

I am excited to jump into **Sunday School and Children's Church** with the children in 2017! We have fresh curriculum that is fun, age appropriate and Christ centered! Please encourage your children to come and take part, as it is so important for them to learn about Jesus with their peers and to establish life-long connections!



The Day School has 100 tree cookies (2 inch tree slices) from the log shop. We plan to use the tree cookies to create a pathway on our playground, which means I need to place them in the ground, almost flush with the ground. Several of you have offered to help with this. THANK YOU! I will plan a workday in Spring. You guys are awesome!

The Day School's **9th Annual Dinner and Auction** will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 24th...it will be an evening full of good food, fun and fellowship! Tickets can be purchased Sunday mornings or M-F before 1 pm. We are collecting donations for our silent auction and our live auction. Our church family has always been so faithful to give of what they have, and we are so grateful! If you have any items you would like to donate, please give me a call 336-963-2878!

As you all know, I have resigned as Day School Director effective June 2, 2017. The Day School Board is now accepting applications for the Day School Director position, and will continue to accept applications through February 28th.

YOUTH NEWS

MYF: We meet tonight at 6:00! Come enjoy a light dinner followed by games, worship and more! Don't miss out!

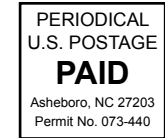
TBC (Prayer Breakfast): Chick-fil-A, 6:54 AM! Makes for a great start to a brand new day!! I'll have a Valentine's Day "surprise" for all those present!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (SWITCH!!): We are meeting at the Williams' home now on Wednesday's! Bring your Bible! Join us from 7:03 till 8:33 pm. Afterwards we'll enjoy some refreshments.

BREAK THRU (SWITCH!!!): Meet me at the church this Thursday at 6:30 pm! We will load up in the van and head to AHS to see "Phantom of the Opera"!

WEEK OF HOPE: June 23-30, 2017! Charleston, SC! If you have not registered — get on the "wait list" TODAY, by turning in your \$50 deposit made out to Central UMYF. Team Members! Email me for the registration link!

KIDS AHOY: We're headed to the Greensboro Coliseum to see Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's Circus Xtreme! Registration opens at 9:00 AM. (Lunch is included.) Please wear your navy Kids Ahoy t-shirt that day. We'll return by 3:00.



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WISDOM KEEPERS

"VALENTINE'S DAY FESTIVAL OF FUN"

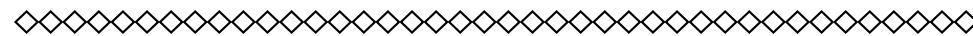
Tuesday, February 14th @ 11:30 am in the FLC Conference Room

Food, fun and laughter will be the theme of this program:

Bingo, games, token prizes, entertainment, photo session, selection of the King & Queen Valentine Sweethearts for 2017-2018, luncheon by Beth Richmond and Christian Fellowship for everyone.

As always bring a friend and we hope to see you there!

EXPERIENCE THE "WISDOM KEEPERS" DIFFERENCE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!



The Martha Group will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00am in the FLC Conference Room.

CUOC Item for February
Instant Potatoes

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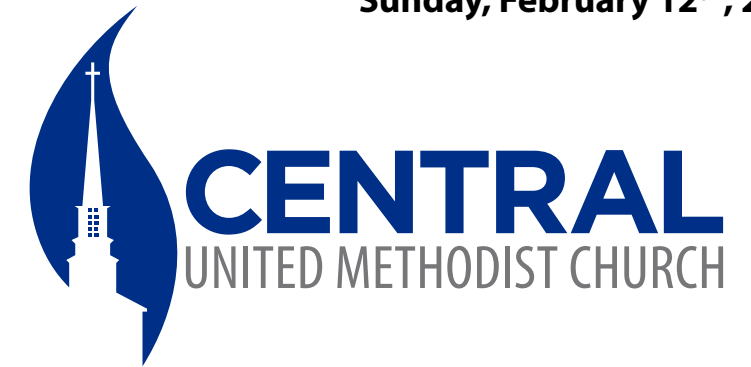
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Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

The Power Of A Singular Focus

Bishop L. Bevel Jones served the Western North Carolina Annual Conference for 12 years, from 1984 to 1996. During those 12 years He was the Bishop who licensed me as a local pastor, ordained me as a Deacon, and ordained me as an Elder. Bishop Jones was personally involved in my life at every turn during those years. He had a big influence on my life as a local church pastor.

One of the things that I heard Bishop Jones say numerous times over the years was, **"Always keep the main thing the main thing."**

Nearly 33 years have passed since Bishop Jones first came to serve the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. **"Keeping the main thing the main thing"** is more important to me now than ever before.

I was studying recently in preparation to minister God's Word and I read again these powerful words the Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth:

²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. {1 Corinthians 2:2}

Paul's mission in life was to **"keep the main thing the main thing."** For Paul, the main thing was Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

I am finding the older I get that there are less things that I consider really important. Each day I try to distinguish between the urgent and the important. I am starting to better understand why Paul was so focused on **"Jesus Christ and him crucified."**

1) **"Jesus Christ and him crucified"** is the means by which our sins are removed. In John 1:29, John the Baptist calls Jesus **"the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."**

2) **"Jesus Christ and him crucified"** is the sacrifice that brings us atonement for sin and the blessing of God.

In Romans 3:25 Paul writes, **"God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith."**

3) **"Jesus Christ and him crucified"** restores and reconciles us to God. In Romans 5:10 Paul writes, **¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**

4) **"Jesus Christ and him crucified"** ransoms and redeems us from the penalty of our sin.

The Apostle Peter put it this way:

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. {1 Peter 1:18-19}

5) **"Jesus Christ and him crucified"** serves as the substitution whereby Jesus takes on Himself our worst and in return gives us His best.

In Galatians 2:20 the Apostle Paul declares this good news message:

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Apostle Paul knew what the main thing was — **Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.** That focus was the source of his power, the content of message, and the motivation for his mission. I pray that it will be the same for me and for you.

Pastor J.F.

Ministry Wish List:

From time to time we need to access the gifts, skills, talents, and abilities of our church family for ministry opportunities. Here are some wishes we currently have:



- a) **Driver of the Van** to pick up people at "The Summit" and bring them to church during the winter.
- b) **2 Bell Ringers** (Contact Bev Lawrence @ 336-302-5578 for more information)
- c) People to serve on **Prayer Ministry Team** (contact Wanda Tatum @ 336-953-1993)
- d) **Kitchen Supervisor** (Contact Shirley McAnulty for more information)
- e) Volunteers for **Tape Ministry** to deliver CD's of the Service to shut-ins. (Contact Imogene Bulla)

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Share the love and give the gift of life!
Tuesday, February 14th, 2017
2:00 - 7:00pm in the FLC



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday February 12 th 2017	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45AM
WELCOME		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"Prepare Ye The Way" "And All The People Said Amen"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	1 Timothy 6:7	Pastor J. F.
<i>⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.</i>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"More Than Amazing"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5: 23-26 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	HOW TO SHINE JESUS' LIGHT WHEN RELATIONSHIPS TURN DARK	
	SERIES: Shine!	Pastor J. F.
CLOSING SONG	"Oh Draw Me Lord"	Praise Team
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

USHERS 8:45 AM

Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Ross & Debbie Reaves

GREETERS 8:45 AM -

Jack & Holly Embree

USHERS 11:00 AM

CHAIRMAN – Michael Smith

Captain – Charles Swiers, Alice Hammond, Mike King, Roland Cox, Dick Renigar, Jack Mitchell, Bo Davidson, Steve Morgan, Wayne Hartley

GREETERS 11:00 AM -

Rachel Hargett, Deborah Martin, Gracie Allred, Betty Pugh, Susan Swiers

Volunteer Recruitment

Volunteers are needed at Randolph Heath for various areas.

Caring & compassionate volunteers are needed for our Gift Shops, Welcome Center, Outpatient Center, Service Excellence, Same day Surgery, Transition of Care, and several clerical areas. Are you service

minded, dedicated and committed? Is your mission to serve others? We have a home for you at Randolph Health where our volunteers are continually rewarded by the service they give.

Call 336-629-8886 to find out where your talents are needed.



February 11th 9:00 - 1:00pm

Join us for fun at the upcoming Women's Health Fair!
Cooking Demonstration & Tasting Healthy Snacks
Door Prizes & Give Aways
Treat yourself to a chair massage and hand softening scrub

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PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Joy Menius
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Christ, For the World We Sing"	#568(UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
<i>Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world. We are about making connections. Connecting people to God and to each other.</i>		
*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881 (UMH)
<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, *the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</i>		
		*Universal Church
*THE GLORIA PATRI		#70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	1 Timothy 6:7	Pastor J.F.
<i>⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.</i>		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Heather Cagle
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Heather Cagle
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		#895 (UMH)
<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>		
ANTHEM	"Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"	Boersma/Lantz
<i>Come, Holy Spirit, show us Your glory. Your people are here in this place. Sweet Holy Spirit, move now among us, and touch us with mercy and grace. Spirit Eternal, come in Your fullness, and breathe on Your people, we pray. Come, Holy Spirit, fresh wind of heaven, we long for Your presence today. Spirit of Pentecost, fill us with more of You. You are the breath of God, Promise of Heaven Spirit of Pentecost, fill us with life anew. You are the gift divine. Show us Your glory. Spirit Immortal, burn now within us, and purify us with Your flame. Transform Your people, fire of heaven. We live to bring praise to Your name. Spirit of Pentecost fall on your people now. Cleanse us and make us new. Come, Spirit, come! Spirit of Pentecost, kindle a flame of love. Make of our hearts-Your home. Come, Holy Spirit, come!</i>		
*Children leave for Children's Church		
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5: 23-26(See Insert)	
MESSAGE	HOW TO SHINE JESUS' LIGHT WHEN RELATIONSHIPS TURN DARK	
SERIES:	Shine!	Pastor J.F.
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"The Gift of Love"	#408(UMH)
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*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		*Congregation please stand if you are able.

ANTHEM

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*POSTLUDE *Congregation please stand if you are able.



Sincere sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to the family of Bellma Allred who passed away on Saturday, February 4th, 2017

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, February 11th

9:00 AM – Women's Health Fair

SUNDAY, February 12th

8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship

6:00 PM – MYF

MONDAY, February 13th

10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study

1:00 PM – Chair Chicks

5:30 PM – Volleyball

TUESDAY, February 14th

11:30 PM – Good Times Club

2:00 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive

6:00 PM – Networx

WEDNESDAY, February 15th

10:00 AM – Morning Prayer Group

1:00 PM – Chair Chicks

5:30 PM – Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study

6:30 PM – Hand Bells

7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 16th

7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"

10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM – Open Gym



February

- 11 Gary Voncannon
Randy Ford
Bryan Moffitt
Sarah Trollinger
- 12 Jimmy Smith
Badin Tyler
- 13 Mary Finch
Matt Pope
- 14 Rebekah Bunting
Elspeth Crawford
- 15 Kurt Sullivan
- 16 Barbara Coltrane
Fred Huffstetler
- 17 Marcie Cooper
Michael Smith
Joseph Grantham
Megan Brewer

We still have 3 dates available for Wednesday Night Meals.

March 15th, April 5th and April 13th.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office.

336-629-1425

Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study

When: Wednesday February 15th, 2017

Where: Family Life Center

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Alleluia Class

Brunswick Stew, Cornbread

Dessert & Beverage

Cost: \$5 per person, \$15 per family

Tear this off or drop in the offering plate,

or call the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday.

NAME: _____

Attending: _____

