

## Announcements

**Let's Go Caroling! Dec. 7, 2025** Join the Chancel Choir, KIDS Central, and Central Youth as we visit our shut-ins and share Christmas joy. The bus leaves at 12:30 and returns around 2:30. Please RSVP so we can plan transportation.

**Kid Central Event— Sunday, Dec. 7** We invite you join us after worship in the CAC for pizza, then Christmas caroling at 12:30 pm. We'll return at 2:30 for our Ugly Sweater Christmas Party with cookie decorating and a make-your-own-sweater craft. All supplies provided; friends welcome! Please RSVP by Dec. 3 with your child's sweatshirt size. Please see Stephanie Wilson for any questions.

The **Children's Choir** will be performing on Sunday, December 14, and rehearsal time is 9:30 am.

Save the Date! Our next **Family Fellowship Night** will be on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:15 pm. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, December 8. The meal will be soup and sandwiches with the program to be announced.

**Community Kitchen Cereal Drive** Now through Dec. 31, we're collecting boxed cereal for the Community Kitchen. Please drop donations in the church office or in the collection bin by the women's restrooms in the CAC hallway. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!

**Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 14** at 10:00 am Join us during our 10:00 am worship service as the Chancel Choir presents The Road to Bethlehem: A Journey to the Newborn King, a beautiful Christmas cantata by Lloyd Larson and Ed Hogan. Through inspiring narration and powerful music, The Road to Bethlehem invites us to reflect on how God chose an unlikely place—a small, quiet village—to fulfill the promise of a Savior. Come and experience this meaningful journey to the manger as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** Join us on December 24 at 7:00 pm for a beautiful Candlelight Service at Central Methodist Church. Come celebrate the birth of Christ with Scripture, carols, and the warm glow of candlelight as we worship together. All are welcome—bring your family and friends!

**Kid Central Prayer Lock-In – Dec. 29–30** 2nd–6th graders are invited to an overnight Prayer Lock-In with the Youth Group! Drop off is Monday, Dec. 29 at 4 pm in the CAC; pick up Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 1 pm. Enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and meaningful prayer time. Friends welcome! A Liability Release Form is required for each child. Please see Stephanie Wilson for any questions.

**Youth Dinner Volunteers Needed** Our Youth Group meets every Sunday and averages about three students each week. We'd love to make our gatherings extra special by sharing occasional meals together. If you'd like to provide dinner—homemade or simple store-bought—please let Kalin Brooks know a Sunday that works for you. Thank you for supporting our young people!

### \*Operation Christmas Child Update

National Collection Week for physical shoeboxes has ended, but you can still participate online through December 24, 2025! Our goal is 75 online boxes at \$30 each. Scan the QR code to build a box online, or give Central a check with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line and we will build one for you. Thank you for helping share the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world!



Welcome Visitors!

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



## Stewardship Report

### Attendance

11/23/25 10:00 am Service.....92

Operating Fund 2025  
Contributions 11/23/25 \$ 9,220.00  
Contributions MTD \$ 24,484.00

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson  
and Keith Bradley

**Greeters:** Carrie Bradley

### Prayer List

*Praises and Concerns Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.*

**Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, and Homebound:** Marilyn Hamrick.

**Military Personnel:** SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand - Navy; MAJ Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force.

**Praises:** Stephanie Wilson being added as our Infant & Children's Director and Kalin Brooks as our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries on 11.1.25.

**Churches:** A church plant, Boone District GMC Appalachian Chapel; Iglesia Church 24/Seita (Church of Manos De Fe).

**Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** **Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students:** Community Kitchen Ministry; Lisa & Ernie Howell (continued healing) 8.8.24; Donnie Jenkins 11.19.24; Carol Brazzell 3.24.2025; Dave & Denise Hartz 3.31.25; Jennifer Osborne 5.12.25; John Eagle (cancer treatment/surgery) 9.22.25; Julie Levra 11.13.25.

**Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Jeff Hedden, (cancer) cousin of Clyde Kerns 12.22.23; Jamie Keever, Audrey Brooks' cousin (cancer); Rex & Susan Gibbs 1.31.25; Beth Weatherford (cancer, leukemia, seizures) niece of Dorothy McDaniel 2.13.25; Kevin Randall (heart issues) 3.24.2025; Steve Presley, 6.17.25; Jonathan Chapman (lung cancer) Emily Chapman's father-in-law 8.4.25; Stacey Willis and children, on the passing of her husband (car accident) 8.27.25; Lynsey Golden Barron (cancer), niece of Jim & Penny Larson 9.4.25; Tammy Towery (health and peace of mind) 9.4.25; Coach Steve Baker (death) 9.23.25; Reid Evans (liver transplant surgery recovery), son-in-law of Libby & Roger Putnam 9.24.25; Jim Tate (death) 11.6.25.

**Save the Date! GMC Gastonia District Rally on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 3:00 pm here at Central Methodist Church**



**Welcome to Worship**  
Sunday, November 30, 2025 | 10:00 am



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**Central Methodist Church  
First Sunday of Advent-Purple**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Savior of the Nations, Come-arr. Wagner*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Advent Reader:** Caitlin Larson

**Global Church Mission Statement**

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

**Pass the Peace**

**Opening Worship**

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

*(CCLI #5601640)*

*Glorious Day (CCLI#7081388)*

**Apostles Creed OGRP# 691**

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.

**Morning Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

OGRP #700

**Special Music**

The Chancel Choir

*O Come Divine Messiah (Venez Divin Messie)*

*Words and Music by:*

*L' Abbe Simon-Joseph Pellegrinand Sister Mary of St. Philip*

**Offering**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence -arr. Hayes*

**Doxology OGRP #682**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Sermon**

Pastor Perry Hines & Carolyn Hindel Hines

**Sermon Title**

*Anticipation*

**Scripture Lesson**

Selected ESV scriptures

**Jeremiah 3:14-15 (ESV)** "Return, O faithless children...And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

**Jeremiah 23:5-6 (ESV)** "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

**Luke 1:32-33 (ESV)** "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**Zechariah 9:9-10 (ESV)** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will proclaim peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth."

**John 12:14-15 (ESV)** "And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written, 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'"

**Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)** "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

**Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

**John 1:14 (ESV)** "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

**John 14:27 (ESV)** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**Closing Hymn** *O Come O Come Emmanuel* OGRP # 162

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus -arr. Smith*

*\*Responses in Bold*

**SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS**

**Sunday Morning Group**

Leader: Mark Dixon

Time and location: 8:30 am

CAC, Sunday mornings

Age: All ages

**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 Prayer Group**

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.

**ON GOING GROUPS**

**Mary's Breakfast Bunch**

**\*\*Will Resume Meeting in 2026\*\*\***

Time and location: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month

at 9:00 am. Location is Linwood

Restaurant: 805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain.

Leaders: Greg & Sheila Dixon

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Leader: Liz Pflieger 704-466-1202

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

Our **Nursery** is available starting at 10:00 am for aged 0-4 years old.

KIDS Central meets at 10:00 am on Sundays and is our church's church for K-5th.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996. If you have any questions about church events, please get in touch with the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

**Communicate with the church office!**

I am a visitor

I have a prayer request

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I have a praise

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I have a new address

I would like a call/visit from the pastor.

I would like information about becoming a member.

I would like to attend the next Family Fellowship Night on **12/10/25**

\_\_\_\_ Number attending

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

email address

***Tear off and place in the offering plate***

see reverse side for more announcements