

Central Methodist

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ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL CANDY COLLECTION

Believe it or not, October is right around the corner!

We are now collecting **individually wrapped** candy for our **Annual Fall Festival in October.**

Please bring your donations to the bin in the Donation area near the CAC doors by the women's restrooms.



The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7 in observance.



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Join us for Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm.

Enjoy a delicious meal catered by Keith Falls, followed by a fun evening of Chair Volleyball!

Please RSVP by Monday, September 7, 2026.

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off on October 14, 2026 at 6:15 pm.

PASTOR UPDATE

We ask that you keep our Staff Parish and church in your prayers as we continue this important discernment.

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Central Methodist Family,
Thank y'all so much for the Target gift card and card! I have loved growing up in this family through the years and will miss y'all tremendously in college.
Love,
Ruby Osborne

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trustees Meeting Rescheduled
We will announce a new date soon.
September 6, 2026 Worship Committee Meeting immediately following service
September 9, 2026 · Family Fellowship Night · 6:15 pm
September 14, 2026 · Finance Meeting · 6:00 pm
September 14, 2026 · Administrative Council · 7:00 pm
September 21, 2026 · Methodist Men Meeting · 7:00 pm
September 23, 2026 · Mary's Breakfast Bunch · 9:00 am

Handbell practice is suspended until further notice.

2026 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 16–22, BUT WE ASK THAT ALL SHOEBOXES BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, SO WE HAVE TIME TO PREPARE AND PACK EVERYTHING FOR COLLECTION.

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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.



HELP US WELCOME OTHERS TO CENTRAL ON SUNDAYS

We are seeking volunteers for our hospitality teams as ushers and greeters. Even occasional service can greatly enhance the welcoming atmosphere. Contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to sign up or inquire further.

YOUTH NEWS

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Sept 6: **No Youth Meeting** (Labor Day)
Sept 13: **Youth Meeting** Meal: Tim Miller
Sept 20: **Youth Meeting** Meal: TBA
Sept 23: **See You at the Pole Annual Event** at local schools at 7:15 am
Worship Service with Youth at 7 am
Sept 27: **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

If you're interested in joining our Young Adult Small Group, please get in touch with Kalin Brooks.

For any questions, please contact Kalin Brooks, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, at kalin@cmkm.org.



KIDS CENTRAL NEWS



Reminiscing about summer days when we visited and brought the rhythm and the musical vibe to the Life Enrichment Center!

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.

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.

QUARTERLY OUTDOOR RECREATION MINISTRY

Central Outdoors is a recreation ministry for those who love fresh air, adventure, and exploring God's creation together. Central Outdoors brings outdoor enthusiasts of all backgrounds and ages together for quarterly activities that may include hiking, visiting historical sites, and other seasonal adventures. These outings are designed to build community in Christ, encourage healthy activity, and create meaningful connections while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors.

KIDS CENTRAL RECREATION

Monthly Open Gym Night for Kids (Ages 6–12)
Looking for a fun, safe place for kids to connect and play?
Join us each month for an exciting night
full of energy, laughter, and friendship!
🏀 Games & Activities Include:
Kickball • Basketball • Pickleball
Chair Volleyball • Floor Hockey • Board Games
💛 More Than Just Fun: Each night includes a short devotion and prayer time woven into the evening.
🎉 Kids are encouraged to invite their friends!

Contact the church office for upcoming dates and details at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEWS

In **August 2026**, we served **422** families. Over **15,911 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.