



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Announcements

The Church office will be closed on December 25 and reopen on Monday, December 29, 2025. **The Community Kitchen** will be closed on December 25 and reopen on Friday, December 26 3:00-4:30 pm.

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.

*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.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH



**Bishop
Jeff Greenway**

Join us for the **Global Methodist Church 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.

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

The Celebration of the Birth of Christ

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 | 7:00 pm



Pastor Perry Hines | perry@cmkm.org
www.cmkm.org
central@cmkm.org
704-739-2471

Gathered in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Announcements

Prelude *Silent Night--arr. Parker*

Pass the Peace

Congregational Hymn

*Joy To The World Verse 1 & 4 (OGRP #201)
(CLLI # 24016)*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Brooks Family

UNISON:

We relight the Advent candles of hope, peace, joy and love

Prayer

Pastor Perry Hines

Scripture

John 1:1-9 NKJV

Tim Miller

Special Music

*Holy Child of Bethlehem
From our Christmas Cantata,
"Road to Bethlehem" by Lloyd Larson*

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Pastor Perry Hines
The Gift That Changed the World

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7 NKJV
Luke 2:8-14 NKJV
Luke 2:15-16 NKJV
John 1:1-5 NKJV

Candlelight Communion Celebration

(We will partake of the elements together)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Teresa Williams

Leader: Tonight we light the Christ Candle that reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Congregational Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High--OGRP#191
(CLLI # 7014589) Verse 1 & 3*

Responsive Reading

Leader: In the beginning and in the mist of darkness God spoke.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us. And the Word was the light of all people.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: We are here to seek light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles. We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in Bethlehem who become the Redeemer of us all.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: May we be emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

Congregation: Let there be light.

Leader: We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years— "O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel."

Congregation: Let there be light.

(Congregational candles will be lit from the Christ Candle, then each one will in turn pass the light on to their neighbor. Please dip only the unlit candle)

***Closing Hymn**

*Silent Night, Holy Night OGRP# 199 / CCLI# 27862
(*Sung after all candles are lit)*

Benediction

Postlude

Silent Night, Holy Night -arr. Harris

**Responses in Bold*

****Please place candles in the tubs***



Pastor Perry and Carolyn, all our staff, Kalin, Stephanie, Candy, Justin, Nicole, Teresa, Dennis and Doug thank you all for all your prayers, gifts and cards during this Christmas season. We wish you and yours a season of wonder, and love. May you have a very Merry Christmas!

We want to make sure you know how much we appreciate you joining for worship here at Central Methodist Church of Kings Mountain! If you were gifted a poinsettia, you may take it home with you after service. We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:00am for worship.