

Everyone Plays a Role!

The Role of the Teacher:

- Encourage students whose academic success can be increased with weekly tutoring sessions
- Communicate with the tutor both the areas of strength and weakness of the student in order to better prepare the tutor to serve the child

The Role of the Child/Family:

- Register your child for the program
- Ensure participation of your child, making sure to arrive on time and pick up the child on time
- Attend each week with homework, tutoring folder, and assignments that need to be completed or corrected (Note: If a child misses 3 tutoring sessions, their place will be given to someone on the waiting list.
- Communicate with the tutor the specific concerns pertaining to the students' academic performance

The Role of the Church:

- Provide tutors and a tutoring program that is high quality and engaging for students at no cost to the family
- Communicate with both parents and teachers on the progress being made by the student
- Celebrate each child's progress!

About Thyatira Presbyterian Church

Thyatira has been serving the Mill Bridge, Mt. Ulla and China Grove communities since 1750.

As a living legacy of “love, faith, service, and patient endurance” (the virtues of the first church at Thyatira according to the second chapter of the book of Revelation), our vision is to be the Good News Capital of Western Rowan County.

Our Tutoring Program exemplifies this vision as it has been Good News to our community for more than 20 years!

Contact Information

For further information on the Tutoring program, or for questions, comments, or concerns, please contact:

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Tutoring at Thyatira

**A Partnership with
Mt. Ulla Elementary School
in its 22nd year**

The purpose of our program is to provide students with individual help on school assignments and targeted academic skills in a nurturing and engaging environment that fosters a love for learning.



**More Good News for
Western Rowan County**

Welcome!

We are so excited to be able to continue our partnership in this tutoring program with Mt. Ulla Elementary School for the 22nd year! We have come a long way since that first year, and we are very excited about some of the creative and fun activities that we have planned this year to go along with our weekly tutoring sessions!

Eligibility

In 2019 Thyatira's Tutoring Program will be open to all Mt. Ulla students (K-5), with special preference given to those whose teachers believe them to be most in need, and able to be helped in bringing up their academic performances. *Registration deadline is Friday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m.*

Registration

Mt. Ulla parents are responsible for registering their children by Friday, January 18. Spaces are reserved on a first come, first served basis for those children who have not been referred by their teachers. The church will take as many students as it has tutors, with the remaining names to be kept on a waiting list. *(There is no financial cost either for parents or the school; this program is a service offered by the church to the community.)*

Schedule

Tutoring will be one night per week for the student, either on Tuesday or Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the church. The parents will come with their children to the first night of tutoring, to meet the tutors that their children will have, and to sign a basic covenant agreement, which acknowledges their responsibility to see that their children come to each tutoring session, on time and prepared to work. Each child is to come with paper and pencil, a book to read, and homework assignments from the teachers (tutoring folder to be provided).

- First Tutoring Sessions are Tuesday, January 29 or Thursday, January 31.
- Final tutoring Sessions are Tuesday, April 9 or Thursday, April 11
- A Celebration Pizza Party for students and their families is Tuesday, April 16.

We will not hold tutoring on the following days: teachers' work days, PTA meetings, bad weather days, holidays, etc. If school is closed for any reason, tutoring will not be held on that day. The Thyatira tutoring schedule always follows the Rowan Salisbury Schools' calendar.

While Children Are in Tutoring

We are pleased to offer the following opportunities for family members while students are with their tutors:

- Supervised Pre-K Play is offered Tuesday evenings
- Smart Start's Triple-P Parenting Program is offered on Thursday evening (For more information on Triple P, see triplep-parenting.com)
- English as a Second Language Classes are offered Tuesday evenings

While People Are Saying About Tutoring

"Research has shown that well-designed tutoring programs that use volunteers and other nonprofessionals as tutors can be effective in improving children's reading skills. Students with below-average reading skills who are tutored by volunteers show significant gains in reading skills when compared with similar students who do not receive tutoring from a quality tutoring program." (from "Evidence That Tutoring Works," by the Department of Education, Washington, D.C., 2009)