

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: Peggy Casstevens, Trinity Elms Health & Rehab, 7449 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012 – Room #706

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; Chris Turner; Cindy Luxe; Larry Aimes; Dan Kibbler; Lori Evans; Penny Knowles; Rita Poplin; Halee Boggs; 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 & Hilda Carlton; Bryan Shephard; John & Susan Smith; Adam Myers; Brad Matthews; Stacy Howell; Brad & Kathryn Kelley; Gail, Friend of Jerry Motsinger; Mike & Betty Cain; Ronald Drye; Dennis Krossman; Clay Overby; Leslie Nations; Katlyn & Baby Artimas; Chance Freeman & 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:

Center Global Methodist Church

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Head Ushers: David Sloop

Pianist: Penny Spernoga

Center Global Methodist Church September 13, 2026

*Thus says the LORD:
"Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is;
and walk in it, and find
rest for your souls..."*

Jeremiah 6:16, ESV

CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ OPENING SONG "THIS IS THE DAY" UMH #657 (SING 1 TIME)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC CENTER CHOIR

CHILDREN’S CHURCH DISMISSAL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS

CENTERING OUR LIVES FOR WORSHIP

MESSAGE "TRUTH UNDER FIRE: CONFRONTING THE WORLD’S OLDEST DOUBT"

SCRIPTURE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17; 2 PETER 1:19-21 (NIV)

✝ CLOSING SONG "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" UMH #117 (VERSES 1,3 & 6)

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ Please stand (as you can)



Children’s Church Today – Sunday, September 13th – Anna Owens & Beth Woodruff

Children’s Church Next Sunday – September 20th – Crystal Sprague & Renae Hall

Acolyte Ministry Schedule September: Cole Spernoga, Zachary Drye, Kohen Drye, Eli Carter & Ian Carter



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Worship Team

Date	Multimedia	Nursery	Ushers	Greeter(s)
9/13	Jamie W.	Crystal S./Martha Redding	David Sudderth/David Nance	Rebecca Harris
9/20	Shawna P.	Bobbie Gardner/Cheryl Parker	Ronald/Tammy Drye	Ronald/Tammy Drye
9/27	Jamie W.	Gale Matthews/Sharron Sloop	David Sudderth/David Nance	Sharron Sloop
10/4	Jamie W.	Paul Woodruff/Shawna P.	Rebecca Harris/David Sudderth	Sandy Desgrange
10/11	Shawna P.	Jody Shore/Crystal Sprague	David Nance/Rebecca Harris	Robin Nance

Calendar Of Events

- Tues September 15th Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
Children/Youth Night – 6:30 pm – Youth Room
- Wed September 16th Senior Day – 10:45 am – See bulletin for further details
Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting – 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
- Tues September 29th Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
Children/Youth Night – 6:30 pm – Youth Room
- Sun October 4th Center GMC Men’s Meeting – 8 am – New Fellowship Hall
- Tues October 13th Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
Children/Youth Night – 6:30 pm – Youth Room
- Wed October 21st Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting – 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
- Tues October 27th Fall Bible Study Classes – 10 am & 7 pm – New Fellowship Hall
Children/Youth Night – 6:30 pm – Youth Room



Backpack Program Delivery Schedule for Yadkinville Elementary School for the week of September 17th will be by YUMC. Deliveries will need to be made on Thursday anytime between 9:00 -11:00 am.



**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.

Designated Giving To Center GMC – August 2026

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>
Jane Pendry	Randy & Debbie Matthews	General
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Mary Stowe	Barbara Gentry	General
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Jane Pendry	Rebecca Harris	General
Jacob A Matthews	David & Robin Sudderth	Children

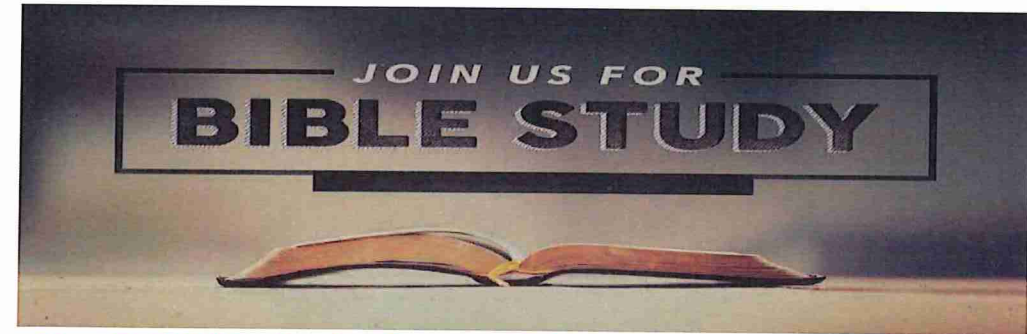
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Sue Honeycutt	Cathy Recchio	General



*Hey Seniors,
Please join us for lunch and great
fellowship this WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16th.*

*We will be eating at Mocksville
Family Restaurant, 1122
Yadkinville Road, Mocksville, NC
27028.*

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.



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.

***September 15th
September 29th***

***October 13th
October 27th
November 10th***

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, Sweet & Salty Snacks, Mayonnaise, Spaghetti Noodles & 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!



Our NC Charge Conference for Center Global Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at Pisgah Methodist Church, 2600 Pisgah Church Road, Greensboro, NC 2745.

This is open to all laity.

WALK FOR HUNGER

Sunday, October 4th will be a very important day to walk and support Yadkin Christian Ministries. The Walk for Hunger in Memory of Susan Steelman will be held Sunday, October 4, 2026, at the Yadkinville Community Park. Registration for the Walk will begin at 2:30 pm, with the walk starting at 3:00 pm. Parking will be available at the Farmers Market. Music will be provided by Anointed by Grace from West Yadkin Baptist Church. Homemade Ice Cream will be served. (If you choose, you can walk at your Home Church).

If you would like to donate to this event, please give your donation to any of the following: Sandy Desgrange, Crystal Sprague or Pastor Justin Douglass. All donation's need to be turned in by October 4, 2026.

The Walk for Hunger, which is sponsored by Deep Creek Friends Church and the Steelman family was named for Susan Steelman in honor of her years of service at Yadkin Christian Ministries as well as her church and community.

Thank you for your participation in the Walk for Hunger this year!

Pillar	Key Passages	Central Theological Concept	Core Application
1. Divine Source	2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21	Dual Authorship (<i>Theopneustos</i>) Scripture was exhaled by God as the Holy Spirit filled human writers	Submit to the Bible as God's ultimate authority, not human literature adopted after the fact
2. Unshakable Reliability	John 17:17; Titus 1:2; Isaiah 40:8; Genesis 3:1-5	Inerrancy & Divine Truth: A God who cannot lie produces a Word that cannot err	Refuse to audit God's Word with modern biases or sit in judgment over Scripture
3. Complete Sufficiency	Psalms 119:105; Matthew 7:24-27	Actionable Guidance: Scripture provides practical light for daily living and equips us for every good work	Anchor your daily habits, moral choices, and worldview in active obedience to the Word

“Because culture and human reason form a shifting, deceptive fog, safety and spiritual survival depend on anchoring your life to the unyielding bedrock of Holy Scripture – a divinely breathed, entirely reliable, and fully sufficient anchor that equips us through every storm and stands firm above human doubt.” – Rev. Justin

For further study & encouragement see: 2 Samuel 23:2; Psalm 119:9, 105; Proverbs 6:23; John 5:39; Acts 1:16; 28:25; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Hebrews 4:12



To The Parents Of Our College Students:

Please share your son or daughter’s college mailing address with us, we want to provide this list to our church congregation so we can send them cards and care packages to let them know we are thinking about them and wishing them well! You can email the address’s to our church email at admin@centergmc.org or you can text it to Crystal at 336-468-0689. Thank you!!!

Something To Consider:

Writing from a Roman prison shortly before his execution under Emperor Nero (2 Tim. 4:6-8), Paul warns Timothy about false teachers and culture-wide decay (2 Tim. 3:1-9). Timothy was pastoring a fragile church community in Ephesus, which was a hub of pagan idolatry (cult of Artemis), commercialism, and speculative false doctrines. Paul details the moral decay of the “last days” – a world filled with self-love, hypocrisy, and spiritual deception, led by corrupt teachers who manipulate vulnerable believers. Against this backdrop of cultural instability and ecclesiastical pressure, Paul grounds Timothy’s ministry authority not in human tradition or personal charisma, but in the divine origin and practical sufficiency of sacred Scripture. Amid this cultural collapse and religious apostasy, the antidote is not human innovation or political influence, but steadfast adherence to God’s written Word. First, how does Paul’s personal situation (writing from prison facing death) heighten the urgency and weight of his instructions to Timothy (and us)? Second, read 2 Timothy 3:1-9. How does the moral climate Paul describes match what you observe in modern society today?

Paul outlines 4 distinct ways Scripture functions within the believer and church community. (1) Teaching (*Didaskalia*): Establishing truth, doctrine, and worldview. (2) Reproof (*Elegchos*): Exposing error, sin, and false thinking by confronting it with truth. (3) Correction (*Epanorthosis*): Restoring what is broken; setting a person upright again after error is exposed. (4) Training in Righteousness (*Paideia*): Ongoing moral and spiritual education that cultivates virtue (Spiritual discipline, discipleship, habits). These four attributes form a carefully structured diagnostic and restorative process, in which Paul pairs these attributes in two complementary sets: addressing belief (teaching and reproof) and directing behavior (correction and training). Together, they chart a complete cycle of spiritual transformation. Thus, the questions we can ask with each of the four attributes include: (1) What is true? (2) Where have I strayed? (3) How do I get back on track? (4) How do I stay on track? First, notice the progression from *teaching* to *training*. Why must spiritual formation always begin with objective truth rather than personal desire? Second, where is God’s Word currently exposing blind spots, compromised habits, or false assumptions in your life? Third, what practical steps of repentance and restoration is the Bible calling you to take in response to that exposure? Lastly, how can these four attributes be utilized in your life?

The word used for “Scripture” is *Graphe* (γραφῆ), meaning a sacred passage that is written. Out of the 51 occurrences in the New Testament, *graphe* (or its plural *graphai*) almost always refers to the Old Testament (the Law, Prophets, and Writings). The Old Testament carried divine authority because human authors spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. However, *graphe* quickly expanded during the time of the apostles to incorporate emerging New Testament texts. To be considered Scripture, a text required the same divine origin and authority as the Old Testament prophets. In John 14:25-26; 16:12-15, Jesus established the framework for the New Testament by promising the Paraclete (Holy Spirit) would bring His words to remembrance and guide the apostles into all truth, meaning New Testament authority rests directly on Christ’s delegation of authority to His eyewitness apostles. For instance, Paul taught the New Testament was Scripture by citing two statements joined together by “Scripture says” (Deuteronomy 25:4; Luke 10:7). Also, Peter uses *graphe* to confirm that Paul’s epistles were already collected and recognized as Scripture alongside the New Testament (2 Peter 3:15-16). Thus, “All Scripture” incorporates all 66 Books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

First, how does Jesus’ promise in John 14 and 16 ground the authority of the New Testament writers? Second, how does Paul’s combined citation of Deuteronomy and the Gospel of Luke in 1 Timothy 5:18 demonstrate that the early Church viewed both Jesus’ and the apostles’ teaching as *graphe* early on? Third, why is Peter’s statement in 2 Peter 3:15-16 significant for understanding how quickly apostolic writings were accepted as Scripture?

The Bible contains 66 Books, and today, many people wonder if any books are missing from Scripture. The answer is a huge NO. If we believe God created everything out of nothing, that Jesus performed miracles, was raised from the dead, and that “nothing is too hard for God” (Jeremiah 32:17), then why do we doubt that Almighty God cannot oversee the completion of His Word? In essence, this is a question of canonicity. The word *canon* is Greek, meaning “rod,” which was used as the standard for measuring something. Many are quick to think some ancient church council decided what books should be canonized. However, no church council made any book Scripture by their vote. In fact, the early church accepted what we consider the New Testament by the year 100 A.D. Later, the official church canonization occurred at the councils of Hippo (393 A.D.) and Carthage (397 A.D.), and they used 6 standards for determining official canonization. (1) It must be prophetic, written by a prophet/apostle or someone who interviewed an eyewitness (Luke/Acts). (2) It must be authoritative, claiming to be God’s message. (3) It must be authentic, written by the person who claimed to be the author. (4) It must have life-transforming power. (5) It must be and have been widely recognized as Scripture. (6) It must be reliable and consistent with the rest of Scripture, thus no inconsistency. First, why is a standard of measurement a fitting metaphor for determining which books belong in Scripture? Second, read Jeremiah 32:17. How does this verse influence your confidence in God’s ability to preserve His Word? Lastly, what are common reasons people today question whether books are missing from the Bible, and how can the 7 principles listed above help answer those doubts?

The phrase “God-breathed,” *Theopneustos* (θεόπνευστος), is a compound word joining *Theos* (God) and *Pneo* (breath/wind). *Pneo* is where the word *Pneuma* comes from, which translates to Holy Spirit. Thus, two important facts become immediately relevant: (1) *Pneuma* links directly to Genesis 2:7, where God breathes life into man, making him a living soul. (2) The Holy Spirit is the Author of Scripture. Just as physical life originates from the breath of God, spiritual truth originates from His exhalation in Scripture (*graphe*). “God-breathed” does not mean human writers were mechanical instruments or dictated typists. Instead, as 2 Peter 1:21 clarifies, human authors spoke and wrote as they were “carried along by the Holy Spirit.” Their personalities, styles, and vocabularies were preserved, yet the final product was exactly what God intended – without error. Because Scripture originates from God – who is ultimate Truth – its contents carry divine authority and are trustworthy for faith and practice. First, how does viewing the Bible as God’s direct “exhalation” change the way you approach reading, hearing, and studying the Bible compared to other texts? Second, compare 2 Timothy 3:16 with Genesis 2:7 and Psalm 33:6. What does “God’s breath” reveal about the life-giving power of Scripture? Third, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy when He said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Since Scripture is literally God’s exhaled voice, how should that shape your daily posture when opening the Bible? Lastly, since God is truth and cannot lie (Titus 1:2), and Scripture is breathed out by God, what conclusions must you draw regarding the trustworthiness and accuracy of God’s Word?

Peter completes Paul’s teaching of “God-breathed” by writing how the human authors of Scripture were “carried along by the Holy Spirit.” The phrase “carried along” is *Pheromenoi* (φερόμενοι), meaning “to bring along,” which is a nautical term used to describe a ship driven by the wind (Jesus used this word in John 3:8). Peter – a veteran fisherman familiar with boats – uses this word to show how, just as a vessel’s sails catch the wind to move forward, the human authors of Scripture were “moved” by the Holy Spirit to direct their writing. Thus, the writers were not inanimate puppets. Their distinct personalities, vocabularies, historical settings, and emotional expressions remain visible. In other words, the ship’s hull, wood, and shape are uniquely human, while the wind in their sails was the Holy Spirit, who supplied the power, direction, and ultimate outcome. First, 2 Peter was written to combat false teachers who invented clever myths (2 Peter 1:16). How does understanding Pheromenoi help combat modern claims that the Bible was “just written by men?” Second, verse 19 calls the Word a “lamp shining in a dark place.” How does letting the Holy Spirit guide your reading of Scripture change it from an academic exercise into a spiritual experience that shines light into your personal dark places? Third, since the human authors were carried along by the Holy Spirit to write the Bible, what role should prayer and dependence on the same Holy Spirit play when you sit down to read and interpret Scripture? Fourth, a sailboat cannot move without wind; it must hoist its sails. What spiritual habits (prayer, study, etc.) can you cultivate to better position yourself to be “moved” by the Holy Spirit in daily life? Lastly, since Scripture’s driving force is the Holy Spirit rather than human initiative, in what area of your life is it currently hardest to let God’s Word override your own “human will” (*Thelema*)?

In Genesis 3, we see truth under fire as Satan introduced the world’s oldest doubt, not with a direct demand to reject God, but with a subtle question: “Did God really say...?” Satan invited Eve to step into the role of auditor – to examine God’s motives, evaluate His commands, and judge divine truth through her own limited perception. Whenever modern critics claim the Bible contains errors or is not the inherent, infallible Word of God, they’re simply repeating that ancient garden whisper. The core of demonic deception is not convincing creation that God does not exist, but convincing creation that it is intellectually qualified to judge and correct the Creator. Because God is truth (John 14:6) and cannot lie (Titus 1:2), His revealed Word must share that same flawless integrity. A God who cannot lie or make mistakes cannot produce a divine revelation that fails or misleads. Jesus repeatedly treated the Old Testament as historically reliable. He affirmed Adam and Eve (Matthew 19:4-5), Noah’s Ark and the global flood (Matthew 24:37-39), Jonah in the fish (Matthew 12:39-41), and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17:28-30). As such, if we claim Jesus as Lord, our view of Scripture must align with His. First, how do you see society trying to “audit” or edit God’s Word today? What specific biblical doctrines are most frequently put on trial by modern culture? Second, have you ever caught yourself saying or thinking, “I like what the Bible says about love, but I struggle to accept what it says about...?” How does that reveal an attempt to sit in judgment over God? Third, Satan’s subtle question in Eden was “Did God really say...?” How does this same question enter your mind when you face difficult biblical commands such as ethics, relationships, or personal sacrifice? Lastly, Jesus used Scripture (“It is written...”) as His primary defense against spiritual warfare. How can you practically apply Jesus’ approach to the reliability of Scripture when facing personal doubts or hostility? (For practical help, see the chart below)