

### Previous Mission Preachers

1959 Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.  
1960 Dr. Norman Paullin  
1961 Dr. Edmund Perry  
1962 Dr. Lawrence Lacour  
1963 Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.  
1964 Dr. Bryant Kirkland  
1965 Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson  
1966 Dr. Edwin Kimbrough  
1967 Dr. David MacLennan  
1968 Dr. Ernest Gordon  
1969 Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.  
1970 Dr. Theodore P. Ferris  
1971 Dr. Myron S. Augsburg  
1972 Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.  
1973 Dr. Wallace E. Fisher  
1974 Dr. John N. Gladstone  
1975 Dr. David H. C. Read  
1976 Dr. Bill Starnes  
1977 Dr. John Brokhoff  
1978 Dr. Myron S. Augsburg  
1979 Dr. John K. Bergland  
1980 Dr. Reginald Mallett  
1981 Dr. Dennis Kinlaw  
1982 Dr. John Killinger  
1983 Dr. Reginald Mallett  
1984 Dr. William Mallard  
1985 Bishop L. Bevel Jones III  
1986 Dr. Reginald Mallett  
1987 Reverend Dennis Dutton  
1988 Reverend Sam Cocker  
1989 Reverend J. Ellsworth Kalas  
1990 Reverend Bill Hinson  
1991 Dr. Bruce Metzger  
1992 Reverend James Flemming  
1993 Reverend Donald English  
1994 Reverend Eddie Fox  
1996 Dr. Peter Graves  
1997 Dr. Bill Leonard  
1998 Dr. James M. Efird  
1999 Bishop Ernest Fitzgerald  
2000 Reverend Barbara Brokhoff  
2001 Dr. Thomas K. Tewell  
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2004 Dr. John Ed Mathison  
2005 Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam  
2006 Dr. James B. Buskirk  
2007 Dr. Dr. Kenneth Hemphill  
2008 Dr. John Ed Mathison  
2009 Dr. C. Clifton Black  
2010 Bishop William H. Willimon  
2011 Reverend Trevor Hudson  
2012 Dr. Leonard Sweet  
2013 Dr. Ron Rand  
2014 Dr. Peter Storey  
2015 Bishop Jonathan Holston  
2016 Dr. Elaine Heath  
2017 Dr. Thomas K. Tewell

### Purpose and History of The Finch Preaching Mission

The Finch Preaching Mission provides a special opportunity annually for Memorial United Methodist Church to bring dynamic preaching personalities to Thomasville so that people will be reached for Christ and the Body of Christ renewed for God's mission in the world.

The Mission was established in 1959 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Doak Finch. A trust fund was instituted in such a manner that the annual income could be used to bring dynamic pulpit personalities to Thomasville. Additional funds have been added to the trust so that the income could keep pace with rising costs.

The spirit of both Doak and Agnes Finch remains very much a part of the Mission and an inspiration to all who knew them. The Finch Preaching Mission is but one of a multitude of ways in which their Christian witness remains among us.



Doak and Agnes Finch

"Their works do follow them."  
— Revelation 14:13



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October 21-23

**BRIAN COMBS**

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### Clergy

Ben F. Devoid, Peggy A. Finch,  
Rodney W. Denton & Lynda C. Hepler

## Reverend Brian Combs

of Haywood Street, a United Methodist mission congregation, in downtown Asheville

Converted by an in-the-gutter low Christology, Rev. Brian Combs was confronted by the incarnate Jesus on the homeless streets where pauper, prostitute and pusher loiter about. Convicted by John Wesley's social holiness and the Gospel's parabolic precedent, he founded Haywood St., a United Methodist mission congregation, in Asheville, NC. An unflinching Christian communion of sober and intoxicated, homeless and housed, sane and unstable, derelict and disciple. A kingdom of God glance that subverts paternalistic evangelism and poverty tourism, while prioritizing the most marginalized, assuming the disinherited are the God bearers among us.

## Worship Services

The worship services in the Finch Preaching Mission will be Sunday morning at 10 AM, and Sunday through Tuesday nights at 7 PM, with a 6:45 PM hymn sing led by Dr. Tom Smith. The greater Thomasville community is invited to participate in all worship services and events, and it is hoped that persons from all denominations will attend. All events are at Memorial United Methodist Church in Thomasville unless otherwise noted.

## Schedule of Events: Finch Preaching Mission 2018

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### Sunday Oct. 21

**10:00 AM\*** Sanctuary  
Finch Preaching Mission Begins Rev. Brian Combs preaching at the Morning Worship  
*\* Note that we will not hold worship services at 8:50 AM and 11:00 AM. Rather, we will have one morning service at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.*

**11:00 AM** Jarrett Hall  
Question, Answer, and Discussion with Brian Combs

**12:00 Noon** Fellowship Hall  
Luncheon  
*Please reserve your place with by noon on October 15 at 336-472-7718 or office@mumctville.org.*

**7:00 PM (Music begins at 6:45 PM.)** Sanctuary  
Second Finch Preaching Mission Worship Service

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### Monday Oct. 22

**7:00 PM (Music begins at 6:45 PM.)** Sanctuary  
Third Finch Preaching Mission Worship Service

**8:00 PM** Fellowship Hall  
Reception

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### Tuesday Oct. 23

**12:00 Noon** Tom A. Finch YMCA  
Luncheon & Community Talk by Brian Combs, with time for questions and conversation

**7:00 PM (Music begins at 6:45 PM.)** Sanctuary  
Final Worship Service of the 2018 Finch Preaching Mission

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## Finch Preaching Mission Music

Music for the worship service, always a highlight, will be both inspiring and varied.

### Ensembles for Evening Worship

#### Sunday ...

Memorial United Methodist Church  
Chancel Choir

#### Monday ...

The Mark Freundt Trio (Sacred Jazz)

#### Tuesday ...

NC A&T State University Choir

Join us as we worship together through the music shared by these groups.

### INVITE SOMEONE!

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[www.finchpreachingmission.org](http://www.finchpreachingmission.org)  
for more information.

## Nursery and Child Care

Nursery and child care will be provided for each service. The nursery is entered at the rear of the building near the breezeway.

## Love Offering

The Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evening offerings will benefit Cooperative Community Ministry (CCM) of Thomasville. Thank you for your generous contributions.