

## ANNOUNCEMENTS [www.allgather.org/calendar](http://www.allgather.org/calendar)

**PORCH** - On the second Sunday of every month, The Gathering Church collects food for PORCH, a local hunger relief organization. If you would like to participate, please bring a bag of non perishable food donations to church on the second Sunday of every month – that's next Sunday – and place it on the bench located on your left as you come into church. For questions, contact Kimberly Steiner at [kimberlydsteiner@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlydsteiner@gmail.com).

Please take a flyer titled 'Most Needed Items' from the bulletin table for a list of specific items to donate.

**Go Mentor** - Consider becoming a mentor by being trained to serve someone else. 2 Training Sessions: Sat., Sept 12, 9:00am-12pm, Tues., Sept. 15, 6:00pm-9:00 pm at The Summit Church, 2335 Presidential Drive, Durham. To apply: [gomentornow.com](http://gomentornow.com)

**Open House/Fall Kick-Off/Potluck, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** - New Message Series begins: "4 Good Choices," Invite a friend to come with you that day.

**Congratulations to Arrica Dubose-Moseley, Creekside's new principal** - Please pray for her as she will be heading up a 900+ student body. There will be around 42 classes this year. Also, the school is a Title I school, meaning 40% of students are on free or reduced lunch. Contact Laura Yost-Grande [laurajyg@gmail.com](mailto:laurajyg@gmail.com) for ways to partner with Creekside.

## INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

### CHURCH STAFF

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## September 6, 2015

Psalm 33:16-22 | Matthew 9:9-13



## SURPRISED BY MERCY

"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."

-Tim Keller

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH
Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

RIPPON/TRADITIONAL

How firm a foundation	When through fiery trials
Ye saints of the Lord	Thy pathway shall lie
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word	My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
What more can he say	The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Than to you he hath said	Thy dross to consume
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled	And thy gold to refine

Fear not, I am with thee	The soul that on Jesus
Oh be not dismayed	Hath leaned for repose
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid	I will not, I will not desert to his foes
I'll strengthen thee, help thee	That soul, though all hell
And cause thee to stand	Should endeavor to shake
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand	I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

LOWRY

What can wash away my sin	Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus	Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again	Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.	Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh, precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon, this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Glory! Glory! This I sing  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

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

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NOTES

COMMUNION
Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.
<b>PRAYER</b> If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

WELCOME	
PSALM 33:16-22	
No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.	
We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.	
ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY	BROWN/ROBERTSON
All who are thirsty All who are weak Come to the fountain Dip your heart in the stream of life	Come Lord Jesus, come Come Lord Jesus, come Come Lord Jesus, come Come Lord Jesus, come
Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away In the waves of his mercy As deep cries out to deep, we sing	Holy Spirit come Holy Spirit come Holy Spirit come

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

MAHER

Great is your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So, remember your people  
Remember your children  
Remember your promise, O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

God I sing your grace is enough  
I'm covered in your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me  
It's enough for me

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of your salvation  
and all your people sing along

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OVERWHELMED

WHITE

I wonder what you think of frantic tales  
That speak of you as if you're not there  
Oh, I wonder if it breaks your heart

We'll look up and we'll say  
Glorious, beautiful  
Jesus, we are weak so be our strength

I wonder if the mountain would really jump  
Into the sea if only we believed  
Oh, help our unbelief

I wonder when like a thief you will return  
Will we be asleep, or do our hearts yearn  
To come beneath your burning gaze

Forgive us for the days that we stray  
When we're overwhelmed

We are overwhelmed by your love  
We are overwhelmed by your love

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DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER
Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

**MATTHEW 9:9-13**  
As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”