



Central

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Live and Love as Christ

May 2023



Pastor Bruce Gwyn

One of the most difficult tasks a minister faces is telling a congregation he is leaving. As you know, I retired last year. Deborah and I have looked forward to spending some time traveling and

enjoying the artistry of God's creation. Because of the issues the church was facing, we stayed an extra year. We love Central Methodist and the community of Kings Mountain. We can't say enough good things about your support and love for us. Serving Central came at an important time in my life. I had grown weary of the stresses of ministry and had considered retiring earlier. Serving here restored my joy and love for God's work. Sunday, June 11th will be my last Sunday in the pulpit. We will be available to your needs until June 30th the end of the conference year. During that time we will be moving boxes and cleaning the parsonage for the next parsonage family. We cannot thank you enough for making us part of your faith community. In closing, I want to ask you to begin praying for your next pastor and parsonage family. Ministry is a family affair. Welcome them into your lives as you have welcomed us. I cannot say goodbye, rather I will say until we see one another again.

1 Thessalonians 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you.



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the church, we would like to invite you and your family to a Church Wide Appreciation Luncheon for Pastor Bruce Gwyn and his wife, Deborah on **Sunday, June 11th** after the service. We would like to show our appreciation for all of his hard work and dedication to our church and community.

The luncheon will be catered by **Grandma Hoyt's**, and will feature a variety of delicious food options.

Please **RSVP by May 26th** to the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org so that we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Central Methodist Staff Parish Committee



Join us for **Graduation & Youth Sunday** on May 28, 2023 as we honor our youth and our graduates. Please submit your graduation announcement to be printed in the June newsletter to the church office by **Monday, May 22, 2023.**

There will be a Called Charge Conference at Central on Sunday, May 7 at 4:20 pm for the purpose of final decision on disaffiliation.



UMYF

We welcome all youth from 6th-12th grade to come join us! We provide 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 the church at central@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

YOUTH OUTREACH - KIDS CENTRAL GAME DAY May 7

4:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church

The youth will be hosting a game day for our local children ages K-5th! We are asking for all youth to be at the church by 4:30 pm to eat and set up before the event.

YOUTH NIGHT May 14

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

YOUTH NIGHT May 21

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

Save the Date!
YOUTH RETREAT - PIGEON FORGE
 June 30 - July 2 TBD - TBD
 We will be taking off for our annual youth retreat to Pigeon Forge! Details to come!

GRADUATION/YOUTH SUNDAY! May 28

10 am

LOCATION: At the church

Our youth will be hosting our Sunday morning service and we will be celebrating and recognizing our graduates! There will also be an after-service luncheon for our graduates and their families in the CAC.

Please ensure that we have a headcount of how many people will be attending the luncheon with your group no later than May 22nd. Each graduate can invite up to 7 people to the luncheon.

Please note: **There will be no youth night on Graduation/Youth Sunday (May 28th).**

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Staff:

- Pastor,** Bruce Gwyn
- Administrative Assistant,** Candy Love
- Youth & Children's Director ,** Kayla Potter Fuller
- Handbell/Drama Director,**
Teresa Williams
- Music Minister,** Justin Harper
- Organist,** Doug Parker

A Thank you Note

Dear CUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the gift card! It means so much to know that you're still thinking of me. I love and miss you all! Thank you again.

Love,
 Emma S.





Come join us for **KIDS Game Day Sunday, May 7** from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Our youth group will be hosting a game day for our local children ages K-5th. Our youth group will be hosting a Kids Game Day for children in grades K-5! We will have indoor and outdoor game stations. This will be a fun time for kids to play and be active! This is a free event and no pre-registration is required. Drop-off will be at the CAC doors.

KIDS Central & Nursery News

Sunday Morning Kids Central/Nursery Programs - Mother's Day Singing Special!
May 14 from 9:45am - 11:00am
 LOCATION: At the church

Drop off for our Kids Central and Nursery Programs begins at 9:45 am Sunday mornings. Our children ages K-5th will be presenting a music special to the congregation in honor of Mother's Day! We will still be having our Kids Central classroom and normal drop-off. Our Kids Central workers will bring the children into the sanctuary at the appropriate time to present their music special. Afterwards, we will return to our Kids Central classroom.

We want to thank each of you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry! We are so excited about the word getting out that KIDS Central (grades K-5) is the place to be on Sunday mornings from 9:45 am—11:00 am.

Our **Nursery** will be available during our 10 am worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

Out and About in the Community

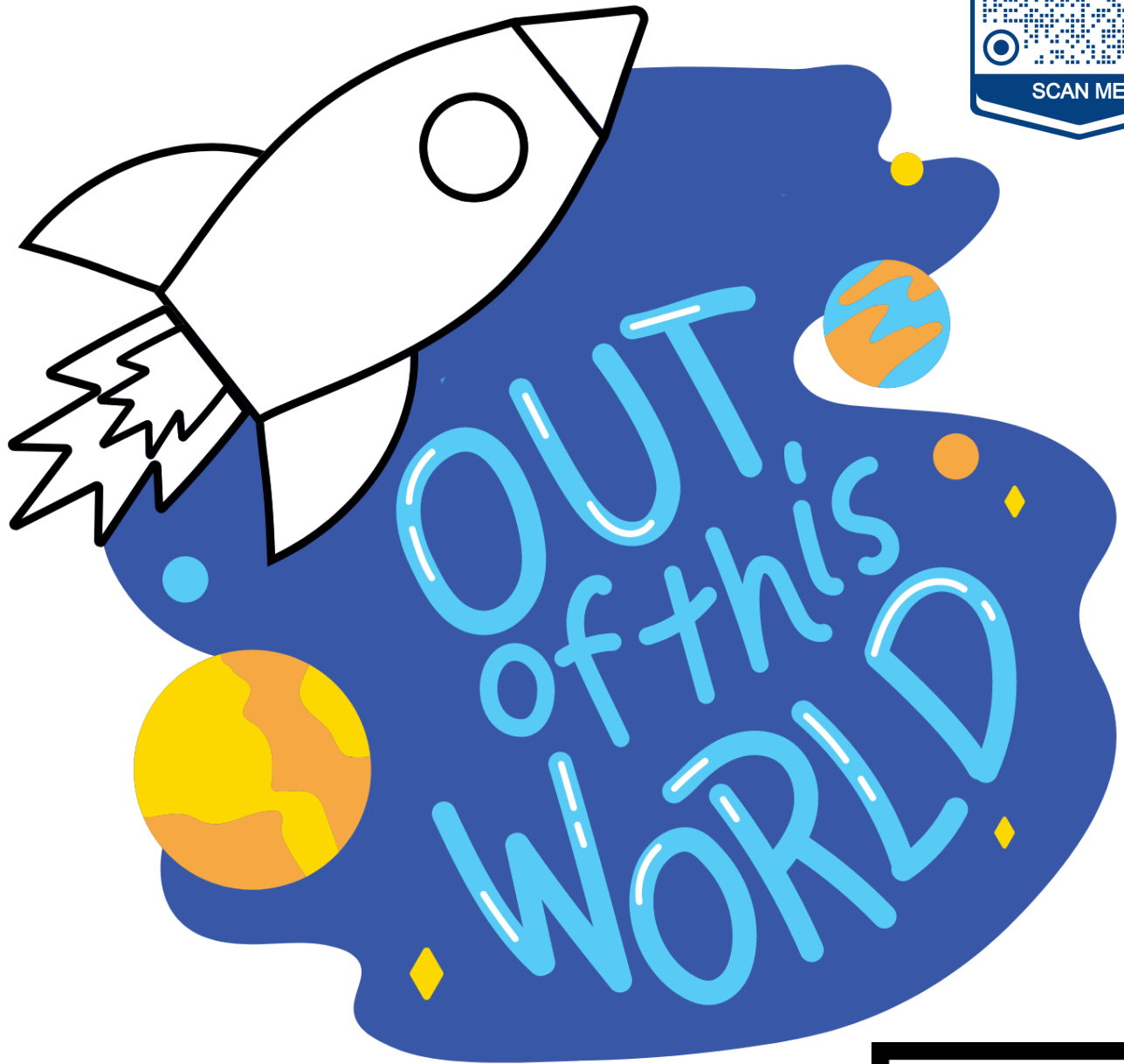


Hudson B. (first on left) received an Honesty Award, Homework Award, and also was on the honor roll at Bethware Elementary. Way to go Hudson!



Annie B. (dress) received the Homework Award and made the honor roll with all As at Bethware Elementary. Way to go Annie!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR



SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

9:30-2:30 PM FREE

PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.CUMCKM.ORG

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Praise, Paper and Prayer by audrey



A couple of weekends ago (April 21-22) was DNOW (Annual Discipleship Now Program at FBKM) in Kings Mountain. On Friday and Saturday evenings, Youth to Adults Worshiped our God and King. We would lift our hands to heaven, sway, and sing in corporate worship. I love that Scripture speaks to hands raised to God. Bible verses range from the Old Testament to the New Testament. Here are just a few verses:

Psalms 119:48 (ESV) I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

Psalms 28: 2 (ESV) Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

1 Timothy 2:8 (ESV) I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling

And one of my favorite verses again from Psalms (I am a Psalm Gal) Psalm 141:2 (ESV) Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

As we pray, sing, or read scripture, may we open our hearts to Jesus and lift our hands out of reverence to our King. He will embrace, guide, and never leave us.

Praise the Lord! audrey

Upcoming Meeting

The Central Methodist Women of Kings

Mountain will meet at 6:30 pm in the CAC on **Monday, May 1.**
Bring your favorite bible verse - written on paper with your name.
We hope to see you there!



April 2023 Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **153 households** with a grand total of **336 people** served. **5600 pounds** of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen

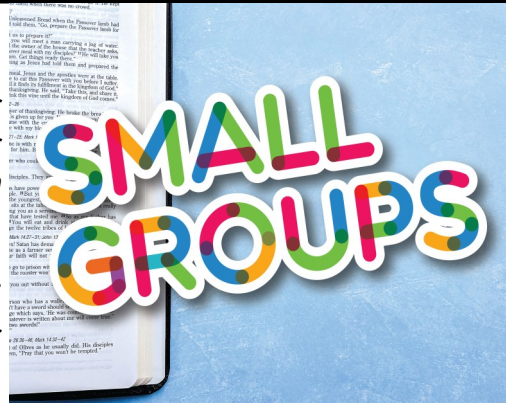
Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= **75**; 19-64 = **204**; 65+ = **57**



The Community Kitchen is open on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm and is partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank. Volunteers are always welcomed! For more information, please contact the church office.

Small Groups are back! We will kick off our second semester on May 28th, lasting through August 27th. If you are interested in leading a small group over the summer please email me letting me know! Please include your group name and details. *Please note: There will not be a Small Groups Leader this semester.*



Recruitment Sunday details will be announced soon. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org.



Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14, 2023

MEMORIAL DAY



Monday, May 29, 2023