

Central Methodist

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You're Invited to

Central Methodist Church's Annual

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17, 2026

4:30–6:30 pm

113 South Piedmont Ave.
Kings Mountain NC 28086

cmkm.org



Free Hot Dogs, Bounce Houses, & Family Fun!

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR:

6–7+ cars for Trunk or Treat — the more, the merrier!
2 volunteers for pumpkin painting
5 volunteers for face painting
3 volunteers to help with hot dogs
2 volunteers to help supervise the bounce houses

Even if you can only help in one area, your time would be greatly appreciated. It takes many helping hands to make the Fall Festival possible! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Wilson at stephanie@cmkm.org or contact the church office at 704-739-2471. Thank you for helping us make this a wonderful evening for the children, families, and community! We are also still collecting individually wrapped candy for this event.



Join us on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026**, for our next Family Fellowship Night, featuring our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off Contest! Think your chili has what it takes?

If you would like to **enter the Chili Cook-Off**, please contact Penny Larson at 407-928-8579.

To RSVP for Family Fellowship Night, please contact the church office at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471 by 10/12/26. Come hungry and join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and friendly competition!



METHODIST MEN'S SOUP SALE

The Methodist Men's Soup Sale will be held on S**aturday, November 7, from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm.** Tickets are now available—see any Methodist Men member to buy yours, or contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 4, 2026 Staff Parish Meeting, 4:00 pm
October 5, 2026 Trustees Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 11, 2026 GMC Gastonia District Gathering, 4:30 pm
October 12, 2026 · NO Finance Meeting
October 12, 2026 · Administrative Council · 7:00 pm
October 14, 2026 · Family Fellowship Night · 6:15 pm
October 19, 2026 · Methodist Men Meeting · 7:00 pm
October 28, 2026 · Mary's Breakfast Bunch · 9:00 am
November 1, 2026 · All Saints Day Service

CUB SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT



The Cub Scouts would like to give back to our church by helping senior adults and those with disabilities with yard work. If you could use some extra help around your yard, please contact the church office. They hope to assist approximately 6–10 church members with this service project.

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Pastor, TBA
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Music Minister, Justin Harper, justin@cmkm.org
Organist, Doug Parker

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF METROLINA
Together We CAN End Hunger

COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEWS

In **September 2026**, we served **424** families. Over **12,890 pounds** of food and hygiene items were distributed through the Community Kitchen, thanks to your generosity.

The Community Kitchen is open on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm and partners with Second Harvest Food Bank.

We are still collecting breakfast items: grits, oatmeal, cereal, and breakfast bars. Please bring your donations to the CAC hallway to put in the collection bin.

Volunteers are always welcome, and we appreciate your support.

YOUTH NEWS

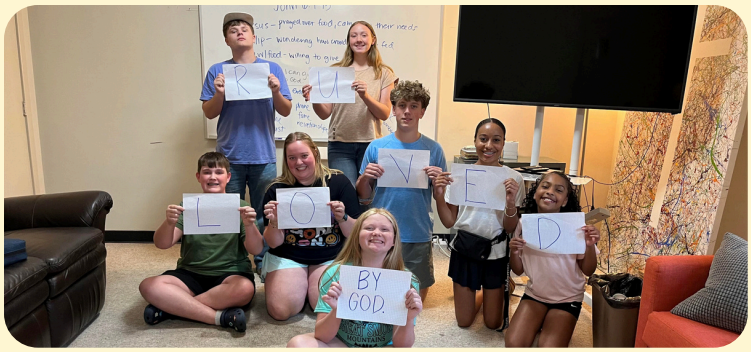
youth CALENDAR

Oct 4: Youth Meeting
Oct 11: Youth Meeting Meal: TBA
Oct 18: Youth Meeting Meal: TBA
Oct 25: Youth Meeting Meal: TBA

Save the Date!

BIG YOUTH EVENT WEEKEND April 23-24, 2027





We welcome all youth in grades 6–12 to join us on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm.

YOUNG ADULTS SCHEDULE

First Mondays – Bible Study Virtually
Third Mondays – Bible Study / Go Out to Eat

October Bible Study: Book of Ruth

If you're interested in joining our Young Adult Small Group or have any questions, please contact Kalin Brooks, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, at kalin@cmkm.org.

KIDS CENTRAL NEWS

Come join us on Sunday Mornings 10:00 AM

Children (toddlers through 5th grade) begin their Sundays in our 10 am service, sitting with Kids Central leaders before moving to their classrooms after praise and worship. Parents can choose to have their children sit with them until it's time to leave for class.

If you have any questions about KIDS Central, please contact Stephanie Wilson, Director of Infant and Children's Ministries, at stephanie@cmkm.org.

KIDS CENTRAL PRAYS AROUND THE WORLD



Throughout the month of September, our KIDS Central children have been praying around the world! Each week, they have chosen a different country to learn about, discovering a little about its people, culture, and needs, and then lifting that country and its people up in prayer.



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
tmnkm@bellsouth.net or 704-473-9148
Time and location:
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Asbury Room

We are an ongoing small group for men of all ages, dedicated to studying God's Word as it is shared with 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
Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 11:30 am. We meet to take prayer requests and to pray for others during the week at home. We meet in the small conference room across from the church office. For prayer requests, please text Audrey Brooks at 404-274-1758.

Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays from 6:30–8:30 pm. No materials are required—just bring a Bible and a notebook if you'd like to take notes. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, please call Liz Pflieger at 704-466-1202.



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER NEEDS

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, has an upcoming surgery, or is in need of prayer or pastoral care, please let us know. Contact Candy Love in the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org. Candy will make sure the information is shared with our Pastoral Care Team so they can offer prayer, support, and care. Please help us stay connected and care for one another!

HISTORY MINUTE BY LIBBY PUTNAM

The following article originally appeared in February 2022

In the year 2000, the Shelby Star Newspaper began a series on the History of Faith in Cleveland County. The December 11 issue featured our own Central Methodist Church. Featured in the article was a picture of the altar with the beautiful Chrismon trees and the writer also interviewed both Mrs. Dot Hayes, the church historian, and Mr. B.S. "Sonny" Peeler. Mrs. Hayes told the reporter about our church history room with the first pump organ, the altar rail, and other memorabilia preserved there. Sonny related a couple of interesting memories. He said, "I remember there was a big furnace under the pulpit of the church (1906 building). The front of the church was always burning up, and the back was cold! I also remember being caught ringing the old bell. You would sneak up at night to the bell because the pastor lived beside the church. We would ring it on Halloween or New Year's Eve. If you held onto the rope, the weight of the bell pulled you all the way up to the ceiling. It was better than a fair ride!" He continued, "In the old church, every family had their own pew. It was not assigned, but it was just understood....It was interesting to watch the first church service in the new church (our present church) because everyone had an awful time deciding where to sit!"

Our current History Room is located on the second floor of the Educational Building to the left as you exit the elevator. The History Room is open, and many pictures, books, and other church memorabilia are available for viewing.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE EVENT RECAP







Around 120 students gathered around the flagpoles at local Kings Mountain schools on the morning of September 23, 2026, to pray together as part of See You at the Pole, a nationwide student-led prayer event.

Photos courtesy of Kalin Brooks

2026 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mark your calendars! Operation Christmas Child Collection Week is November 16–22, but please bring all shoeboxes to the church by Sunday, November 8, so we have time to prepare and pack everything for collection.

Operation Christmas Child: Our Goal is 52! Why 52? There's a little more to that number than you might think! This year, Central Methodist Church has set a goal of filling 52 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes—inspired by the story of the five loaves and two fish. In this familiar story, a young boy offered Jesus what he had: five loaves and two fish. It may not have seemed like much compared to the enormous need before them, but when placed in Jesus' hands, that small offering became enough to bless thousands. That's the spirit behind our goal of 5 + 2 = 52! Each shoebox may seem like a small gift, but when we come together and give what we can, God can use those gifts in ways far greater than we can imagine. Each box is an opportunity to share joy, love, and the message of Jesus with a child somewhere in the world.

SCAN ME!

The cost of each shoebox is $30. You can donate online by scanning the QR code or write a check to Central Methodist Church, and we will build the box for you.

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