



# Central Methodist

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Welcoming Fall with Faith & Fellowship

October 2025

## MISSIONS DAY 10/19 SUNDAY 9:30 AM

Join us on Sunday, October 19, for Missions Day at 9:30 am. Representatives from our partner ministries will be at the church to share how your support makes a difference. The Nursery and toddler room will be open but No KIDS Central will be held that day.

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



Join us for our next Family Fellowship Night on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**, at 6:15 pm. We will be having our Second Annual Chili Cook-Off. The church will be providing baked potatoes and toppings.

To enter, please reach out to Penny Larson. Please **RSVP** to the church office by Monday, October 6, 2025.

Central Methodist Church's Annual

# FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 18, 2025  
4:30-6:30 pm

*Free Hot Dogs, Bounce Houses, & Family Fun!*

## TRUNK OR TREAT CARS & CANDY NEEDED!

We're aiming for 10 decorated trunks and still need 5 more volunteers! Call Stephanie Wilson at 704-466-0187 to claim a spot. There will be a **Volunteer Meeting** after service on 10/5/25 in the CAC.

**CANDY NEEDED!** We need wrapped candy for the Fall Festival. Please bring your donations to the collection area by the stairs in the CAC Hallway.

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00am in person or online!

## A THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Church Family,  
I can't thank each and every one of you for ALL the support in prayers and friends during this horrible time right now in my life. I know that with God's help and your prayers, I'll make it to the other side.  
**Debbie Greene**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/6/25** Trustees Meeting, 6 pm
- 10/6/25** Nominations Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 10/8/25** Family Fellowship Night, 6:15 pm
- 10/13/25** Finance Committee Meeting, 6 pm
- 10/13/25** Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10/18/25** Fall Festival 4:30-6:30 pm
- 10/20/25** Methodist Men's Meeting, 7 pm
- 10/22/25** Mary's Breakfast Bunch, 9 am  
Meets at Linwood Restaurant
- 11/2/25** All Saints Day
- 11/10/25** Church Charge Conference 6 pm
- 11/12/25** Family Fellowship Night, 6:15 pm

**Central Methodist Church**  
**113 S. Piedmont Ave.,**  
**Kings Mountain, NC 28086**

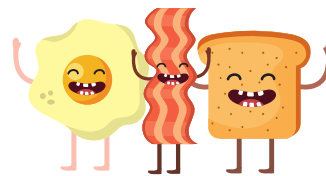
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central@cmkm.org  
**Handbell/Drama Director,** Teresa Williams  
**Music Minister,** Justin Harper,  
justin@cmkm.org  
**Organist,** Doug Parker

## METHODIST MEN ANNUAL SOUP SALE



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8, 2025 for our Annual Methodist Men's Soup Sale pickup, taking place from 11 am to 2 pm. Be sure to speak with a member to purchase your tickets!



## FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Our next Fifth Sunday Breakfast will be on **November 30, 2025 at 8:45 am**. Please bring a dish to share with your church family.



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## COMMUNITY KITCHEN REPORT

In **September 2025**, we served 482 families (over 1,950 individuals). More than **10,392** pounds of food and hygiene items were distributed through the Community Kitchen, thanks to your generosity.

The Community Kitchen is open on **Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm** and is partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank.

Volunteers are always welcome, and we appreciate your support. We are in great need of grocery bags for the Community Kitchen. You can bring them to the church office Monday-Thursday from 10am-4pm



# KIDS CENTRAL

Come join us on  
Sunday Mornings  
10:00 am

The Children (toddlers through 5th grade) begin their Sundays in our 10 am service, sitting with Kids Central leaders before moving to their classrooms after praise and worship. Parents can choose to have their children sit with them until it's time to leave for class.

## UPCOMING KIDS CENTRAL EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 18th:** Join us for our Annual Fall Festival.
- **Sunday, October 19th,** Missions Sunday! There **will be NO KIDS Central**, but the toddler & nursery will be open.
- **Saturday, November 8th:** Our next field trip for Kids Central will be to Big E's for bowling, followed by pizza and ice cream at the church. Please have the kids arrive by 9:15 AM, as we will travel by bus. RSVP to the church office at 704-739-2471 or reach out to Stephanie Wilson.
- **Saturday, February 7th:** We will be going roller skating at Kate's Skating Rink in Gastonia. Meet at the church at 10:30 AM, and we will take the bus. Lunch will be provided at the church afterwards.
- **Saturday, April 25th:** Get ready for a trip to Linville Caverns. More details to come.

## FUTURE KIDS CENTRAL EVENTS

- **Saturday, December 6th:** We will host a lunch for seniors at the church, featuring a musical performance. Additional details will be provided. Kids should arrive at the church by 11 AM, and invitations will be sent to those who are invited.
- Bible Buddies
- All Night Prayer Party

**10/5** Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

**10/12** Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

**10/19** Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

**10/26** Youth Night, 5:30-7:30 pm

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.



Central Youth at the See You at The Pole Event in September 2025 --Photo courtesy of Kalin Brooks

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE ALERT: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS HERE

National Collection Week is **November 17-24, 2025**, for physical boxes. We also have the option to make a box online. The online goal is 75 boxes! **Each box costs \$30**. As always, remember we are sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and advancing His Kingdom. Amen!

*Here is a list starting in 2021, where our shoeboxes have gone:*

**UKRAINE**

SHIPPED ON: FRI JUN 07 2024

**BENIN**

SHIPPED ON: MON APR 29 2024

**THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**

SHIPPED ON: TUE MAR 26 2024

**MALAWI**

SHIPPED ON: THU MAR 21 2024

**MADAGASCAR**

SHIPPED ON: MON DEC 18 2023

**URUGUAY**

SHIPPED ON: MON DEC 18 2023

**A HARD TO REACH AREA**

SHIPPED ON: WED NOV 08 2023

**A HARD-TO-REACH AREA**

SHIPPED ON: MON DEC 05 2022

**MADAGASCAR**

SHIPPED ON: TUE NOV 29 2022

**NIGERIA**

SHIPPED ON: SAT DEC 04 2021

**THE PHILIPPINES**

SHIPPED ON: SAT DEC 04 2021

**PARAGUAY**

SHIPPED ON: FRI DEC 03 2021

**GUATEMALA**

SHIPPED ON: MON DEC 09 2024

**ECUADOR**

SHIPPED ON: SAT DEC 07 2024

**PERU**

SHIPPED ON: FRI DEC 06 2024

**A HARD-TO-REACH AREA**

SHIPPED ON: MON OCT 14 2024



Scan the  
QR Code to  
Build a Shoebox  
Online



## SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

### Sunday Morning Group

Leader: Mark Dixon

Time and location: 8:30 am

CAC, Sunday mornings

Age: All ages

### Sunday Small Group

Leaders: Clyde Kerns

Time & Location: Will meet with the Sunday Morning Group at 8:30 am in CAC to watch *The Chosen*

Leaders' contact info: clydekerns@att.net or carolynhindel@yahoo.com

## WEEKLY GROUPS

### Men's Bible Study

Leader: Tim Miller

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

Leader: contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net or 704-473-9148

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.

### Dwell Walkers

Meetings will be on Tuesdays, at 11:30 am. You are invited to join us as we learn about the practice of prayer, pray for each other and take prayer requests. We meet in the small conference room across from the church office.

### Mary's Breakfast Brunch

Time and location: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am.

Location is Linwood Restaurant:  
805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## PRAYER BELOW WILL BE PRAYED DURING THE FALL SEASON FOR THE CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY BASED ON PROVERBS 2:

LORD, May our Central Church family accept your words and store them up! May we listen closely to you and your wisdom for as we listen you will direct our hearts to understanding. If Lord we call out to insight and lift our voice to understanding, if we seek it and search for it like silver and hidden treasure-Then Central Church family will understand the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God. For you our LORD gives wisdom and from your mouth comes knowledge and understanding!

Guide us Holy Spirit as we lift up your words on our lips and pray on behalf of Central's people! We come with a grateful Hearts before you: in Christ's Holy name, Amen!



# COMMUNITY KITCHEN

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH  
113 South Piedmont Ave.  
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

**OPEN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS: 11:00 AM-4:30 PM**

In partnership with:



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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help us prepare and serve groceries, organize food, and support our community

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call us at 704-739-2471

All are welcome!

Come be part of something meaningful.

## A HISTORY MINUTE BY LIBBY PUTNAM



Rev. Plato Tracy  
Durham, D.D.

*Photo from Find a Grave.com*

In 1938, Mrs. A. H. Patterson wrote a history of Central Methodist Church from 1874 -1938. The following excerpt is taken from that historical account. Of the number who went out from this church and made a distinct contribution for good in one way or another, we shall mention one - Rev. Plato Tracy Durham, D.D., who early in life worshipped with his sainted mother and grandparents at El Bethel and at Central Methodist, Kings Mountain. Dr. Durham grew to manhood in a home of culture, a home rich with the spirit and traditions of the Methodist Church. He was prepared for the ministry at Trinity College, now Duke University, and later studied at Oxford University, England. For a number of years he served as pastor of several larger churches of the Western North Carolina Conference. It was fitting indeed that Dr. Durham be invited to preach the sermon when the present Central Church edifice (\*1906 structure) was dedicated in 1914.

Dr. Durham's eloquence and power as a preacher seemed almost unexcelled, but according to his own testimony, he had not enjoyed the fullness of a rich, Christian experience until the last years of his life, when like Wesley of old he "felt his heart strangely warmed."

Dr. Durham was the first Dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, serving from 1914 - 1918. He retired in 1918 and lived in the Atlanta area until his death in 1930.



Mark your calendars for a very special occasion as we celebrate Central's 151st church anniversary on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

## BEN BEAM SCHOLARSHIP

Help us complete our records! If you or your child received a Ben Beam Scholarship Award between 1991 and 2009, please let the church office know by emailing [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org). We'd love to recognize every past recipient as part of our historical record.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE NOTICE

There will be a Church Charge Conference held on Monday, November 10 at 6:00 pm

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Our vision is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.