

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!

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

12/14/25 10:00 am Service.....110

Operating Fund 2025
Contributions 12/14/25 \$ 16,289.00
Contributions MTD \$ 21,931.00

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.

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.



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, December 21, 2025 | 10:00 am



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

Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Advent Reader: Eli Osborne

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 (CLLI #5601640)
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) (CCLI #5607039)

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

Tidings of Great Joy
-Performed by the Bells of Praise

Offering

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
-Trad. English Carol / arr. Parker

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 *Faith and Promises*

Scripture Lesson Selected NKJV Scriptures

Luke 1:5-23
Luke 1:57-66
Luke 1:68-80
Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 2:22-35
Luke 2:36-40

Closing Hymn *OGRP #197*

Away In A Manger

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Fantasia on "The First Nowell"
-Trad. English Carol / arr. Hughes

**Responses in Bold*



*Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service*

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm for our 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!

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