

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: Mary Ann Hill, P.O. Box 311, Yadkinville, NC 27055

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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: Jane Pendry

Center Global Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Justin Douglass- Ph# 704-657-0557

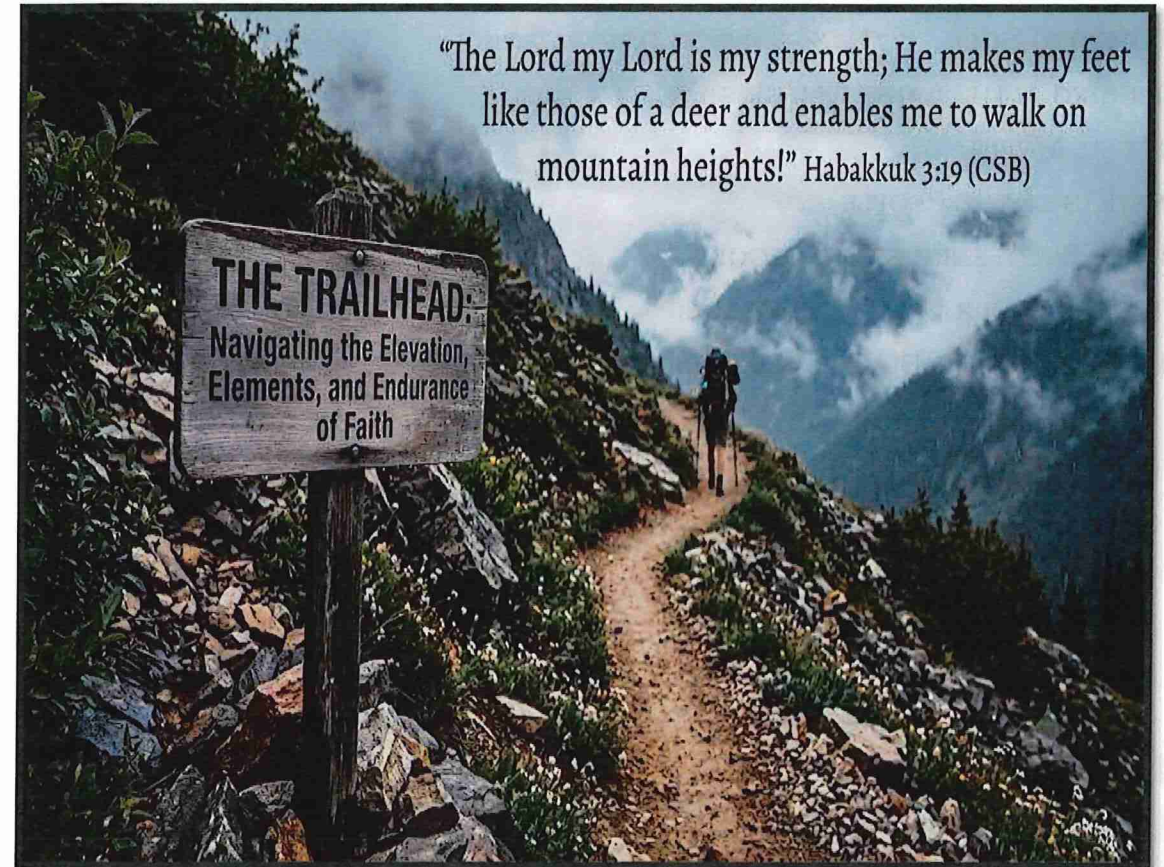
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Head Ushers: David Sloop

Pianist: Penny Spernoga

Center Global Methodist Church ***August 2, 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!

CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

† OPENING PRAYER

† OPENING SONG *"TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"* UMH #462(1,2 & 4)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC CENTER CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

CENTERING OUR LIVES FOR WORSHIP

MESSAGE “TRAIL BLAZERS: CLEARING THE PATH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION”

ISAIAH 62:10; 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 (NIV)

HOLY COMMUNION

✠ CLOSING SONG *"GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET AGAIN"* UMH #672 (VERSE 1)

† BENEDICTION

† Please stand (as you can)



No Children's Church Today – Sunday, August 2nd

Children's Church Next Sunday – August 9th – Tammy, Ronald & Stephanie Drye

Acolyte Ministry Schedule August: Jacob Shore, Max Woodruff, Sam Woodruff & Chase Spernoga

Worship Team

Date	Multimedia	Nursery	Ushers	Greeter(s)
8/2	Shawna P.	Rodney Owens/Lori Cranfill	David Nance/Rebecca Harris	Jamie Williard
8/9	Shawna P.	Jody Shore/Sharron Sloop	David Sudderth/David Nance	Crystal Sprague
8/16	Jamie W.	Paul Woodruff/Shawna P.	Ronald/Tammy Drye	Ronald/Tammy Drye
8/23	Shawna P.	Renae Hall / Lori Cranfill	David Sudderth/David Nance	Anna Owens
8/30	Jamie W.	Scott Poindexter/Deborah G.	Rebecca Harris/David Sudderth	Vickie Crossman



Our Church
Building Fund

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!**

Calendar of Events

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

Tues August 11th Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall

Wed August 19th Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting – 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall

Sat August 22nd Blood Drive in Honor of Jacob Shore here at Center GMC - See Insert

Tues August 25th Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall

Sun August 30th 5th Sunday Breakfast, hosted by the Susanna Wesley Circle – 9 am in our NFH
Men's & Women's Bible Study Following Worship (Men- NFH) (Women -OFH)



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

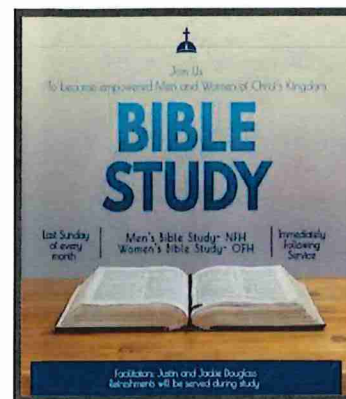




*Be sure to
come by and
shop and
invite your
friends and
family to stop
by this Friday,
August 7th
from 8am till
2 pm!*

Designated Giving to Center GMC – July 2026

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>
Brenda Reavis	Kenneth & Donna Reavis	Nurture
Cleve & Glenda Hollar	Kenneth & Donna Reavis	Nurture
Pierce Haire	Kenneth & Donna Reavis	Children
Ray Lambert	Kenneth & Donna Reavis	Children
Randy Baity	Rebecca Harris	General
Tom Fenzel	Kenneth & Donna Reavis	Children
Betty Drye	Randy & Debbie Matthews	General
Brenda Reavis	Randy & Debbie Matthews	General
Ray Lambert	Randy & Debbie Matthews	General



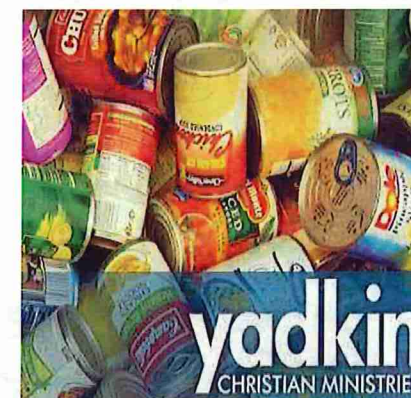
We hope you will make plans to join us for our Men's & Women's Bible Study Classes that will be held the last Sunday of every month! These Bible Study classes will be held immediately following worship service and snacks will be available as well. Pastor Justin Douglass will lead our Men's Bible Study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

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.

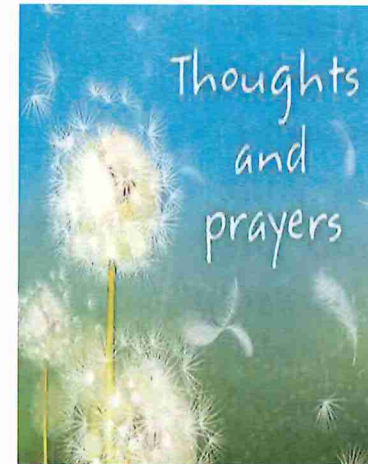
Current Needs: Ketchup, Canned Pinto Beans, Sweet & Salty Snacks, Canned Potatoes, Mayonnaise, Pork & Beans.

Thank you all for your support of this ministry!



Service Opportunity:
*We are in need of
volunteers for upcoming
Tuesday nights either as
an assistant or to provide
a meal for our Children &
Youth nights. Please
contact Jackie Douglass at
(704) 450-8768 if you can
help and serve in this
ministry. Thank you!*

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!



Address for our Brother In Christ
Darry Dean Groce

Darry would love to hear from us! Please take some time over the coming weeks to send Darry a card to help brighten his day & to let him know we are thinking of him and praying for him.

To ensure Darry receives our cards, please use standard store-bought, or simple handmade paper cards. Avoid glitter, raised cards, glue, stickers, or 3D elements, and always use plain white envelopes. Thank You!

Darry Dean Groce # 1779453
Pender Correctional Institution, North Carolina
P. O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131



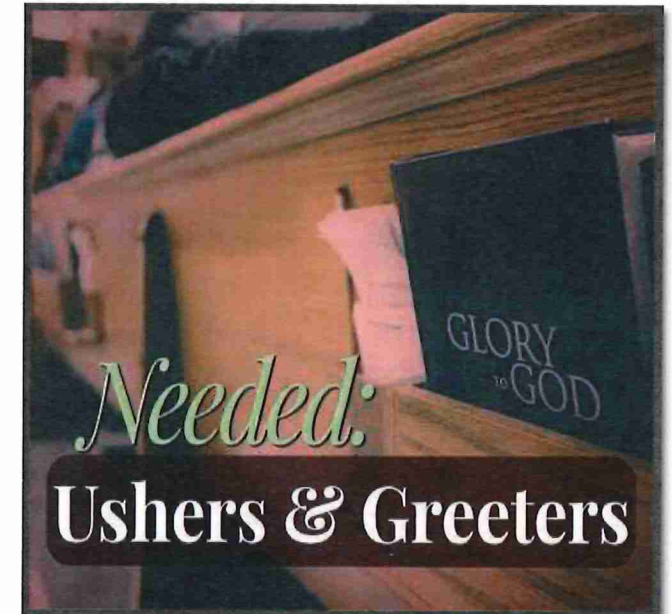
Our Fall Bible Study classes will begin soon! We hope you can join us! Invite your friends and family! Our morning class will be held at 10 am & our evening class will be held at 7 pm and both classes will meet in our New Fellowship Hall.

<i>August 11th</i>	<i>September 29th</i>
<i>August 25th</i>	<i>October 13th</i>
<i>September 1st</i>	<i>October 27th</i>
<i>September 15th</i>	<i>November 10th</i>

Opportunities To Serve!
Volunteers Needed!

A simple and meaningful way to serve on Sunday mornings.

We are seeking both men and women to assist with usher and greeter duties during our Sunday morning worship services. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Crystal Sprague at 336-468-0689 or Pastor Justin Douglass at (704) 657-0557.



Worship Notes:

1. _____ gets you out of the parking lot, but only a _____ to trailblazing leaves a path through the wilderness.
2. God never intended for _____ to be reinvented in isolation by every single _____.
3. The ultimate purpose of a life built on _____ is to swing the axe, clear the brush, and blaze a clear, unmistakable trail, so that the next _____ can make it to the summit too.
4. When we walk the trail to clear a path, we _____ the terrain today so the next generation can walk on a _____ foundation tomorrow.
5. This “_____” Paul instructed us to set is the word _____, a word describing a die cast in metal which leaves behind an exact imprint.
6. _____ generation will never see, let alone follow, a quiet, passive, camouflaged faith _____.
7. An entire generation can inherit a new future when _____ are willing to endure the wilderness.
8. Jesus _____ the terrain of sin and death so that all who come to Him in repentant faith can traverse the narrow trail of graceful _____.



PORT-A-PIT
Chicken Dinner
FUNDRAISER

in honor of
Jacob Shore

TO BENEFIT

- 1 Victory Junction
- 2 Camp Sunshine
- 3 Diamond Black Fan Anemia Foundation

DATE:
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

PICK UP OR EAT IN
11 AM – 6 PM

CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
1400 Center Rd., Yadkinville, NC

Plate includes:
Port-a-Pit cooked chicken half,
baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert.

\$15 PER PLATE

♥ Thank you for your support! ♥

Please see Kim Matthews, April Shore, Clara Holcomb or any Susanna Wesley Circle Member for tickets. We are also in need of lots of help and assistance for this event, so if you can volunteer on September 11th, please let Kim Matthews, Clara Holcomb or April Shore know.

We appreciate everyone's help!

Something To Consider:

In the broader context of Isaiah 62:10, God promises restoration to Jerusalem and His scattered people after exile. Verse 10 acts as an urgent call to action. Rather than passively waiting for deliverance, God’s people are instructed to prepare for the return of the exiles and the arrival of God’s salvation. Isaiah uses four distinct physical commands as metaphors for spiritual work: (1) “Pass through the gates” – Taking decisive action to step out into mission. (2) “Prepare” – Be organized, unified, and of one mind to put the plan into action. (3) “Build up/Remove stones” – Clearing away obstacles (sin, division, systemic barriers) so others can encounter God easily. (4) “Raise a banner” – Setting up a clear signal (a standard/flag), a blaze, to direct and guide others toward God. Believers are to practice these four steps in reaching others, including the next generation, for the Lord. First, review the four commands given in Isaiah 62:10 and record what action(s) each command requires. Second, in ancient times (as in today), travelers needed smooth roads. What might the “stones” represent in a person’s spiritual journey or within a church community? Third, what was the function of a “banner” or standard in biblical warfare and procession? What does raising a banner “for the nations” signify about God’s vision?

Today’s sermon mentioned how the Lord is a God of “covenantal continuity,” meaning His relationship with humanity isn’t a series of disconnected, reactionary contracts. Instead, it is an unfolding, unified story where every new commitment builds directly on the promises that came before it. When God enters into a covenant (a binding, sacred agreement), He doesn’t tear up the old blueprint when establishing the new, for God’s purpose remains constant: to redeem a people for Himself and restore creation. We can think of God’s covenants like the growth of an oak tree. A seedling doesn’t contradict the acorn it grew from; it reveals the acorn’s ultimate potential. In the same way, the New Covenant introduced in the New Testament doesn’t destroy the Old Covenants (like those with Abraham or David) in the Old Testament. Instead, it brings their seeds into full bloom. In this way, God communicates His plan over time, meeting humanity at distinct historical moments while keeping the end goal in view. We can see this in four ways: (1)The Promise (Seed) – Revealed in Eden and to Abraham. (2) The Structure (Nature) – Formed through Moses and the Law. (3) The Hope (Kingdom) – Promised through David. (4) The Fulfillment (Harvest) – Realized through the New Covenant in Christ. Thus, the Bible is structured not as two separate stories (Old vs. New), but as a single narrative of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. For believers, covenantal continuity provides deep reassurance. Since God is faithful to His ancient commitments despite human failure, His promises regarding the future are equally secure. First, how does viewing the Bible as one unified story change how you approach reading the Old Testament versus the New Testament? Second, why is it important to distinguish between a “contract” (which is conditional and transaction-based) and a “covenant” (which is relational and binding)? Third, how does knowing that God maintains “covenantal continuity” help encourage believers to reach the next generation?

In Hebrew, the repetition of verbs (ex. Pass through, pass through, Build up, build up) acts like an exclamation point – signaling urgency, intensity, and divine certainty. The Hebrew word for “pass through” (‘*Avar*) means “To cross over and transition.” It is the same root from which the word “Hebrew” (*Ivri*) originates – meaning “one who crosses over.” This word implies leaving behind exile/captivity and stepping across the threshold into freedom and divine promise. Thus, moving forward requires active motion. You cannot enter the promises of God while remaining seated in the place of past captivity. First, standing at a “gate” (*Sha’ar*) implies being in a space between where you’ve been and where you’re going. Why do you think threshold moments cause us so much internal friction or hesitation, and how can faith help resolve that? Second, in what ways can you help the next generation “pass through” into accepting Christ as Savior?

The Hebrew word for “Prepare/Clear” (*Pannu*), which stems from the root *Panah*, means “To turn, face toward, and clear a path by turning obstacles away.” This word isn’t a gentle suggestion to “tidy up”; it is an intense command to thoroughly clear, sweep clean, and prepare a space completely. When an ancient King announced a journey through a region, a royal vanguard was dispatched ahead to level rutted dirt tracks, clear tree branches, and ensure the way was fit for royalty. To *panah* the road meant giving the King an unobstructed entry. This means **the heart must go before the highway** because you cannot prepare a physical or outward path without first turning (*panah*) your face toward God (see: Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2-3). Thus, God calls His people to be active Trail Blazers – making it easy for others to come to God without unnecessary friction or barriers. First, the Hebrew word *Pannu* means making deliberate room.

In what areas of your daily routine or mindset do you need to “clear the way” to hear God more clearly? Second, “Clearing the way” requires making literal and spiritual room. Is your life currently too crowded or overscheduled to notice where God is working around you? Lastly, preparing a road happens before the travelers arrive. How can you proactively prepare the trail so others can walk in faith?

In 1 Timothy 4:12, the word “example” (*Tupos*) means “to strike or stamp.” This is where we get the English word *type* or *pattern*. A *tupos* is the exact mark left by a strike (like a seal pressed into hot wax or an impression on a coin). As such, believers are to leave an exact imprint – style and resemblance – of Christlikeness. This pattern can be seen throughout Scripture. For instance: (1) Christ is the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15). (2) Paul follows Christ (1 Cor. 11:1). (3) Timothy imitates Paul (2 Tim. 1:13). (4) The Ephesian believers look at Timothy to see what following Christ actually looks like in practice. As such, believers are called to be living stamps, so when people look at a believer’s life, they see a clear impression of Christ. This stamp is our “banner” (Isaiah 62:10) – our blaze – that is raised high for the next generation to see. First, a stamp seal leaves a sharp impression only if the clay or wax is malleable. Is your heart currently pliable enough to receive the impression of Christ, or has it hardened through fatigue, pride, or routine? Second, where in the five spheres Paul lists (speech, conduct, love, faith, purity) do you feel your life leaves a faint or blurred impression rather than a clear, crisp mark of Christ’s character? Lastly, living as a *tupos* is about being an accurate mirror of Christ, not performing for an audience. How can your life better mirror Christlikeness to others?

In today’s sermon, Rev. Justin said, “You fracture the terrain today so the next generation can walk on a firm foundation tomorrow.” When engineers set out to build a trail up a mountain, someone has to go first to clear the way. Theologically, this reflects the principle of redemptive sacrifice (ultimately seen in Christ), because in God’s Kingdom, breakthrough comes at a cost (see John 12:24). Believers are to be trailblazers who clear the trail for others to follow. In theological terms, trailblazing believers are breaking the curse of generational sin (see Exodus 20:5-6) and establishing a covenantal blessing (see Deuteronomy 7:9). First, read Hebrews 12:1-2. In this passage, Jesus is described as the “Pioneer” (or Trailblazer) of our faith. In what ways did he “fracture the terrain” of sin and death so that believers could walk on a firm foundation? Second, think of a “rock” in your life or family history (an addiction, patterns of anger, financial instability, sins). What does it look like to “fracture” or “break” that rock today so it doesn’t trip up the next generation? Third, notice how the “curse” mentioned in Exodus 20:5 lasts a few generations, while those who love God last a thousand (v. 6). The “curse” in Exodus 20:5 often refers to the natural consequences of learned patterns of sin passed down. How does the “covenantal blessing” in Deuteronomy 7:9 outweigh the reach of the curse?

Rev. Justin said, “You don’t blaze a trail using camouflage paint. You use high-visibility, unapologetic, neon color so that even in the middle of a storm, a hiker can see the way.” This is the theology of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (known as the *Shema* for “Hear”), where believers teach God’s commandments diligently to the next generation when you sit, walk, lie down, and rise up. In other words, our “banner” (Isaiah 62:10), our blaze, is meant to be discussed and lived out in daily life for all to see. Just as Deuteronomy 6:4-9 emphasizes writing God’s commandments on the doorframes and gates, our “blazing banner” is to make faith visible for all to see in every area of life. First, Deuteronomy 6:4-9 teaches how faith isn’t a “scheduled” activity but a lifestyle. How does the command to talk about God while sitting, walking, lying down, and rising contrast with a “Sunday-only” faith? Second, why are we often tempted to use “camouflage paint” on our faith? Third, think about the young people in your life (children, grandchildren, neighbors, co-workers). If they only observed your public behavior without hearing your thoughts, what would they conclude is the most important thing in your life?

As we conclude this sermon series, “The Trailhead: Navigating the Elevation, Elements, and Endurance of Faith,” remember how the end is only the beginning (like a Sunday benediction that ends the service but begins a new week of Christlike servanthood). *What “neon blazes” can you post on the trail?* “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). Go! Take Step Zero! Adjust to the Terrain! Persevere through The Hard Middle! Clear a Path for the Next Generation! Lead a life of faith! Live by example (*tupos*)! Teach others through word and action! Raise your banner – your blaze! **Be a Trailblazer!**

“The ultimate purpose of a mature Christian faith is to move beyond personal survival and actively clear the brush, remove generational barriers, and blaze an unmistakable path of Christlike living so the next generation can navigate life’s wilderness and reach the summit of salvation” – Rev. Justin
For further study & encouragement see: Exodus 17:15; Isaiah 35:8; 40:3; 57:14; Hebrews 12:13; Titus 2:7