



**Order of Service 8.20.2023**  
**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**

**Prelude**

*A Prayer for Peace -Smith*

**Acolyte**

**Greetings**

Kayla Potter Fuller, Director of Children/Youth Ministries

**Welcome/Announcements**—Mary Lou Ware

*Goodness of God* (CCLI Song ##7117726)

**Verse 1**

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus**

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Verse 2**

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

**Bridge**

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

**Opening Worship**

*I Saw the Light* (CCLI Song #45064)

**Verse 1**

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Chorus**

I saw the light I saw the light  
No more in darkness no more in night  
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Verse 2**

Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that  
God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Verse 3**

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

**Special Choir Music**

*Be Thou My Vision* —Author Unknown

**Offering**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*with O Worship the King* —arr. Schwarz

**Doxology** UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all  
creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Scripture Lesson**

***Philippians 4:1-5 (NKJV)***

*4 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. 2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.*

**Sermon**— Pastor Perry Hines

**Sermon Title**—

*Signs of a Healthy Church*

**Closing Hymn**

*The Church's One Foundation* (UMH #545)  
V1, 2, 5

**Verse 1**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

**Verse 2**

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

**Verse 5**

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**Apostle's Creed (No. 881)**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting. Amen.*

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**

*Resounding Praise*—Giamanco

**Altar Flower Dates Now Available**



We have the dates **August 27 & September 3** open. If you would like either of these dates please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to secure your preferred date. The cost for the flowers is \$100.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Betty Potter and  
Charlotte Brucker's Birthdays By The Family*



We want to invite all families to join us for a back to school celebration with a family movie night in the CAC on **Sunday, August 27 at 5:00pm!** The movie will be **The Super Mario Bros**. There will be free food, candy, and popcorn! Everyone is invited. Bring your kids, grandkids, and invite some friends!

Pre-sign-up is required so that we know how much food to purchase. Scan the QR Code to sign up or call the church office 704-739-2471. Details on the movie we will be watching are to come!

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Allan Propst,  
& Clyde Kerns

**Greeter:** TBA

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
ATTENDANCE**

(8/13) 10:00a Service.....87

**Operating Fund 2023**

**Contributions 8/13 \$ 13,220.00**

**Contributions MTD \$ 21,508.95**

# Central Methodist's Small Groups Information

## Youth Sunday Morning Group

**Leaders:** Paula McDaniel, Barry Brogdon, Jimmy Warren

**Time and location:** Every Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the upstairs youth room.

**Age:** 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

## Daughters of Wesley Sunday Morning Group

**Leader:** Tim Miller [tmnkm@bellsouth.net](mailto:tmnkm@bellsouth.net)  
704-473-9148

**Time and location:** TBD, will begin meeting in the near future

## Sunday Morning Group: The Chosen Bible Study

**Leader:** Mark Dixon

**Time and location:** 8:30 am in the CAC every Sunday morning

**Age:** All ages

*Please see Small Groups meeting dates on next page*

## Men's Bible Study

**Leader:** Tim Miller [tmnkm@bellsouth.net](mailto:tmnkm@bellsouth.net)  
704-473-9148

**Time and location:** Weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Asbury room

**Description:** We are an ongoing small group for men of all ages. Dedicated to studying God's word as it is shared to us in the Bible. We meet for fellowship and worship in a safe and non-judgmental environment. We recognize and appreciate that not everyone is at the same level in their Biblical study, and we work together to make God's word understood and relevant for each of us in our lives.

## Mary's Breakfast Brunch

**Leader:** Betty Masters 704-739-2653

**Time and location:** Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. Location is Linwood Restaurant: 805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## *Prayer List: Praises and Concerns*

*Please note names will stay on list for one month unless otherwise requested—  
Contact the church office. 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) to  
have names added/or removed from the prayer list.*

**Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound:** Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; John & Evelyn Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

**Military Personnel:** SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

**Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell 6.29.23.

**Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23; Allen McKinney (prostate cancer) 2.7.23; Mary Edwards 7.18.23; Fleete Wilson 7.24.23; Mary Ann Beam Huffstetler (death) 8.5.23.

## Central News and Events 8.20.23

**Save the date** for our next **Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:15pm**. The program will be the Talent Show. Please RSVP by September 11. If you would like to sign up as an act for the Talent Show please contact Penny Larson at pal\_1255@yahoo.com or 407-928-8579.

### Small Groups Upcoming Meetings

**Leaders Meeting Sunday, September 10**—CAC following service—Please attend if you are planning on or interested in leading a small group

**Recruitment Sunday, September 17**—CAC following service—Learn what small groups are offered this semester.

**Small Groups Semester begins September 24**—Short term study small groups start meeting.

### Central Senior Trip—

We're excited to invite you to our Central Senior Trip to Lake Lure on Wednesday, October 4, 2023! It's going to be an amazing day exploring the beautiful area and indulging in some delicious Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. Don't forget to bring some cash for the meal and any sightseeing you want to do. We'll all meet up at the church at 10 am and head out together, with the option to carpool or take a bus depending on the response. We'll wrap up our adventure at 4 pm. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Debbie Greene at 330-603-4355 or dgreene90254@gmail.com. Please RSVP by Monday, October 2 so we can make sure everything is all set for the trip.

**Choir Hymn Caroling Night Wednesday, September 27, 2023.** We would like to invite the church congregation to join our choir as we travel to sing to our homebound members. If you would like to participate or schedule a visit please contact Justin Harper at Justin@cmkm.org or the church office at 704-739-2471.

### KIDS Central & Nursery News

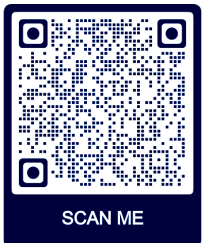
**In August here are some things we will be learning:** In our **Kids Central classroom**, some things that we will be learning over the next few weeks are how the Holy Spirit is our helper and that we were made to be creative! A Bible story that we will be reading is Acts 8! In our **nursery classroom**, some things that we will be learning over the next few weeks are how to obey God and the importance of reading our Bibles! A scripture we will be reading is John 15:14!

Our **Nursery** is available during 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@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

**KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th and meets at 9:45am on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org.

**Central Youth** meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996.



## Welcome Visitors!

Scan to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.