

**“Working in the Light of God”**  
**2007 Charge Conferences Worship Order and Agenda**  
North Carolina Conference  
*Continuing to Grow as Healthy Congregations*

**The Call to Worship**

**Dr. Tim Turkington, Chairperson  
Administrative Board**

Come, Church, to the One who said, “I chose you.”  
That One is the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ.  
Our Lord calls us to health to serve him and to grow as his body on earth.  
Let us remember God’s call to be a healthy community to serve him.  
Let us celebrate the ways God is making us healthier.  
Let us seek new ways to grow as healthy disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Song – “The Church’s One Foundation” verses 1-2**

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**Opening Prayer**

**Dr. Turkington**

**Testimony**

**Blaine Butterworth, Lay Leader**

How God has blessed and strengthened the church in the past year.

**Convene the Charge Conference**

**The Rev. H. Gray Southern,  
Durham District Superintendent**

**Attendance**

**Kevin Jackson, Recording Secretary**

**The Prayer of Confession**

**The Rev. Frank Newsome  
Minister of Youth and Discipleship**

**We confess that we have not been the church which you called us to be. At times we have been self-centered rather than centered in Christ. We have not practiced hospitality as a sign of God's presence and grace among those with whom we share life. We have allowed the world to form us rather than God's Spirit. We have continued in the comfortable means of ministry rather than pursuing risk-taking mission. Redeeming Lord, forgive us we pray and restore us to spiritual health that we might become the congregation that you, and you, alone, can bring into being. Amen.**

A brief silence is kept.

**The Pardon**

The pastor offers a pardon concluding with: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

**The Scripture Lesson**      **Acts 2:42-47**

**The Sermon/Video**

**The Rev. Gray Southern**

**Song – “The Church’s One Foundation,” verses 3-4**

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**The Offering**

Our response to God, including our

1. **Talents.** . . Lay Leadership Report

**The Rev. Jim Bell, Chairperson  
Committee on Lay Leadership**

2. **Service and Treasure.** . . 2008 Apportionments

**Dr. David Fitts, Chairperson  
Finance Committee**

A healthy congregation seeks to use its resources to help others and to extend the ministries of Jesus Christ far beyond ourselves. We seek to be a healthy congregation through the ministries of The United Methodist Church. Therefore, we acknowledge that we are being asked to support that ministry in the following way:

**Apportioned**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| World Service/Conference Benevolences | \$90,081                                |
| Past Service Liability – Pensions     | 19,182                                  |
| Episcopal Fund                        | 3,026                                   |
| Africa University                     | 331                                     |
| Black College Fund                    | 1,497                                   |
| Interdenominational Cooperation Fund  | 297                                     |
| District Work Fund                    | 2,976 (4 percent of salary & utilities) |

3. **Presence.** . .

**Dick McFall, Chairperson  
Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

We are thankful for the presence and ministry of our Senior Pastor and make these statements of support for the health of our church:

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| Pastor’s Salary      | \$69,883   |
| Pastor’s Travel      | 2,531 (Paid by voucher: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes, <input type="checkbox"/> no)  |
| Housing Allowance    | -0-  |
| Utilities            | 4,520 (Paid by voucher <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , yes; <input type="checkbox"/> no) |
| Continuing Education | 750  |

**4. Reports from Program Staff Members**

**The Rev. Frank Newsome, Minister of Youth and Discipleship  
Dr. Ann Stallings Smith, Minister of Nurture**

**5. The Report of the Pastor**

**The Rev. Jim Bell, Senior Pastor**

**Other Business:**

**Revision of Legacy Funds Charter**

**Mrs. Leta Loyd, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanks – Remembering the Saints**

*Aubrey Daniel Turrentine, III*

*Luther Roycroft Veasey*

*Mary Louise Hooper Neu*

*Edith Arnold Johnson*

*Robert M. Anglin*

*Sherrod Fowler Willis Ballentine*

*Eugene DeBoer*

*Milena Sedmak Vesic*

*Winfred Palmer Hawley*

*Charlotte Corbin*

*Wyatt Thomas Dixon, Jr.*

*Marcus E. Hobbs*

*Betty M. Gray*

*Harry Edwin Rodenhizer, Jr.*

**\*Song – “The Church’s One Foundation,” verses 1 and 5**

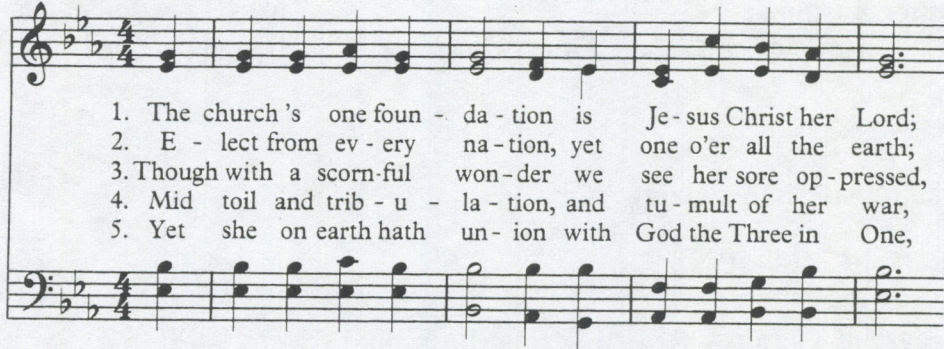
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**\*The Blessing**

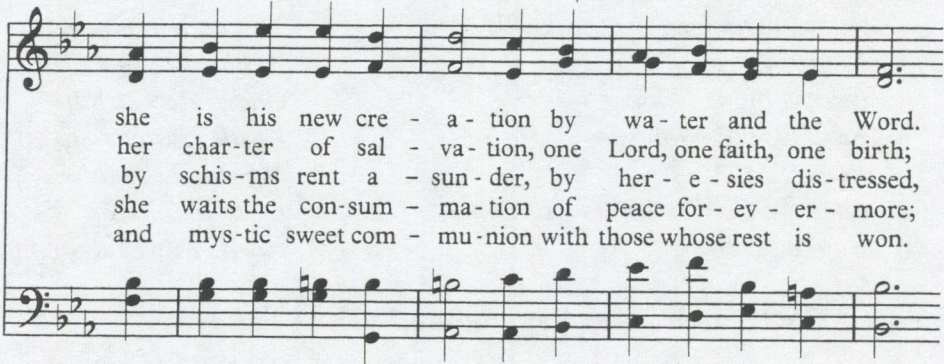
**The Rev. Gray Southern**

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District Superintendent      Recording Secretary      Date

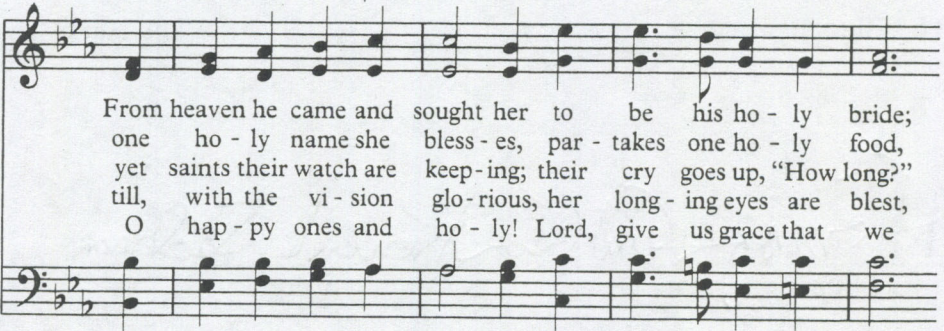
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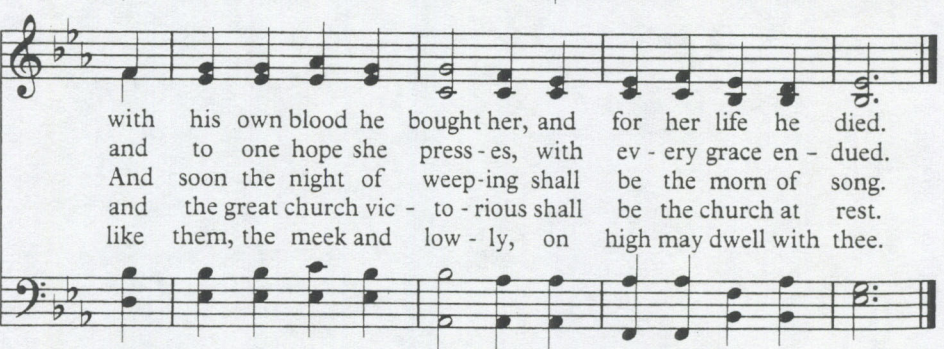
1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866  
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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