

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 Lou Ring, Trinity Elms Health & Rehab, 7449 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012 – Room #802

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 Howard; Brad & Kathryn Kelley; Gail, Friend of Jerry Motsinger; Mike & Betty Cain; Ronald Drye; Dennis Krossman; Clay Overby; Leslie Nations; Katlyn & Baby Artimas; Regisdar & Donark Families; Eric & Justin Hausman; Chance Freeman Mike Whitaker; Chris Hudspeth & 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: Jimmy Collins, Pat Pinchall, Bohanon Family & Paula Shores

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Center Global Methodist Church ***September 20, 2026***



CENTER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME & PRELUDE

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ OPENING SONG "COME CHRISTIANS , JOIN TO SING" UMH #158 (ALL)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES & OFFERINGS

CENTERING OUR LIVES FOR WORSHIP

MESSAGE "THE LION AND THE LAMB" REVELATION 5:5-6 (NIV)

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

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ *Please stand (as you can)*



No Children's Church Today – Sunday, September 20th

**Children's Church Next Sunday – September 27th –
Jackie Douglass & Deborah Gentry**

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



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Worship Team

<u>Date</u>	<u>Multimedia</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter(s)</u>
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
10/18	Jamie W.	Stephanie Drye/Bobbie Gardner	David Sudderth/David Nance	Larry Long

Calendar Of Events

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
Mon	October 12th	Finance Ministry Meeting – 7 pm – Alpha & Omega Classroom
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 24th will be by David & Robin Nance.
Deliveries will need to be made on Thursday
anytime between 9:00 -11:00 am.**

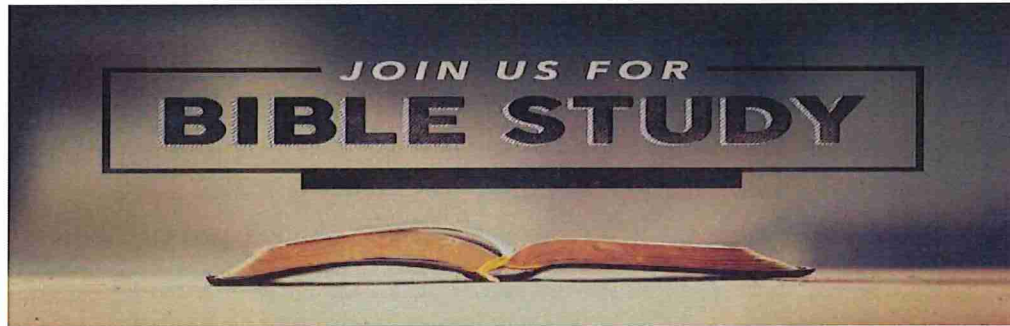


greeter duties during our Sunday morning worship services. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Crystal Sprague at 336-468-0689 or Pastor Justin Douglass at (704) 657-0557.

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



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 29th
October 13th
October 27th
November 10th*

The SWC has decided to host the Brenner's Children's Hospital "Santa's Toy Box" project again this year. This is a room set up like Santa's workshop with a gift for children (girls and boys) up to 18 years of age that have a doctor visit at Brenner's during the holiday season.



Toys should be in the \$15 - \$20 range and should be new items. They DO NOT accept stuffed animals. Please leave the items unwrapped. All gifts should be brought to the church and left in the New Fellowship Hall in the designated area (with a sign by the back pews) by Sunday, October 18th.

Thank you for your support of this project!

The SWC will also be sponsoring the Angel Tree again this year as well as the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes so you will have many opportunities to give during the holiday season.

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

Please make plans to join us for our next upcoming Blood Drive this year in honor of Jacob Shore here at Center Global Methodist Church scheduled for November 14, 2026. 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!

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!



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!!!

Worship Notes:

1. Real love demands _____ against anything that threatens the _____.
2. Jesus is the _____ who lays down His life in fierce love, and He is the _____ who returns to execute holy justice.
3. God _____ sin precisely because sin destroys the people He _____.
4. To the oppressor, divine vengeance is a _____; to the broken, it is the ultimate promise of _____.
5. The _____ offers a clear choice: either we let Christ bear the judgment for our sin, or we bear it _____.
6. The ultimate question of your life is not whether you will _____ the vengeance of Christ, but _____ you will meet it.

Something To Consider:

John was writing from the rocky island of Patmos around 95 AD during the reign of Emperor Domitian. During this time, Domitian aggressively enforced emperor worship across the Roman provinces, particularly in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Subjects were expected to declare "*Dominus et Deus noster*" ("Our Lord and God") and offer incense before images of the emperor. Refusing emperor worship meant exclusion from trade guilds, public disgrace, imprisonment, exile (as John experienced on Patmos), and execution. Early Christians were tempted toward two dangerous extremes: outright apostasy (renouncing Christ to save their lives/businesses) or compromise (participating superficially in civic idolatry to blend in). To the small, persecuted churches, it appeared that Rome possessed absolute power. Rome held the scepters, dictated history, and decided who lived or died. John's vision pulls back the veil to reveal who actually holds the destiny of the world. First, Domitian claimed the title of "Lord and God." How does confessing Jesus as Lord challenge the cultural "gods" or political idols of our current era? Second, Roman Christians faced immense economic pressure through trade guilds. What subtle pressures do modern believers face today to compromise their allegiance to Christ in pursuit of financial security or professional success?

In Revelation 5, John sees a scroll sealed with seven seals in the right hand of God. The scroll represents God's final purpose, judgment, and redemption of creation. John weeps when no created being in heaven or earth is found worthy to open it. His weeping reflects humanity's helplessness in the face of brokenness and sin. Then, an elder instructs John to "Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah." The Lion of Judah is first found in Genesis 49:8-10. Before dying, Jacob blesses his sons and declares that Judah is a "lion's cub." He also prophesies that the royal scepter (scepter means authority and the right to rule) will never leave Judah's line "until Shiloh comes" (another name for the Messiah – the ultimate peaceful Ruler). The Lion symbolizes unchallenged dominance, strength, and sovereign authority. As the Lion, Jesus is not a passive bystander. He confronts sin, death, and the spiritual forces of darkness with fierce authority and undeniable power. First, John cried because nobody was worthy to open the scroll. In what areas of your life or the world do you feel overwhelmed by a sense of brokenness that only divine authority can resolve? Second, how does viewing Jesus as a reigning Lion change how you respond when circumstances feel completely out of your control? Lastly, it can be easy to treat Jesus solely as a friend or helper. How can you practically maintain awe and reverence for Him as the royal "Lion of Judah" in your day-to-day prayer life?

The heart of Christian theology rests on paradoxes – the first being last, finding life by losing it, and strength perfected in weakness. Nowhere is this more vividly captured than in Revelation 5, where two seemingly incompatible images merge into a single identity: Jesus Christ is simultaneously the Lion of Judah and the Lamb that was slain. If we see Jesus only as a Lion, we risk picturing Him as distant, harsh, or demanding – forgetting His tender mercy, gentle grace, and intimate sacrifice. But if we see Jesus only as a Lamb, we risk reducing Him to a passive, harmless mascot – forgetting His absolute holiness, righteous judgment, and divine authority. Because Jesus perfectly embodies both royal authority and sacrificial love, all of creation – millions of angels and every creature in heaven and earth – breaks into ultimate, unhindered worship. First, read Philippians 2:5-11. How does Paul describe this exact Lion-Lamb paradox in Jesus' earthly life, humiliation, and ultimate exaltation? Second, which side of Jesus' identity – the sovereign Lion or the gentle Lamb – do you naturally tend to focus on?

How might leaning too far into one distort your view of God? Lastly, how can you as a follower of Christ reflect both aspects of His character this week – standing bold and firm in truth (like a Lion) while treating others with humility, patience, and self-sacrificing love (like a lamb)?

In today’s Scripture, John is told to look for a Lion, but when he turns, he sees “a lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne.” The Greek word used here for “lamb” is *arnion*, which refers to a small, gentle lamb. This vision presents a paradox: the Lamb bears the marks of sacrificial death (“as if it had been slain”), yet it is standing – a clear sign of resurrection power and ultimate victory. Christ retains His sacrificial identity even in eternal glory, showing how His wounds are not forgotten scars of defeat, but eternal marks of His redemptive love. Jesus as the Lamb is seen during the Exodus, when the blood of an unblemished lamb was brushed on the doorposts to save Israel from judgment. Jesus’ blood saves believers from spiritual death and liberates them from sin. Then, Isaiah 53:7 says that the Messiah would be “led like a lamb to the slaughter,” remaining silent before His accusers. Christ’s conquest would not come through crushing His enemies, but by willingly yielding Himself to bear their sin on the cross. Lastly, John the Baptist declares in John 1:29, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” The world measures power by the capacity to inflict force. Heaven reveals power through the capacity to endure sacrifice for love. The Lamb’s sacrifice breaks down ethnic, cultural, and social barriers, with His blood purchasing people for God from “every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). First, how does the vision of a slain Lamb standing at the throne challenge our modern ideas of power, success, and leadership? Second, when you think about Jesus bearing the marks of His sacrifice for you, how does that impact your understanding of your own value in God’s eyes? Lastly, in what practical areas of your relationships or community can you choose humility, self-sacrifice, or forgiveness over demanding your own rights?

Revelation 5:6 says, “He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.” In biblical numerology, the number 7 represents completeness, perfection, and divine fullness. Throughout the Old Testament, horns symbolize strength, kingly power, and military might (e.g., Deuteronomy 33:17; 1 Samuel 2:10). Having seven horns signifies complete, unlimited power (omnipotence). The Lamb is not weak or helpless. Eyes symbolize perception, discernment, and knowledge (Zechariah 4:10). Having seven eyes signifies complete, perfect sight (omniscience). Nothing escapes His view. The seven spirits represent the fullness of the Holy Spirit sent throughout the earth (omnipresence). Through His Spirit, Christ is present everywhere to empower and guard His people. Thus, Jesus doesn’t set aside His power to become the Lamb – His sacrifice is the ultimate expression of His power. First, since Christ possesses perfect sight (seven eyes) over your life, He sees every hidden struggle, fear, and circumstance you face. How does this truth comfort you in your current season? Second, since Christ possesses complete power (seven horns), He is fully capable of acting on your behalf. Where in your life are you struggling to surrender control to His sovereign power? Lastly, the world usually associates power with force, dominance, and self-preservation. How does a “slain Lamb” possessing all power and knowledge completely turn the world’s definition of power upside down?

Revelation 5:5 refers to Jesus as the “Root of David,” revealing how He is both the source and the ultimate fulfillment of David’s line. In 2 Samuel 7:12-16, God promised King David an everlasting kingdom and throne through his offspring. Later in Isaiah 11:1, 10, Isaiah prophesies that a shoot will spring from the stump of Jesse (David’s father), and a “Root of Jesse” will stand as a banner for the peoples. Even after the Davidic monarchy appeared cut down by exile, life

would sprout anew. The “Root of David” carries a dual meaning. First, Jesus is the Source (Creator). A root gives life to the tree. As eternal God, Christ is the origin and foundation from which David himself received life, kingdom, and purpose (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Second, Jesus is the Offshoot (Descendant). As a man, Christ was born into the lineage of David according to the flesh (Matthew 1:1; Romans 1:3). Jesus confirms this paradox directly in Revelation 22:16. He is both David’s Lord (Lord of the Root) and David’s Son (Branch of the Lineage) – a puzzle Jesus famously posed to the Pharisees in Matthew 22:41-45 using Psalm 110:1. Christ created the line of David, preserved it through centuries of upheaval, and entered history to fulfill every promise made to His people. Thus, just as a new shoot can grow from a seemingly dead stump, God brings divine purpose out of hopeless situations. First, how does the title “Root of David” affirm both the full humanity and full divinity of Jesus Christ? Second, Revelation 5:5 connects Christ’s identity as the Root of David directly to His victory (“has triumphed”). How does knowing that the Sovereign Lord holds the scroll of history impact how you view world events or personal uncertainties today?

Another key passage used in today’s sermon is 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9. Here, the church in Thessalonica was experiencing severe persecution and trial. In this opening chapter, Paul offers encouragement by addressing God’s absolute righteousness and the reality of Christ’s return. God will recompense (repay) affliction to the lost and provide rest to the saved. Now, the wicked who persecute the godly don’t always receive their just payment in this life. The apparent prosperity of the wicked and difficulty of the godly have posed a problem for many believers (Psalm 73; Jeremiah 12:1), forcing many to ask: Why live a godly life if your only experience is suffering? But as Christians, we must live for eternity and not just for the present. In fact, living with eternity’s values in view is what makes our Christian life meaningful today. God is righteous in judging sin and condemning sinners because a holy God cannot love righteousness and leave sin unjudged. Those who say, “I can’t believe that a loving God would judge sinners to send them to hell” don’t understand the holiness of God or the awfulness of sin. While it’s true that “God is love” (1 John 4:8), it’s also true that “God is light” (1 John 1:5), and in His holiness He must deal with sin. First, how does the truth that “God is light” complement the truth that “God is love” when considering His judgment? Second, what are some misunderstandings about sin and the nature of God’s holiness that can cause people to reject the reality of divine judgment? Third, why would it be unrighteous for a holy God to leave sin unjudged? Fourth, what does it look like in practical, daily terms to live for eternity rather than just for the present? Lastly, in what ways does knowing that God will bring justice comfort and rest to your heart right now?

“By embracing Jesus as both the sacrificial Lamb of mercy and the fierce Lion of justice, we see that His divine wrath against evil is the protective expression of His love, which led Christ to absorb our judgment on the cross to offer the broken ultimate justice and the repentant sinner a blood-bought pardon.” – Rev. Justin

For further study & encouragement see: Psalm 62:12; Isaiah 66:15; Matthew 16:27; Romans 1:18-20; 15:12; Hebrews 12:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 20:11-15; 22:16