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***O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
When I look at your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that  
you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You have given them dominion over the works  
of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!***

**Psalm 8**

Welcome to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. You may find additional information at either of the Information Centers or on our website at [www.bsumc.com](http://www.bsumc.com). One center is in the office lobby by Sisk Hall, and the other center is in the main lobby just behind the Sanctuary. The centers are open before and after each of the worship services. Information about Sunday school is available at each center. If you would like to become a member of our church family, contact Stacy Phillips in the church office at 864-371-6084. We are happy to help you find your place here!

8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY) 8:45AM & 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (SISK HALL) 10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

### Ushers

8:45 AM John Korybski, Steve Thraikill, Lee Maxwell, Jim Hinson

11:00 AM John Lomax, Haden Rawlinson, Coleman Shouse, Bill Parker, Tim Barnhill

### Offering Tellers

David Stevenson, Chuck Turlington, Burke Royster

### Offering Steward

8:45 AM Noland Meyers

11:00 AM Ken Porter

### Crucifer

8:45 AM Cody Simmons

11:00 AM Riley McDermott

### Acolytes

8:45 AM Anna Grace Loftis

11:00 AM Caroline Yarborough, Edie Youngblood

### Children's Nursery

BSUMC's nursery, staffed by paid, trained, & caring employees, depends on church member volunteers to assist in each room during each of the services. Contact Gayle Quay ([gayle.quay@bsumc.com](mailto:gayle.quay@bsumc.com), 864-371-6089).

## ONLINE GIVING

Manage your *giving to God* through the church from the church website and the Online Giving tab (<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login.aspx>).

## DECEMBER 24, 2017

Total Worship Attendance ..... 2,641

## MIDWEEK DINNER — JANUARY 3, 2018

Spaghetti with Meatballs & Sauce, Caprese Salad, Bread Sticks, & Brownies. Servers: Emmanuel Class.



Are you leaving a legacy of “red tape” for your heirs? A legal will drawn by your attorney will cut out the red tape and accomplish what you want to happen following your death. Do you have a will?

For more information about **BSUMC's Endowment Fund**, contact Julia Sibley-Jones (864-720-1634 ; [julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com](mailto:julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com)), or visit the church website.

## THIS WEEK AT BSUMC

### GAIHN Here All Week

### Sunday, December 31, 2017

10:00 AM Confirmation Class (217)

2:00 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)

### Monday, January 1, 2018

Church Office & CDC Closed

### Tuesday, January 2, 2018

9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

10:30 AM CDC Chapel (Memorial Chapel)

1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

5:30 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)

6:00 PM Jesus & The Gospels Disciple Study (Trinity Campus)

7:00 PM Young Adults Dinner (One Plaza)

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

### Wednesday, January 3, 2018

9:45 AM CDC 3K Music (Choir Room)

10:30 AM CDC 4K Music (Choir Room)

4:00 PM Psalms Bible Study (Truluck)

5:30 PM Carillon Choir (Handbell Room)

6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades (Choir Room)

6:00 PM Koinonia: Grounded in Prayer (Sisk)

6:00 PM Troop 9 Daisies (Scout)

6:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:30 PM Basketball Practice (Drake)

### Thursday, January 4, 2018

9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

10:00 AM Entrusted Study (215)

1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

5:30 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)

6:30 PM Eagle Review Board (Various)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (Trinity Campus)

### Friday, January 5, 2018

4:00 PM CDC Afterschool Music (Choir Room)

5:30 PM Basketball Practice (Sisk, Drake)

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

### Saturday, January 6, 2018

9:00 AM Bishop's Forward Focus (Sisk, Drake)

4:00 PM Worship Set-Up (Sisk)

To learn more about future events planned at BSUMC, visit our website at [www.bsumc.com](http://www.bsumc.com) and click on the calendar link.

The **deadline for 2017 contributions** is Sunday, December 31, 2017. Mail that is postmarked prior to January 1, 2018 will also be accepted. Otherwise, your gift will be credited to 2018.

If you are **transferring stock to the church**, please **notify Nancy Gobble with the details of your transaction**. The church account is still with Wagner Wealth Management, and the account number and DTC number are the same. Contact Nancy (864-371-6087; [nancy.gobble@bsumc.com](mailto:nancy.gobble@bsumc.com)) if you need the account information.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A **high school mission trip** interest meeting will be held on **January 7, 2018**, at 12:15 PM in the Warehouse on the Youth Hall. All are welcome, but lunch will be provided for those who pre-register. Visit the My Buncombe Street ACS portal to add your name to the list of attendees.

Please note that Rev. Ben Burt will *NOT* be at the **Mug and Muffin Cafe & Catering** on Tuesday, December 26, or January 2. He will resume his weekly morning gathering on **Tuesday, January 9**.

A **class for parents of children to be baptized at BSUMC** will be offered on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**, at 6:00 PM in Room 115. Childcare will be provided. If you have not attended a baptism class in the past, we encourage participation in order to understand the meaning, purpose, and practice of baptism in the United Methodist Church. Contact Stacy Phillips (864-371-6084) to register for this one-hour meeting.

Join Rob Davis for a seven-week study of Adam Hamilton's book, **Revival**, about John Wesley's message and his faith calling for a revival of our hearts and souls. The class will be held at the Trinity Campus (Merritt Room) at 6:30 PM beginning **Monday, January 15, 2018**.

In this season of giving, please consider donating blood and join in **BSUMC's first Blood Drive** of 2018. You may call the church office (864-232-7341) to schedule a convenient time. The drive will be held on **Wednesday, January 31**, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM in Orders Parlor.

Women, you are invited to attend the **2018 Annual B-Street Women's Retreat February 23-25** in Lake Junaluska, NC. Elizabeth Maxon will be the guest speaker and Emily Lynch Cupelli will be the worship leader. Registration is underway ([www.bsumc.info/2018-womens-annual-retreat](http://www.bsumc.info/2018-womens-annual-retreat)). If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Manning ([stephanie.manning@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.manning@gmail.com)) or Jamie Prince ([jamie@startflourishing.com](mailto:jamie@startflourishing.com)).

Cameras are being installed in the Sanctuary of the **Downtown Campus** to record the traditional worship services and post them on our website. The **soundboard operators and camera operators** are compensated each week to perform these duties from the balcony. Contact Chris Malaska (371-6085 or [chris.malaska@bsumc.com](mailto:chris.malaska@bsumc.com)) if you are interested in receiving training and serving in these positions.

Registration is underway for the two-session **Compass class** for prospective new members and those wishing to learn more about the church. Visit the church website for complete details ([www.bsumc.info/compass](http://www.bsumc.info/compass)).

BSUMC is excited to announce our **new fitness room and two new fitness trainers**, Ken Stribling and Aimee Aird Powell. The fitness room, located near Drake Hall, includes exercise and workout equipment and space for classes that will be offered. If you are considering a healthy New Year's resolution, Ken and Aimee will soon offer training, group classes, fitness camps, and more. Contact Tom Buchanan ([tom.buchanan2@gmail.com](mailto:tom.buchanan2@gmail.com); 864-373-6461), or Ken (864-346-2698; [wkstribling@gmail.com](mailto:wkstribling@gmail.com)) and Aimee (864-320-2277; [aimeeairdpowell@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeairdpowell@gmail.com)) for information.

The **Wednesday night Koinonia Tables** will begin a new series in January called "Grounded in Prayer." In this basic six-week course on prayer we will use the Lord's Prayer as our example. Rev. Justin Gilreath and Rev. Roy Mitchell will facilitate the study from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in Sisk Hall following the midweek meal.

# 8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL SERVICES

*As you begin your worship, you are invited to study the bulletin for persons and activities to include in your silent prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself; so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.*

PRELUDE

GREETING

CHIMING THE HOUR

VOLUNTARY

*We ask for your prayerful silence during the Voluntary as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

*The cross symbolizes the Gospel message, Christ crucified and risen.*

*Fire and light are Biblical symbols for the presence of God, here present with his people.*

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

\*PSALTER

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**Praise the Lord!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, NT p. 189

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**



