

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 – Summer Stone 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; 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; Pamela & George Gillespie; 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; Laurel Sloan; Beth & Darrell Angell; Darry Groce; John Frazier; Beth Robertson; Jane Pendry 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: Barbara Lippard

Center Global Methodist Church

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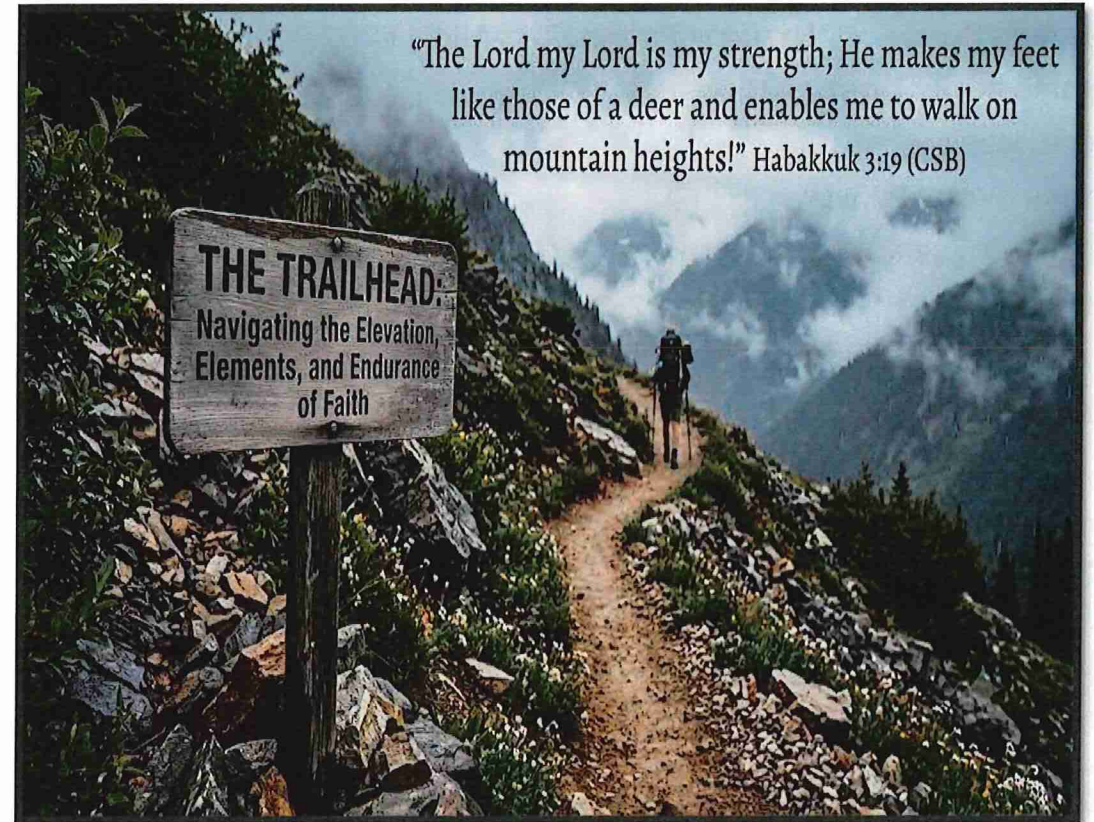
Office Manager: Crystal Sprague

Head Ushers: David Sloop

Pianist: Penny Spernoga

Center Global Methodist Church

July 12, 2026



"The Lord my Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!" Habakkuk 3:19 (CSB)

Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ OPENING SONG "HYMN OF PROMISE" UMH #707 (VERSES 1,2 & 3)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

CENTER CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE "STEP ZERO" GENESIS 12:1 (NIV)

✝ CLOSING SONG "SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING" UMH #664 (VERSES 1 & 2)

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ *Please stand (as you can)*



Children's Church Today, Sunday – July 12th – Anna Owens / Beth Woodruff

Children's Church Next Sunday – July 19th – Crystal Sprague / Renae Hall

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

Worship Team

Date	Multimedia	Nursery	Ushers	Greeter(s)
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
8/16	Jamie W.	Paul Woodruff/Shawna P.	Ronald/Tammy Drye	Ronald/Tammy Drye



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

- Thur July 16th Senior Day – Eating at Brushy Mountain Smoke House & Creamery – See insert**
- Sat July 25th VBS – Big Heart Farms From 1-3 pm In Our New Fellowship Hall**
- Sun July 26th VBS – Big Heart Farms Following Worship In Our New Fellowship Hall**
- Fri August 7th Church Yard Sale – 8 am – 2 pm (See Bulletin For Further Details)**
- Mon August 10th Church Council Meeting – Old Fellowship Hall – 7 pm**



Scan the QR Code to give directly to our church. Thank you for financially supporting our church!



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 22nd and November 14th. Please sign up today at 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!



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 1st through June 29th 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 1st through June 29th, 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!



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



We've made it easier than ever for you to give to Center Global Methodist Church. Our eGiving allows you to give online, and through text. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts and consider covering the processing fees, so your gifts go even further for our ministry. Check out our giving form at: <https://onrealm.org/CenterChurchYad/-/form/give/now> or visit our website at centergmc.org and go to Online Giving to be connected to our giving page. Or scan our QR code below to give and choose the ON LINE GIVING tab to be connected to give.



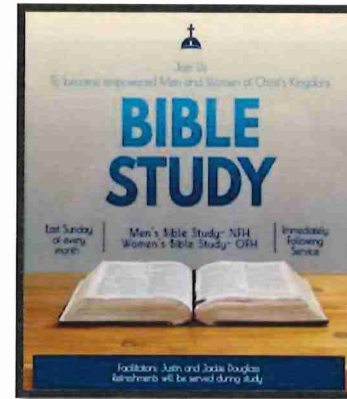
WAYS TO GIVE

Online Text

Cash Check

Your financial donations not only provide for our worship experiences, but also the daily operation and maintenance of our beautiful church grounds.

Your gifts also support our many outreach ministries that impact our community, city, state, nation, and indeed our world! During our Sunday worship services you can drop your tithe, offering, or financial gift into an offering plate or you can give easily and securely online and give a gift using your checking account, debit, or credit card. Giving can also be made through your smart phone. Text "CENTERGMC" to 73256 at any time. You will only need to register your information the first time you give. Of course, giving by mail is always available.



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 26th - DUE TO VBS THIS SUNDAY

August 30th
September 27th
October 25th

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!



Seniors, please join us for lunch on Thursday, July 16th. We will be eating at Brushy Mountain Smoke House and Creamery, 201 Wilkesboro Blvd, North Wilkesboro, NC. We will meet at the church at 10:45 am and will take the church van or carpool as needed. Please let Martha Abbott know if you will be meeting us at the restaurant rather than the church (336-407-2424)

Worship Notes:

1. Preparation is an illusion until it is transformed into _____.
2. Faith is not having all the _____ before you start; faith begins by trusting the _____ enough to take the first step into the unknown.
3. First, the _____ must be left behind.
4. To go somewhere _____, you have to leave somewhere _____.
5. Second, faith moves _____, not in circles.
6. _____ means breaking the cycle by walking in faith today so that your tomorrow doesn't look exactly like your yesterday.
7. Third, embrace the _____ of the first mile.
8. The ultimate _____ of your life is measured by the faithful miles you logged with the _____.



*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:

“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from...’” This opening command in Hebrew is famously just two words from the same verbal root: *Lekh-Lekha*. *Lekh* is the basic imperative of *halakh*, meaning “to walk, travel, or go.” It denotes active, physical movement. *Lekha* is a reflexive pronoun meaning “to you” or “toward yourself.” While English translations render this simply as “Go from” or “Go forth,” the literal Hebrew reads “Go for yourself” or “Go toward yourself.” This implies a double journey. Abram is commanded to walk away from external structures, but the reflexive *Lekha* suggests that by doing so, he is walking toward his true purpose, identity, and destiny. It is an outward journey that forces an inward transformation. First, why do you think a change in our external environment or comfort zone is so often required for God to do a deep work inside our hearts? Second, when has leaving behind a comfortable “parking lot” in your own life forced you to discover who you truly are in Christ?

Genesis 12:1 reveals three layers of security people still rely upon today. When God calls Abram out, He doesn’t just say “leave.” God names three distinct, concentric circles of security. First, your “country” (*Eretz*) is the outermost layer of security – geography, citizenship, and political protection. Second, your “people” (*Moledet*) is the cultural layer representing the social network, economic safety net, customs of one’s upbringing, and the communal resources families rely upon. Third, your “father’s household” (*Mibeit Avika*) is the innermost, most painful circle. The “father’s household” was the center of identity, inheritance, protection, and legacy. Look at how God’s command to Abram both narrows and intensifies. God moves from the easiest thing to leave (geography) to the hardest thing to sever (family identity). First, which of these three layers is the most difficult for you to loosen your grip on when God asks you to move? Second, in the ancient world, stepping outside of these three circles meant absolute vulnerability to poverty and danger. What are the modern “concentric circles” you rely on for safety instead of relying on the Guide?

Genesis 12:1 ends by reading, “...to the land that I will show you.” This verse concludes with an unexpected grammatical tension. God commands physical movement, but intentionally withholds the geographic coordinates. In Hebrew, “I will show you” (*Ar’eka*) means “I will cause you to see.” Abram isn’t given a map; he is given a Guide. The destination is kept in the future tense, implying that the “showing” is an ongoing, progressive revelation that can only happen after the stepping out. The vision is contingent on the walking. First, why do you think God structurally designs our calling so that the vision is contingent upon the walking? Second, why doesn’t God give us the full map before we take Step Zero? Third, how does this Hebrew reality change the way you view a season where you feel like God is saying “Move,” but hasn’t yet shown you the final destination?

Rev. Justin said in last week’s sermon (The Trail Ahead), “God never asks us to take a risk of faith without offering a promise.” That statement is evident in the Scripture following Genesis 12:1. When you read the following verses (vv. 2-3), God lists His promises to Abram. This shows us how we are not saved by making promises to God; we are saved by believing God’s promises to us. God gave His promises to Abram, and he responded with faith and obedience (Hebrews 11:8-10). Abram and Sarai are great examples of how your response to God’s promises determines how God will work in your life. First, read and record the promises God gives Abram in Genesis 12:2-3. Next, remember how through Abram’s family tree, Jesus Christ was born to save humanity. List how Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of these promises. Lastly, what are the promises of God you are standing on today?

In physics, Static Friction is the force that resists the initial movement of a stationary object. When an object is completely at rest, its molecules physically settle into the microscopic grooves on the ground beneath it, effectively locking it in place. It requires an immense, concentrated burst of energy just to break that initial bond and move it a single inch. However, the moment that object breaks free and begins to roll, it enters a state of Kinetic Friction. Suddenly, the resistance drops significantly, and it takes far less effort to keep it moving forward. Our spiritual lives operate under the same structural law: Some of the greatest resistance you will face is at the starting line. The enemy doesn’t have to stop you mid-trail if he can keep you paralyzed in the parking lot. First, Static Friction means that the longer an object stays stationary, the more its molecules settle into the microscopic grooves, effectively locking it into place. How have you seen this play out spiritually? Second, in what area of your life has staying stationary for too long made a next step feel completely “welded” to the ground? Third, think about a time you finally broke through the static friction to start something hard (e.g., a difficult conversation, a lifestyle change, a new ministry). Once you took Step Zero, how did you experience God’s Kinetic Grace making the subsequent steps easier to manage?

Faith is not based on how you feel, though emotions are certainly involved (Hebrews 11:7). True faith is always based on the Word of God (Romans 10:17). God spoke to Abram and told him what He would do through him and for him if Abram would obey, trust, and walk by faith. Faith is the only currency that works when sight is removed (2 Cor. 5:7). In Gen. 12:1, faith means trusting the character of the Guide rather than the clarity of the map. It forces Abram to live in a state of progressive revelation, in which the next directive is unlocked only by the current step of obedience. True biblical faith is inherently kinetic – it demands action that overcomes the “static friction” (see above) of comfort and compliance – turning a passive parking lot spectator into an active hiker. Faith begins by taking Step Zero. First, Abram lived in a state of progressive revelation – knowing Who he was following without knowing where he was going. Why does God value this specific kind of blind trust so highly? Second, how does a lack of clarity on the details actually deepen our intimacy with the Guide? Third, the world-changing blessings of Gen. 12:2-3 were structurally locked behind the initial act of obedience in verse 1. How does it change your perspective to realize that your hesitation to take a small “Step Zero” today might be bottlenecking the breakthroughs God wants to release tomorrow?

Abram’s willingness to take Step Zero into an unmarked wilderness became the highway that brought the nation of Israel, and ultimately the Savior, into the world. This means your obedience at the trailhead is never just about you. God blesses us that we might be a blessing to others. What is one practical area of your life this week where you need to stop waiting for a full map and simply take a step based on the Guide’s Word?

“The miracle of the mountain is behind the obedience of the trailhead by leaving the pavement of what is predictable and taking Step Zero onto the rugged trail where real discipleship begins.” Rev. Justin

For further study & encouragement see: Ruth 2:11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 45:10; Luke 14:26-30; Acts 7:2-4; Galatians 5:7; Hebrews 11:8