



# Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

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## Small Groups

Central now has three new small groups starting up. Below are the descriptions for each topic offered. The group leader will have the start date. Please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or a group leader to get registered.



***Have we become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society such as stealing, murder or adultery, that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own, subtler sins?*** In his book, *Respectable Sin*, Jerry Bridges addresses a number of specific “acceptable” sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves—such as jealousy, anger, judgmentalism, selfishness, and pride. He goes on to offer a message of hope in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God as the means to overcome our “respectable sins.” In this small group study we will identify and address the Sins that have become “acceptable” in our lives and draw closer to the word of God as a means to overcome such sins.

**Led by: Stephanie and Todd Wilson**

**When: Sundays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, dinner and child care provided**

**Where: At the Wilson's home**

***How should Christians live?*** Paul shows us a truly Christian way to live our lives. It is the way of the Spirit of God given to us through Christ: “Walk by the Spirit . . . led by the Spirit . . . live by the Spirit . . . keep in step with the Spirit.” That is the heart and soul of Christian living. It is the center and secret of what it means to be a person who belongs to Christ. This small group invites us to live a life in step with the Spirit by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The purpose behind this small group is to feed on the Word of God, grow in Christlikeness, and live a fruitful life by studying Christopher Wright’s *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*.

**Led by: Gene Bragg**

**When: Tuesdays 10:30 am – 11:30 am**

**Where: Central UMC in the Asbury Room**

***Worried about tomorrow?*** Has anxiety has become a way of life? The solution is found in Philippians 4:4-8. No one is exempt from anxiety so we will learn to let this scripture surround us and fill us with the strength to face each day. Let’s step through the pages of *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. In 6 weeks we will walk through each of the worry busting steps that Paul lays out in this passage.

**Led by: Audrey Brooks**

**When: Sundays 4 pm- 5:30 pm**

**Where: Central UMC in the Asbury Room**

Hello KID Central Parents,

I wanted to take a moment to check on everyone in this new year. Hopefully, everything has calmed down from the holidays and life is back to normal for you and your family. KID Central kicked off June 2019. Since then, we have had many wonderful experiences with your children as they have learned about Jesus and the relationship God desires to have with all of us. It has been a joy to watch them grow and see this relationship deepen. Much of our focus in KID Central is on relationships, and I wanted to take a moment to talk about that with you in more detail. We all have many relationships that require our attention. We all give some relationships more time than others. Here at Central, we want you to be able to nurture all of your relationships and we want to help you in that process.

With that in mind, I want to address a few key relationships. First and foremost is our relationship with God. One of the key reasons for KID Central is for the children of our church to be in an environment for them to get to know God on a level designed for them and their ability to learn and understand. We have worship music and lessons designed just for their needs. But that relationship should continue outside of KID Central. You should be receiving Bible memory verses for your children to practice each month. Also, each week, you should receive arts and crafts that were part of our lesson for that day. Please ask your children what they learned in church to help foster their relationship with God. Pray with them to show that God is part of your lives and He is there for everyone at any time.

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**KID Central—Sunday Mornings (Birth-5th grade) at 8:45 am**

### Thank You Notes (\*Some notes edited for brevity)

Dear Central United Methodist Church,  
I would like to express to you my deepest gratitude for your gift of support for the school children. Many children were blessed this year by your generosity. Jim Potter can relate to you the excitement of the children as they came to the camp for their uniforms and school supplies. The purchase of the shoes is done in our town of La Fortuna. Because of people like you who care for those in this world who are less fortunate and are in need, many lives have been touched by your giving. The children come and I do see the smiles on their faces, but how much their lives are touched, we may never know, but I know because you have a Christian heart and help these special children. You're helping to make a difference. I am truly grateful for all that you do and I know they are too!

God bless you,

**Bessie Ott**

Dear Church Family,  
"Thank You" for your prayers, visits, food, cards, calls and texts during my healing. I am truly thankful! God is good.

**Love, Linda Dixon**

Dear Central,  
Thank you so much for your support of KM Crisis Ministry during 2019. We were able to help an average of 50 families per month who were facing a crisis situation with either their electricity being turned off or eviction. We also helped an average of 425 families with food and/or clothes. We appreciate your help and for caring about those in need in our community!

**Lisa Harrison, Executive Director  
Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry**

Dear Central UMC & Paula McDaniel,  
We could not have had a more successful Christmas with you all!  
God Bless You!

**East Elementary School Staff & Students  
Bettina R. Oates, School Social Worker**

Dear CUMC,  
On behalf of our staff we would like to sincerely thank you for your support and prayers. We were able to help so many families and children in Panama.

**In Christ, Manos de Fe**

Dear CUMC/Missions Committee,  
Thank you so much for the donation you made to our school. The money will be used to provide materials & school supplies that they need to be successful. We appreciate your support!

**Melissa Roger, North School Counselor**

Dear CUMC,  
On behalf of the students, staff and parents of Kings Mountain Middle School, we want to extend a sincere thank you for the kind monetary donation for our students in need. Your support does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

**Dustin G. Morehead, Ed. D  
KM Middle School Principal**

Dear Central UMC,  
Thank you so much for your donation to our children's needs.  
God Bless,

**Amy Jones, Bethware Principal**

Dear CUMC and Missions Committee,  
Thank you so very much for the donation to our Students In Need Fund. We greatly appreciate your support!  
Sincerely, **KMIS Family**



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Another purpose of KID Central is to encourage you as a parent to have a relationship with God and with your church family. Most of us who serve in KID Central are parents as well and we understand how difficult it can be to listen to sermons or pay attention in Sunday school while worrying about your children. Please know that we are here for your children during service *and during Sunday school*. If you want to attend Sunday school, Nicole Radford and I are happy to take care of your children during this time. If they missed KID Central for any reason, we can repeat the material for them during Sunday school time. If they attended KID Central, we have other materials and activities for the children. This way, you are able to attend Sunday school and continue your relationship-building time, not just with God but also with your church family. Please let Nicole or I know your desires on any Sunday or indicate your desire on our KID Central sign in sheets at the classrooms.

Lastly, beginning today, we have three small groups that are forming. Each will be held at different times and locations, outside of normal church hours. These groups offer different topics and are held at times for your convenience. One of the small groups will offer child care. Please see the insert in your bulletin for more information. Small group signups will be on February 9th.

It is my prayer that you find ways to enhance your relationships this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to me and I will help you in any way possible.

**In Christ,**

**Gene Bragg**

**Director of Discipleship Development**

## THE BRIDGE

**Meets in the Asbury Room on Sundays  
20s & 30s Sunday School Class**

Please see Clyde Kerns for details.

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**Office Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30am—12:30pm; 1:00pm—4:30pm

### Staff:

**Pastor,** Bruce Gwyn

**Administrative Assistant,** Candy Love

**Director of Discipleship Development,** Gene Bragg

**Music Director,** Carlos Zamora

**Handbell/Drama Director,** Teresa Williams

**Preschool Director,** Lindsay Romesberg

**Organist,** Doug Parker



## A History Minute by Libby Putnam



On January 25 of this year the United Methodist Women presented their Annual Parade of Tables. 2020 was the eleventh year of this creative and fun fund raiser for the UMW. Over the past years the Parade of Tables each year boasts 20 to 30 tables decorated with myriad themes, showcasing the creative talents of both the women and men of our church. Each year there is often a musical program to entertain the guests, but seeing the are new and different ideas for tables is the real entertainment for not only the members of our church family but guests from throughout the community. A delicious meal is always prepared by the men, and waiters and waitresses under the direction of Elaine Dixon provide excellent service to the tables. The proceeds from the Parade of Tables support four special mission projects: The Battered Women's Shelter, Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, Children's Homes of Cleveland County, and the Russell Fellowship Christmas Project. Although the women have had bake and craft sales, according to Marie Brinkley, president of the UMW, over the years collectively around \$50,000 has been donated to these charities just from the Parade of Tables. The UMW takes the opportunity at the Parade of Tables to present a Special Mission Recognition Pin to someone who has given of their time and talents to the church.

This year this special honor was presented to a couple, Brian and Audrey Brooks, who are very active in every phase of the work of our church. We look forward to new and interesting ideas that some are already planning for next year's event!—*Photos courtesy of Audrey Brooks*



## UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We welcome all youth between from 6th-12th to come join us on Sunday nights from 5:30pm-7:30pm provides a time of gathering for youth to support one another, to have fun, to develop service projects, and to grow deeper in Christ. Any questions, please contact Gene Bragg at [gene@cumckm.org](mailto:gene@cumckm.org) or 336-404-8673.

**UMYF Meeting Dates:**  
**2/9, 2/16 & 2/23**

**Family Fellowship  
Night Wednesday  
2/12/20 RSVP by 2/10/20**

**Heart Health Program**

**Meal  
by The Christian  
Fellowship Class**

**Central**  
United Methodist Church

**Don't Miss the Annual United Methodist Men's**

*Sweetheart Banquet*

Saturday, February 8, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$25 per couple

**Please see a UMM member to purchase tickets.**

## Scouting News

### Girl Scouts

Meeting Dates:

2/14/20, 2/28/20 at 6:00pm

**Boy Scouts meet Mondays at 6:00pm**

**Cub Scouts meet Tuesdays at 6:30pm**

**Save the Date! March 8, 2020  
for Boy Scout Sunday**

For more information about the Scouts, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.



# 2020 Kings Mountain Community Lenten Service Schedule Wednesdays at Noon

Theme: The 'I Am' Sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John

**February 26, 2020**  
Location: Central UMC  
Topic: "I Am the Bread of Life" John 6:35-40  
Speaker: Rev. John Houze, Pastor of Peoples Baptist Church

**March 4, 2020**  
Location: First Presbyterian Church  
Topic: "I Am the Light of the World" John 8:12-20  
Speaker: Dr. Steve Taylor, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church

**March 11, 2020**  
Location: Boyce Memorial ARP Church  
Topic: "I Am the Door" John 10:1-10  
Speaker: Rev. Ron Caulder, Pastor of Eastside Baptist Church

**March 18, 2020**  
Location: East Gold Wesleyan Church  
Topic: "I Am the Good Shepherd" John 10:11-18  
Speaker: Dr. Moses Nueman, Executive Director of World Care Ministries

**March 25, 2020**  
Location: First Church of the Nazarene  
Topic: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" John 11:17-27  
Speaker: Rev. Danyale Patterson, Evangelist, Engage First Wesleyan Church

**April 1, 2020**  
Location: Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Topic: "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life" John 14:1-6  
Speaker: TBA

*These are short services followed by a light luncheon. Donations collected will benefit local charities.*



Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service On Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

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