

# MEDITATION



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*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord,*

*our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*Psalm 95:1-7a*

Grace to you and peace in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

How do you give thanks? My family has taken time before the Thanksgiving meal for all of us to take turns and share something for which we are thankful. It has been a faithful exercise that helps us not only focus on the positive, God given blessings in our own lives, but also to see the glory of God in each other's lives. I think that, in sharing what we are thankful for, we realize those things as aspects of our lives where God had richly blessed us as something that

should not be stagnant but rather as things that we are called to be good stewards of. In other words, the very things we are thankful for should not be kept for ourselves, but be shared with God's people all for the building up of the kingdom.

The Psalmist writes of a few ways in which we might give thanks to God: by singing songs of praise, by worshiping God and by kneeling before our Lord. It seems faithful to the author of this Psalm that worship is at the heart of giving thanks. And so when we give thanks to God, we worship God; we experience the blessings he gives us through word and sacraments and then we are called to go out and share those blessings with others. For it is with thankful hearts, we are able to live into

Christ's commandment to go and make disciples of all nations. It is with thankful hearts that we are able to see the beauty in all that God has made and to feel his shepherding presence in our lives. And, it is with thankful hearts that we are able to experience the love, grace and forgiveness that God has for us.

So this week, in the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, I pray that you are able to find something in your life that you can give thanks to God for. I pray that you can sing a song of praise to God for the smallest blessings in your life that help you to grow in your faith and discipleship to the Lord. And I pray that you are surrounded by the love of God as you worship him. May God bless you this Thanksgiving. Amen.

## Thanksgiving service

A joint Thanksgiving service by Dixon Presbyterian Church and Victory Baptist Church will be held Wednesday (tonight) at 7 p.m. at Victory Church. Dixon Pastor Randy Patterson will deliver the sermon. The public is welcome.

## Hanging of the Greens

Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church St., will hold a Hanging of the Greens and a Chrismon service on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

### Fellowship & Faith

## Church Service Directory

#### INGS MOUNTAIN

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

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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  
704-739-9939

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

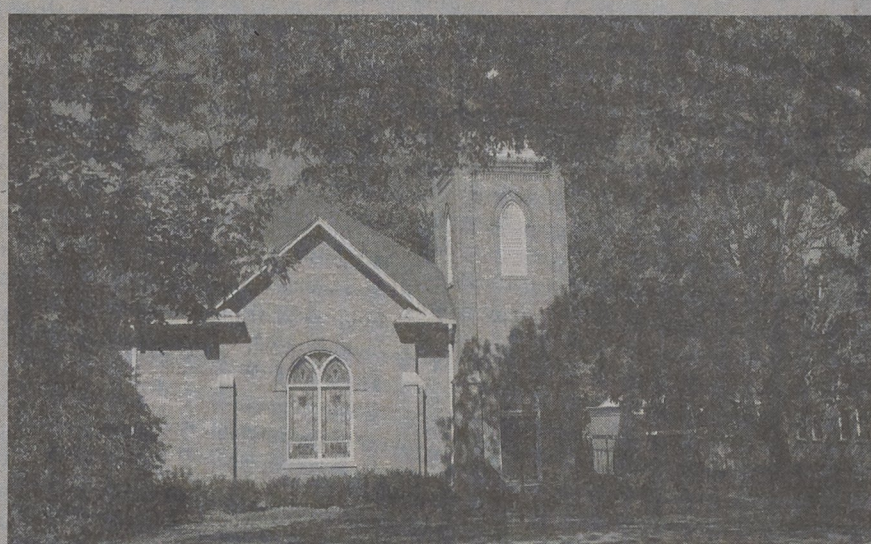
Grace United Methodist Church  
830 Church Street  
704-739-6000

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

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1128 York Road  
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### Featured Church of the Week: El Bethel Church

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