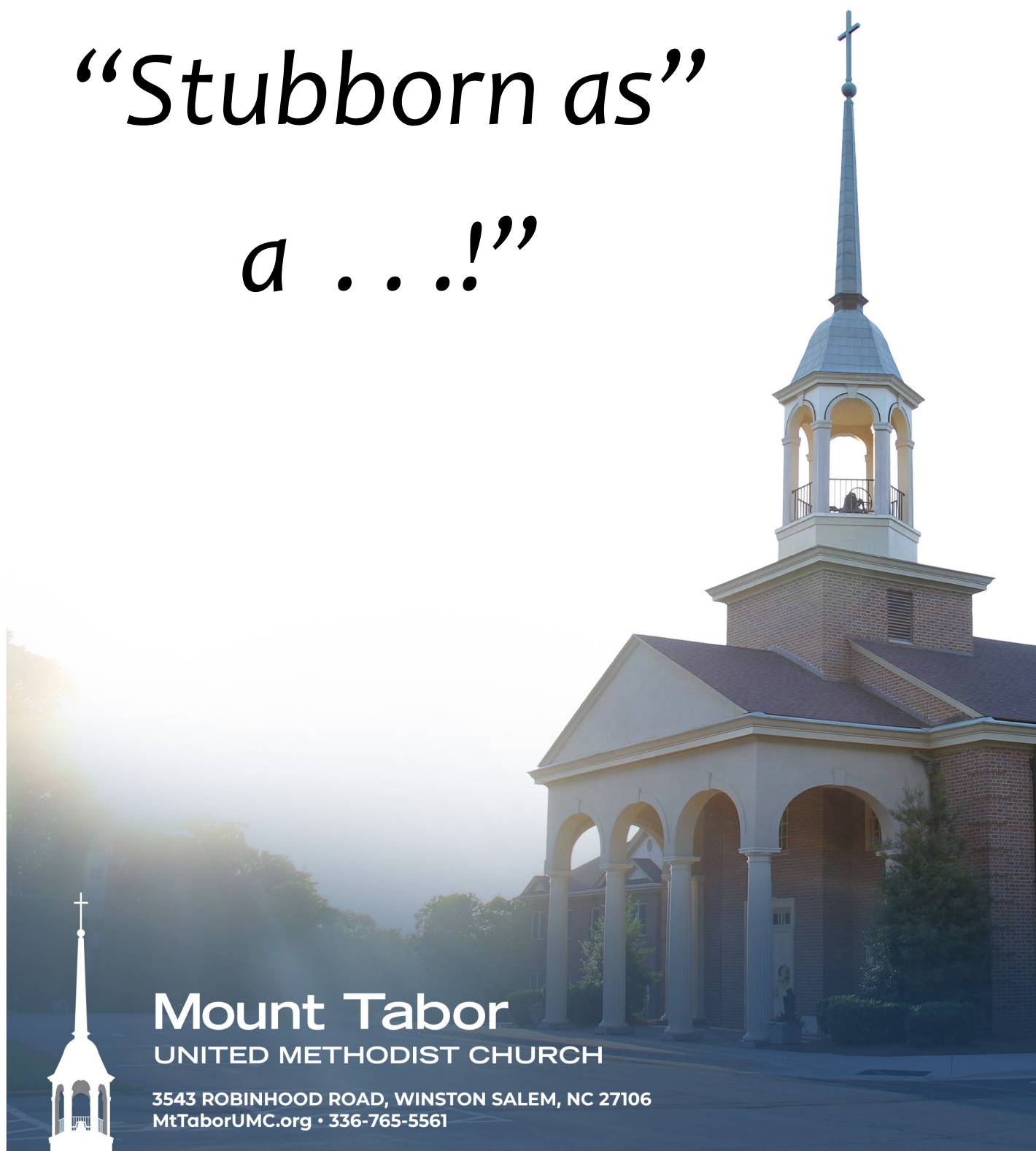


Sunday, August 24, 2025

*“Stubborn as”
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Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Modern Worship Service

Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 9:00am

Gathering Songs

Rattle! — Elevation Worship

Holy Water — We The Kingdom

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise and Worship

Great Are You Lord — All Sons and Daughters

Invitation to TaborKIDS and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children (2 years old-5th grade) may leave to participate in TaborKids Worship today.
Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Reckless Love — Cory Asbury

Scripture

Numbers 22:15-35 (The Message)

Today's Message

"The Stubborn as a . . . !"

Prayer of Response

Closing Song

I Will Follow — Chris Tomlin

Sending Forth

Today's Worship Leaders:

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam **Executive Pastor:** Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas **Worship Host:** Wende Rogers

Prayer Leader: Madison Griffis

Summer Sermon Series: “What You May Not Have Heard in Sunday School”

“Stubborn as a ...!”

Numbers 22:15-35 (The Message)

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Balak sent another group of nobles, higher ranking and more distinguished. They came to Balaam and said, "Balak son of Zippor says, 'please, don't refuse to come to me. I will honor and reward you lavishly— anything you tell me to do, I'll do; I'll pay anything—only come and curse this people.'" ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Balaam answered Balak's servants: "Even if Balak gave me his house stuffed with silver and gold, I wouldn't be able to defy the orders of my GOD to do anything, whether big or little. But come along and stay with me tonight as the others did; I'll see what GOD will say to me this time." ²⁰ God came to Balaam that night and said, "Since these men have come all this way to see you, go ahead and go with them. But make sure you do absolutely nothing other than what I tell you." ²¹⁻²³ Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went off with the noblemen from Moab. As he was going, though, God's anger flared. The angel of GOD stood in the road to block his way. Balaam was riding his donkey, accompanied by his two servants. When the donkey saw the angel blocking the road and brandishing a sword, she veered off the road into the ditch. Balaam beat the donkey and got her back on the road. ²⁴⁻²⁵ But as they were going through a vineyard, with a fence on either side, the donkey again saw GOD's angel blocking the way and veered into the fence, crushing Balaam's foot against the fence. Balaam hit her again. ²⁶⁻²⁷ GOD's

angel blocked the way yet again—a very narrow passage this time; there was no getting through on the right or left. Seeing the angel, Balaam's donkey sat down under him. Balaam lost his temper; he beat the donkey with his stick. ²⁸ Then GOD gave speech to the donkey. She said to Balaam: "What have I ever done to you that you have beat me these three times?" ²⁹ Balaam said, "Because you've been playing games with me! If I had a sword I would have killed you by now." ³⁰ The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your trusty donkey on whom you've ridden for years right up until now? Have I ever done anything like this to you before? Have I?" He said, "No." ³¹ Then GOD helped Balaam see what was going on: He saw GOD's angel blocking the way, brandishing a sword. Balaam fell to the ground, his face in the dirt. ³²⁻³³ GOD's angel said to him: "Why have you beaten your poor donkey these three times? I have come here to block your way because you're getting way ahead of yourself. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If she hadn't, I would have killed you by this time, but not the donkey. I would have let her off." ³⁴ Balaam said to GOD's angel, "I have sinned. I had no idea you were standing in the road blocking my way. If you don't like what I'm doing, I'll head back." ³⁵ But GOD's angel said to Balaam, "Go ahead and go with them. But only say what I tell you to say—absolutely no other word."

“God is always moving in the world and grants us vision to glimpse what God is doing, and where God is leading, calling us from where we are, to what God will have us be and do!”

In what ways are you asking God for direction and guidance in your life?

In what ways does your life provide evidence that we trust God to work for good in our lives and world?

Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, August 24, 2025 — 11:00 am

Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

Voluntary in G Minor

George Berg

Welcome

Bobby Sharp

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

Call to Worship

Do you ever feel like you're headed in the right direction, but something keeps getting in the way?

Yes! There are times life throws detours, delays, and obstacles that get in our way and frustrate us.

Sometimes, what feels like a setback is really a moment where God invites us to slow down, listen with fresh ears, and discover God's guidance in places we didn't expect.

We don't always see it, but God is present—nudging us, protecting us, and helping us notice what we might have missed.

So today, let's pause. Let's listen. Let's open our eyes to what God might be doing in our lives.

**We're here to worship the God
who sees what we don't,
who speaks through the ordinary,
and who leads us toward blessing.**

* Hymn # 710

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

* Prayer of Confession

God, sometimes we charge ahead with our own plans,
not stopping to ask what You might be doing.

We miss the signs, ignore the nudges,
and get frustrated when things don't go our way.

We confess that we don't always listen well.

**We overlook the quiet voices, the unexpected messengers,
and the moments You're trying to get our attention.**

Forgive us for the times we've been stubborn,
for the times we've pushed forward without prayer,
and for the times we've failed to trust that You are with us.

**Open our eyes, Lord.
Help us to see You in the detours,
to hear You in the ordinary,
and to follow You with open hearts.
Amen.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

* Gloria Patri # 71

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**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.**

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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*** Congregational and The Lord's Prayer**

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

An Irish Blessing
Men's Ensemble

Don Moore

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Handbell Quartet

arr. Michael Mazzetenta

*** Doxology # 95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture

Numbers 22:15-35 (The Message)

Message

"Stubborn as a . . .!"

Rev. David Beam

*** Hymn # 417**

O For a Heart to Praise My God

Richmond

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response**

God Be with You till We Meet Again

*** Chiming of the Trinity**

Postlude

Fugue in F Major

Johann Pachelbel

***Please stand in body or in spirit**

The rosebud on the altar today is dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Layla Minodora Pop, daughter of Alexandru and Mary Tedder Pop.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam

Executive Pastor: Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

Interim Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Robert Overman

Organist/Accompanist: Jessica Beitel

Acolytes: Lilly and Hallie Long

Liturgist: Bobby Sharp

Welcome to Mount Tabor United Methodist Church

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also, stop by the Trinity Welcome Center Desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift.

The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990.

Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 ext. 1021 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

General Information

- Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services in the Children's Building.
- Children (2 year old-5th grade) interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service while we Share the Peace of Christ during the service. Please pick up your children from the children's building following the service.
- Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property. Please notify an usher if you have need of one and they would be happy to assist you.
- The Church Office is open Mon.-Thurs., 9:00am-4:00pm and Friday 9:00am-NOON.
- Please submit ministry announcement information at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

Please visit our church website, www.mttaborumc.org for more information on our ministries and outreach programs.

A complete and real-time Church Calendar can be found by scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website.



GATHER Joyfully

- Worship at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church on Sundays: Modern Worship, 9:00am in the Alspaugh Worship Center and Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary.
- Both services are also available via Facebook Live and <https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming>.

GROW Spiritually and GO Faithfully

- **The September/October issue of The Upper Room are here.** The Upper Room is a daily devotional book for adults of all ages. You can find copies in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and in the Church Office.
- **Calling all women looking for a Sunday morning fellowship group!** Now is a great time to visit the Women In The Word Sunday School class. They are hosting a "Missions Month" during August - led by women in our church sharing their experiences working with some "under the radar" service opportunities. Feel free to join us for one or more of these enlightening meetings - or find a permanent home doing life with us in our little corner of the world! We meet from 10:00-11:00am on Sunday mornings in Room 100 of the lower level of the Adult Sunday School wing, and we always welcome new faces - any age, any stage!
- **Interested and invested in discipling the next generation?** All current and prospective TaborKIDS & Fusion Leaders & Coaches are invited to gather on September 3 at 5:15 PM! Join the Family Ministries Team for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food while flexing your leadership skills! Questions? Contact Marcey (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) or WillyB (will.busch@mttaborumc.org). RSVP for dinner here: bit.ly/mtldrtraining2025

- **TaborTWEENS (4th & 5th Graders)** are invited to the District Tween Retreat September 26-27 at Camp Hanes. For more information and to register, please visit: bit.ly/tweenretreat2025. The registration deadline is September 7!
- **At Mount Tabor, we believe in the study of God’s word** and want to impart that upon our children. This year, we are delighted to be giving Bibles to 1st graders and others who have yet to receive one from Mount Tabor UMC. These Bibles will be at their reading levels and geared toward furthering their understanding of God’s word. Bibles will be handed out at all worship services on Sunday, September 14. You are also invited to a special Hands On Bible event on Sunday, September 21 during Sunday School. Please register here to receive a Bible: bit.ly/mtbible25

September 10, 2025 — Fall Kick-Off: Mark your calendars and join us for one or all of the following Wednesday Opportunities

- **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** will resume their Bible Study on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom. There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible. For questions or the zoom link, contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561.
- **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, September 10 from 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$10 for adult (age 13 and up), \$7 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$30. The menu is: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Chips, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Children’s option: Chicken Nuggets.
- **GriefShare is a biblical and Christ-centered group** that gathers to help each other heal and find encouragement following the death of a loved one. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Our Fall/Winter GriefShare series will begin on Wednesday, September 10-December 17 in room 102 from 3:30-5:00pm. For more information, please contact Beverly Burton at griefshare@mttaborumc.org or to register go to www.griefshare.com.
- **TaborKIDS on Wednesdays kicks off on September 10!** Every Tabor Table Wednesday, children (ages 2 years old - 5th grade) are invited to come to the Children’s Building from 6-7 PM for faith, fun, and fellowship! Check your TaborKIDS emails in late August for more information!
- **DivorceCare is a biblical and Christ-centered support group** where people find healing, hope, and encouragement after separation or divorce. For you, or someone you know, no matter what the cause of separation or divorce, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck and learn valuable information about facing your “new normal” and renewing your hope for the future. Our DivorceCare group will gather on Wednesday nights, from September 10 thru December 10 in The Parlor (Rm. 108) from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact David Rigby at divorcecare@mttaborumc.org. Registration is easy at www.divorcecare.org.

Our Response to God’s Grace on Sunday, August 17, 2025

Through our Attendance		Through our Giving	
Online Worship	185	Budget Needs Each Week	\$34,811.00
In-person Worship	447	Budget Gifts	\$20,899.51

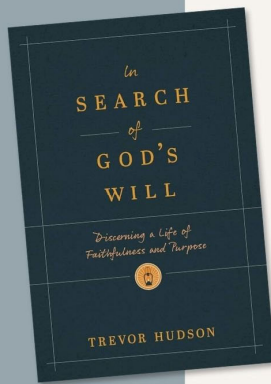
Budget Pledges for 2025: Number of Pledges: 252
Pledge Total of \$1,318,613

New Member Sunday

will be Sunday, August 31

Interested in joining the church on
New Member Sunday?

Contact Charity Goff, Church Administrator at
Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org



Adult Church Wide Study

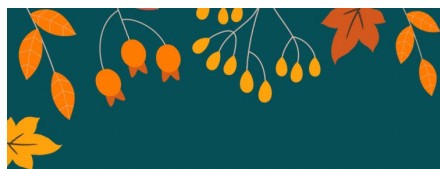
In Search of God's Will

Discerning a Life of Faithfulness and Purpose
by Trevor Hudson

September 7 – November 16

Please Purchase Your Own Book
Available in Paperback, as an Ebook, or Audiobook

Have questions or want to connect with a class or small group study?
Contact Kim Harvey at Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org



Wednesdays at
Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fall Kick-Off on
September 10



WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM **Women's Bible Study**
- 3:30 PM **GriefShare**
- 5:15 PM **Tabor Table**
- 6 PM **TaborKIDS on Wednesdays**
- 6 PM **Growth Gathering**
- 6:30 PM **DivorceCare**

