

Today's Worship

August 16, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME Miss Sophia Barrera

*SONG	10,000 Reasons	All
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*SONG	Living Hope	All
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sophia Barrera

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The concerns are followed by:
ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

***SONG** **Graves into Gardens** McEver Singers

THE WORD

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Romans 10:5-15 (NIV)

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

PRAYER

SERMON **Raised from What Buries Us**
Reverend Tyler Jackson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Where have you made faith feel far away, complicated, or out of reach — when Paul says the word is already near you, in your mouth and in your heart?
2. What are the things you feel buried under right now — shame, guilt, fear, anxiety, anger, grief, insecurity, hopelessness, or something else — and what would it mean to believe that God can raise you, too?
3. Who helped you hear the good news of Jesus, and who might need to hear good news through your words, presence, or story?

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

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DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*SONG	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	All
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BENEDICTION

Pastor Tyler

Leader: We go now, remembering that Christ is not far away and that the Word is near to us - in our mouths and in our hearts. We do not have to climb to heaven or descend into the depths to find God's grace.

All: When shame, fear, guilt, grief, or hopelessness tries to bury us, we will believe in the God who raises the dead and go out into the world with “beautiful feet,” bringing good news wherever we are sent as we *Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ.* Amen!

Notes & Take Aways

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Announcements and Events



CHEERS for our amazing *Volunteers*

Please Join Us to Celebrate at an **Appreciation Reception**
Sunday, August 23, 2026
after the service

Contact SPRC members for more info



WING AND A PRAYER

Mon 8/31
6:30pm

Grab some wings, share a laugh, and pull up a chair. Wing and a Prayer is a safe, affirming, and judgment-free space for fellowship—especially if you're feeling broken, hurt, or just need a place where you truly belong.

BRANCH HOUSE TAVERN

5466 McEver Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

South Hall Community Food Pantry Needs

Each month, our friends at the South Hall Community Food Pantry request specific items which supplement regular donations and help meet the needs of our neighbors. For the month of August the request is for **1lb (pound) packages of rice, beans, and pasta.**

Additionally, the demand for jelly has increased! So **15oz or 18oz jelly** (grape and strawberry preferred) will be greatly appreciated as well.

Help Feed our Furry Friends

The pets of our neighbors need help too! The pantry is now accepting bagged dog and cat food, any brand, along with our other donated items.

Please place these items on the table in the Bagley Annex kitchen.

South Hall Community & Church Events: August 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Aug 10	10:00am – 11:00am	Golden Achievers @ FBUMC - 2nd Sunday of the month!	Flowery Branch UMC	Rev. Kathie Stasko
Aug 19	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Meal and a Message WHM Boys Football Team	West Hall Middle School	Rev. Joshua Scott
Aug 26	4:00am – 6:00pm	Meal and a Message WHM Boys Football Team	West Hall Middle School	Rev. Joshua Scott
Aug 29	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Faith and Formations All Youth Gathering	McEver Rd Church	Rev. Tyler Jackson



Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We are truly glad you're here!

No matter your background, status, or story—you are welcome. Whether you feel like you have everything or nothing, have strong family bonds or feel like the “odd-one-out,” are young or simply young at heart, we embrace you just as you are. Regardless of who you are or whatever box/label someone gave you, we strive to see the image of God in everyone. If you are struggling, seeking, doubting, or carrying wounds from the past, know that God meets us where we are. And today, we are grateful to meet you exactly where you are.

Welcome to McEver Road United Methodist Church
 We're so glad you're here!

Tips for New Worshipers:

Coming to a new space with new people can be overwhelming. Let us help you feel more comfortable and at ease:

- Enjoy refreshments at the snack table and coffee bar at anytime
- Bathrooms are located in the back of the Pavilion (where you are now) with additional ones located inside the Bagley House.

Tips for New Families:

All ages are welcome to worship with us during this worship hour. That being said, we know each family has different needs:

- If your family chooses to stay in the Pavilion, we have green worship bags available for younger ages to use (At the end of the service, please return them so we can reuse them next week!)
- If you need nursery care (0-3 years old), then we have a wonderful space and trained volunteers ready to love on them in the Nursery Room located downstairs inside the Bagley House
- If your children (K-5th) would like to participate in Kids Worship for a fun, engaging experience, please join them in the Kids Area, downstairs inside the Bagley House

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10:00am: Suzanne Terwilliger and Bob Rosentreter

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Password: 5226McEver

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