

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Please join us for Sunday School at 9am & Worship Every Sunday at 10 am.

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Member(s) of the Week: Gale Redding, 1816 Booger Swamp Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055

Prayer Needs: Jacob Shore; Kent Mathis; Jerry Motsinger; Gale Redding; Brenda Brown; Jennifer Pruitt; Wayne & Tracey Denny; Judy Davis; Shane Stewart; Doc Lynch; Jimmy Collins; Tim Harrison; Ricky Spicer; Peggy Brown; Emmett Winslow; Hilda Carlton; Chris Turner; Cindy Luxe; Larry Aimes; Dan Kibbler; Lori Evans; Penny Knowles; Rita Poplin; Halee Boggs; Shelly Logan; Taylor Kiger; Penny Rice; Avery Davis; Benjamin Pruitt; Pamela & George Gillespie; Brandon Nichols; Alice Pickett; Iris Ledbetter; Lonnie Essick; Bob Portis; Ellie Marshall; Kenneth Reavis; Allen Ramsey; Martha Ann Lake; Sharon Payne; Barbara Wollet; Roger Parrish; Hugh Weatherman; Robert & Beth Steelman; Beth & Darrell Angell; Darry Groce; John Frazier; Beth Robertson; Carl Jenkins; Christie Hope; Jerry Carlton; Bryan Shephard; John & Susan Smith; Adam Myers; Mike & Betty Cain & 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; Shelly Logan; Lucy Barispa

Center Global Methodist Church

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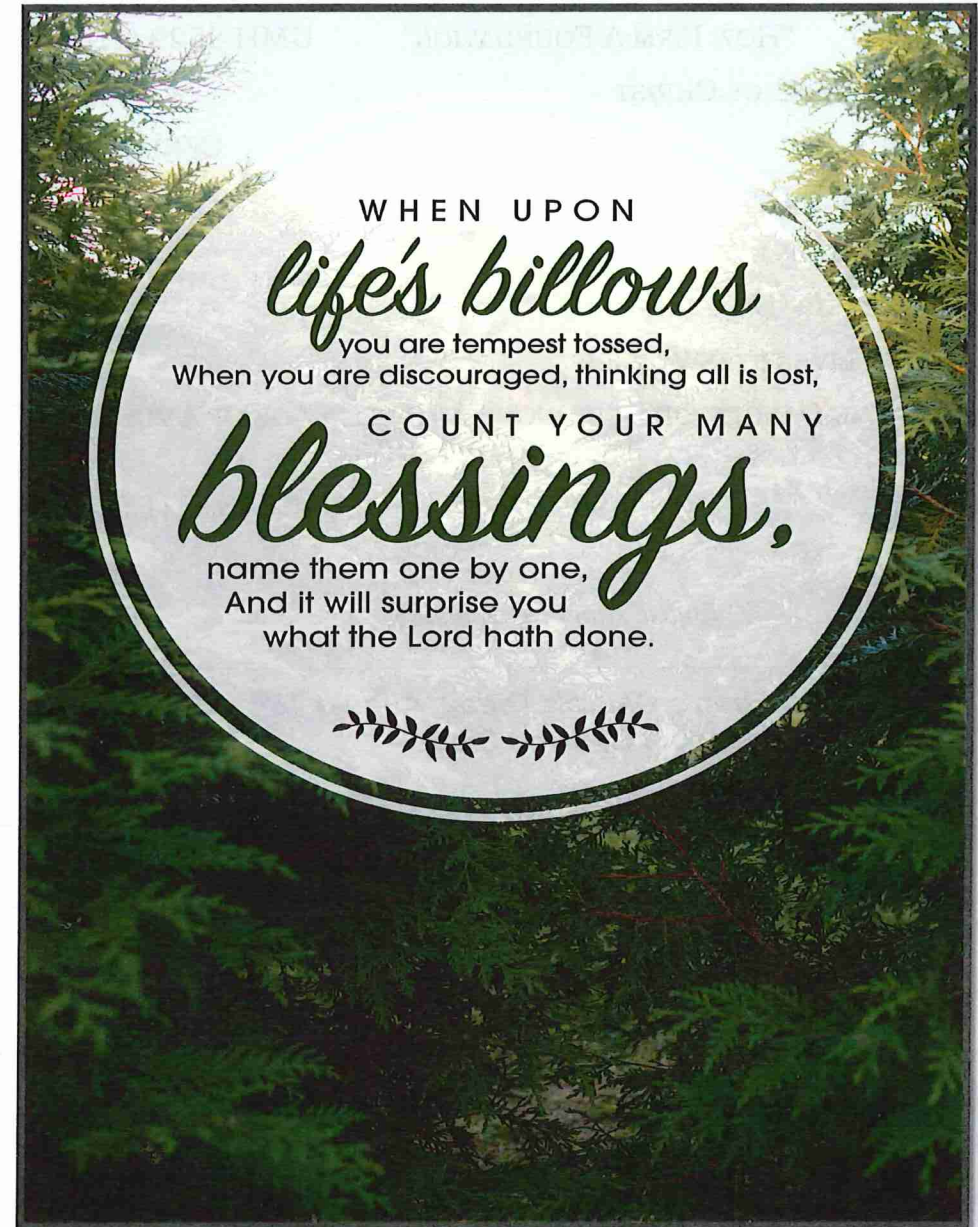
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Pianist: Penny Spornoga

Center Global Methodist Church **August 16, 2026**



CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ OPENING SONG "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" UMH #529 (1,2 & 5)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC CENTER CHOIR

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY

CENTERING OUR LIVES FOR WORSHIP

MESSAGE "THE DANGER OF DRIFTING: FAITH IN AN AGE OF AMUSEMENT"
HEBREWS 2:1 (NIV)

✝ CLOSING SONG "PRECIOUS NAME" UMH #536 (1,2,3 & 4)

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ *Please stand (as you can)*



Children's Church Today, August 16th – Shawna Poindexter / Sharron Sloop

Children's Church Next Sunday – August 23rd – Jake & Andrea Carter

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



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Worship Team

Date	Multimedia	Nursery	Ushers	Greeter(s)
8/16	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	Shawna P. Crystal S/Anna Owens		David Nance/Rebecca Harris	David Nance
9/13	Jamie W. Kenneth Reavis/Martha Redding		David Sudderth/David Nance	Rebecca Harris



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

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

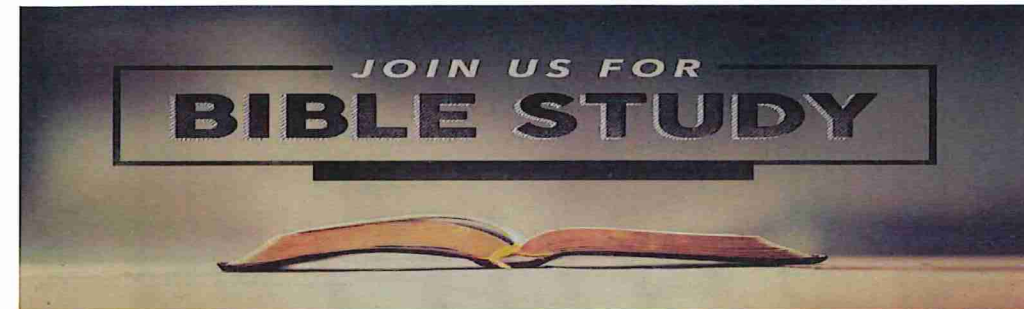


Attention Ladies:

Women's Conference Opportunity

Angels Among Us

Host Church:
Maplewood Baptist Church
October 17, 2026
9am – 3 pm



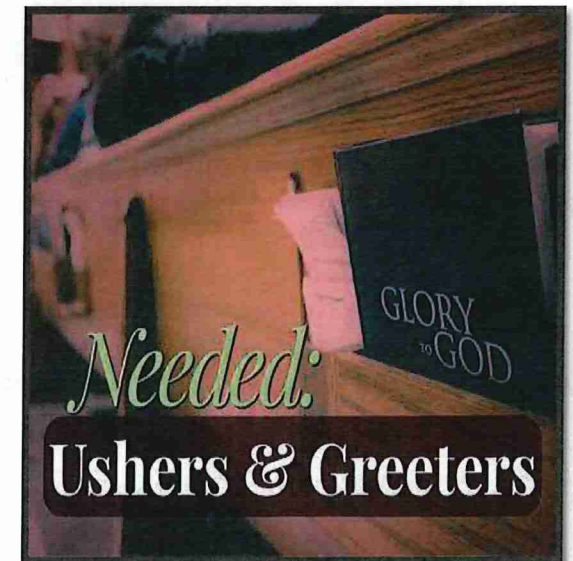
Our Fall Bible Study classes will begin soon! We hope you can join us! Invite your friends and family! Our morning class will be held at 10 am & our evening class will be held at 7 pm and both classes will meet in our New Fellowship Hall.

August 25th	September 29th
September 1st	October 13th
September 15th	October 27th
	November 10th

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.



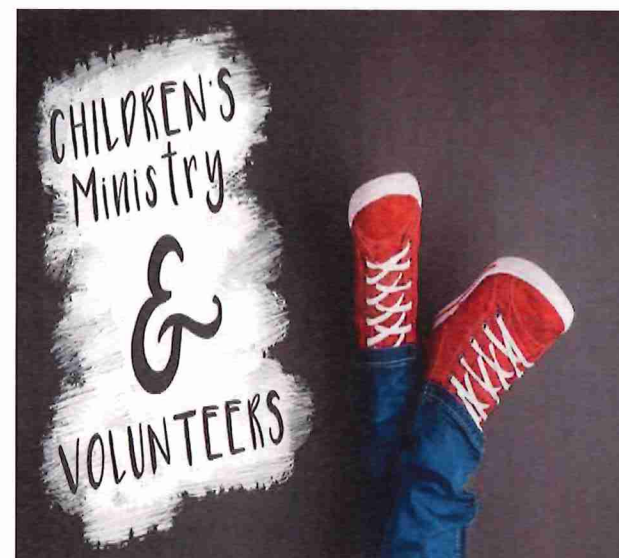


Please help us continue to fill the shelves at Yadkin Christian Ministries this year! If you would like to donate, we currently have boxes for donations located in the narthex and by the church mailboxes. Please be sure your donation's are in a bag for easy drop off for our volunteers at the ministry.

Current Needs: Canned Pinto Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Sweet & Salty Snacks, Canned Potatoes, Mayonnaise & Canned Pasta with Meat.



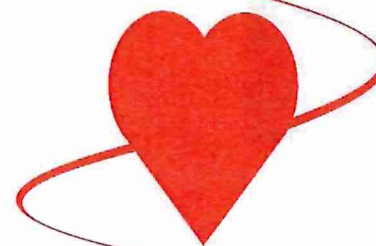
Thank you all for your support of this ministry!



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!

SAVE A LIFE



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!

to hear. Seeking quietness in a hyper-connected world requires aggressive self-discipline, meaning we must set boundaries around media, screens, background noise, and amusement. (3) Weigh the Gospel Correctly: When viewed through the lens of eternity, short-term amusements reveal themselves as pale, passing shadows. When Christ is held as your highest treasure, cheap cultural distractions naturally lose their charm. (4) Live with Intentionality: Theology without application is just another form of intellectual amusement, and intention without concrete action is merely a dream. Biblical intentionality requires weaving God’s Truth out of the church pew and into daily life. First, what daily habits or routines cause you to “lose your grip” on biblical truth? Second, what step(s) can you take today to guard an uninterrupted window of quiet time with God? Third, what “trinkets” lose their appeal when you intentionally focus on the majesty of Jesus? Lastly, how can you move a truth you learned on Sunday directly into your weekday decisions?

Though most entertainment isn’t inherently sinful, culture often pushes us toward mindless amusement – a word meaning “to not think” with passive distraction. However, Scripture teaches believers the exact opposite – we must think daily about Christ and live accordingly. For example, in Romans 12:2, Paul urges believers to live distinct lives, guarding their minds against being passively shaped by surrounding cultural norms. In Mark 12:30, Jesus identifies the Greatest Commandment, showing that genuine faith demands complete, intentional devotion across every dimension of our lives – including our thoughts. First, Paul highlights the “renewing of your mind” as essential to spiritual transformation. How does passive or unchecked amusement hinder this renewal process? Second, does loving God with all our strength and mind mean we can never relax or enjoy entertainment? Where is the line between healthy rest/recreation and mindless amusement? Lastly, take a couple of minutes to estimate how many hours you spent this past week on passive amusement (social media, TV, etc.) versus active spiritual engagement (prayer, Scripture, etc.).

Amusement isn’t just a danger for the mind; it’s a danger for the heart. In Scripture, the distinction between “head” and “heart” does not exist. Where modern culture views the heart strictly as the seat of emotion and the brain/mind as the seat of logic, the Bible views the heart (*lev* in Hebrew, *kardia* in Greek) as the central processing unit of the entire person – including thoughts, reason, choices, and emotions. When the Bible speaks of gaining wisdom, understanding, or mental clarity, it speaks of acquiring an “understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9), because humans think, ponder, and reason with their hearts (see Genesis 6:5; Proverbs 23:7; Mark 2:8). Belief is not merely intellectual assent; it’s a heart-centered orientation of trust that directs actions, because the heart is where decisions are weighted, commitments are formed, and motives originate (see Daniel 1:8; Romans 10:10). Thus, because the heart is the central governing engine of human thoughts, values, and choices, anything that numbs or distracts the inner person directly degrades spiritual and mental health. When amusement moves from simple rest to constant distraction, it actively hinders the heart’s ability to reason, discern, and engage deeply. First, read Ecclesiastes 2:1-2. How does Solomon’s experiment with amusement mirror today’s endless search for entertainment? Second, since the heart/mind is the seat of human will, passive amusement often trains us toward passivity in faith. What specific, active habits (e.g., memorization, Scripture reading, silence, etc.) can you implement to re-engage the intellect and strengthen heart-discipline? Lastly, modern culture treats intellect (brain) and emotion (heart) as separate, often viewing entertainment as harmless “brain-off” emotional relaxation. How does the biblical reality – that the heart is the intellect – expose the hidden cost of “turning off your mind” during amusement?

“Unnoticed spiritual drift – silently fueled by mindless, perpetual amusement – poses a far greater threat to a believer’s faith than open rebellion, requiring intentional discipline and fixed attention on the supreme glory of Jesus Christ to remain anchored.” – Rev. Justin

For further study & encouragement see: Deuteronomy 4:9; Proverbs 3:21; 4:20-22; Luke 8:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 3:12; 2 Peter 1:12-13

Worship Notes:

1. The most dangerous movement of the human soul is not a violent leap into _____, but a gentle, unnoticed _____.

2. _____ is the quiet art of losing your way while feeling completely at ease.

3. Being _____ literally means turning off deep thought to find simple _____.

4. _____ promises protection from silence, but in killing the quiet, it slays the _____.

5. A life consumed with worldly amusement doesn’t reject the _____; it simply starves our appetite for the _____.

6. You cannot fight a _____ current with _____ faith.

7. First, _____ to the Word.

8. Second, practice _____.

9. Third, weigh the _____ correctly.

10. Fourth, live with _____.

Something To Consider:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Americans spend about 5.1 hours per day on amusement activities, most of which is screen-based entertainment. If the average American lives to be 80, 5.1 hours per day equals 17 years (21.25%), or 6,209 days of living to be amused. Now, if the average American attends church once a week for 80 years, that amounts to only 303 days in church. This means the average American spends 181.39% more time seeking amusement than church. It’s no wonder why Hebrews 2:1 is so adamant concerning how well we “pay attention.” The word amusement stems from the root *muse*, which means “to ponder” or “to reflect.” Adding the prefix *a-* negates it, literally giving us “to not think.” While harmless recreation refreshes the mind (see Proverbs 17:22; Ecclesiastes 3:12-13; Mark 6:31), endless distraction can dull our spiritual alertness (see Ecclesiastes 7:4; Luke 8:14; 1 Peter 5:8). Scripture doesn’t promote a joyless life. God created rest to sustain us, and Jesus recognized that human bodies and minds require intentional downtime to function well. Wholesome humor and play lower stress and build resilience, while enjoying life’s simple pleasures with a grateful heart honors the Giver. However, when amusement becomes perpetual, our spiritual guards drop, leaving us vulnerable to subtle temptation. Using entertainment to numb discomfort prevents us from facing real-life problems and seeking divine comfort because a life of constant amusement consumes time needed for prayer, Bible study, and relationship-building. This is why Hebrews 2:1 tells us to “pay attention” by using the word *prosechein* (προσέχειν), meaning “to hold the mind to,” “give heed,” or “anchor to.” *Prosechein* is disciplined focus, and since it’s written in the present tense, it denotes ongoing, habitual effort. Thus, *prosechein* is an unbroken habit of mooring one’s life to the Gospel message, rather than a single past decision. First, what are your thoughts on the statistics listed above concerning how much time Americans spend in amusing activities? Second, what forms of leisure currently leave you feeling refreshed, and which leave you feeling spiritually drained? Third, how does the word *prosechein* promote a way of life? Lastly, what is one boundary you can set this week to ensure entertainment doesn’t crowd out biblical reflection and prayer?

The word “therefore” in Hebrews 2:1 (other translations read “for this reason”) connects chapter 2 directly back to chapter 1 by transitioning from exposition (theological facts) to exhortation (practical application). Chapter 1 establishes the supreme glory, divine nature, and authority of Jesus Christ as superior to angels. By using the Greek word *Dia touto* (Διὰ τοῦτο) for “therefore,” it indicates that because of Who spoke (God’s own Son), our obligation to listen (“pay attention”) is infinitely greater. This is of great importance because in Scripture, theology is never meant to be purely academic. As such, the presence of *Dia touto* demonstrates two core truths about biblical faith: (1) Orthodoxy dictates Orthopraxy. High Christology (right thinking about Christ) must yield serious devotion (right living for Christ). You cannot claim to believe chapter 1 while passively ignoring chapter 2. (2) Authority establishes Accountability. The higher the authority of the speaker, the greater the obligation of the hearer. Listening to a peer is optional; listening to the King is mandatory. First, what specific titles or attributes given to Jesus in chapter 1 (e.g., Creator, Sustainer, King) make the “therefore” in 2:1 carry so much weight for you personally? Second, is there a gap in your life between knowing who Jesus is (chapter 1) and actively responding to His Word (chapter 2)? Third, what is one area where you need to translate doctrine into obedience?

Besides the word “therefore,” the phrase “We must” (Greek: *Dei*, δεῖ) introduces an intense moral and spiritual double imperative by shifting the tone of this epistle from theoretical instruction to immediate operational urgency. In Koine (common) Greek, *Dei* is an impersonal verb that denotes absolute

necessity, binding obligation, or an inescapable condition. It isn’t a polite suggestion, a helpful tip, or a best-practice recommendation; it signifies something that has to happen to avoid inevitable disaster. Throughout the Gospels, *Dei* is frequently used by Jesus to describe His messianic destiny (e.g., “The Son of Man *must* suffer...” – Mark 8:31). In the same way, Hebrews uses *Dei* to show that active vigilance is an essential, non-negotiable law of the Christian life. Additionally, the verb *Dei* is paired with a first-person plural construction, creating the phrase “We must” rather than “You must.” By doing so, the author includes himself in the warning because even leaders, scholars, and mature believers are not immune to spiritual neglect or drifting. As a plural phrase, faith in Christ is lived out in community because guarding against neglect is both an individual obligation and a shared responsibility within the church. Lastly, the Gospel is a gift of free grace, but maintaining active focus on that Gospel requires intentional effort. *Dei* refutes the idea that passive Christianity is safe or acceptable. Thus, the necessity of *Dei* is driven by the gravity of the danger. If attention is optional, drifting is inevitable. We must pay attention because the current of the world automatically moves us away from God if we remain static. First, why is it significant that the author uses the word “We” rather than addressing the audience as “You” in this warning? Second, how does Jesus’ use of *Dei* regarding His mission (e.g., Luke 4:43; John 3:14) help clarify the intensity of *Dei* in Hebrews 2:1? Third, how does the concept of *Dei* (“it is necessary”) balance with the doctrine of grace, and why is active human effort required to remain anchored in divine truth? Lastly, in what areas of your spiritual life have you replaced “I must” (*Dei*) with “I should eventually?”

The word for “drift away,” *pararreō* (παραρῶμεν), is a nautical metaphor meaning “to flow past,” “to slip away,” or for a ship to unintentionally drift past a safe harbor due to neglected moorings or strong currents. In ancient Greek literature, this word carried three common usages, each painting a distinct picture of spiritual neglect. (1) A Drifting Vessel: The vessel doesn’t violently crash immediately; instead, under the subtle pressure of wind and current, it imperceptibly drifts past its intended harbor out into open, dangerous waters. (2) A Leaky Vessel: A jar that gradually leaks its contents over time until nothing is left. (3) A Slipped Mind: Truth that slips out of memory or active consciousness due to inattention. Crucially, drifting requires no effort – it is the passive result of doing nothing while the current moves around you. People rarely wake up and decide to abandon their faith overnight. Drifting happens incrementally through subtle daily compromises, spiritual neglect, or distraction (amusement). Thus, when a boat drifts, those on board often feel no sensation of movement relative to the boat itself. It is only when they look back at the fixed shoreline that they realize how far off course they’ve gone. The Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our fixed shoreline that reveals how far sinful humanity has drifted off course. Repentance is turning back towards the shoreline by confessing sin and placing saving faith in the Lord who “is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8), because a passive drift leads to the exact same destination as deliberate rebellion – shipwreck. First, why is passive neglect often more dangerous than direct hostility to faith? Second, in what ways does the current of modern culture actively pull believers away from paying “careful attention” to Christ? Third, look back at your spiritual life over the past 6 to 12 months. When you “examine yourself” (2 Cor. 13:5) against the fixed point of Scripture, are you holding steady or drifting? Lastly, what specific anchor (daily prayer, Scripture study, etc.) needs to be secured or repaired in your routine this week to prevent drifting?

Breaking free from spiritual anesthesia requires moving from casual faith to a Christlike faith because you cannot fight a heavy cultural current with passive effort. Today’s Scripture offers four biblical action steps to drop an anchor that holds. (1) Re-anchor to the Word: Without a disciplined daily intake of Scripture, your mind automatically defaults to the prevailing cultural narrative. If you’re not actively tethered to the Truth, you’ll inevitably be towed by the tide. (2) Practice Self-Discipline: God rarely competes with a stadium of constant noise; He speaks in a still small voice that demands silence