

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: Kathy Whitaker Johnson, Summerstone Health & Rehab Center, 485 Veterans Way, Kernersville, NC 27284

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; Jimmy Collins; Tim Harrison; Sarah Williams; 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; Ryan, Maria & Cali Shumate; Chris Turner; Cindy Luxe; Larry Aimes; Jim Long; Dan Kibbler; Kelly Shumate; Banks Marion; Lori Evans; Betty Wiles; Penny Knowles; Betty Drye; Azanette Cyprian; Rita Poplin; Bridget Kimmer; Halee Boggs; Jeff Payne; Ronald Drye; Shelly Logan; Taylor Kiger; Danny Athan; Chris & Megan Hampton; Tommy Brown; Gray Hauser; Penny Rice, Sam & Mona Childress; Avery Davis; Mary Stowe; Benjamin Pruitt; Debbie Gough; Pam Gilesbe; Larry & Kay Chun; Becky Helton; George Crossman; Brandon Nichols; Randy Holcomb & Tammy Morris.

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

Pray for the Family of: David Steelman; Jeff & Lori Mabe (Jeff's Mother Passed Away) Georgia Windsor; Audrey Hutchins, Eugene (E.C.) Calvin Elledge, Jr. (Father of Debbie Gentry)

Center Global Methodist Church

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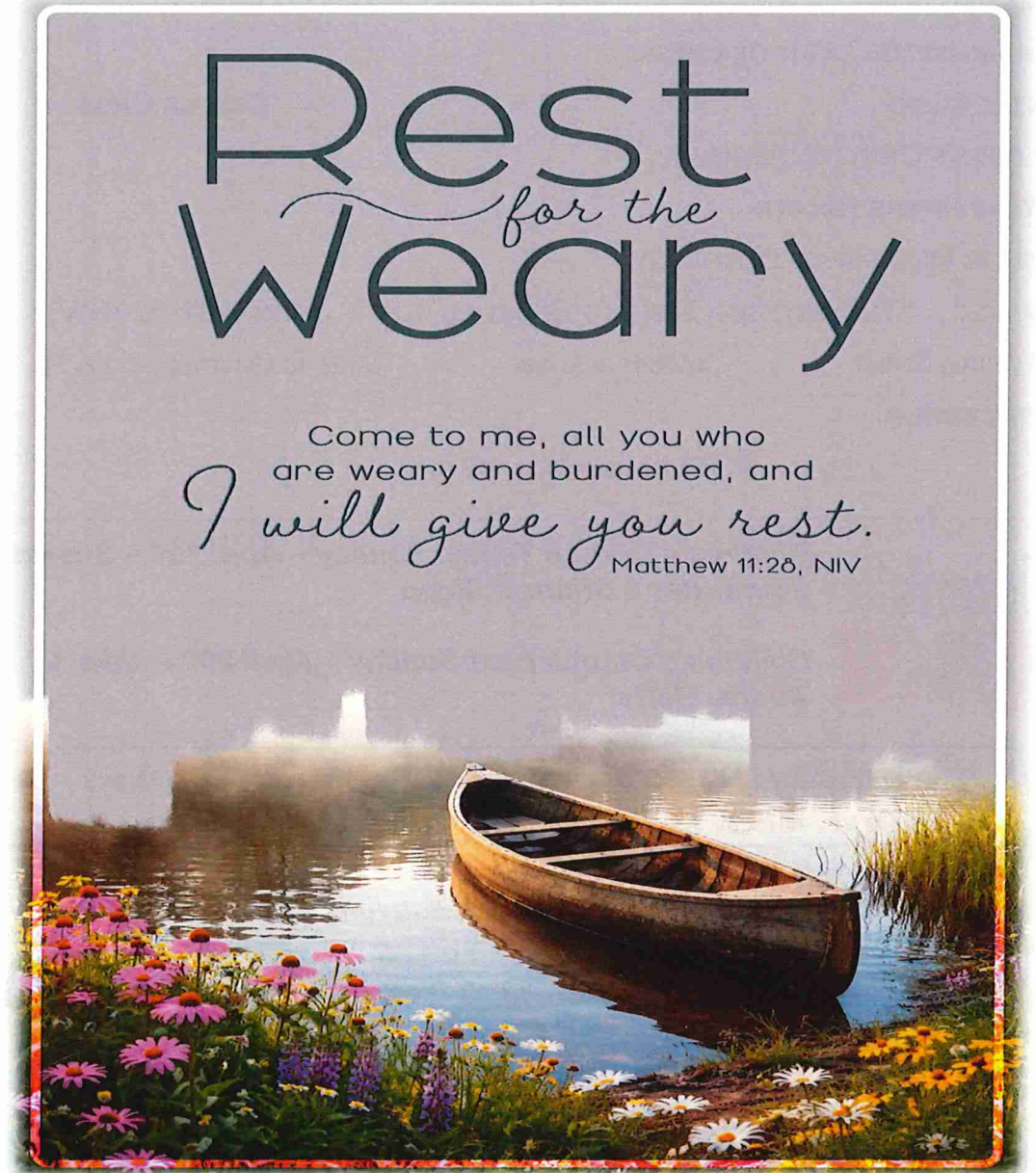
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Office Manager: Crystal Sprague

Head Ushers: David Sloop

Pianist: Penny Spernoga

Welcome to Center Global Methodist Church
April 19, 2026



CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER SEE SCREEN

✝ OPENING SONG "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" UMH #327 (VERSES 1,2 & 4)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC CENTER CHOIR

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE "THE ARTESIAN WELL OF SPIRITUAL LIFE" JOHN 7:37-52 (NIV)

✝ CLOSING SONG "CHRIST IS ALIVE" UMH #318 (VERSES 1,2 & 5)

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ *Please stand (as you can)*



Children's Church Today, Sunday – April 19th – Shawna Poindexter & Sharron Sloop

Children's Church Next Sunday – April 26th – Jake & Andrea Carter

Acolyte Ministry Schedule April: Cole Spernoga, Zachary Drye, Kohen Drye, Eli Carter & Ian Carter

*Backpack Program Delivery Schedule for Yadkinville Elementary School – **Week of April 23rd - SWC & Kim Matthews.** Deliveries will need to be made on Thursday, anytime from 9:00 -11:00 am.*



Calendar of Events

Sun	Apr 26 th	Bible Study Following Worship – (NFH – Men) (OFH – Women)
Tues	Apr 28 th	Bible Study – NFH (Morning Class at 10 am & Evening Class at 7 pm) Children/Youth Night – 6:35 pm – Youth Room
Wed	Apr 29 th	Spring Bingo Ladies Night – New Fellowship Hall from 6-7:30 pm
Sun	May 3 rd	Global Methodist Men's Meeting – NFH – 8:15 am Cruise In here at Center GMC from 2-5 pm
Sun	May 10 th	Mother's Day Breakfast – NFH at 9 am – Everyone is Welcome! <i>See insert for details</i>
Tues	May 12 th	Bible Study – NFH (Morning Class at 10 am & Evening Class at 7 pm) Children/Youth Night – 6:35 pm – Youth Room
Sat	May 16 th	Nerf Day (Children/Youth) 1-2 pm – New Fellowship Hall (See insert for more details)
Wed	May 20 th	SWC Meeting – NFH – 7 pm
Sun	May 31 st	5 th Sunday Breakfast – 9 am -New Fellowship Hall (Alpha & Omega Class) Bible Study Following Worship – (NFH – Men) (OFH – Women)

Worship Team

<u>Date</u>	<u>Multimedia</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter(s)</u>
4/19	Shawna P.	Stephanie Drye/Bobbie G	Ronald/Tammy Drye	Ronald/Tammy Drye
4/26	Jamie W.	Mark Gentry/Ginger Carlton	Rebecca H./David Nance	Larry Long
5/3	Camren D.	Paul Woodruff / April Shore	David Sudderth/Brad S.	Anna Owens
5/10	Jamie W.	Randy Cranfill/Beth Woodruff	Rebecca H./Brad S.	Sharron Sloop
5/17	Shawna P.	Crystal S/Cheryl Parker	Ronald/Tammy Drye	Ronald/Tammy Drye

Please be sure to drop your 2026 Center GMC Survey in the basket located in the narthex anytime through April 30th. Your feedback and perspective matters to us and it helps us serve you better by knowing your thoughts, concerns, and to ensure our church is aligned with God's mission!

Remember the survey is anonymous.

1st Quarter Financial Summary 2026

General Budget Info:

January Tithes and Offerings: \$21,103.80
February Tithes and Offerings: \$28,286.80
March Tithes and Offerings: \$18,322.80

From January 1st through March 31st of this year, we brought in \$67,713.40 from tithes and offerings and we had expenses of \$56,009.42. We need an average income of \$19,274.00 to meet our approved budget for 2026.

Designated Acct Info:

From January 1st through March 31st, we've brought in \$5,816.20 and spent \$7,780.34. The balance in our Designated account at the end of March was \$53,008.60.

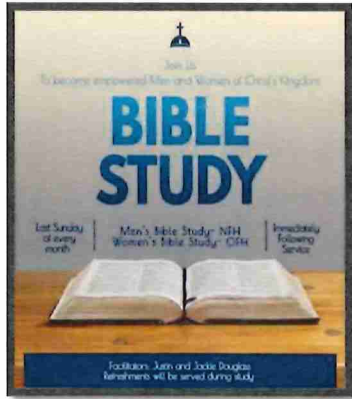
If you would like to see more details on a specific designated account or have questions about our budgeted accounts, please contact Rebecca Harris.

Thanks for all you do to support Center GMC and our missions!

Worship Notes:

1. This event took place during the Festival of _____ – a week-long celebration where Israel remembered God's provision in the wilderness, and the heart of this feast was the "_____,", a ceremony designed to cry out for God's life-giving rain as they waited for the coming Messiah.
2. By inviting "anyone who is thirsty to come to Me," Jesus is teaching how salvation is _____, not _____.
3. The crowd had enough information to be cynical, but not enough _____ to be saved.
4. The word used for "division" in verse 43 is schisma, where we get our word "_____" and implies a deep _____.
5. Jesus demands a _____.
6. In God's economy of grace, you cannot be _____ unless you are empty, and you cannot _____ unless you have been filled.
7. Jesus' invitation to "_____" is a radical command to turn away from our own broken systems and to repent of sin, for nobody can drink from the Fountain of Life while clinging to the poisoned wells of _____.
8. An _____ is connected to a water source deep underground that begins high in the mountains, and because the source is higher than the well, the water is under constant _____.
9. When you truly come to Christ for salvation, your _____ is the "Glorified Christ," and because He is seated in the highest place, His Spirit flows down into believers with heavenly _____.





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. Pastor Justin Douglass will lead our Men's Bible Study and Jackie Douglass will lead our Women's Bible Study. Schedule for the next few months is listed below, so be sure to mark your calendars!

April 26th
 May 31st
 June 28th
 July 26th

Spring Bible Study Schedule

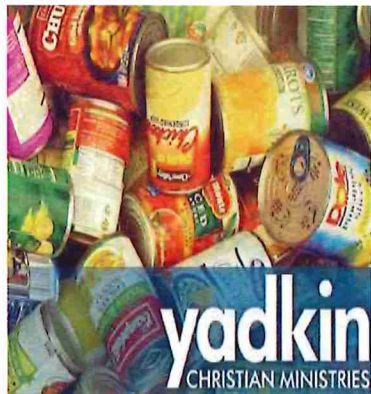
Everyone is invited to join us for our Spring Bible Study Classes as we study Season 4 of the Chosen. The dates and times for our upcoming bible study classes are as follows:

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.

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!



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 Noodles, Sweet & Salty Snacks, Vegetable Oil, Mayonnaise, Pork & Beans.

Thank you all for your support of this ministry!

NERF DAY

Fun Zone, Snacks, and Church Grounds Clean Up
(for those seeking community hours)
Saturday, May, 16th
from 1-2 pm

For Info Contact Jackie:
jackiedouglass40@gmail.com

Something To Consider:

Read: Exodus 17:6; Isaiah 58:11; Jeremiah 2:13; 1 Corinthians 10:4; Revelation 22:1; Revelation 22:17. These are just a few verses that show how, when you look through the Scriptures, you see that God has always been a “Gushing God.” From the Garden of Eden (which had 4 rivers, Gen. 2:10-14), to the New Jerusalem, God is moving toward us with life. The question isn’t whether the Water is available; the question is whether you will stop trying to be your own plumber. Repent of your broken cisterns today! Stop trying to patch the leaks of your own morality and jump into the River that flows from the Throne! First, what do these verses teach about Christ as our “Living Water?” Second, what “cistern” are you most tempted to dig when your life starts feeling a little dry?

The Artesian Well has 3 main points worth exploring. **First**, “The High Source.” For the Christian, our “recharge zone” isn’t our own willpower or our circumstances; our source is Christ. **Second**, “The Pressure of Grace.” Most religious people live “pump-handle” lives. They are constantly exhausted trying to “pump up” enough joy or strength to get through the day. But when you are connected to Christ through a living relationship, His life pushes into you and out of you. **Third**, “The Drought-Proof Life.” Because the Artesian Well is fed from a distant mountain, it is not affected when there is a drought in the valley. The valley can be dusty, parched, and brown, but the Artesian Well stays cool and overflowing. First, how do these 3 points help in your spiritual life? Second, if the “pressure” for our spiritual life comes from Jesus’ position in heaven rather than our effort on earth, how should that change the way you approach a “bad day” or a spiritual “dry spell?”

The pressure in an artesian well is constant, but the flow can be restricted or altogether stopped by debris, rocks, or a deliberate cap. Jesus calls us to “come and drink,” which implies moving away from other things (repentance). First, what are some “debris” (habits, distractions, sins) that tend to clog the flow of the Spirit in your life? Second, how does the act of repentance function like a “pipe cleaner” for the soul? Third, an artesian well stays green and lush even during a local drought because it isn’t dependent on local rain. Does your current spiritual “greenness” depend on the “rain” of good circumstances?

The Water Libation ceremony, known as Simchat Beit HaShoevah (The Rejoicing of the House of the Water-Drawing), was the most joyful and sensory-rich ritual of the Jewish year. In the Jewish Mishnah, it is written: “He who has not seen the rejoicing of the Water-Drawing has never in his life seen true rejoicing.” At dawn, a grand procession led by the High Priest left the Temple. They exited through the Water Gate, marched down the steep Tyropoeon Valley to the Pool of Siloam, and were accompanied by flutes, trumpets, and a huge crowd of worshippers. Once at the pool, the crowd would chant Isaiah 12:3 as the High Priest filled the golden flagon (water pitcher) with fresh spring water. This was “living water,” sourced from the Gihon Spring. The procession climbed back up to the Temple Mount. As they reached the Water Gate, three blasts of the silver trumpets signaled their arrival. They entered the Court of the Priests just as the morning sacrifice was being prepared on the altar. Once at the altar, the High Priest poured out wine and water. As the fluids flowed from the altar, the Levite choir began to sing the Hallel (Psalms 113-118). When they reached Psalm 118:25, the entire crowd would shake their palm

branches and cheer. First, record your thoughts as you contrast the wine and water which the High Priest poured onto the altar with Jesus' side being pierced and blood and water pouring forth (John 19:34). Second, why do you think Jesus used the term "Living Water" (*mayim chayim*) to describe the Holy Spirit? Third, what is the difference between a "stagnant" religious life and a "living" spiritual life?

Jesus declared Himself to be the source of "living water" on "the last, the great day of the feast." While traditionally interpreted as the 7th day (the climax of the water-pouring ceremony), it can also be identified as the 8th day (known as *Shemini Atzeret*). Because the 8th day has no water-pouring ceremony, some scholars believe Jesus was highlighting Himself as the true water, replacing the ritual. Others argue it occurred on the 7th day, the final day of the week-long celebration. If it was the 7th day, then Jesus spoke these words while the water was being poured out in front of the crowd. However, some interesting facts also point to the 8th day. **First**, while the 7 days of Tabernacles represent the 1,000-year millennial reign, the 8th day represents the final judgment and the new heaven and new earth, called the "Last Great Day." **Second**, the 8th day marks the transition from the festival back to daily life, but with a renewed, holy focus. **Third**, the number 8 is associated with a Hebrew root word meaning "fatness," implying abundance and the final, completed gathering of humanity to God. **Fourth**, while people dwell in temporary booths (sukkahs) for the first 7 days, the 8th day marks the transition from the temporary to the eternal and signifies the completion of God's plan of restoration and the beginning of eternity. First, do you believe "the last and greatest day" was the 7th or the 8th day? (Make your case and use biblical evidence to support your claim) Second, list the significances of Jesus being the "Living Water" on the 7th day, then do the same with the 8th day.

A river flows because it is connected to a moving source, whereas a pond becomes stagnant when the inflow stops. The Pharisees were "full" of themselves, yet empty of the Spirit, so what flowed out of them was contempt and mockery. They had no source; they only had a system. Because they weren't drinking from Jesus, nothing life-giving could flow out of them. Instead, what flowed from the Pharisees was contempt (v. 49), mockery (v. 52), and fear and control (v. 45-48). This reveals how instruction void of love promotes legalism. At its core, legalism is the attempt to gain God's favor, earn salvation, or achieve a higher standing of holiness through strict adherence to laws, rules, and human traditions. Theologically, legalism is a "theology of the ladder," assuming that if you climb high enough through your own effort, you can reach God. However, legalism is empty because it relies on human effort, while grace is overflowing because it relies on God's gift. The Pharisees were experts on the rules of the water, but they weren't drinking the water. They had a "professional" relationship with God, based on titles and duties, rather than a "personal" one based on thirst and satisfaction. The cure for legalism is grace, which teaches how Jesus perfectly fulfilled the Law on our behalf, making our standing with God fixed. Thus, we don't work for a relationship with God; we work from a relationship with God. First, define legalism. Second, how can serving the church or knowing the Bible actually become a distraction from personally "drinking" from Jesus? Third, in what ways can you keep ministry from becoming a dry, mechanical habit? Fourth, why does legalism often lead to looking down on others? Fifth, is there an area of your life where you have been trying to fake the flow?

The "stage" for today's Scripture is the Feast of Tabernacles, known as Sukkot, which is the most vibrant and joyous festival on the biblical calendar. The feast was 7-days (with an 8th day of rest), occurring in autumn. Its purpose was threefold. **First**, it was agricultural, called the "Feast of Ingathering." The people thanked God for the harvest and prayed for the early rains needed for the next planting season. **Second**, it was historical. Also known as the Feast of Booths, families lived in temporary shelters (sukkot, or booths) made of branches to remember how their ancestors lived in tents during the 40 years in the Exodus wilderness. Living in booths reminded Israel that their security didn't come from a good harvest, but from God's presence among them. **Third**, it was anticipatory. They expected the coming of the Messiah to rule, deliver, and establish His kingdom as they yearned for the ultimate fulfillment of the Messianic age (Zechariah 14:16-19). First, what are the "sturdy houses" (security blankets) you are building? Second, how does living in a spiritual booth – admitting our vulnerability – actually help you experience God's presence more clearly? Third, why is it important to remember your "wilderness seasons" even when you are currently in a "harvest season?" Fourth, how can you "booth" this week?

For further study & encouragement see: Psalm 78:15-16; Isaiah 55:1; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Joel 2:28-29; Micah 5:2; Zechariah 14:8; John 4:13-14; 16:7

"From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I" – Psalm 61:2

