



I am in awe of God every time we come together and do something big like VBS! This week has been absolutely amazing! This church came together and gave of our time and resources to teach children about God! Isn't that exactly what our Mission Statement explains... 'make disciples and transform the world. We are about making connections. Connecting people to God and to each other'. I feel strongly that we did just that! Thank you for sharing your time, your resources and for praying over this event! We served the community of Asheboro in a way that I believe was pleasing to our Father in heaven!

**Kid's Ahoy**

This Tuesday, August 1st, we are headed to the Marbles Kid's Museum in Raleigh for an IMAX movie, picnic lunch and an afternoon of exploring the museum! Please be at the church by 8:00 am; pick up will be at 6:00 pm. Be sure to bring a bag lunch!

**YOUTH NEWS**

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Let's grow together! Join us for Sunday School & Worship this week!

**MYF (Summer Schedule):** How about some ping pong, foosball & more? We meet from 6:00 till 7:15 pm. Afterwards we'll grab a bite to eat if you can stick around for some added fellowship. Bring a little money to cover your meal!

**G\*FORCE:** Gentlemen! Text Fred @ (336) 302-0624 for plans with our next upcoming get-together...

**GIRL STUFF:** Girls text Rebekah Sugg @ (336) 963-6941 for details with the next get-together...

There are 7 Hearing Assistance Units available to those who would like use of one. Please see an usher to receive one, but please make sure to return them that same day as others may need them. Thank you!



The 8:45 and the 11:00 Services will be held in the Family Life Center until further notice. Thank you for your patience while they are working on the new heating & air system for the sanctuary.



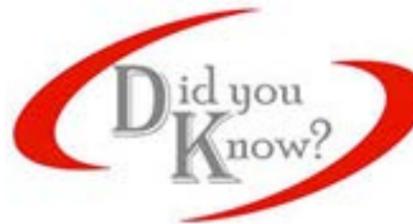
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Asheboro takes pride in its rich baseball tradition, particularly as it relates to the American Legion baseball program. Post 45, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro, has hosted and played in the Southeast Regional Tournament since 2013, playing against state champions from 7 other states at historic McCrary Park, one of the premiere community baseball venues in North Carolina, scheduled this year for August 2 through August 6. The success of the tournament, sponsored by the Asheboro Copperheads organization, has been attributed to the area churches who serve as hosts to the visiting teams. After participating the first year, members of the Good News Sunday School class realized the impact Central's participation could have on the lives of these young players. It is now hosting its fifth year as an outreach ministry of Central. Joined by the Agape/Builders Class, we will provide transportation, meals, laundering, etc., again to the Tennessee state team.

**Network for Hope Randolph Needs Your Help**

We will be starting our third NETworX class on August 15. We need your help in preparing a lite meal or providing childcare for our participants. We meet for a common meal at 6:00 PM each Tuesday through November 14. If you would be willing to provide a meal one night please call Judy Oliver at 336-953-4030 to schedule a date. If you can help with child care please call Wendy Kinlaw at 336-338-3310



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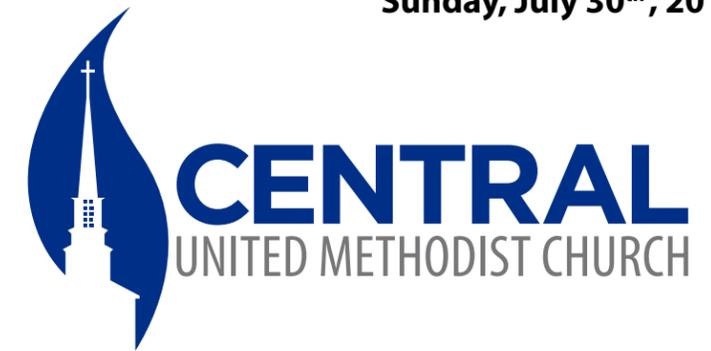
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Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.  
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

**The Difference Between Changes And Change**

In a counseling class years ago the teacher asked, "When is a liar not a liar?" Everyone in the class responded, "When the liar stops lying."

The teacher replied, "Incorrect."

Then the teacher asked, "When is a thief not a thief?" Less confident this time, we all responded, "When the thief stops stealing."

Again the teacher replied, "Incorrect."

At that point I was both glad and regretful that I had taken this class. The teacher went on to tell us that understanding this principle was basic to understanding Christianity in general, as well as counseling in particular. The teacher went on to say, "If a thief is not stealing, that is no indicator that he is no longer a thief. It merely means at the present moment the thief is not stealing. It may not be a good time to steal. There may be too many people around to witness. There may not be anything close by that is worth stealing at the moment. It may be that the thief has made a promise to give up stealing and walk the straight and narrow. But none of this answers the question, "When is a thief not a thief?"

The teacher taught our class a truth that has stuck with me: There is a profound difference between seeing changes occur, and seeing change occur.

Then the teacher told us the answer to the question, "What is a thief not a thief?" The teacher said, "When he is something else."

The rest of our class focused on understanding that Christianity is about life change. Theologically the goal of Christianity is known as "sanctification." It is the process of becoming more and more Christ-like. The teacher in counseling class taught us that sanctification is more than just to stop doing wrong things; it is also to start doing right things.

Jesus gives us insight into this life principle through a story he told:  
<sup>24</sup> **"When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, searching for rest. But when it finds none, it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.'**  
<sup>25</sup> **So it returns and finds that its former home is all swept and in order.**  
<sup>26</sup> **Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before."** {Luke 11:24-26}

I learned that the process of sanctification (or life change) is one of dehabitation and rehabilitation, or subtracting something negative and replacing it with something positive. It is what Jesus referred to in this story. The person removed something harmful in his life, but failed to replace it with something helpful. In the end, the void in the person's life was refilled with the negative from before, only this time it was even worse.

Transformation occurs not only when something bad stops, but when something good starts in its place.

Or as my teacher joked, "When is a door not a door?" You can figure out the answer by now can't you—"When it is ajar."

Pastor J.F.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday July 30 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Heather Cagle	
OPENING PRAYER	Heather Cagle	
WORSHIP SONGS	"All The People Said Amen" "Jesus Loves Me"	Praise Team
TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER	Fred Huffstetler	Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Philemon 6-7	Pastor J.F.
<p><sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.<sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.</p>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"Who Am I"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 4:17-24 (See insert)	
MESSAGE SERIES	Soar On Wings Like Eagles What's your Problem?	Pastor J.F.
COMMUNION		
CLOSING SONG	"He Knows My Name"	Praise Team
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

**USHERS 8:45 AM**  
Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn,  
Rick Flickinger

**GREETERS 8:45 AM -**  
Randy & Cynthia Allen

**USHERS 11:00 AM**  
**CHAIRMAN** – Michael Smith  
**Captain** – Charles Swiers,  
Alice Hammond, Mike King, Roland Cox, Dick Renigar, Jack Mitchell,  
Steve Morgan, Wayne Hartley

**GREETERS 11:00 AM -** Rachel Hargett, Gracie Allred, Betty Pugh,  
Bonnye York, Susan Swiers

**Travel To The Holy Land!** If you have ever wanted to visit Israel and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, here is your chance! Pastor J.F. and Kari are organizing a trip to Israel in 2018 (December 3-12). They want you to come and go with them. If you have never been to the Holy Land, it is an experience that you will not want to miss. If you have been, you know you want to go back! This is a trip that will be both life changing and faith deepening. Pastor J.F. is planning a brief information (in the Family Life Center Conference Room) meeting after each worship service on Sunday, July 30. Anyone who is interested is invited to stay after church for just a few minutes to find out more information.

CUMC Attendance	
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Contemporary Worship	103
Traditional Worship	146
Total Worship	249
Sunday School	124

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday July 30 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		VBS Music
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	To God Be the Glory	#98(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Heather Cagle
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Philemon 6-7	Pastor J.F.
<p><sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.<sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.</p>		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Fred Huffstetler
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		#895 (UMH)

*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.*

VBS PROGRAM	MAKER'S FUN FACTORY	Heather Cagle & Children
God made You!	WOW God!	
God is for You!	WOW God!	
God is always with You!	WOW God!	
God will always LOVE You!	WOW God!	
God made <u>You</u> for a reason!	WOW God!	

SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 4:17-24 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	Soar On Wings Like Eagles	Pastor J.F.
SERIES	What's Your Problem?	
COMMUNION		
HYMN OF RESPONSE	My Tribute	#99(UMH)
*CLOSING PRAYER		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		

*\*Congregation please stand if you are able.*

Last week's budget information was incorrect. It has been corrected and this week is looking great! Thank you for being a faithful and cheerful giver!!!



Congratulations to Michael & Laura King at the birth of their new daughter, Margaret Jane King born on Monday, July 17th, 2017. Proud Grandparents: Michael & Lisa King Steve & Melodie Andrews

## Memorials & Gifts

### BUILDING FUND

**In Memory of Annie C. Shaw**  
By Jerry & Wanda Bowman  
By Amy & Alan Pugh  
By Mary & George Vaughn

**In Memory of Ed Ellis**  
By Bill & Sarah Price  
By Jean Bennett  
By Alan & Cathy Cloninger  
By Rosemary & Tommy Bray

**In Memory of Ed & Neal Ellis**  
By Ronald & Doris Lucas

**In Memory of Mary Lou Priest**  
By Alan & Amy Pugh

**In Memory of Thelma Renigar**  
By Alan & Amy Pugh

### BUDGET FUND

**In Memory of Ed Ellis**  
By John & Emily Matkins  
By Stewart & Marlene Wooten  
By Roland & Carolyn Cox

**In Memory of Annie C. Shaw**  
By Roland & Carolyn Cox  
By Judy Freeman

### CHOIR FUND

**In Memory of Annie C. Shaw**  
By Marion & Ann Asbill



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

### CUMC Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship / FLC  
9:45 AM – Sunday School  
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship / FLC  
6:00 PM – MYF  
**MONDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**TUESDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"  
8:00 AM – Kids Ahoy / Marbles Museum  
6:00 PM – Pilates  
6:00 PM – NetWorx  
**WEDNESDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
10:00 AM – Morning Prayer Group  
**THURSDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"  
5:30 PM – Trustees Meeting  
**FRIDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM – Victory Junction Bed Making  
**SATURDAY, August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30AM – Men's Coffee Break @ THE TABLE

## July & August

- 30** Patty Sanders  
Gladys Branham  
Jason Hayes
- 01** Neva Fowler  
Bonnie Colburn  
Luke Durham
- 02** Brenda Sondecker  
Don Wilburn
- 03** Kaye Rich  
David Adams  
Dustin Rowland
- 04** Jay Hanson  
Wayne Thomas  
Vicky Turner
- 05** Sue Perryman  
Rebecca Cooper  
Zach Illig  
Jackson Davis

Happy "Belated" Birthday to one of our newest members, Donna Price. Her birthday was July 24.