

## Announcements

**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!

On **Sunday, December 21**, at 9:45 a.m., we will enjoy a Mini Handbell Concert in the sanctuary prior to the worship service. Come a little early and be blessed by this special music.

### 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.

**Parents Bible Study:** Join us for a Pot Luck Lunch on **January 4** from 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the Asbury Room. We will then have our Bible Study from 12:30 pm-1:30. At the same time, a children's program for all ages up to 6th grade will be available, featuring age-appropriate activities like music and games.

**Save the Date!** GMC Gastonia District Rally on Sunday, **January 11, 2026**, at 3:00 pm here at Central Methodist Church featuring Bishop Dr. Jeff Greenway. Light refreshments will follow the service.

### \*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

12/7/25 10:00 am Service.....102

Operating Fund 2025  
Contributions 12/7/25 \$ 5,102.00  
Contributions MTD \$ 5,102.00

**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.

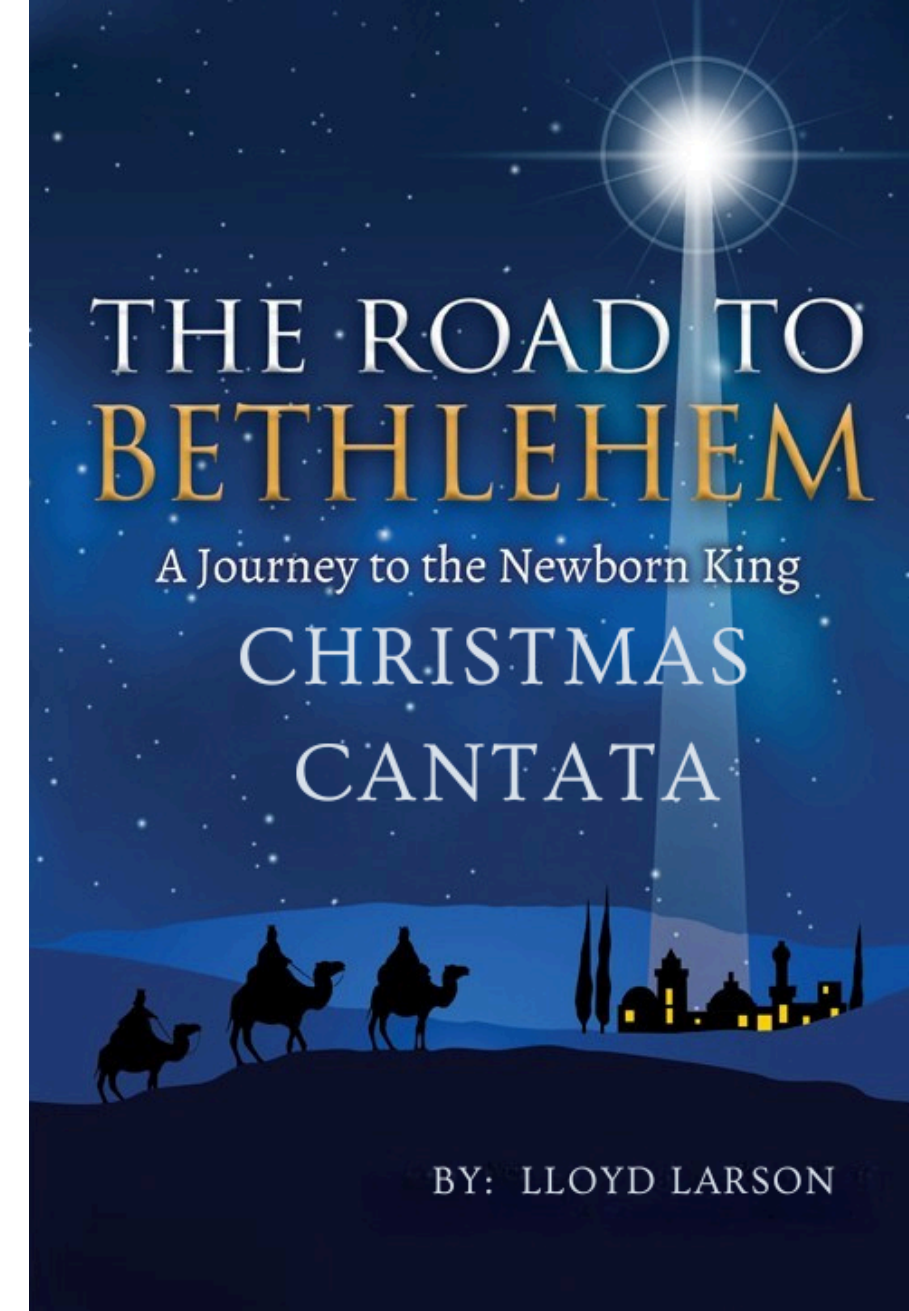
**Military Personnel:** SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand - Navy; MAJ Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force.

**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; Jennifer Osborne 5.12.25; John Eagle (cancer treatment/surgery) 9.22.25; Julie Levra 11.13.25; Dave Hartz (death) 11.27.25; Bud Rhea (death) 12.10.25.

**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; Lynsey Golden Barron (cancer), niece of Jim & Penny Larson 9.4.25; Rev. Jim Tate (death) 11.6.25.



## Welcome to Worship

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 10:00 am



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**Central Methodist Church  
Third Sunday of Advent-Purple  
Christmas Cantata**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne-arr. Hayes/Wagner*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Advent Reader:** Brenda Rochford

**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** *Performed by The Children's Choir*  
*Mary Did You Know (CLLI #839225)*  
*Goodness of God (CCLI #7117726)*

**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

**Offering**

*Carol of the Bells -arr. Reed*

**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**

**Christmas Cantata**

*Performed by The Chancel Choir  
Narrated by Caitlin Larson & Jim Larson*



**THE ROAD TO  
BETHLEHEM**

A Journey to the Newborn King

BY: LLOYD LARSON

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.

*The Road to Bethlehem*

*A Highway for Our God*

*Come, Messiah!*

*Holy Child of Bethlehem*

*Shepherds in the Field*

*Shepherds Cradle Song*

*The Journey*

*Christ Is Born in Bethlehem*

**Closing Hymn**

OGRP #191

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**

*Joy to the World -arr. Wagner*

*\*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

I have a praise

I have a new address

I would like a call/visit  
from the pastor.

I would like information  
about becoming a  
member.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

email address

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

see reverse side for  
more announcements