Announcements

Save the Date – October Family Fellowship Night! 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!

Our Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 17, from 4:30–6:30 pm, and we still need volunteers to help make this a fun and successful event for our community!
We are currently looking for:

- **Candy donations (individually wrapped)**
- **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!**

Save the Date! 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.

There will be a **Staff Parish Meeting** on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 4 pm.

There will be a **Gastonia District Gathering**, "Casting A Vision," with Conference Superintendent Kari Howard on Sunday, **October 11, 2026**, at 4:30 pm.

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

9/27/26 10:00 am Service…..……74

Operating Fund 2026

Contributions 9/27/26 $4,147.00
Contributions MTD $ 19,248.00

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

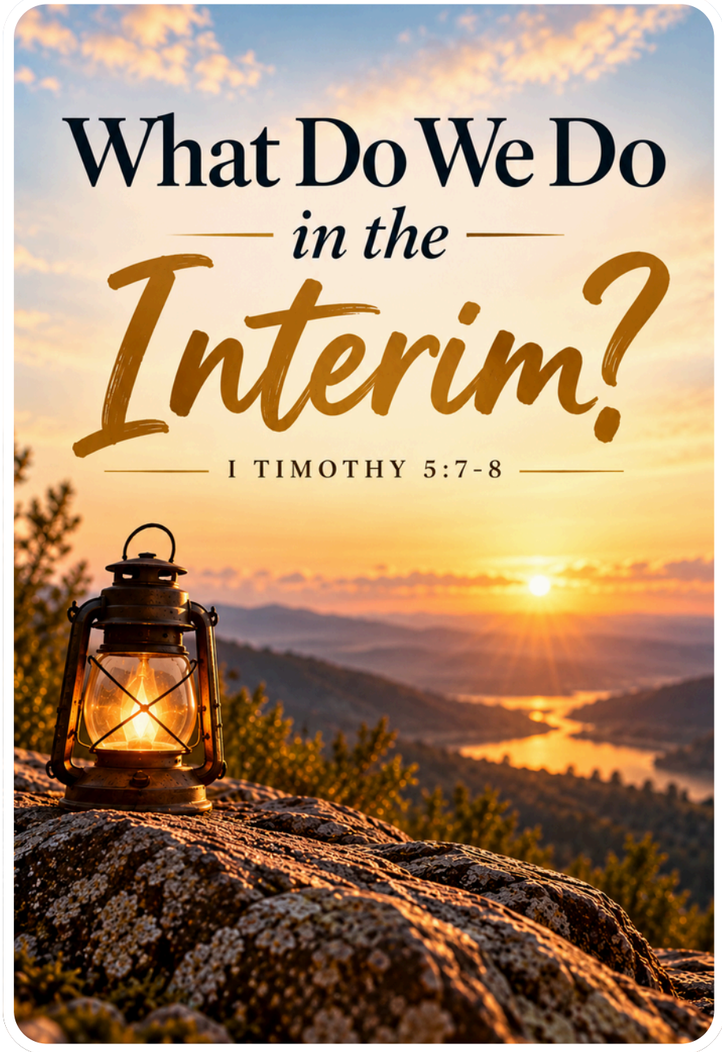
Praises and Concerns: Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

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).

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; Emma Still 8.6.26; Darlene Childers 8.28.26; Patrick Haag 9.14.26; Michael Norwood 9.23.26.

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; Mary Wilson, friend of Barbara Jones, 9.23.26.



Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 10:00 am

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19th Sunday after Pentecost/Green

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Prelude Doug Parker

Voluntary on "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
—arr. McConnell

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
Goodness of God (CCLI #7117726)
Build My Life (CCLI #7070345)

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 *Ye Shall Be Witnesses*
Performed by The Chancel Choir

Offertory Doug Parker

It Is Well —arr. Rounsavall

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 I Timothy 5:7-8 NIV

7 Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. 8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Sermon Jim Larson

Sermon Title *What Do We Do in the Interim?*

Closing Hymn *OGRP #572*

Amazing Grace
verses 1,3,6

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude Doug Parker

Grand March
-King

**Responses in Bold*

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!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Melissa Brooks' 21st Birthday by the Brooks Family

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. 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 10/14/26 6:15pm

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