Announcements

We joyfully welcome Pastor Kerry and his wife, Deborah, to the Central Methodist Church family! Kerry Wood will begin serving as our pastor on November 1. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this new journey together.

11/1/26 Pastor Welcome Breakfast 8:30 am
To welcome our new pastor and his wife, we will gather for a **special catered breakfast by Cracker Barrel at 8:30 am** on Kerry's first Sunday in the pulpit. Everyone is invited to join us! Please RSVP to the church office by 10/29/26 to make sure we have enough for everyone.

All Saints Day Sunday is November 1, 2026.

The **Methodist Men Annual Soup Sale** will be on Saturday, November 7, from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Please see a Methodist Men member to purchase your tickets.

Please join us for our November Family Fellowship Night on **Wednesday, November 11**, at 6:15 p.m. The Methodist Women will be hosting a special Thanksgiving meal, and everyone is invited! A donation of $7 per plate is suggested. Please **RSVP by Monday, November 2,** so we can be sure to have plenty of food for everyone.

2026 Operation Christmas Child: Our Goal Is 52! Why 52? This year, Central hopes to fill 52 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, inspired by the story of five loaves and two fish. A young boy offered Jesus what he had—five loaves and two fish. When placed in Jesus' hands, that small offering became enough to bless thousands. That's the spirit behind our goal: 5 + 2 = 52! Each shoebox costs $30. Donate online by scanning the QR code, or write a check payable to Central Methodist Church by **November 8**, and we will build the box for you. **Questions?** Contact Audrey Brooks at 404-274-1758, 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

10/18/26 10:00 am Service…..…78

Operating Fund 2026

Contributions 10/18/26 $6,991.00
Contributions MTD $18,297.00

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.

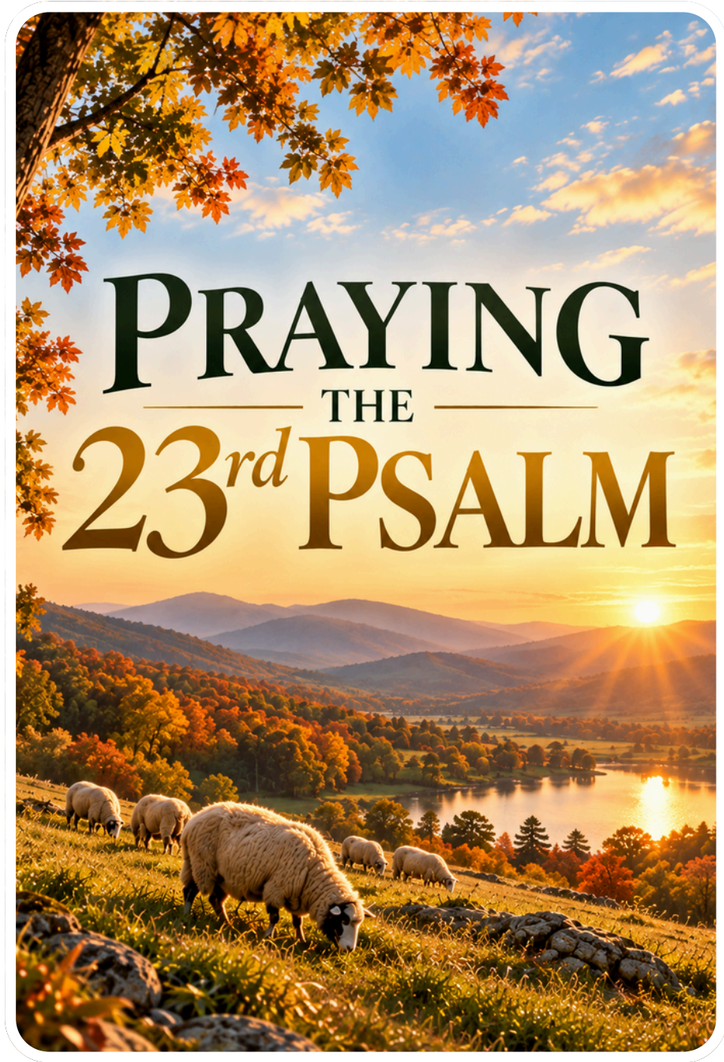
Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon–Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker–Army; SFC Joshua Brucker–Army; Lt. Colonel Alex Plonk–Air Force; CTT1 Tyler Hellstrand–National Security Agency; MAJ Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army.

Churches: Boone District GMC – Appalachian Chapel; Iglesia Church 24/Seita (Church of Manos de Fe).

Praises: We give thanks and praise as we welcome Pastor Kerry and his wife, Deborah, to our church family on November 1, 2026! May God bless them as we begin this exciting new chapter together.

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; John Eagle 9.22.25; Charles Yelton 7.9.26; Emma Still 8.6.26; Patrick Haag 9.14.26.

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; 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; Mary Wilson, friend of Barbara Jones, 9.23.26; Jane Campbell Kiser (death) 10.10.26; Rachel Dover's friend, Keith Hilliard (cancer) 10.13.26.



Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 10:00 am

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Central Methodist Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Green

Announcements

Prelude Doug Parker

Jesus, Bread of Life, I Pray Thee
-arr. Wagner

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
Be Thou My Vision / *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
(CCLI #7056332/7117260)
Open Up the Heavens (CCLI #6304702)

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 The Chancel Choir
The Lord is My Shepherd
by Allen Pote

Offertory *Down to the River to Pray* Doug Parker
-arr. Hayes

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

Scripture Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Sermon Rev. Hal Schwantes

Sermon Title *Praying the 23rd Psalm*

Closing Hymn *Jesus Is Calling* *OGRP #525*

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude *Festive Piece* Doug Parker
-Eliot

**Responses in Bold*

Moving Help for our New Pastor
Our new pastor, Kerry Wood, could use a few helping hands as he and Deborah prepare for their move into the parsonage! On Monday, October 26, in the morning, a moving POD is scheduled to arrive, and he will have only two hours to unload it before it is picked up to avoid additional fees. Any assistance during this short window would be greatly appreciated! He will also need help on Friday, October 30, unloading a U-Haul and an additional POD. Times for both dates are between 10:30-11:30 am. If you are available to help on either day, it would be a wonderful way to welcome Pastor Kerry and Deborah to our church family!

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Peggy Ramey
by Clyde & Faye Kerns

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
Contact: 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.

ONGOING GROUPS

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study group meets on Tuesdays. **(We will resume in January 2027)** No materials are required—just bring a Bible and a notebook if you'd like to take notes. We meet from 6:30–8:30 pm. Leader: Liz Pflieger 704-466-1202

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our **Nursery** is available starting at 10:00 am for children ages 0–4. KIDS Central meets at 10:00 am on Sundays and is our church for K–5th grade.

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.

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 would like to usher/greet

[ ] I would like to attend the next Family Fellowship Night on 11/11/26 6:15 pm

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Tear off and place in the offering plate

See reverse side for more announcements