 County Line Road  
704-739-8331

**El Bethel United Methodist Church**  
122 El-bethel Road  
704-739-9174

**Emmanuel Independent Baptist Church**  
602 Canterbury Road  
704-739-9399

**Faith Ablaze Church**  
1128 S. York Road  
704-739-8496

**Faith Baptist Church**  
1009 Linwood Road  
704-739-8396

**Faith Holiness Church**  
Hwy. 161/Bessemer City Rd.  
704-739-1997

**Family Worship Center**  
1818 Shelby Road  
704-739-7206

**First Baptist Church**  
605 W. King Street  
704-739-3651

**First Church of the Nazarene**  
121 Countryside Road  
704-734-1143

**First Presbyterian Church**  
111 E. King Street  
704-739-8072

**First Wesleyan Church**  
505 N. Piedmont Avenue  
704-739-4266

**Galilee United Methodist**  
117 Galilee Church Road  
704-739-7011

**Gospel Assembly Church**  
202 S. Railroad Avenue  
704-739-5351

**Good Hope Presbyterian Church**  
105 N. Cansler Street  
704-739-1062

**Grace Fellowship**  
144 West Mountain Street  
704-481-8888

**Grace United Methodist Church**  
830 Church Street  
704-739-6000

**Harvest Baptist Church**  
144 Ware Road  
704-734-0714

**Kings Mountain Baptist Church**  
101 W. Mountain Street  
704-739-2516

**Life of Worship Ministries**  
405 S. Cherokee St.  
704-777-2927



Featured Church of the Week:  
Westover Baptist Church

**Notice:** In order to accommodate the number of churches in our communities, we will print two alternating lists of churches each week. If you don't see the church you're looking for, be sure to check next week.

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