

Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

A Home to All

Sharing God's Unconditional Love



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018 – 10:30 AM

Celebrating 20 years!

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker
Rector

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place. Our tradition is to invite newcomers to introduce themselves during the announcements, if they would like. Following the service, the ushers have guest cards which we hope you will fill out, so we can personally welcome you to the church community. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards.

What do you need to know about worship? Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? We would love to get to know you! Please fill out one of the pew cards tucked into the pew in front of you. Let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

Home communion visits: Do you know someone who isn't able to get to church, but would like a home communion visit? Please call the church office at 336.372.7983 to arrange a visit.

Please wear a name tag. No permanent one? Please use the temporary adhesive name tags found in the church entryway. We're happy to make you a new nametag, a replacement, or simply a spare. For permanent name tags, sign up on the clipboard in the entryway.

Newsletter: Sign up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at ccepisopal@skybest.com.

Sermons Available: Recent sermons available at www.christchurchallegghany.com.

Adult Formation at Christ Church includes an Adult Forum series Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

We extend special thanks today to the following people:

The Reverend Blair Both, our visiting priest,

Laura Davis, for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents,

Ann & Frank Hazard, for providing flowers for the altar in thanksgiving for and in memory of their parents: Ed and Frances Hazard & George and Laura Cheney, and

Jeanne Green, for providing refreshments for our fellowship following the service.

The Gathering

Prelude

All stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Let us pray (*prayed by all*) BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: S280 (*sung by all*)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Remain standing, as able.

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

The Response

Psalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *

to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;

all alike have turned bad; *

there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *

who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, *

because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *

but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *

when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

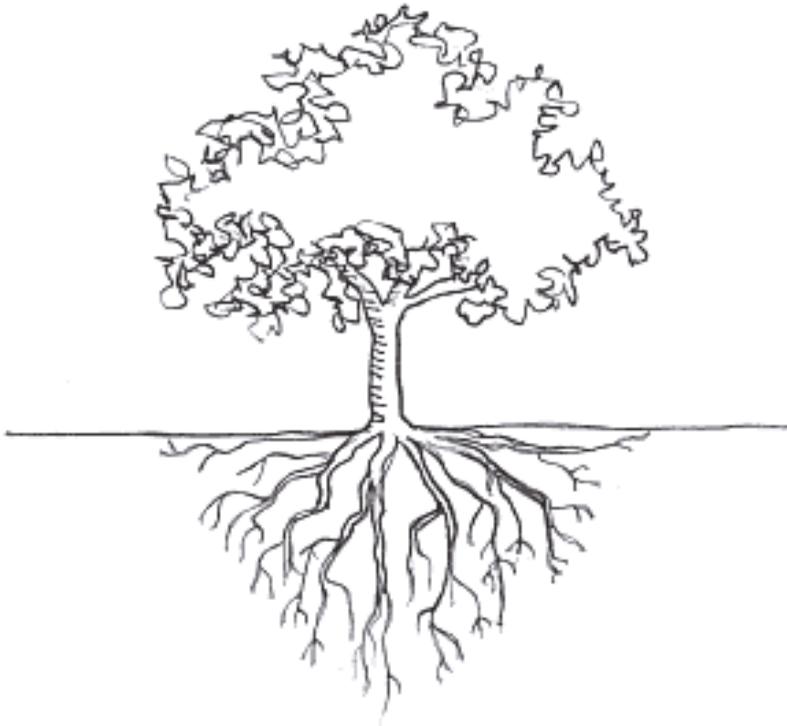
The Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.



Please stand, as able.

Remain standing, as able.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

John 6: 1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
 People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Blair Both

A time of silence following the sermon.

Please stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed

WLP 768

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Form III (adapted)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
We pray especially for ... and also all who suffer in silence.
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We give you thanks for ...; and all the blessings of this life.
People **That we may share your joy.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, and for those who have
died...may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; *the people may add their own petitions.*

Silence

Presider:

All: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.

Offertory

Laura Davis

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Standing, as able.

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: S129 (*sung by all*)

BCP 362

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priests, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction: S154 (sung by all)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.....

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.*

Communion Music (sung by all)

Laura Davis

Taizé #28

Come and fill our hearts

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
alleluia! (Repeat)*

Taizé #29

Nothing can trouble

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us. (Repeat)*

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Stand or sit, as able.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand, as able.

The Blessing

The Rev. Blair Both

Recessional Hymn #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Coming Lessons

2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a

Psalm 51: 1-13

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35

Prayer List

Intercessions: Ben, Ed & Jean, Fred P., Gina D, Jann B., Julie O., Mark & Julee W., Martha H., Suzanne & Lance B., and Virginia R.

Departed:

Birthdays: Julie Ottesen (July 31), Fred Hardee (August 1)

Wedding Anniversaries:

The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson	Jeanne Green
Chalicer I	Jann Boggs	Jeanne Green
Chalicer II	Sheila Pfaender	Ann Hazard
Crucifer	Brenda Weems	Linda Williams
Lector I	Brenda Weems	Linda Williams
Lector II	Phil Donaldson	Jess Williams
Prayers of the People	Brenda Weems	Linda Williams
Oblations Bearers	Hal & Nancy Wilson	Phil & Deb Donaldson
Greeters/Ushers	Joe & Judy Ritchie	Shelley & Geoff Jones
Book Bearer	Sheila Pfaender	Ann Hazard
Sanctus Bell	Brenda Weems	Linda Williams

Schedule

Sunday, July 29 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm – Mountain Soul presents Province of Thieves

Wednesday, August 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Friends in Faith

Sunday, August 5 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 7

1:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 8

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Friends in Faith

Thursday, August 9

6:00 pm – Neighborhood Bible Study at the Seckel Barn, 404 Vestal Rd.

Saturday, August 11

10:00 am – Licensing and Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, August 12

9:15 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, August 14

12:30 pm – Vestry Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 15

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Friends in Faith

Announcements

Wednesday morning services resume this week on **Wednesday, August 1st at 10:00 am.**

Adult Forum resumes next **Sunday, August 5th at 9:15 am.**

Julie Ottesen update:

Many of you know that Julie fell last weekend and broke her hip. She has had hip surgery and is now recovering at Chatham Nursing and Rehab in Room 503. [700 Johnson Ridge Road, Elkin, NC 28621]

Food Closet Volunteers Needed!

August is Christ Church's month to provide Food Closet volunteers. We need three volunteers each day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:15 am to 1:45 pm. One volunteer will be helping the Food Closet clients lift groceries into their vehicles (male preferred). **The sign-up sheet is on the Information table in the fellowship hall and there are several slots still open.** If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Green at 336.372.4781 or email her at jrgreen@skybest.com. Let's show our support for this vital program to help feed those less fortunate. Thank you!

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

August and September are going to be very busy months as we gear up for another great season! Some important events to mark on your calendar are:

Licensing and Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers Saturday, August 11th at 10:00 AM.

If your license has expired or if you would like to become licensed to serve the chalice, please make every effort to be at this important event.

Genesis Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 19th at 11:30 and will conclude Wednesday, November 14th. This will be a deep exploration of The Beginning of all things!

TBA: Training, refreshment and Support for all Servers of all ages, Ushers, and Readers

As the Fall season unfolds, look for these opportunities to refresh your ministry in these areas, join one of these ministries for the first time and go deeper into why these are key areas of ministry for the entire parish!

Friends in Faith

The Friends in Faith group is meeting on Wednesdays at 11:30 am. We gather as sisters in Christ to praise, pray, study, and share our lives. Please join us!

Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for August is: Brenda Weems. Her preferred method of contact is by email - weemswight@earthlink.net. For those who don't use email, she can be reached at 919-812-2810.

Vestry Person of the month for August is: Jeanne Green. She can be reached at jrgreen@skybest.com or 336-372-4781.

For any building or property issues, please contact: Phil Donaldson with your concerns.

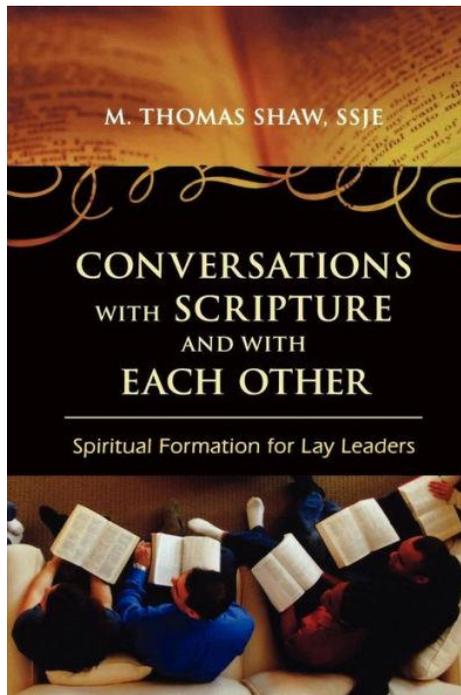
Neighborhood Bible Study

Thursday, July 26, 2018

6 PM

Come join us for a light supper
and discussion of 1 Thessalonians

**Conversations with Scripture
And With Each Other**



Paul's letter to the Church at Thessalonica may well be the oldest piece of literature we have in the New Testament. Written just 20 years after the resurrection of Jesus, Paul is addressing not an individual, but a church community. The background of Paul's interaction with the Thessalonians is found in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 17:1-9. In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, he gives them a list of practical exhortations (5:12-21). Read over Paul's letter to this early Christian Church and come join us on Thursday evening at the Seckel's Barn on Vestal Road (308 Vestal Road) as we have a conversation with Paul's words and with each other.

**Mountain Soul presents Province of Thieves TONIGHT:
Sunday, July 29th at 6:00 pm!**



Province of Thieves is an all-acoustic quintet featuring guitar, mandolin, ukulele, banjo, upright bass, and percussion. But what really sets this band apart are their powerful vocal harmonies, reminiscent of the Eagles. With influences spanning folk rock, bluegrass, beach music and 80's pop, you're invited on a journey through the Province of Thieves!

The Thieves are:

Brad Davidson - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Ukulele, Harmonica;

Greg Moore - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin;

Steve Allen - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Banjo;

Parker Foley - Upright and Electric Bass; and

Jennie Brooks - Percussion

Brad and Greg have known each other for some time, mostly through the ministry of Robinson Presbyterian Church. Both were instrumental in the leadership of the Charlotte Fire! contemporary worship service at RPC, so music was always an element in the relationship. For more information about the band and to hear some of their music, go to:

www.provinceofthieves.com

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