

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Please join us for Sunday School at 9am & Worship Every Sunday at 10 am.

You Tube Live Worship Service at [Center GMC-Yadkinville NC](#)

Member(s) of the Week: Peggy Brown, P.O. Box 898, Boonville, NC 27011

Prayer Needs: Jacob Shore; Kent Mathis; Audrey Sink; Jerry Motsinger; Gale Redding; Brenda Brown; Jennifer Pruitt; Wayne & Tracey Denny; Judy Davis; Shane Stewart; Doc Lynch; Robert & Beth Steelman; Jimmy Collins; Tim Harrison; Sarah Williams; Judy & Lilly friends of Jerry Motsinger; David Crook; Ricky Spicer; Chris Buelin; Peggy Brown; Mike Lawson; Emmett Winslow; Margie Sizemore; Jean Lumley; Kyle Bumgardner; Tim Eads; Linda Church; Jerry & Hilda Carlton; Jayden Adams; Dee Jones; Drew Harris; JJ Graves; Tommie Gambill; Jim Chatman; Brad Higgins; Ryan, Maria & Cali Shumate; Katelyn Bryant; Chris Turner; Georgia Windsor; Edward Allen; Cindy Luxe; Larry Aimes; Jim Long; Dan Kibbler; Kelly Shumate; Banks Marion; Lori Evans; Sara Vestal; Betty Wiles; Penny Knowles; Betty Drye; Azanette Cyprian; Rita Poplin; Jeff Wilkerson; Judy Baldwin; Marilyn Baird; Bridget Kimmer; Halee Boggs; Jeff Payne; Ronald Drye; Lisa Cornelius; Shelly Logan; Aunt Kitty (Kitty Kid) Sandra Overby; Karie Matthews; Taylor Kiger; Danny Athan; Mike Whitaker & Tammy Morrison.

Pray for Our Shut-ins: Patty Harrison; Sara Vestal; Evelyn Weatherman; Nina & Lee Groce; Mary Lou Ring; Mary Ann Hill; Peggy Casstevens; Kathy Whitaker Johnson; Audrey Hutchins.

Pray for the Family of:

Center Global Methodist Church

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Pianist: Penny Spernoga

Welcome to Center Global Methodist Church

March 8, 2026

Center Global Methodist Church

The Unanxious Life: Living at the Pace of Grace

The One Thing "Matthew 6:31-34"

The Dashboard Light "Psalm 94:19; 139:23-24"

The Architecture of Anxiety "Luke 10:38-42"

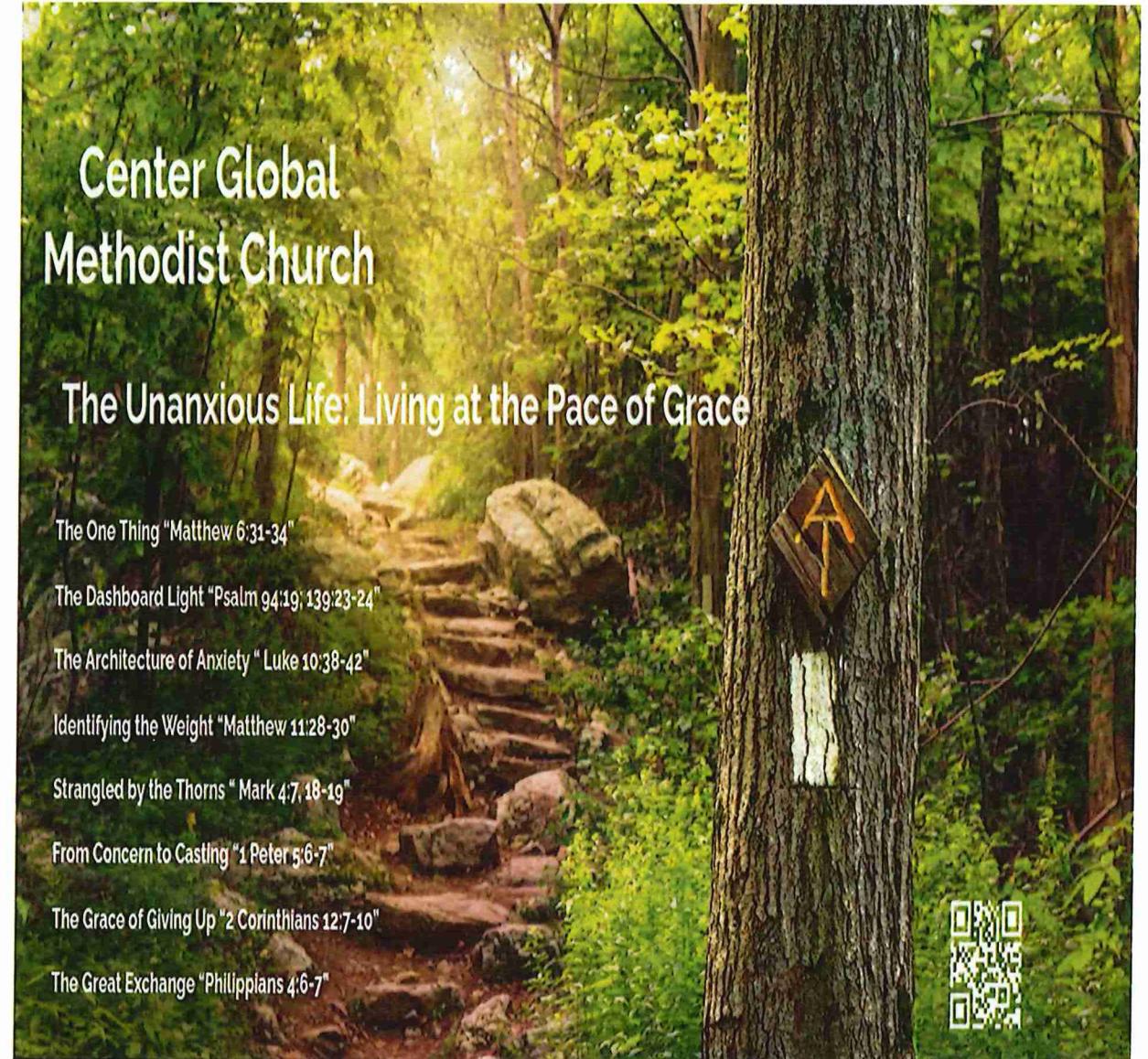
Identifying the Weight "Matthew 11:28-30"

Strangled by the Thorns "Mark 4:7, 18-19"

From Concern to Casting "1 Peter 5:6-7"

The Grace of Giving Up "2 Corinthians 12:7-10"

The Great Exchange "Philippians 4:6-7"



CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

SEE SCREEN

✝ OPENING SONG

“FAIREST LORD JESUS”

UMH #189 (ALL VERSES)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

CENTER CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

CENTERING OUR LIVES FOR WORSHIP

MESSAGE

“THE GRACE OF GIVING UP”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10 (NIV)

✝ CLOSING SONG

“JESUS LOVES ME”

UMH #191 (ALL VERSES)

✝ BENEDICTION

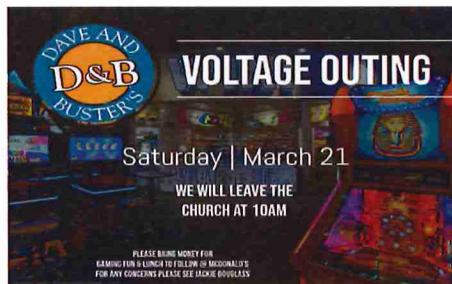
✝ *Please stand (as you can)*



Children's Church Today – March 8th – Anna Owens & Beth Woodruff

Children's Church Next Sunday – March 15th – Crystal Sprague & Renae Hall

Acolyte Ministry Schedule March: Max Woodruff, Sam Woodruff, Camren Douglass & Chase Spernoga



Our Children & Youth are invited to a fun outing at Dave & Buster's in Winston Salem on Saturday, March 21st with lunch to follow at McDonald's.

Please see Jackie Douglass if you have any questions or concerns, thank you!



*Backpack Program Delivery Schedule for Yadkinville Elementary School – Week of March 12th – **NO DELIVERY DUE TO SPRING BREAK** - Deliveries will need to be made on Thursday, anytime from 9:00 -11:00 am.*

Calendar of Events

Tues	Mar 10 th	Bible Study – NFH (Morning Class at 10 am & Evening Class at 7 pm) Children/Youth Night – 6:35 pm – Youth Room
Thur	Mar 12 th	Senior Day – See bulletin insert for details – Leaving at 11 am.
Sun	Mar 15 th	Children's & Youth Ministry Meeting immediately following worship in the sanctuary
Wed	Mar 18 th	Susanna Wesley Circle – 7 pm – NFH
Sat	Mar 21 st	Children/Youth Outing to Dave & Busters with lunch to follow at McDonald's
Tues	Mar 24 th	Bible Study – NFH (Morning Class at 10 am & Evening Class at 7 pm) Children/Youth Night – 6:35 pm – Youth Room
Sun	Mar 29 th	5 th Sunday Breakfast – 9 am in our New Fellowship Hall Bible Study Following Worship – (NFH – Men) (OFH – Women)
Thur	Apr 2 nd	Maundy Thursday Service – 7 pm in sanctuary
Fri	Apr 3 rd	Good Friday Service – 8 pm in sanctuary
Sun	Apr 5 th	Easter Sunday (Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am in the cemetery beside the church with breakfast to follow in the New Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am)

Worship Team

<u>Date</u>	<u>Multimedia</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter(s)</u>
3/8	Jamie W.	Crystal Sprague/Anna Owens	David Sudderth/Brad S.	Larry Long
3/15	Cameron D.	Kenneth Reavis/Martha Redding	Rebecca H./Henry D.	Robin Nance
3/22	Jamie W.	Bobbie G/Cheryl P	Ronald & Tammy Drye	Ronald & Tammy Drye
3/29	Cameron D.	Gale Matthews/Sharron S.	Darry Groce/David Nance	Anna Owens

Welcome, we are so glad you're here to worship with us!

Seniors, please join us for lunch on Thursday, March 12th at 801 Southern Kitchen at 218 NC-801, Advance, NC 27006 (Phone # 336-941-9003). We will meet at the church at 11:00 am and we will take the church van & carpool as needed. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and great fellowship! Please let Martha Abbott know if you plan on meeting us at the restaurant rather than the church by calling her at 336-407-2424.



Please join us for our special Maundy Thursday service in our sanctuary at 7 pm on April 2nd in our sanctuary.

JOIN US for MAUNDY Thursday

Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, who... made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.

Philippians 2:5-7, NIV

Spring Bible Study Schedule

Everyone is invited to join us for our Spring Bible Study Classes as we study Season 4 of the Chosen. The dates and times for our upcoming bible study classes are as follows:

- March 10th*
- March 24th*
- April 7th*
- April 28th*
- May 12th*

Our Morning Class will be held at 10 am & our Evening Class will be held at 7 pm in our New Fellowship Hall.

**ADOPT
--- A ---
COLLEGE
STUDENT**

*Sharing God's Love,
One Student
at a time.*

STUDENTS FOR 2026

KYLIE CANTRELL
CAMREN DOUGLASS
STEPHANIE GRESHAM
RAVEN POINDEXTER
SAWYER POINDEXTER
PIERCE SPRAGUE

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG ADULTS ATTENDING COLLEGE FOR THE 2026 SEMESTER I
(CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, OR SMALL GIFTS)

*Please contact
Jackie Douglass
if you need an
address for our
college students.*

*Thank you all for
your support for
these amazing
young adults.*

Community Fellowship FUN Day
CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

CRUISE IN

All cars, trucks, bikes, rat rods,
tractors & lawn mowers welcome!

Music
2pm-3pm &
4pm-5pm
by:
Cranberry
Creek
Bluegrass
Band

Hotdogs &
Hamburgers

Exhibitor
Door Prizes

FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD 2026
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**TO REGISTER EMAIL:
ADMIN@CENTERGMC.ORG**

Proceeds will support our Children and Youth Ministries

**1400 Center Rd. Yadkinville, NC
27055**

***Hey! It's Almost
Cruise In Time!***

*Thank you to everyone who
has volunteered so far to
help! If you would like to
help and have not signed up
yet, please contact Renae
Hall or Crystal Sprague.
We hope you all will be able
to join us for this
Community Fellowship
FUN Day on Sunday, May
3rd from 2-5 pm! Be sure to
mark this event on your
calendars!*

Join Us
To become empowered Men and Women of Christ's Kingdom

**BIBLE
STUDY**

Last Sunday
of every
month

Men's Bible Study- NFH
Women's Bible Study- OFH

Immediately
Following
Service

Facilitators: Justin and Jackie Douglass
Refreshments will be served during study

**We hope you will make plans to join us
for our Men's & Women's Bible Study
Classes that will be held the last
Sunday of every month!**

**These Bible Study classes will be held
immediately following worship service
and snacks will be available as well.
Schedule for the first 6 months is listed
below, so be sure to mark your
calendars!**

- March 29th**
- April 26th**
- May 31st**
- June 28th**
- July 26th**

**Please help us continue to fill the shelves at
Yadkin Christian Ministries this year! If you
would like to donate, we currently have boxes
for donations located in the narthex and by
the church mailboxes. Please be sure your
donation's are in a bag for easy drop off for
our volunteers at the ministry.**

**Current Needs: Peanut Butter, Spaghetti
Sauce, Sweet & Salty Snacks, Vegetable Oil,
Canned Meat & Dried Pinto Beans.**



Thank you to everyone for your support of this ministry!

Worship Notes:

1. The difference between how culture and God define life creates a _____
– the distance between who we are and who we feel we should be. _____ lives in that gap.
2. Anxiety tries to tell us we're _____, but today's Scripture tells us we're _____, which is a massive difference, because one leads to _____ while the other leads to _____ in God.
3. Like the sway of the Golden Gate Bridge, anxiety can make us feel unstable, but when our weakness becomes God's strength, that swaying movement isn't a sign of structural _____ but a sign of structural _____.
4. A bridge doesn't control the _____; it's constructed to withstand them. So it is with a "thorn in the flesh." God will deconstruct, or _____ a part of us, so when the winds of life threaten to throw us off balance, we can lean into the _____ of God's strength.
5. We don't know exactly what Paul's thorn was, and that is a _____ to us – it means we can place our own struggles into that _____.
6. The Grace of Giving Up begins when we stop praying for the _____ of the circumstance and start praying for the _____ within the circumstance.
7. The word "_____" means God's grace is exactly enough – no more, no less – to meet the exact shape of the performance gap left by our weakness.
8. In a bridge, the points under the most tension are often the most critical to its _____. In our lives, our "_____" – the things we're most ashamed of or frustrated by – are exactly where God wants to demonstrate His strength.
9. Our "weakness" – our ability to be honest, vulnerable, and dependent on God – is the _____ that keeps us from _____.

Something To Consider:

The apostle Paul categorizes his suffering into four areas, showing that this "weakness" isn't just one thing:

Insults: Verbal abuse and social shame (Luke 6:28)

Hardships: Situations of "distress" where there is no easy way out (James 1:2-5)

Persecutions: Systematic opposition for his faith (Matthew 5:10)

Difficulties: General calamities and pressures of life (John 16:33)

Besides these four areas of weakness, the word used for "weakness" (*astheneia*) is built from two parts: the prefix *a-* (meaning "without") and *sthenos* (meaning "strength" or "vigor"). Literally, it is the state of being "without strength," which includes sickness, frailty, those who are overlooked or oppressed, and describes a state of being "broken down" or lacking the "grit" to continue. Examine the four areas above and list your "weaknesses" to the corresponding area. Then, read the Scripture reference and record your thoughts. Next, dig deeper into the Bible to learn what else Scripture has to say about your particular situation.

In the Roman world, "weakness" was a source of ultimate shame. For Paul to claim strength in weakness, it wasn't just a nice thought – it was a subversive act. He was telling the church in Corinth that the cross itself was the ultimate example of today's Scripture: when the world saw Christ at His "weakest," that was the moment Christ was most powerful. Examine the chart below and read four ways Christ is powerful. Then, record how the powerful Savior can give you strength in your situation. Lastly, besides the four aspects of power in the chart, what other ways is Christ powerful? Once you have your list, pray for His power to be made perfect in your situation/weakness.

Aspect of Power	Key Scripture	The Message
Sustaining	Hebrews 1:3	He sustains the entire universe by His powerful word.
Transformative	Philippians 3:21	He has the power to bring everything under His control.
Protective	John 10:28	No one can snatch His followers out of his hand.
Eternal	Revelation 1:8	He is the "Almighty" who is, who was, and who is to come.

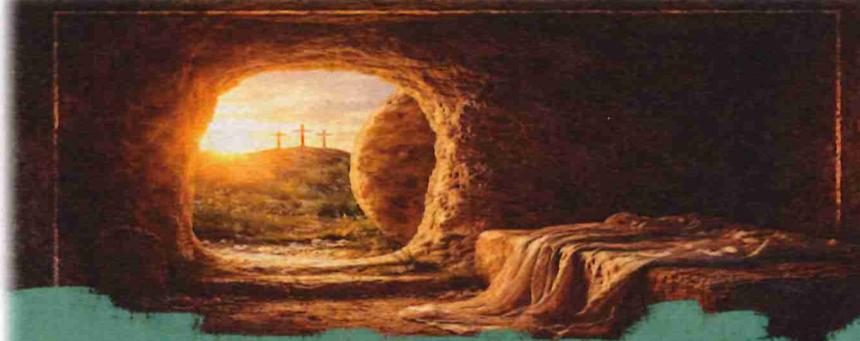
The apostle Paul was able to boast of his weakness because he realized that true divine power isn't found in flashy success but in sustained faithfulness through suffering. Paul's "thorn" was given to prevent pride by keeping him grounded/leveled (humble). Scripture doesn't say what his thorn was, so that any person with any kind of persistent "thorn" can find themselves in this text. But like Paul, we can still pray. Matthew Henry notes how troubles are sent to teach us to pray, and sometimes they are continued to teach us to be persistent in prayer. What are your "thorn(s)," and what is the focus of your prayers?

In the Christian life, some of our blessings come through transformation rather than substitution. When Paul prayed three times, he was asking God for substitution – to take away the thorn. However, God didn't change the situation by removing the thorn; He changed the man by adding grace. How does grace provide the strength you need in your situation? Are your prayers concentrated more on transformation or substitution? In verse 9, the word "rest" (*episkenoō*) means "tabernacle" and "tent," which is a direct reference to God's presence resting in the Tabernacle in Exodus. Paul is saying that his weakness isn't a "problem," but the holy ground where the presence of God chooses to dwell. In other words, when we become empty, God has room to move in and dwell in our lives. How does the idea of "pitching a tent over" Paul's weakness change your perspective on your own struggle? Is the goal for the struggle to disappear, or for something to cover it? What area of your life – shame, past mistakes, present troubles, or fear of the future – do you struggle most to believe Christ truly covers it? The word used in verse 9 for "perfect" (*teleitai*) doesn't mean flawless; instead, it means "reached its end goal." It isn't just about stopping something; it's about successfully reaching the finish line. In fact, *teleitai* is the final cry of Jesus on the cross when He proclaimed, "It is finished." God's power does not become better when we are weak; rather, it is most visible and reaches its full potential when there is no human strength to take the credit. When we read, "power is made perfect in weakness" (*dynamis en astheneia teleitai*), Paul writes in the present tense, implying a continuous, ongoing action. Why do you think Paul suggests a "continual perfecting" rather than a one-time event? In your own struggles, do you feel like you must "perfect" your own character? How does knowing that God is the One doing the finishing work help in your weakness?

The "thorns" of life can be confusing, and because they can be unclear, thorns can easily create anxiety. The chart below details the differences between Paul's "thorn" and the thorny soil in Jesus' parable. While both passages use the imagery of painful, pointed thorns, they are actually talking about two very different dynamics in the Christian life. If you're suffering in a way that forces you to lean harder on God, you are experiencing something closer to Paul's thorn. Your weakness becomes strength and makes you more like Christ. If you are distracted, overwhelmed, or finding that your worldly pursuits are slowly killing your passion for the things of God, you're dealing with thorny soil. These are not meant to be endured; they are meant to be cleared out so that your life can bear fruit. Are your thorn(s) making you lean into Christ, or is it killing your passion for God?

Feature	2 Corinthians 12:7–10	Mark 4:18–19
Greek Term	<i>skolops</i> (stake/splinter)	<i>akanthai</i> (briars/brambles)
Agent	"A messenger of Satan" allowed by God	The cares and desires of the world
Spiritual Goal	To prevent pride/ensure dependence	To distract/divert attention
Spiritual Outcome	Increased spiritual power/grace	Choked-out faith/unfruitfulness
Response Required	Acceptance and reliance on Grace	Repentance and pruning (removal)

For further study & encouragement see: Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 57:15; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 2 Corinthians 4:7; James 4:6



EASTER SUNDAY
Celebrating the Resurrection

Please join us on Sunday, April 5th at 7:00 am for our Easter Sunrise Service in the cemetery beside the church, with breakfast to follow at 7:30 am in the New Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will follow at 9:00 am and our Easter Sunday Worship Service will begin at 10 am. We look forward to seeing you all on Easter Sunday to celebrate together! Please Invite Your Friends & Family To Join Us As We Celebrate The Resurrection!