

Children & Family Ministries



We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School 2017 which will be July 24th-28th. With our curriculum "Maker Fun Factory", the children will learn that they were created by God and they are built for a purpose! You are God's masterpiece!!! I am recruiting volunteers and would be thrilled to add you to our team! Please let me know if you are willing to serve this year! Now is the time to register your child and his/her friends for VBS here at Central!

Go to vbspro.events/p/cumcasheboro.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Middle School and High School Classes are meeting in their new space now. We hope to see you Sunday morning!

WEEK OF HOPE TEAM MEETING: Our next mandatory prep & planning takes place this Monday, June 19th, at 6:00 pm! (BRING your packets & "24" pairs of socks!)

MYF (Summer Schedule): We will NOT meet this Sunday! Enjoy the Father's Day Celebration with family!

G*FORCE: Gentlemen! How about some Frisbee Golf?! Meet me at the church @ 5:00 PM. We'll head north of town to enjoy some frisbee FUN!! (I'll bring the liquids!) Text Fred @ 302-0624 if you can be there!

GIRL STUFF: Girls our next exciting time together take place this Thursday, June 22nd! Text Rebekah Sugg @ (336) 963-6941 for all the details...

KIDS AHOY EVENT! Our second exciting Kids Ahoy event takes place THIS Tuesday, June 20th! We're headed to the Reed Gold Mine for some cave exploring, and gold panning! Registration opens at 8:00 AM! (BRING your balance in cash, a bag lunch, tennis shoes, and wear last year's Kids Ahoy t-shirt or a "navy" colored tee.) We'll return that afternoon at 5:30 pm.

WEEK OF HOPE (Community Gift): Our team will be taking "socks" to the local homeless ministries in Charleston, SC this month If you'd like to partner with us by donating pairs of socks to this outreach. We will have a box in front of Jill's office for our "community gift collection" through Friday, June 23rd!



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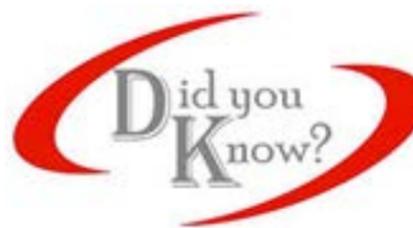
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Luke 3:11 says, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Our church funds several organizations that assist others in need. Two of these which help feed and clothe needy residents of Randolph County are

CUOC and Our Daily Bread. Thank you for being obedient to God's Word!



The Broadway Musical "Motown" is coming to the Durham Performing Arts Center on Thursday night, August 3rd. Holiday Tours will be hosting the trip. They will be leaving the church around 3:30pm, stopping for dinner (not included in cost) and the musical begins at 7:30pm. Cost for discounted tickets for the musical are \$53.15 and a bus trip fee of \$22.00. If you would like more information, please contact Sharon Morgan @ 336-953-9367.



The Three Musketeers are coming to Asheboro. In fact, they are already here! They have been rehearsing here in Central's FLC so if you see sword fighting... don't be alarmed! You can find out more information at www.rhinoleap.com The production will be on June 23, 24, 25 & 29, 30 & July 1 at the Asheboro High School Performing Arts Building with performances at 8:00pm with Sunday Matinee's at 2:00pm.

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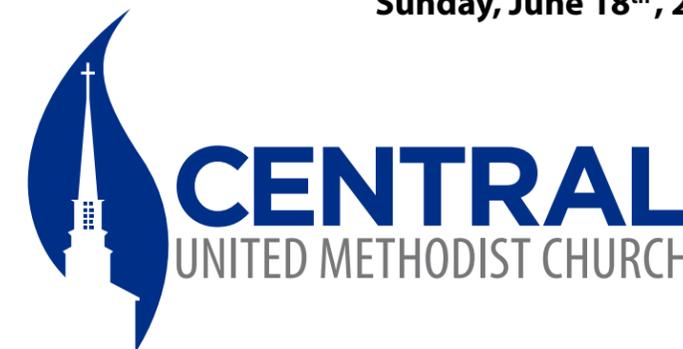
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Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.

We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

Knocking Down Strongholds

One of the more picturesque expressions in the Bible is the word "stronghold." When I think of the word "stronghold" a number of images come to mind. I see a well-secured fortress that can hold prisoners, or enslave the vanquished in battle. I imagine an impenetrable structure rendering no hope for escape.

Have you ever dealt with strongholds in your life? Have you ever struggled with things in your life that had such a strong hold on you that you felt as if you were in its grip and couldn't get free?

Strongholds can be material, physical places, like fortresses, castles, or prisons. But they can also be behaviors, attitudes, emotions, and beliefs. Fear and anxiety can be strongholds. Unbelief, and wrong belief, can be strongholds. Other things they can have a strong hold on people are alcohol and drugs, compulsive gambling, greed, eating disorders, sexual disorders, and emotional outbursts like anger, rage, and temper tantrums. When I think about it, literally anything that can have a strong hold on a person's life can be a "stronghold."

The apostle Paul writes about strongholds in his second letter to the church at Corinth. He writes these words: **"We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy faulty arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."** {2 Corinthians 10:4-5}

The good news is there is hope in the face of strongholds. Paul tells us that God gives us "mighty weapons to knock down the strongholds of life."

One of the mighty weapons we have to knock down the strongholds of life is Jesus Himself. Jesus is a powerful Savior!

Jesus said, **"Who is powerful enough to enter the house of the strongman and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger— someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house."** {Mark 3:27b}

Jesus declared he is stronger than the strongman!

Another of the mighty weapons we have is prayer. When God's people pray powerful things happen! In fact, Jesus said there are some strongholds that are only knocked down through prayer. Jesus' disciples ask him one time why they had not been successful in freeing a young boy from a stronghold in his life, and Jesus replied, **"This kind can be cast out only by prayer."** {Mark 9:29}

And still another mighty weapon God gives us to knock down strongholds is the strength to stand against them. In Ephesians chapter 6, the Bible says, **"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so that you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground..."** {Ephesians 6:13-14a}

I am encouraged and I encourage you in return, to refuse to give in to the strongholds that attempt to limit us, and hold us back from God's destiny. Put to use the mighty weapons God gives us to "knock down the strongholds" that are obstacles in the way of our knowing God and His good purposes for us.

Also, join us on Sundays this summer for more biblical insights on this subject with our series, "What's Your Problem?"

See you Sunday!

Pastor J.F.

