

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on **Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-12:00!** We will have a devotion from Pastor JF, a visit from a special friend, a fantastic egg hunt and then we will end the morning with free hot dogs!!! Please spread the word around the community! I will have flyers available in the church office that you are more than welcome to post at businesses or hand out to families. The morning of the event, we will need volunteers to help register the children as they arrive, we will need volunteers to help in the kitchen with our hot dog meal and we will need some volunteers to help hide eggs once we have marked them. If you are interested in helping that morning, please call me at (336) 963-2878. If you are willing to help with the event, we have several opportunities for you to get involved. We will need folks to donate candy, goodies (small enough to go inside of the eggs), plastic eggs or pre-filled eggs.

At this time, we are in great need of candy donations, egg donations or pre-filled egg donations! I have received lots of support with folks stuffing eggs. We have stuffed all of the candy/trinkets/eggs that we have, however I want to be prepared for the possibility that this event could bring in lots of children from our community! This is an outreach and we want to send a message to our community that Central cares about our children! Our youth will be stuffing eggs on April 2nd at 6:30, so please join me in making sure they have plenty of candy and eggs to stuff. We will cancel our plans to stuff eggs on April 3rd. Please mark your calendars for April 12th, from 10:00-12:00 for last minute egg stuffing.

Thank you for giving of your time, talents and resources to send the message of love to our children and to our community!



I want to say THANK YOU again to everyone who supported our 9th Annual Dinner & Auction. We had a great crew of kitchen helpers, we had a great crew of childcare helpers and the Day School staff really worked hard to make this event carefree for all who attended! Thank you for purchasing dinner tickets, for making donations and for your prayers! God answered...He is good!

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Middle School Class will meet in the (old Youth Room) which is now the Kindergarten Classroom, and our High School Class will meet in the former College Classroom for our Sunday School time while our Youth Rooms are getting a face lift.

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): There's something special about a warm breakfast, sharing in an encouraging word, and lifting each other up in prayer to start the day. We'd love to see U!

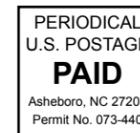
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER: Come out & support our Week of Hope Team as they prepare and serve the meal this Wednesday night from 5:30- 6:30 pm!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Invite a friend to join you at Wesley Williams' house this Wednesday from 7:03 till 8:33. Makes for a great time of discussion and fellowship! Bring your Bible!

BREAK THRU: Join us for food, games, & more this Thursday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm!

WEEK OF HOPE: *Note: All of our Team Members can register online now! Check your email!

YOUTH REP MEETING: We will meet this afternoon at 5:00 pm. Bring your calendars and any dates or scheduled events that will help with our planning!



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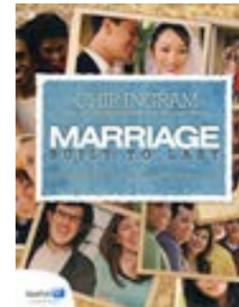
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The Family Foundations Class will begin a new marriage series this Sunday, April 2nd entitled *Marriage Built to Last* by Chip Ingram who is a Pastor, Author and Nationally Syndicated Radio Host, *Living on the Edge*. All are welcome to join for this series, *Living Intentionally & Loving Biblically*



Good Times Wisdom Keepers



On Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 the Good Times Club is in for a treat with a great luncheon and entertainment by "FISH THE MAGISH". Our own Mike Fisher will be with us to share a mix of storytelling, lively audience participation, and magical surprises for everyone! 11:30 luncheon in Family Life Conference room. Cost is \$5.00. Come and bring a friend to...



EXPERIENCE THE WISDOM KEEPERS DIFFERENCE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

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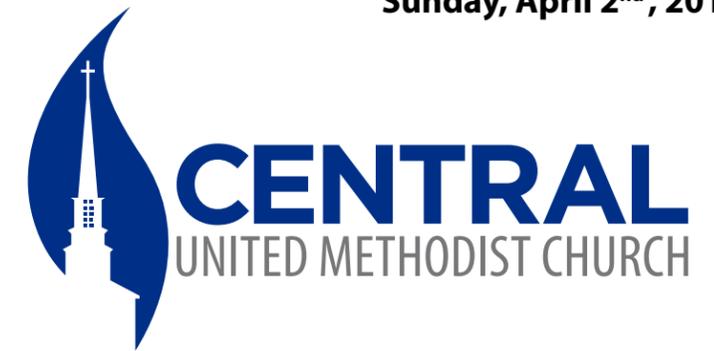
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Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

Offer Them Christ

Just recently I read an article by Thom Rainer entitled, "Urgent Church: Nine Changes We Must Make Or Die." That will catch your attention, right? It did with me! Here are the 9 urgent changes the church must make, according to Rainer:

- 1) We must stop bemoaning the death of cultural Christianity.** Such whining does us no good. Easy growth is simply not a reality for many churches. People no longer come to a church because they believe they must do so to be culturally accepted. Great Commission Christianity is about going; it's not "y'all come."
- 2) We must cease seeing the church as a place of comfort and stability in the midst of rapid change.** God's truth is unchanging, so we do find comfort and stability in that reality. But don't look to your church not to change methods, approaches, and human-made traditions. Indeed, we must learn to be uncomfortable in the world if we are to make a difference. "We've never done it that way before," is a death declaration.
- 3) We must abandon the entitlement mentality.** Your church is not a country club where you pay dues to get your perks and privileges. It is a gospel outpost where you are to put yourself last. That's the opposite of the entitlement mentality.
- 4) We must start doing.** Most of us like the idea of evangelism more than we like doing evangelism. Try a simple prayer and ask God to give you gospel opportunities. You may be surprised how He will use you.
- 5) We must stop using biblical words in unbiblical ways.** "Discipleship" does not mean caretaking. "Fellowship" does not mean entertainment.
- 6) We must stop focusing on minors.**
- 7) We must stop shooting our own.** Don't let bullies and perpetual critics control the church. Don't shoot our own. It's not friendly fire.
- 8) We must stop wasting time in unproductive meetings, committees, and business sessions.**
- 9) We must become houses of prayer.** Stated simply, we are doing too much in our own power. We are really busy, but we are not doing the business of God.

I read all of this with great interest, but as I took it all in it occurred to me that in addition to stopping some things, the church needs to start doing 1 thing: focusing on Jesus. The greatest need of the world today is for people to know Jesus Christ personally as the Savior of their souls and the Lord of their lives. In the Letter of Hebrews I find this timely word of clear focus: **"Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus"** (Hebrews 12:1c-2a).

Pretty simple, right? I am reminded of that verse every time I am in the Family Life Center and I see the sign that reads, "Christ is Central at Central."

Toward the end of his life, John Wesley commissioned Thomas Coke to go to America and ordain Francis Asbury and others into the ministry. Wesley stood at the pier and, as the boat departed, said to Coke, "Offer them Christ, Thomas." It is said that these were Wesley's final words as Coke waved good-bye to his mentor and sailed for America.

"Keep our eyes on Jesus." "Offer them Christ." Let's do these two things as a church, and I believe our future will be bright!

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday April 2 nd 2017	Fifth Sunday in Lent	8:45AM
WELCOME		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"The Same Love" "Break Every Chain"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Mark 12:41-44	Pastor J. F.
<small>⁴¹ Sitting across from the temple treasury, he watched how the crowd dropped money into the treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. ⁴² Then a poor widow came and dropped in two tiny coins worth very little. ⁴³ Summoning his disciples, he said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ For they all gave out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had — all she had to live on."</small>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"In Christ Alone"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	John 11:1, 3-5, 17, 20-27, 38-44 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	"Where, Death, Is Your Victory?" SERIES: "No Shortcuts"	Pastor J. F.
CLOSING SONG	"Jesus He Loves Me"	Praise Team
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP <i>The kneeling rail in the United Methodist Churches has traditionally been a place of prayer. If you have made a decision today that you would like to express publicly; if you would like to join this church on a profession of faith or by transferring your membership, or if you have a need for prayer, you are invited to come forward at this time. Decisions that could change your life are made at the altar.</i>		
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

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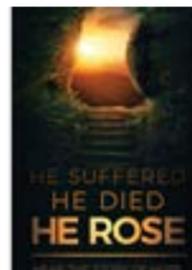
GREETERS 8:45 AM -
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CHAIRMAN – Archie Priest
Captain - Dr. John Matkins, Bill Beaver, Walker Moffitt, Ken Prochnau, Dr. Larry Simpson, Jerry Jeffers, Derrick Grantham, Randy Ferree, Rudy Rich

GREETERS 11:00 AM - Jerry Tugwell, Wanda Tatum, Peter Brisley, Mary Lynn Brisley, Norma Connell, Kaye Rich

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PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"	#452 (UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
<i>Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.</i>		
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*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881 (UMH)
<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;</i>		
<i>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;</i>		
<i>the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;</i>		
<i>from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</i>		
<i>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>		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		*Universal Church #70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
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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	"Hope of the World"	Lloyd Larson
<i>Hope of the world, help to the helpless; a humble Servant, Savior, Friend; God's only Son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end. Amazing love! How great a Savior! Christ comes to set the captive free. A love beyond all comprehension, the grace of God for all to see. Amazing love for you and me. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by himself; O, nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, despised, rejected and alone. He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens. He had to bear them all alone. Jesus bore them all alone.</i>		
*Children leave for Children's Church		
SCRIPTURE	John 11:1, 3-5, 17, 20-27, 38-44 (See Insert)	
MESSAGE	"Where, Death, Is Your Victory?"	
SERIES:	No Shortcuts	Pastor J.F.
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	#454 (UMH)
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*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		*Congregation please stand if you are able.

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Memorials & Gifts

CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND
In Honor of Christian Homemaker's Class
By Sojourners Class

BUDGET FUND
In Honor of Mary Isley's Birthday
By Boyd & Linda Thomas

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...
CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, April 2nd
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
6:00 PM – MYF
MONDAY, April 3rd
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:30 PM – Volleyball
TUESDAY, April 4th
5:45 PM – Pilates
6:00 PM – Networx
7:00 PM – Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, April 5th
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/Sanctuary
THURSDAY, April 6th
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"
10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM – Open Gym
FRIDAY, April 7th



April

- 02** Mike Cartwright
Daniel Moorhouse
- 03** Marion Asbill
Keli Pugh
- 05** Audrey Harriman
Jerry Jeffers
Shea Grosch
Allison Walker
- 06** David Leonard
Fran Moorhouse
Sue Dunn
- 07** Dick Renigar
Carolyn Greene
Barbara Arnold
Reg Freemyer
Patrick Sullivan
Caleb Williams
- 08** Karen Primm
Meredith Priest
Emily Skoglund



ThankYou!!!!

Dear church family,
Thank you everyone who donated soap for the Worlds Apart One Heart Philippines medical mission. Because of your generosity, we are able to help 806 patients!
Love in Christ,
Jessica Atwell
American Heritage Girls Troop NC2014

To my church family,
We just wanted to thank you all for the prayers, texts, calls, visits, food and cards. We are truly grateful. My recovery has been much easier because of all of you! Thank you again.
God Bless! Derrick Atwell



Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study
When: Wednesday April 5th, 2017
Where: Family Life Center
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
Week of Hope Team
Taco Salad, Fixin's
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: _____