

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: Barbara Gentry, 1112 Dudley Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055

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; 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; Ann Gentry; Austin & Laurel Sloan & Baby Artimas; Beth & Darrell Angell; Darry Groce; John Frazier; Beth Robertson; Carl Jenkins; Christie Hope; Jerry Carlotn; Clara Holcomb; Bryan Shephard; John & Susan Smith & Beverly Long.

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: Mary Stowe, Jane Pendry

Center Global Methodist Church

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Head Ushers: David Sloop

Pianist: Penny Spernoga

Center Global Methodist Church
August 9, 2026

*Let the word
of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching
and admonishing one
another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts
to God.*

Colossians 3:16, ESV

CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ OPENING SONG "LORD SPEAK TO ME" UMH #463 (1,4 & 5)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC CENTER CHOIR

BACK -TO- SCHOOL BLESSING

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE "EQUIPPED FOR THE JOURNEY" EPHESIANS 4:11-16 (NIV)

RECEPTION INTO THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH – EZRA REAVIS

HOLY COMMUNION

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

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ Please stand (as you can)



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

Children's Church Next Sunday – August 16th – Shawna Poindexter/Sharron Sloop

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



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Worship Team

Date	Multimedia	Nursery	Ushers	Greeter(s)
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
9/6	Shawn P.	Crystal S/Anna Owens	David Nance/Rebecca Harris	David Nance



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

Today	August 9 th	Children/Youth Invited to OFH after church for Pizza following worship
Mon	August 10 th	Church Council Meeting – Old Fellowship Hall – 7 pm
Tues	August 11 th	Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall Children/Youth Night – 6:30 pm – Youth Room
Wed	August 19 th	Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting – 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
Sat	August 22 nd	Blood Drive in Honor of Jacob Shore here at Center GMC - See Insert
Sun	August 23 rd	Foam Party for Children/Youth – Immediately After Worship – See Insert
Tues	August 25 th	Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall Children/Youth Night – 6:30 pm – Youth Room
Sun	August 30 th	5 th Sunday Breakfast, hosted by the Susanna Wesley Circle – 9 am in our NFH



Seniors, please join us for lunch and great fellowship on Thursday, August 13th. We will be eating at Dairi-O's in Clemmons. The address is 6325 Clemmons Point Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012. We will meet at the church at 10:45 am and we 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 by calling her at 336-407-2424.

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!

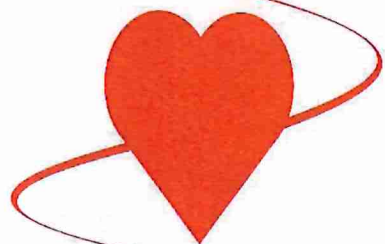


Service Opportunity:

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!

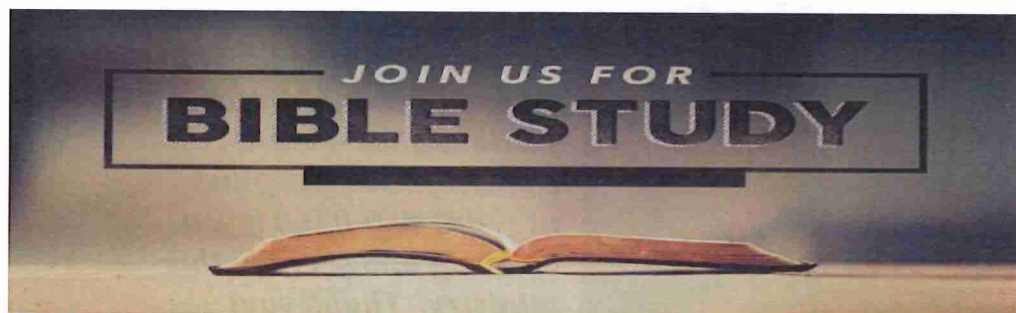
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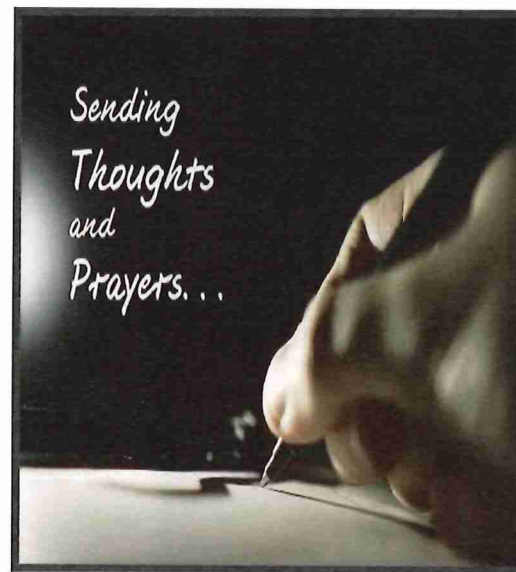
GIVE BLOOD

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!



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>



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.

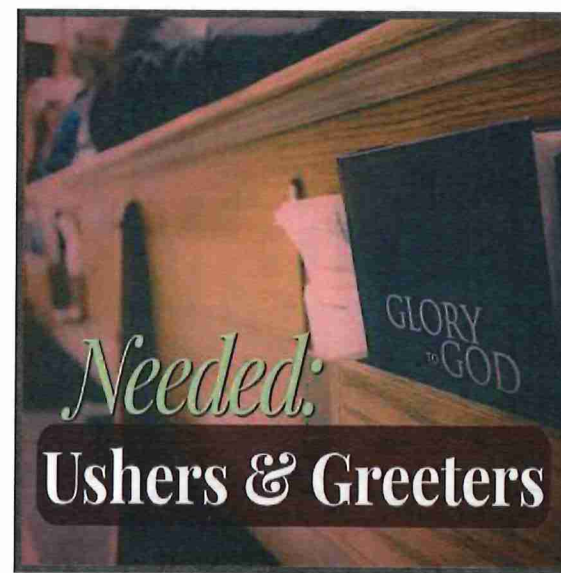
To ensure Darry receives our cards, please use standard store-bought, or simple handmade paper cards. Avoid glitter, raised cards, glue, stickers, or 3D elements, and always use plain white envelopes.

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

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.



with God. The Father sends the Son into the world (John 3:17); the Father and Son send the Holy Spirit (John 15:26); and the Holy Spirit sends believers into the world (John 20:21). In return, God receives humanity's worship, prayers, and thanksgiving, while Christ receives believers into relational communion. The Church acts as a "sending body" to "Go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:18-20), because every benediction reminds Christians that worship extends into daily vocational life. Receiving forms the prerequisite for sending – believers cannot share what they have not first received. Thus, the church receives members to send them out by being the church. First, read Acts 2:42-47. How did the early Church balance receiving together (teaching, breaking bread, fellowship) with sending outward into the community (Great Commission)? Second, read Isaiah 6:5-8. Here, Isaiah receives forgiveness and cleansing immediately before answering God's call, "Whom shall I send?" How does receiving God's mercy uniquely qualify and compel us to be sent? Third, read Luke 24:48-49 & Acts 1:8. Jesus commands the disciples to stay and receive power before they are sent out as witnesses. What happens when a believer or a church tries to "go and do" without first pausing to "receive and abide?" Lastly, have you ever gone somewhere to serve (as a sent person) only to realize you received far more from the people you served than you offered? What did that experience teach you about God's Kingdom?

"Whether stepping into a new school year or joining a church community, God never sends us out empty-handed, but equips us through Gospel truth, spiritual gifts, and the unity of His church, so that we can faithfully grow into Christ together" – Rev. Justin

For further study & encouragement see: Jeremiah 3:15; John 17:21-23; 1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:12, 20, 26; Colossians 1:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 5:12-6:1; 13:9

Worship Notes:

1. We are embarking on a journey, and God never sends us out

_____.

2. Transitions test our _____, but God's grace anchors our

_____.

3. God never issues a _____ without providing the _____ to carry it.

4. Jesus equips His followers with _____ grace as a reminder that your _____ rests in what Christ has done, not in what you achieve.

5. _____ is not a place you go; It's _____ you are.

6. Academic education informs the _____; Christian discipleship transforms the _____.



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:

Today’s Scripture describes a believer’s vocation. The doctrine of vocation – derived from the Latin *vocatio*, meaning “calling” – redefines how we view our daily labor, identity, and place in the world. Rather than viewing a career simply as a means to make a living or achieve personal ambition, the Christian doctrine of vocation grounds all human activity in God’s sovereign call and equipping grace. Vocation is not limited to pastoral ministry or missionary work. Every legitimate area of human endeavor is a holy space where God calls believers to serve Him. God works through human hands to sustain and care for His creation, which carries intrinsic dignity because it reflects God’s own creative and order-bringing nature. As Jesus commanded in Mark 12:30 to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, using our intellect and skills in our daily tasks becomes an act of worship. One person’s vocational output meets another person’s need, creating a web of mutual service designed to glorify God. Thus, a true understanding of vocation protects us from making an idol of our work, because your fundamental identity rests in what Christ has done on the cross. First, how does viewing your daily routine as a divine vocation change your purpose and attitude toward everyday tasks? Second, in what ways can performing your work with integrity and excellence serve as an act of worship and a witness to God’s grace? Lastly, how do the unique vocations and gifts of other people in the church body act as “supporting ligaments” to help you fulfill your own calling?

In last week’s sermon (Trailblazers: Clearing the Path for the Next Generation), we examined the word *tupos* (example), which means to leave an exact imprint of Christlikeness. Today, in verse 12, we find the word “equip”; however, in some translations it is translated as “perfecting.” The Greek word for “equip” (καταρτισμός) in verse 12, *katartismos*, means “perfecting, restoring, setting a bone, preparing a ship for a voyage, and mending (such as mending a fishing net).” *Katartismos* builds upon *tupos*, indicating that to “equip” is mending and perfecting our imprint of Christlikeness (*tupos*). Rather than passive classroom instruction, *katartismos* is active training in righteousness that repairs what is broken while aligning individuals with Christ so believers are fully functional for their intended purpose. First, where in your life do you feel like a “torn net” or an “out-of-joint bone?” Second, how might God be using Scripture, trial, or community to realign you right now? Third, when you attend a church service or engage in spiritual instruction, do you approach it with the mindset of a consumer looking to be served, or a participant seeking to be *equipped* for service? Lastly, since *katartismos* means bringing the body into proper alignment, how does an unequipped or unaligned member affect the overall church family?

In verse 12, the word for “service” (also translated as “ministry”), *diakonia* (διακονία), literally means “waiting on tables, practical labor, and voluntary service driven by love.” *Diakonia* is where we get the word and description of “Deacon,” meaning ministry isn’t reserved for vocational clergy. Paul highlights that church leadership (vv. 11-12) exists to prepare every believer to perform *diakonia* – active, humble service toward others. As this Scripture teaches, the vocation of “apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers” is to “equip the people for works of service.” In Acts 6, as the church grew, some “widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food” (v. 1). So the twelve apostles gathered, saying, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables (*diakonia*)” (v.2), so they chose seven men to serve as deacons because the main role of pastors and church leaders is to “give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word” (v. 4), “so the body of Christ may be built up” (Eph. 4:12). While pastors still serve like Christ (Mark 10:45), every pastor’s primary command is to equip the saints for ministry (Eph. 4:12) “as each part does its work” (Eph. 4:16), so the church can flourish (Acts. 6:7). Thus, the office-gifts of verse 11 (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers) do not execute all the “ministry” – they train the congregation so that *diakonia* becomes the natural, distributed lifestyle of the entire church. First, do you look at pastors to “do the ministry for you” (visitations, running every program, doing all the outreach), or to train and empower you to do those things? Second, when a pastor preaches or teaches, do you view it as a passive performance to evaluate, or as an active “training session” designed to equip you? Third, since the pastor’s primary mandate in verse 12 is to equip (*katartismos*) believers for ministry, what tasks or burdens can a church place on a pastor that can prevent them from devoting time to *katartismos*? Lastly, in what specific ways are you currently serving the body of Christ rather than remaining a spectator?

Modern culture heavily values individual autonomy and independence, but the biblical framework for the church is built on radical interdependence. Paul uses the imagery of the human body to demonstrate that no believer can function properly in isolation. A hand detached from an arm is powerless; likewise, a Christian cut off from the body cannot thrive because growth requires both truth and love in equal measure. Truth without love becomes harsh and legalistic, while love without truth devolves into sentimentality that avoids real growth. Mature discipleship requires speaking Gospel truth gently and directly, helping each other stay anchored when culture or distractions pull us away. Just as ligaments bind joints, provide stability, and transfer strength, members of the local church keep each other focused when distractions – whether spiritual fog, discouragement, or daily pressures – try to pull us off course. Thus, growth isn’t self-generated; it flows directly from Christ, the Head of the church who coordinates, directs, and empowers every part of the body to work together in unity. First, modern culture often views religion as a private, individual pursuit. How does Paul’s description of the Church as an interconnected body challenge the idea that you can be a healthy Christian without active church involvement? Second, Paul states that the body grows “as each part does its work.” What is one way you can use your unique spiritual gifts, presence, or encouragement to help hold up another member of your church family this week?

In Ephesians 4:15 we read, “speaking the truth in love.” Derived from *aletheia* (truth), the word used here for “truth” is *aletheuo*, which is a verb formed by adding the suffix *euo*, which signifies lifestyle, active practice, and continuous action. Greek verbs ending in *euo* denote action and lifestyle. It isn’t merely reciting correct doctrine, but living out divine truth wrapped in Christlike love. Thus, translating verse 15 strictly as “speaking the truth” is somewhat incomplete. A more precise translation is “truthing,” “living the truth,” or “walking in truth.” Because *aletheuo* is a verb of lifestyle, it extends beyond verbal speech. It means living transparently, embodying God’s truth in relationships, and refusing to engage in deceitful tactics. Paul places *aletheuo* in direct opposition in verse 14 (“tossed back and forth... by the cunning... of people”). While false teachers manipulate language to deceive (*cybeia* – literally “dice-playing” or trickery), the healthy church practices transparent, authentic truth rooted in God’s revelation. This reveals the interdependence of truth and love in three ways: (1) Truth without love becomes weaponized legalism, driving people away and causing spiritual damage. (2) Love without truth devolves into sentimental compromise, leaving people trapped in error and spiritual infancy (*nepios*). (3) Truth in love (*aletheuo*) creates the exact atmosphere required for believers to “grow up in all things into Christ.” First, since *aletheuo* means “living the truth” as well as speaking it, are there any gaps in your life between the doctrine you confess and the lifestyle you practice? Second, when hard conversations arise, do you naturally lean toward truth without love (blunt, corrective, insensitive), love without truth (conflict-averse, enabling, compromising), or truth in love (integrity of motive, holistic living)?

Transitions test our footing, but God’s grace anchors our foundation. Whether stepping into a new school year, making a spiritual commitment, or navigating a new season, we never walk in isolation or go out empty-handed. God equips us with His truth, His grace, and the support of the Church body to grow into the fullness of Christ. As such, God provides everything necessary for our calling. Just as a student needs pencils and paper, believers are given leaders, spiritual gifts, and the truth of the Gospel so that the body of Christ may be built up. True wisdom begins with the “fear of the Lord” (Prov. 9:10), because a growing mind (a disciple) requires a humble heart that recognizes its dependence on God’s guidance. Thus, the ultimate goal of our shared journey is spiritual maturity and reaching “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Growth is measured not merely by individual knowledge, but by how deeply the church reflects the character, love, and fullness of Christ. This means “The whole measure of Christ” serves as our ultimate standard, guarding believers against spiritual passivity while driving us to continuously align our character, choices, and community life with Christ. First, what is the difference between simply acquiring information about God and allowing Christian discipleship to transform your heart? Where in your life are you currently experiencing that transformation? Second, wisdom begins with the “fear of the Lord.” How does approaching life’s challenges with a humble, God-fearing heart change how you navigate difficult choices or unexpected tests? Lastly, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would “guide us into all truth” (John 16:13). What practical steps can you take this week to discern and follow the Spirit’s guidance in your decision-making?

Today’s sermon and church service stood at a beautiful intersection of sending and receiving. We send out our students and teachers while receiving a new member. Sending and receiving form the core rhythm of the Church’s identity by describing how the Church participates in the life of God (*Missio Dei*). For instance, sending begins