

# MEDITATION



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Pastor  
St. Matthew's  
Lutheran Church

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the*

*life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."* — John 14:1-7

Grace to you and peace in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.  
What can heal a troubled heart? Pick up the newspaper or turn the television on to the 5 o'clock news and you'll find many things that can and do trouble our hearts. Talk with friends and family members and you'll hear about the stresses and the suffering this world brings; it all has the ability to trouble our hearts. And the world, our culture, seems to have an answer for everything that troubles our hearts: the makeup that can cover up all our blemishes and insecurities; the drugs and products

that make us look better, act better and feel better; the most efficient products or services that make our lives so much easier so that we can cram more and more into each day. This world has so many answers to the question: What can heal a troubled heart?  
But Jesus only has one answer to the question: believe in God, believe also in me. In verse one of this passage from John's gospel, we hear Jesus give us an answer so that our lives will not be troubled. The answer has to do with our faith in him. The answer has to do with our relationship with him. What heals or mends our troubled hearts revolves around one thing: belief.  
Now, let's admit it, it's hard to ignore all the "latest and greatest" products and things of this world when they promise to make life so much easier and better for us. But, in

this passage, Jesus makes promises for us that are eternal and that never wear off. He promises us, as the way the truth and the life, that he will come again and take us to himself, so that where he is, we will be also. Live this day knowing the difference in the false, temporary promises of the world and the eternal promise of Jesus Christ for he is always there to heal our troubled hearts.

## New Billy Graham film, "Heaven" to be shown

Second Baptist Church and Pastor James Lochridge Jr., 120 Linwood Road, will show the new Billy Graham film, "Heaven" during Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.  
Dr. Graham follows up after his first film, "My Hope America" with this 30 minute film, "Heaven." The back of the film packet says, "Death comes to us all, but when it comes will you be ready? Do you have the hope of heaven? Watch the true stories of two people who came face to face with death — and hear from Billy Graham about what happens when this life is over."  
"Please join Second Baptist for this most important message from Dr. Graham," encourages the pastor.

## Orphan Sunday at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church

East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, 701 E. Gold St., will have Orphan Sunday on Sunday, Nov. 16. Pastor Ken and Robin Jewett will share their experience in adopting two beautiful Congolese children in a 6 p.m. program. East Gold Pastor Scott Whitney invites the public. Care for nursery/pre-school age children will be provided.

## Fellowship & Faith

# Church Service Directory

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**Long Creek Presbyterian Church**  
701 Long Creek Road  
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2032 Bethlehem Road  
704-730-0075

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
1101 S. Battleground Avenue  
704-739-6811

**Midview Baptist Church**  
703 Margrace Road  
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**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**  
220 N. Watterson Street  
704-739-8354

**Mountain View Agape Church**  
506 Sparrow Springs Road  
704-739-0160

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church**  
Compact School Road  
704-739-4516

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
220 N. Watterson Street  
704-739-8354

**New Beginnings Church of Jesus Christ**  
541 Crocker Road  
704-730-9507

**New Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church**  
N. Cansler Street  
704-739-2606

**New Camp Creek Baptist Church**  
863 New Camp Creek Ch. Road  
704-487-7128

**New Life Family Worship**

**Center**  
428 Oak Grove Road  
704-739-9371

**New Way Missionary Baptist Church**  
105 Waco Road  
704-724-0414

**Oak Grove Baptist Church**  
1022 Oak Grove Road  
704-739-4833

**Oak View Baptist Church**  
1517 York Road  
704-739-7831

**Pathway Baptist Church**  
3100 Parkdale Circle  
704-734-0852

**Patterson Grove Baptist Church**  
301 Oak Grove Road  
704-739-5826

**Peoples Baptist Church**  
1010 Groves Street  
704-739-0398

**Proclaiming the Word Ministries**  
7011 Cleveland Avenue

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1001 Cleveland Avenue  
704-734-1070

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
600 Crescent Circle  
704-739-5580

**Royal Praise Ministries**  
2055 Shelby Rd.

**Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church**

201 N. Piedmont Avenue  
704-739-7466

**Second Baptist Church**  
120 Linwood Road  
704-739-4216

**Shady Grove Baptist Church**  
339 Shady Grove Road  
704-739-8920

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**  
N. Cansler Street  
704-739-1256

**Sunrise Baptist Church**  
208 Mail Road  
704-692-3007

**Temple Baptist Church**  
612 N. Cansler Street  
704-739-4716

**The Favor Center Church**  
602 Slater Street



## Featured Church of the Week: Resurrection Lutheran Church

**True Gospel Holiness Church**  
1608 Shelby Road  
704-739-6764

**Unity AME Zion Church**  
948 Unity Church Road  
704-228-0328

**Vestibule AME Zion Church**  
2175 Vestibule Church Road  
704-739-7961

**Westover Baptist Church**  
114 Westover Drive

**GASTONIA**  
**Bethesda United Methodist Church**  
3714 S. New Hope Rd

**Grace Community Advent Christian Church**  
206 West 3rd Avenue  
704-739-9230

**GROVER**  
**Bethany Baptist Church**

423 Cleveland Avenue  
704-937-3010

**Carolina Praise and Worship Center**  
201 N. Main Street  
704-937-7541

**First Apostolic Church of Blacksburg**  
205 E. Cherokee St.  
Blacksburg, SC704-937-7390864-839-1873

**WACO**  
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