Announcements

Family Fellowship Night
Save the date for our next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, **September 9, 2026**, at 6:15 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal catered by Keith Falls, followed by a fun evening of Chair Volleyball! Come ready to eat, laugh, and enjoy some friendly competition! Please RSVP by Monday, September 7, 2026.

The Worship Committee will meet today, **Sunday, September 6,** 2026, immediately after service.

The **September Trustees Meeting** has been postponed, and we will announce the new meeting date as soon as it is determined.

Happy Labor Day! Please note the church office will be closed on Labor Day, **Monday, September 7**.

September Methodist Men Meeting
The Methodist Men will meet on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm. **Save the date** for the Annual Soup Sale on 11/7/26.

See You at the Pole Annual Event
On **Wednesday, September 23,** our youth will participate in the annual See You at the Pole event at their local schools. Worship with the youth will begin at 7:00 a.m., followed by See You at the Pole at 7:15 am.

Mary's Breakfast Bunch will meet on **Wednesday, September 23** at Linwood Restaurant at 9:00 am.

Questions?
If you have any questions about church events, please get in touch with the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

To Our Visitors, Welcome!

We're glad you're with us today. Please fill out the Welcome Card located in the pews and give it to the Welcome Center host or drop it in the offering plate. Or you can scan the QR Code. We are eager to meet you, so stop by the Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift as our way of saying thank you.

Stewardship Report

Attendance

8/30/26 10:00 am Service……67

Operating Fund 2026

Contributions 8/30/26 $4,390.00
Contributions MTD $ 30,974.81

Join the Welcome Team

Assist in welcoming worshippers or serve as an usher once a month. If you're interested in contributing, please reach out to Joe Patterson, a member of the Worship Committee, or contact the church office for more information.

Prayer List

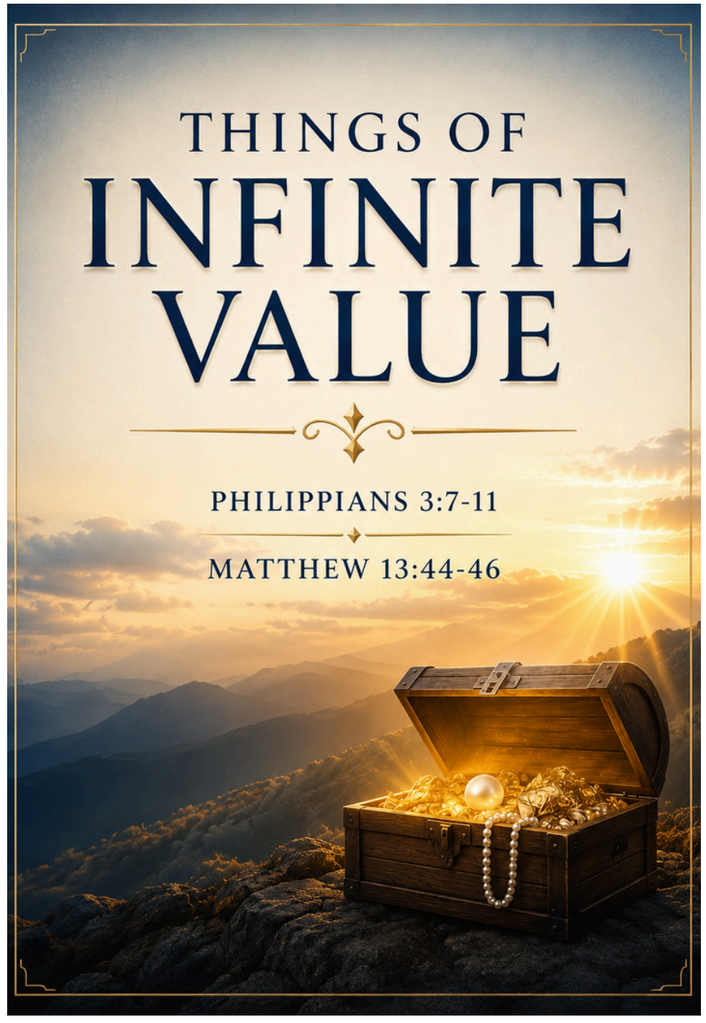
Praises and Concerns Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon–Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker–Army; SFC Joshua Brucker–Army; Lt. Colonel Alex Plonk–Air Force; CTT1 Tyler Hellstrand–National Security Agency; MAJ Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army.

Churches: 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; Donnie Jenkins 11.19.24; John Eagle 9.22.25; Brent Williams, son of Teresa Williams 5.11.26; Charles Yelton 7.9.26; Dorothy McDaniel 8.3.26; Emma Still 8.6.26; Darlene Childers 8.28.26.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns):
All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; 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) 3.24.25; Jonathan Chapman, (lung cancer) Emily Chapman's father-in-law 8.4.25; Jane Campbell (breast cancer) 1.20.26; Tammy Towery (peace and comfort) 1.18.26; Daniel Greene, uncle of Krista Sheriff (Peripheral Vascular Disease) 1.29.26; Wanda Conner (heart issues), friend of Barbara Jones 3.24.26; Mary Edwards, mother of Terry Edwards 7.27.26; Hunter Thompson and Family, nephew of Penny Norwood 8.11.26; Karen Swofford 8.18.26; Lynn Klee (death), sister of Jim Larson 8.20.26.



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 6, 2026 | 10:00 am

Central Methodist

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9.6.26 Communion Order of Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost-Green

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Prelude *All Praise to Thee* Doug Parker
-arr. Schram

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
Kings of Kings (CCLI # 7127647)
Holy Forever (CCLI #7201044)

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

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the
cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

Special Music *Remember-By Laura Story*
-Performed by Chancel Choir

Offering Doug Parker
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
-arr. Vogt

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 Rev. Hal Schwantes

Sermon Title: *Things of Infinite Value*

Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:7-3 NLT

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.[a] For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Matthew 13:44-46 NLT
44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. 45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. 46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

Receiving the Bread and Cup
Communion Meditation--arr. Johnson

Closing Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* *OGRP #49*
Verses 1-4

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude *Fanfare of Praise* Doug Parker
- Krug

**Responses in Bold*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 41st Wedding Anniversary By Keith and Carrie Bradley

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

Sunday Morning Group
Leader: Mark Dixon
Time and location: 8:30 am
Asbury Room, 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 11:00 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Liz Pflieger 704-466-1202
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our **Nursery** is available starting at 10:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. KIDS Central meets at 10:00 am on Sundays and is our church's children's ministry for grades K–5.

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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 am willing to work in the nursery
[ ] 10:00 am Nursery
[ ] 10:00 am Toddlers

[ ] I would like to attend the next Family Fellowship Night o**n 9/9/26**

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

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Phone

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email address

Tear off and place in the offering plate

see reverse side for more announcements