

## **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:** Sara Vestal, Trinity Elms Health & Rehab, 7449 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012

**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; Kyle Bumgardner; Linda Church; Hilda Carlton; Jayden Adams; Dee Jones; JJ Graves; Tommie Gambill; Chris Turner; Cindy Luxe; Larry Aimes; Jim Long; Dan Kibbler; Banks Marion; Lori Evans; Penny Knowles; Azanette Cyprian; Rita Poplin; Bridget Kimmer; Halee Boggs; Shelly Logan; Taylor Kiger; Penny Rice, Sam & Mona Childress; Avery Davis; Mary Stowe; Benjamin Pruitt; Pam Gilesbe; George Crossman; Brandon Nichols; Alice Pickett; Iris Ledbetter; Lonnie Essick; Ann Vanhoy; Bob Portis; Ellie Marshall; Kenneth Reavis; Allen Ramsey; Martha Ann Lake; Sharon Payne; Barbara Wollet; Ryan, Maria & Cali Shumate; Roger Parrish; Hugh Weatherman; Robert & Beth Steelman; Minnie Stanley; Ann Gentry; Barbara Gentry; Laurel Sloan; Beth & Darrell Angell; Carl Jenkins & Unborn Artimas.

**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:** Drew Harris, Brenda Reavis & Dale Wilhelm

### **Center Global Methodist Church**

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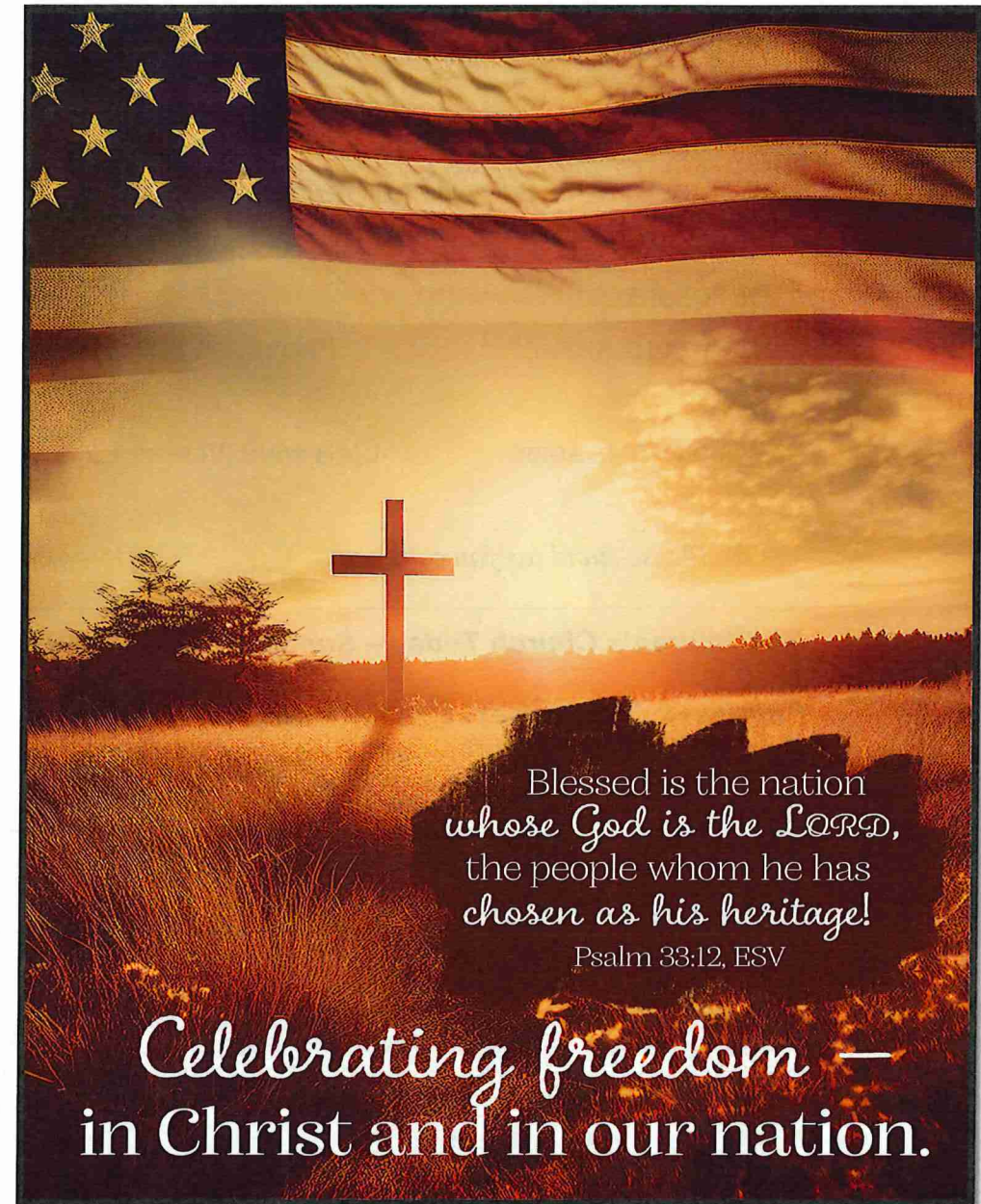
Office Manager: Crystal Sprague

Head Ushers: David Sloop

Pianist: Penny Spernoga

## **Center Global Methodist Church**

**July 5, 2026**



# CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ OPENING SONG "FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS" UMH #428 (VERSES 1,2 & 4)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

CENTER CHOIR

RECOGNIZING OUR 2026 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE "THE TRAILS AHEAD" PROVERBS 3:5-8 (NIV)

HOLY COMMUNION

✝ CLOSING SONG "GOD OF THE AGES" UMH #698 (VERSES 1,2 & 4)

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ *Please stand (as you can)*



**No Children's Church Today – Sunday – July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's Church Next Sunday – July 12<sup>th</sup> – Anna Owens / Beth Woodruff**

**Acolyte Ministry Schedule July: Kohen Drye, Eli Carter, Ian Carter, Bradley Owens & Evelyn Owens**

## Worship Team

Date	Multimedia	Nursery	Ushers	Greeter(s)
7/5	Camren D.	Crystal S/Tonia Shore	Brad Sprague/Rebecca Harris	David Nance
7/12	Jamie W.	Mark Gentry/Martha Abbott	Rebecca Harris/David Nance	Larry Long
7/19	Shawna P.	Randy Cranfill/Anna Owens	Ronald/Tammy Drye	Ronald/Tammy Drye
7/26	Jamie W.	Paul Woodruff/Kim Matthews	David Sudderth/David Nance	Sharron Sloop
8/2	Shawna P.	Rodney Owens/Lori Cranfill	Brad Sprague/Rebecca Harris	Jamie Williard
8/9	Camren D.	Jody Shore/Sharron Sloop	David Sudderth/David Nance	Crystal Sprague

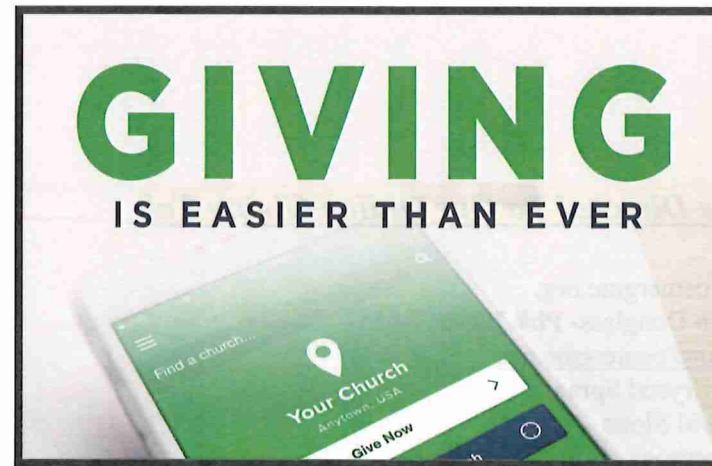


Dear Members & Visitors, As you know, there are many costs associated with a church such as routine maintenance, upgrades, replacements, structural repairs and landscaping. Over the last two months due to safety concerns we have had to replace a portion of the black railings along our handicap ramp near the church office along with the outside carpet at the main entrance of the

church. We still have some upcoming repairs that will need attention over the next 3-4 mths for an exterior drainage concern and repairs to our exterior steps. **If you would like to donate towards these needs, please mark your donation accordingly to our Building & Renovation Fund. Thank you for your support!**

## Calendar of Events

- Sat July 25<sup>th</sup> VBS – Big Heart Farms From 1-3 pm In Our New Fellowship Hall  
 Sun July 26<sup>th</sup> VBS – Big Heart Farms Following Worship In Our New Fellowship Hall  
 Fri August 7<sup>th</sup> Church Yard Sale – 8 am – 2 pm (See Bulletin For Further Details)



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The trail markers in today's Scripture consist of 4 action words: Trust, Lean, Submit, and Fear (Reverence). We trust God the Father by humbly throwing ourselves face-first before our Creator. We lean on Christ who picks us up and places us on the straight and narrow path. We submit to the daily guidance of the Holy Spirit by knowing God intimately. And we do so out of fear – or reverence – for the Lord because the fear of the Lord leads not only to wisdom (Prov. 1:7; 9:10), but also to peace (Prov. 28:14; 29:25), and joy (Prov. 3:13-18; 15:23). As Proverbs 29:25 says, "Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe." First, describe each of the four trail markers in greater detail. Second, what happens if even one of these trail markers is missing (Ex. You cannot submit without trust)?

Today's sermon talked about how God doesn't give us a 2,100-mile map; He gives us enough light for the next step (like the "White Blazes" on the Appalachian Trail). Each step is what verse 6 says about how "In ALL your ways submit/acknowledge Him." First, what is one "White Blaze" (a clear, biblical next step) that you know God is asking you to obey this week, even if you don't know the long-term outcome? Second, why is it easier to acknowledge God in our "religious ways" (like coming to church) than it is in our "everyday ways" (like how we spend money, choose friends, or scroll on our phones)?

"Finding certainty in God when The Trail Ahead feels completely uncertain isn't a mystery to be solved; it's a journey to be walked hand-in-hand with the Guide" – Rev. Justin

*For further study & encouragement see: Proverbs 28:26; Psalm 37:23-24; 119:105; 139:1-3; Isaiah 55:8-9; Jeremiah 17:5, 7; Matthew 6:33-34; Colossians 3:17; James 4:13-15*

### Worship Notes:

1. Scripture doesn't start by giving us a \_\_\_\_\_ of what to do; It starts by challenging where we place our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Never trade a permanent \_\_\_\_\_ for a temporary \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If God is only your emergency backup, He will never be your \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A person of Godly \_\_\_\_\_ can handle a crooked world because their path is \_\_\_\_\_ before God.



**Center GMC Church Yard Sale - Friday, August 7, 2026**  
1400 Center Road, Yadkinville, NC – 8 am – 2 pm  
Outside – Front Parking Lot  
Parking – Back & Side Parking Lots

#### Event Overview

- Open to church members/attendees
- Each participant may invite one additional seller
- Location: Front parking lot and area in front of church office

#### Registration Requirements

- All sellers must register
- If you invite a friend to sell, they must register as well
- As the sale approaches, organizers will ask how many items you plan to bring to determine table needs

#### Tagging Instructions

- Use your consignment sale number (if you have one) or
- Use initials + last 4 digits of phone number (Example: PS-4084)

#### Proceeds

- You keep all proceeds from your sales
- Participants are asked to donate at least 10% of proceeds to the church

#### Item Drop-Off

- Additional drop-off details will be provided closer to the date of the sale

#### Item Pick-Up

- Items will need to be picked up by 3:00 on the day of the sale.

#### Clothing & Large Items

- Clothing must be hung — bring your own racks or hanging equipment
- Large items may only be brought if you can:
  1. Place them outside yourself
  2. Pick them up at 2:00 PM when the sale ends
  3. Large items cannot be stored at the church beforehand

#### Volunteer Needs

- Shade tents are needed and table setup help will be needed (volunteer sheet will be passed around closer to the sale)
- If you're bringing items, please consider helping with setup and/or takedown

#### Supplies Needed

- Please collect bags and boxes for shoppers to carry purchased items home

#### Questions?

- Any questions can be directed to Penny Spernoga or the church office.

## Something To Consider:

In today's sermon, Rev. Justin said, "Human maps are deeply flawed." This metaphor for human map-making, both literally and figuratively, is limited by our inability to see the future. A human map can only capture what was true at the exact moment it was drawn. The second a new road is built, an old business closes, or a global event shifts the economy, the map is obsolete, and we end up navigating tomorrow's landscape with yesterday's data. Maps cannot see around the bend because human understanding is structurally limited by our line of sight. A human map cannot predict things such as: (1) The unexpected detour – a health crisis, a family emergency. (2) The sudden roadblock – a company downsizing, a change of heart. (3) The hidden pothole – the internal burnout that comes from chasing the wrong dream. Plus, a standard map assumes that every vehicle traveling is exactly the same. It doesn't care if you are driving a sports car or a semi-truck. But humans have different gifts, personalities, capacities, and callings. When you try to force your unique life down a generic, cultural map of "success," you inevitably experience a mechanical breakdown because you weren't built for that specific terrain. This is why God's Word shifts the focus from a map (a static piece of human paper) to a Guide (a dynamic, living relationship). A map requires you to figure out the terrain; a Guide simply requires you to stay close to the One who already knows it. First, what human maps have you followed? Where did it lead? Second, what are the differences between a map and a Guide (God)?

Many people describe the Bible as a spiritual map. However, you must understand that the Bible doesn't function like a standard human map. If we treat it like a human map, we get frustrated because it doesn't explicitly tell us things such as which college to pick, which job to take, or which city to live in. In comparing the Bible to a map, 4 spiritual markers must be visible. (1) It's a Topographical Map of Reality, Not a Street Guide. Human maps tell you every street; the Bible shows you the actual terrain of reality. It tells you where the swamps of temptation are, where the solid rock of truth stands, and where the cliffs of pride lie. (2) It's a "Living Map" (Always Up to Date). Human maps get outdated the moment the landscape changes; but the Author of the Bible is the Creator of the landscape. Because "the Word of God is alive and active" (Heb. 4:12), its truth never becomes obsolete. (3) It Focuses on the True North. If you know where North is, you can always find your bearings, even if you're totally lost. Scripture doesn't reveal your personal destination 10 years from now, but it constantly realigns your heart to "True North" – which is the character and will of God. If your life map is oriented around Christ, you can never be truly lost, no matter what detours your life takes. (4) It is Designed to be Read with the Guide. The biggest difference between a human map and the Bible is who you read it with. The Author of Scripture is present with you because the Bible as a map is meant to be read through a relationship. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." It's not a floodlight showing the next 10 miles; It's a lamp, giving you enough light for the next step, which requires you to keep walking hand-in-hand with the Guide. First, which of these 4 spiritual markers resonates with you the most? Second, how would you describe the Bible as a spiritual map to someone? Third, how is the biblical map meant to be read in relationship with the Guide (Holy Spirit)?

Believers must obey God's will (vv. 5-8). God "shall direct your paths" (v. 6) is the promise, but the fulfillment of that promise is founded on your obedience to the Lord. We must trust Him wholeheartedly and obey God in all our ways, which means total commitment to Him (Rom. 12:1-2). The Hebrew word for "Trust," *Batah*, means "to throw oneself down; to lie face down on

the ground" (also a great illustration of pure worship). It pictures a person throwing themselves flat on their face before a king in complete surrender, while being completely helpless unless the person above protects them. **But here's the Good News: God picks us up!** The Hebrew word for "Lean," *Sha'an*, means bearing your full weight by supporting yourself against a pillar. You cannot lean on something (or someone) if you're lying face-first on the ground. So, in humble and complete submission, the believer trusts (surrenders) God. With the believer's full trust in the Almighty, God picks that person up and lights their straight path so they can walk from marker to marker, leaning on Him with every step. By combining these two words, we see a clear picture of what living the Christian faith is all about. First, describe biblical trust. Second, describe what it means to "lean" upon God. Third, how do these two words describe the Christian life?

To "lean not on your own understanding" doesn't mean checking your brain at the door. If it did, we wouldn't be Christian, let alone Christian Methodists. In Methodism, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral is a theological framework that helps believers understand God's will and make decisions of faith, consisting of Scripture, Tradition, Experience, and (you guessed it) Reason. Wisdom's foundation isn't within ourselves (see v. 7); It's in the relationship we have with God. This is why we are to "submit" (v. 6) to God. In Hebrew, "submit/acknowledge," *Yada*, means "to know deeply, intimately, and experientially." It means knowing God intimately in every area of life by yada-ing God in your finances, yada-ing God in your life, yada-ing God in your choices, etc. It's weaving His presence into the fabric of your daily reality. When we become wise in our own eyes, we're traveling a crooked road towards trouble with an out-of-date GPS. We are to use the trail markers of reason, experience, and tradition, but we are to use those in relation to the foundational Truth of Scripture. Like a hiker leaning on a walking stick that's bound to snap, leaning solely on yourself will only get you so far – the grave. Yada God today! First, what does it mean to submit to God? Second, describe each of the four trail markers of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Third, you can't lean on yourself and God simultaneously. Where are you leaning? Fourth, how can you Yada God "in all your ways?"

When believers "fear the LORD and shun evil" (v. 7), the result is "health to your body and nourishment to your bones" (v. 8). Look at how science mirrors Scripture here. In human anatomy, your bones are not just dead, structural scaffolding; they contain bone marrow. Your bone marrow is the factory of your body by producing red blood cells (which carry oxygen), white blood cells (which fight infection), and platelets (which heal wounds). If your marrow dries up or becomes diseased, your entire body shuts down from the inside out. When Scripture says God brings "nourishment to your bones," God is saying that living in alignment with Him provides life-giving strength to the very center of your being. It keeps your spiritual "factory" healthy because folly and despair "dry up the bones" (Prov. 14:30; 17:22). Adulthood will try to dry you out, and the pressures of life can make your bones feel brittle. But true health doesn't come from a perfect life plan; it flows from a deep, uninterrupted connection to your Creator and Savior. First, how does sin, folly, and despair dry up the bones? Second, how does fearing God and shunning evil nourish your bones? Third, what point(s) is Scripture making by addressing "bones" as the center/core of who you are? Lastly, verse 8 starts with the word "*This...*" What is the "This" that brings health to our bones (hint: see vv. 5-7)?



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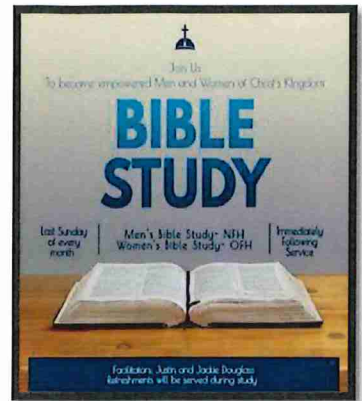
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We hope you will make plans to join us for our Men's & Women's Bible Study Classes that will be held the last Sunday of every month! These Bible Study classes will be held immediately following worship service and snacks will be available as well. 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!

**No Classes on July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 August 30<sup>th</sup>  
 September 27<sup>th</sup>  
 October 25<sup>th</sup>

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:** Ketchup, Canned Pinto Beans, Sweet & Salty Snacks, Canned Potatoes, Mayonnaise, Pork & Beans.



**Thank you all for your support of this ministry!**



## 2nd Quarter Financial Summary 2026

**General Budget Info:**

April Tithes and Offerings: \$12,365.49

May Tithes and Offerings: \$18,306.83

June Tithes and Offerings: \$12,789.80

From January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> of this year, we brought in \$110,362.01 from tithes and offerings and we had expenses of \$122,996.20. This is a difference of (\$12,634.19) We need an average monthly income of \$19,274.00 to meet our approved budget for 2026.

**Designated Acct Info:**

From January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, we've brought in \$17,056.35 and spent \$37,586.37. The balance in our Designated account at the end of June was \$34,442.70.

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!

### *Designated Giving To Center GMC – June 2026*

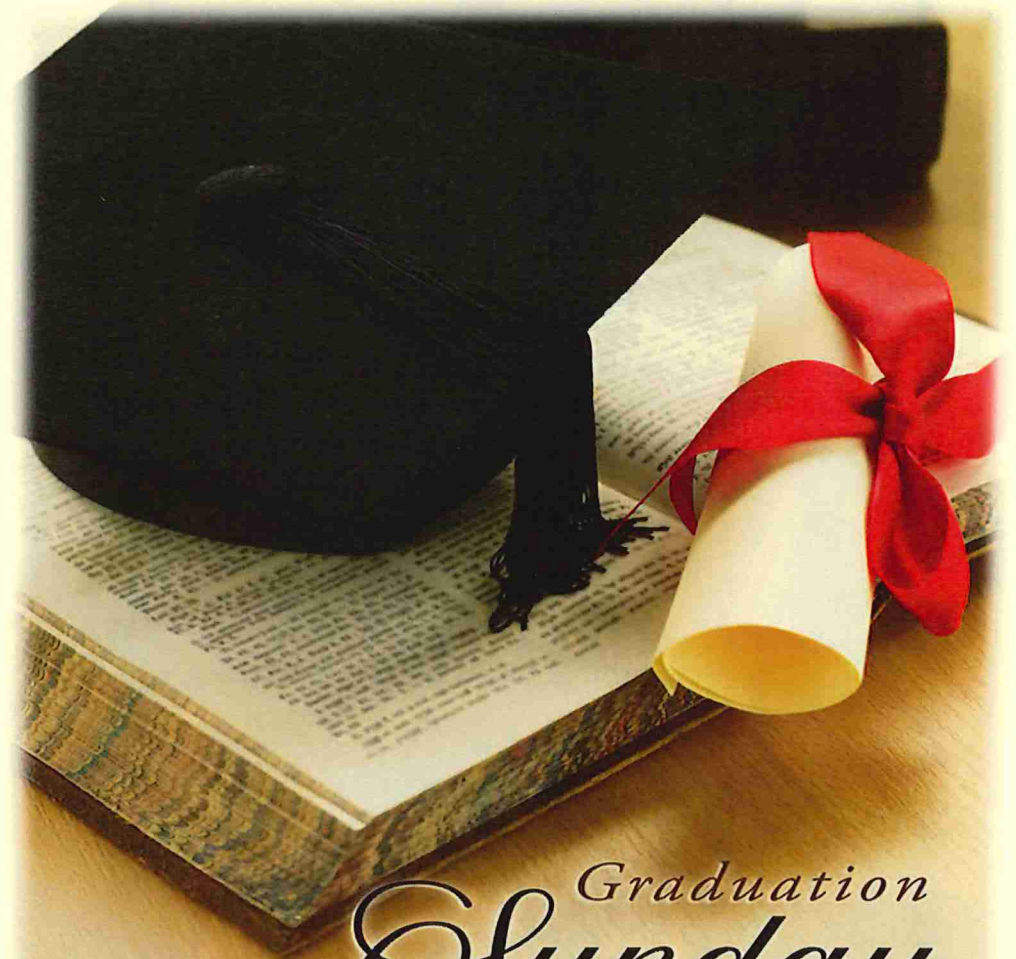
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Audrey Hutchins	Rex & Donna Cranfill	Choir
Ray Lambert	Rex & Donna Cranfill	Choir
Jane Hall	Tony Hall	General

*Please make plans to join us for our upcoming blood drives in honor of Jacob Shore here at Center Global Methodist Church. Our Blood Drives are scheduled for Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up today at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (use zip 27055) for the Center Global Methodist Church Blood Drives or call 1-800-733-2767 to sign up as soon as possible!*



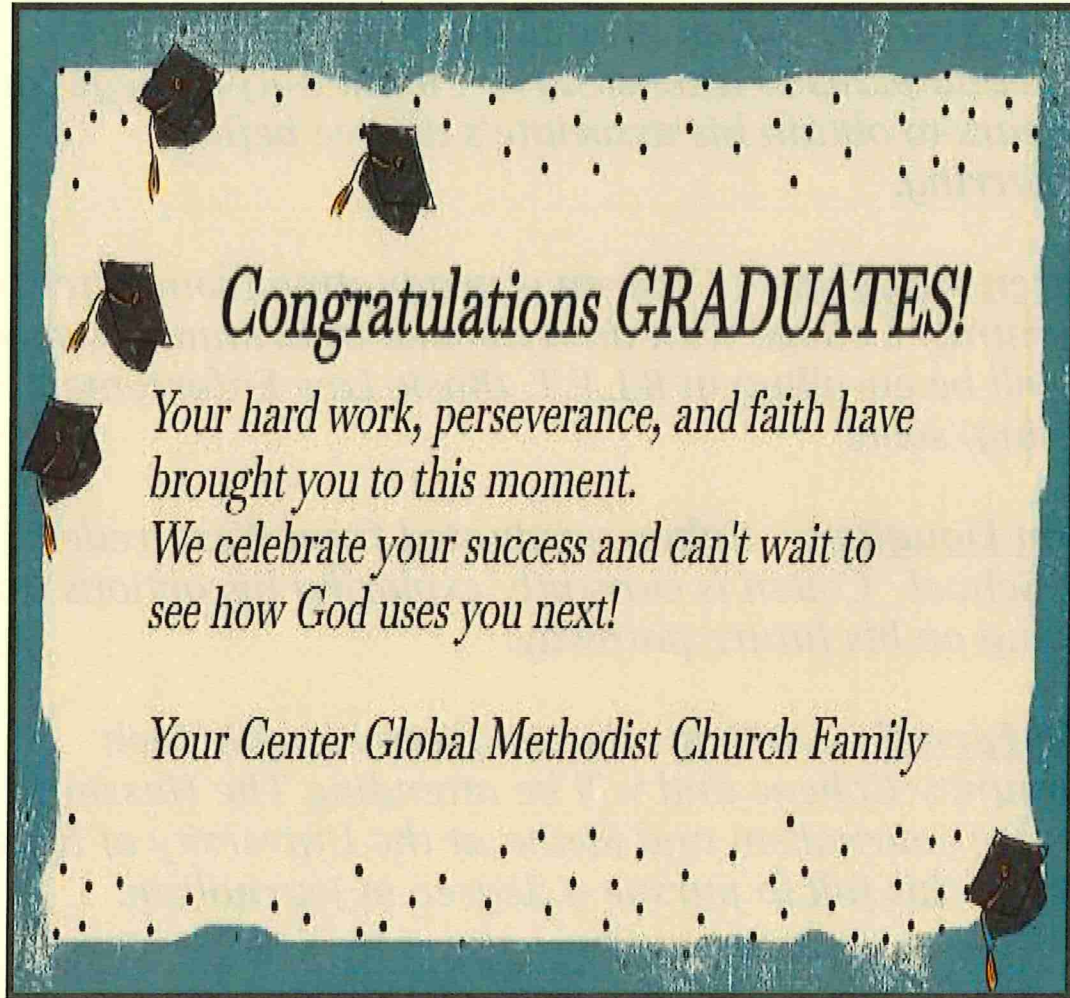
*Please invite your friends and their families to join us for our VBS this year as we learn about "Where God's Fruit Grows!"*

# *Congratulations* **GRADUATES**



*Graduation*  
***Sunday***

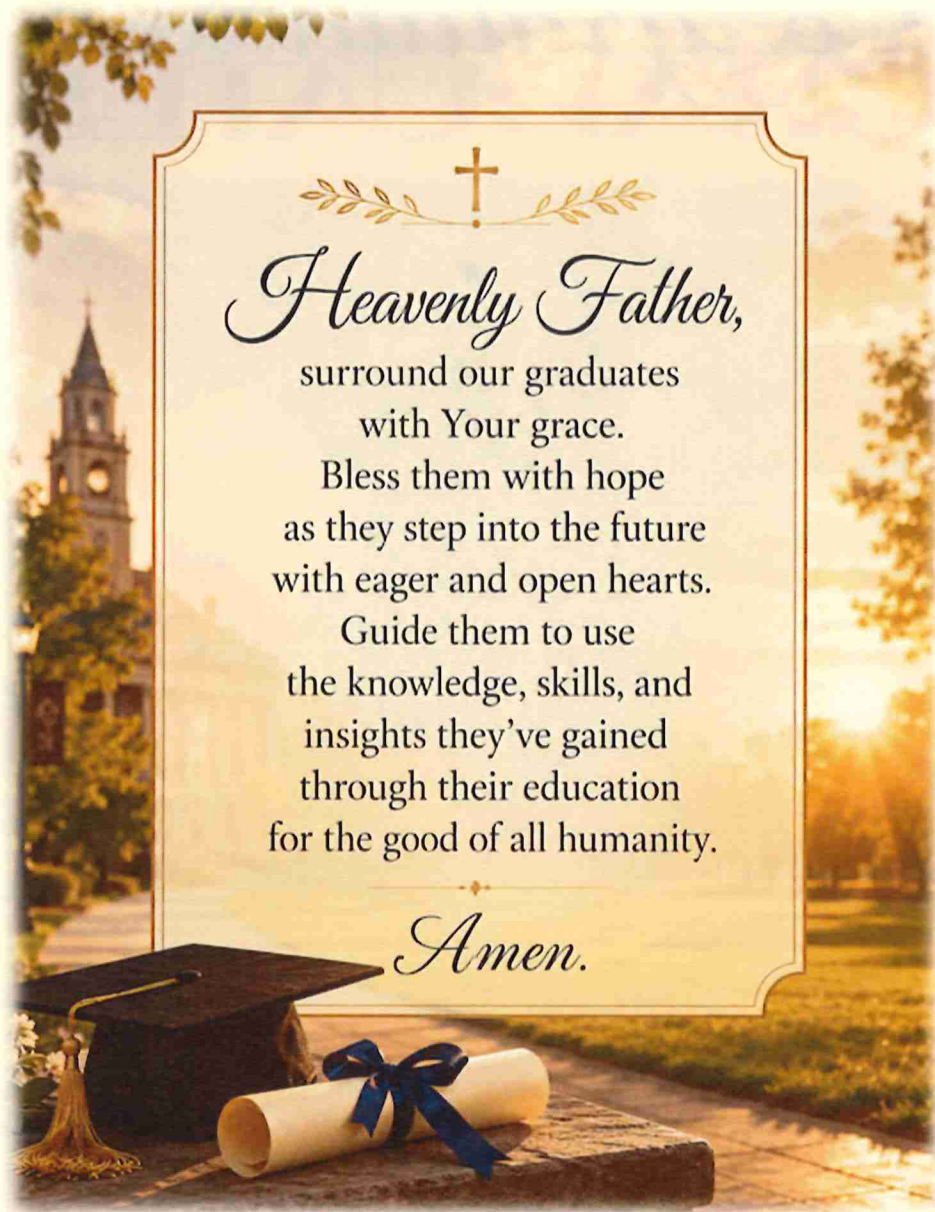
*The LORD your God will be with you  
wherever you go. JOSHUA 1:9 (NIV)*



*Congratulations GRADUATES!*

*Your hard work, perseverance, and faith have  
brought you to this moment.  
We celebrate your success and can't wait to  
see how God uses you next!*

*Your Center Global Methodist Church Family*



## Join Us in Congratulating Our Graduates!

**Jaken Cantrell** – Jaken graduated from Forbush High School and plans to attend Surry Community College for two years to obtain his associate's degree before transferring.

**Camren Douglass** – Camren is graduating from Mitchell Community College with an Associate in Criminal Justice and will be enrolling in B.L.E.T. (Basic Law Enforcement Training) soon.

**Colten Douglass** – Colten graduated from West Iredell High School. Colten is currently exploring his options and deciding on his future pathway.

**Lanie Ferrell** – Lanie graduated from Forsyth Tech Community College and will be attending The Hussman School of Journalism and Media at the University of North Carolina this fall to pursue a degree in journalism.

**Jackson Gentry** – Jackson graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Digital Media, Journalism and Video Production.