

"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Dear friends,

Last Sunday, I watched as our little children eagerly run to the front of the sanctuary for children's time. You would have thought they were gathering to receive Christmas presents. Instead, they ran to serve the Lord and sing. They unashamedly sing His praises and in turn bless our hearts and enliven our worship experience. Certainly, Molly and the children's team have played a huge role in forming those young singers but so has their families. You blessed these families by welcoming them into your midst and making them a part of your family.

The Bible tells us, "Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the foreigners residing in your town so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of His law. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess" (Deut. 31:12-13)). God has such a heart for all the little ones, even those outside the church. We reach out to the children because we are commanded to do so. How will they know the Lord unless we tell them (Romans 10:12). God has granted us so many opportunities to share His story with the children in our neighborhood. Please pray as Vacation Bible School is coming up. It is a great occasion to love on our community. There is also the "Back to School Carnival" in August. Young families will flock to Center to receive school items for their children. WE can help with both events by bringing items and volunteering. Just like these little ones on Sunday, we should be excited to serve the Lord!

Finally, we celebrate our first year of our Christian Academy. What a blessing it was to hear these many families share their gratitude for our ministry to their children. This fall we have another opportunity to plant seeds of God's love with many other children. Already, we have 12 enrolled in preschool and 19 enrolled in the afterschool ministry. Praise the Lord! This is why we planted a school in this community. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" This is why we do it. To teach the children about Him. Pray that we will be a lifesaving station for the Lord! What a joy to see the kids run into our sanctuary during our school time. They are excited to hear and meet Jesus. Thank you for being the place that's eager to tell about Jesus.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mitch

Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting June 9, 2024

The Board met with 11 members present and one guest. Chairman Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order and Mike Craver opened the meeting with a devotional that he dedicated to the memory of Willie Everhart. The devotion spoke of growth and harvest.

Mike Craver gave the May financial report. The minutes and financial report were approved by consensus vote. The nominations committee presented Randy Black as an At large member to the board in the place of Nathan Thanos who held two spots on the board. Randy was approved by consensus vote.

Brian Weavil will take Willie Everhart's place on the trustees and Emily Weavil has graciously agreed to take care of the paraments that Willie was also doing.

Thanks was given to Kay Hedrick for all of the work in checking and stocking disposable supplies. We are checking into a service that would replenish and order disposables for us.

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Children's Committee: Tina Fulcher reported they fed the homeless. We hosted a graduation ceremony for Welcome fifth graders 6/7. We also hosted a fifth grade party that evening with about 60 students attending. Great outreach.

Staff Parrish: Nathan Thanos reported that Kaitlyn Berrier is in her new official role as of this month. The committee is exploring the need for an assistant pastor. This would be a part time position. We are also looking into a church coordinator. The committee is currently working on job descriptions. Kaitlyn Berrier will work with hiring of qualified preschool employees.

Trustees: John Snyder reported trees around the parsonage have been cut and trimmed...

We will have Maurice's Heating and Air doing all of our maintenance servicing. He presented the quote for new nice fencing around the playground. The quote from Piedmont Fencing that included several gates was \$18,000. Playground equipment will need to be updated or changed prior to any new fence. Kim Beck will put a sink in the Youth room. The trustees made a motion that the church install a new security system. This system would have door contacts on all exterior doors, five keypads and four motion sensors. The cost is \$12,855. Nathan Thanos made the motion to second it. Motion carried.

Worship committee: Reid Snyder reported the Women's Ministry has Father's Day covered. July 7th will be communion. Her committee's next meeting is 8/5. There will be a blessing of the backpacks.

Youth: Heather Noel reported the graduation banquet was a success with four graduating members. Next Saturday our youth will be leaving on their mission trip to Black Mountain. There are 22 youth and 6 chaperones attending.

There is an updated Facilitator List. Because of insurance requirements, everyone must have been and current on their Safe Sanctuary. Kay Hedrick presented a list of updates for the Good Samaritan/Friendship Classroom. Her committee got quotes to: smooth the walls, replace the flooring (in class and small bathroom), blinds for windows, a split unit to heat and cool, chairs, and bathroom update. The estimate is \$21,057. Rocky Hedrick made the motion we accept it and Nathan Thanos second it. Motion carried.

Nathan Thanos showed a great example of what a new online directory can do. Being short on time it was tabled until next meeting.

Kaitlyn Berrier will also work with the staff of the AHG. She will be their direct tie to our church.

The next Board meeting will be July 14th at 3:00. Note the time change.

With no further business, Jeff Mendenhall adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson

Terri Bates, Recording Secretary

Women's Ministry

June 11, 2024

Members present: Heather Noel, Angie Leonard, Lisa Bates, Marlene Wood, Tanya Tennant, Pat Simmons, Marsha Black, Marcia Craver, Laura Simmonds, Kim Craver, Debbie Williams, Molly Long, Linda Leonard, Deena Tolley, Lucinda Black, Wendy Talley, Reid Snyder, Stacie Michael, Patti Miller, Kay Hedrick, Elizabeth Baker, Deanie Creech, Katherine Hargitt, Guest: Rocky Hedrick
Lisa Bates opened the meeting in prayer. She wished all the ladies with a June birthday-Happy Birthday!

Marsha Black read a devotional called "Friends and Fellowship". Are you an active member of your ministry? The fellowship of believers is intended to show God's word to His people. It is very important that you fellowship with others.

Rocky Hedrick was the guest speaker for the program. He is an employee of the Pastor's Pantry in Lexington. Rocky answered questions and explained in detail the ins and outs of the organization. He also mentioned where to find a list of items that are needed. The list is located at the front entrance of the building if anyone is interested in donating to this amazing organization.

Angie Leonard read a thank you note from North Davidson Middle School.

Tanya Tennant passed out notes of encouragement for the 22 youth members attending the mission trip this week. She asked each lady to leave a special message.

Last month's minutes were approved as read and can be filed.

Heather Noel gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$8,777.84. The available balance is \$6,077.84.

Old Business:

Thank you to those who donated towels to the Genesis House in Lexington. Patti Miller will deliver those items.

Father's Day is coming up this weekend and we are donating cookies and Red's Donuts to each Dad. We will need volunteers at all... three services to help hand those out.

Mark your calendar for October 19th for the Women's Banquet. More information will be coming soon.

Don't forget to sign up to help with the Sunshine visits and help pulling weeds for those ladies in need of yard work. Please reach out to Lisa Bates for sign up information.

New Business:

Molly Long made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Welcome Elementary's Clothing Closet for the month of August. This will be the community missions for that month. Marcia Craver seconded it. The motion carried.

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VBS is July 14th- July 18th. Heather Noel made a motion to donate one night's meal. It will consist of chicken nuggets, chips and a fruit. Patti Miller seconded it. The motion carried. Lisa Bates will reach out via email soon about which day we will need to volunteer to cook and serve.

Please save your drink trays from restaurants. We will need these to put broth cups in for the upcoming chicken pie sale in September.

Linda Leonard made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Pastor's Pantry in Lexington. Heather Noel seconded it. The motion carried.

Molly Long made a motion to donate up to \$500.00 for ground cover for Kathy Kepley and Martha Varner's homes. Kay Hedrick seconded it. The motion carried.

We will not meet in the month of July.

Reminders for August 13th:

Thinking of you cards: Deana Tiller

Devotional: Lisa Bates

Program: Reida Snyder

Community Outreach: Welcome Elementary Clothing Closet (see above notes)

Lisa Bates ended the meeting with praises and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Bates, President

Angie Leonard, Secretary

Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on

Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 PM

A Hotdog Meal will be sold for \$6 starting at 6:00pm

The Offering this month will be given to:

Greater Things Outreach Center

Thank You

Dear Center Church Family,

It was so nice of you

to remember me

in such a thoughtful way.

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits &

most especially your prayers

in this time of loss.

Debra Berrier & Family

Thank You

The family of

Willie Everhart

acknowledges with grateful

appreciation your kind expression

of sympathy.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all

your prayers, calls, food & love.

We miss Willie more than

we can express but will always

be grateful for our precious family

of Center Church.

Please continue praying for us

during this most difficult time of

our lives.

In Christ, Kathy & family

CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR JULY, 2024

JULY 7 – Lilly Leonard

JULY 14 – Patti Miller

JULY 21 – Jennifer Brinkley

JULY 28 – Tina Fulcher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROTATION FOR JULY, 2024

JULY 7 – Tina Fulcher

JULY 14 – Karri Hollingsworth

JULY 21 – Angie Leonard

JULY 28 – Warren Miller

ACOLYTE

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| JULY 7 | Katlyn Leonard |
| JULY 14 | Ervin Hobbs |
| JULY 21 | Cora Kurtzman |
| JULY 28 | Ryder Tidwell |

BIBLE BEARER

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| Adelae Berrier |
| Leland Hobbs |
| Ella Kurtzman |
| River Tidwell |

GREETERS FOR JULY, 2024

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| JULY 7 | Mark and Barbara Cross; Butch Wood |
| JULY 14 | Pete and Rita Jones; Ashley Johnson, Autumn and Isabelle |
| JULY 21 | Michael Griffin; Larry Bailey, Hannah Bailey |
| JULY 28 | Robert and Lisa Bates; Donald and Kathy Hamilton |

Mission Offering

First Sunday: Community Mission offering. Contact: Aaron Whitfield

Second Sunday: Blessing Box ... nonperishable food items. Contacts: Members of the Goodwill Sunday School Class **

Third Sunday: Pastor's Pantry ... nonperishable food items or spare change offering. Contact: Rocky Hedrick

Fourth Sunday: Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center. Contact: Gray Boger

Fifth Sunday: Blessing Box .nonperishable food items. Contacts: Members of the Goodwill Sunday School Class. **

**All food items must be brought to the altars (Centered Service & Traditional Service) in a grocery bag for easy pickup by the contacts.

VBS 2024!

July 14 - 18

5:30 - 8:15 PM

Pre-K through 7th graders will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! Meal begins each evening at 5pm!

Pre-register students and volunteers on the church website under events. Volunteers must have been Safe Sanctuary trained in 2024.

Contact Tina Fulcher for more info 336.250.9713

MEMORIALS/HONOR Through June 23, 2024

June 2, 2024

***In Memory of Willie Everhart
Budget Fund***

Bud and Jean Sink
Dyke and Cindy Leonard
Mike and Donna Leonard
Kay Wagner
Deron and Bethany Burgess
Rod and Bonnie Loflin
Gray and Barbara Boger
Van and Rita Wood
Wayne and Reida Snyder
Dawn Essick
Pete and Rita Jones

June 9, 2024

***In Memory of Willie Everhart
Budget Fund***

Charles and Sherry Dowell
Richard and Terri Bates

***In Memory of Willie Everhart
Mission Fund***

Ed and Becky Wassum

June 16, 2024

***In Memory of Willie Everhart
Center Christian Academy Fund***
Donese Leonard

June 23, 2024

***In Honor of Clifton Beck
Center Christian Academy Fund***
Butch and Marlene Wood

June 23, 2024

***In Memory of Willie Everhart
Budget Fund***

Randy and Lucinda Black
David and Renee Little

***In Memory of Willie Everhart
Community Mission Fund***

Steve and Brenda Troutman

***In Memory of Steve Ketner
Budget Fund***

Dave and Barbara Kesler

WELCOME TO CENTER OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Trever and Katherine Hargitt, Deklan, CJ Kelehar, Jarrett, Saubana, and Conor
788 Pickett Road, Lexington, NC 27295**

**Jared and Courtney Robbins, Lindley, Talon, and Everly
199 Drake Lane, Lexington, NC 27295**

TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

(Any updates should be sent to the church office with a brief explanation and will be shared in our monthly newsletter)

Stephanie Androfski (Ansela Taylor Request) – Multiple heart issues
Dawn Barker – Prayers for stability of her eye after recent surgery and that no more surgery will be required, healing of fractured ribs
Scottie Barlow (Scottie Anderson's Father) – Pray for maintenance of normal sodium level and sticking to the advised plan of care.
Karen Bentley – Recovering from outpatient surgery recently
Ruby Combs – Having physical therapy for recent right shoulder injury
Kim Dorton – Having peritoneal dialysis
Diane Henderson – Receiving injections for persistent leg pain and unspoken prayer request
B.J. Honeycutt – Having difficulty with painful ambulation, physical relief and healing
Brad Hutchins – Heart issues
Margaret Jackson – Recovering at home from recent hip replacement surgery
J. C. Johnson – Having cardiac rhythm disturbances, and low energy, discussing cardiac ablation with his cardiologist
Joy Jones – Homesick for her church family
Aaron Kepley – Recovering from a serious bike accident with significant left leg injury
Sherry Lanier – Battling COPD
Jim Middleton – Blood pressure issues
Bonnie Minter (Hadley Maloy) - For God to heal and give her long days & for memory issues
John Muraco (Donna's Husband) – Recovering from knee replacement surgery
Gayle Nifong – Recovering from knee pain
Rubin Noel – Recovering from recent hip surgery suffered in a fall, prayers for rapid healing
Frances Phillips – Prayers for continued healing
Bruce Phillips – Long term eye condition requiring ongoing treatments
Mattie Phillips – Prayer for pain relief & prudent treatment for arthritis
Charles Richardson – Home recovering from successful brain surgery, continued success with prosthesis
Sheila Robbins – Recovering from heart surgery recently and stroke and having a difficult recovery
Craig Shillinglaw – Praise for a cancer free result on the surveillance CT on 5/15/2024
Pat Simmons – Prayers for a good recovery from her auto immune disorder and comfort
Bud Sink – Experiencing some improvement with back pain and is receiving injections
Jean Sink – Prayers for healing and increased strength
Martha Slabach – Metastatic cancer, receiving oral chemo, pray for improvement from treatments and for comfort and support
Margaret Story – Recovering from recent surgery and that healing will be quick and uncomplicated
Carroll Tysinger – Recovering at home from recent hospital stay due to heart issues
Martha Varner – At rehab facility working to regain her strength in anticipation of going home
Scott Wagner - Cancer
Charlie Ward – 3 year old fighting cancer for the fourth time
Ed Wassum – Wearing a heart monitor for a couple of weeks to evaluate his rhythm
Marlene Wood – Doing much better
Teeny York (Rick Griffin's Co-Worker's Wife) - Diagnosed with Stage 3 ovarian cancer

Military: Aaron Lineberry - Fort Bliss, Texas
Dylan Coleman - Germany
Blake King (Rebecca Sadler King's Husband) - US Army in Georgia

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER CONTACTS:

Barbara Cross 440-567-6570

Scottie Anderson 336-705-8791

Call or text 24/7 for any prayer or visitation needs, including hospital procedures, surgeries, emergencies and admissions.

Please call us particularly on Fridays when the Pastor has his much appreciated day of rest.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!

Maloy Ministry Moments

May 2024



"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in Spirit." Psalm 34:18

Sara* qualifies as one "brokenhearted"—a newer resident of this ME country, her life, like the many refugees in the area, has been one marked by famine, war, and other hardships beyond her control. Then death touched her family when her husband was killed in one of these regional conflicts, and she was fearful that her sons would suffer the same fate. Sara also has a common condition that brought her through our door—a vision impairment. Without the resources to correct this problem, people in some of the toughest places on earth are further limited in their ability to study and work to provide and care for their families. A pair of quality eyeglasses, given in the name of Jesus, can address all sorts of "blindness." So in the middle of a small church, in the heart of a poor neighborhood, in a region swelling with refugees, church pews were pushed back to allow the team of Americans and national staff to run a vision clinic (one of our most requested forms of humanitarian aid). What a fitting location to bring healing and hope!

Presumably, Sara came because she needed a pair of eyeglasses. But Rob, a volunteer trained to address both her physical needs and her spiritual needs, asked how he could pray for her. Tears welled up in her eyes as she shared her story and her fears. Rob & his interpreter were able to momentarily minister to her heart, but also to connect her to the local Cru team who can help meet her ongoing needs. Sara was invited back to the church to attend a showing of the Jesus Film Project's *Magdalena*—a film that portrays Jesus' tender regard for women.

Please pray for Sara (and Shiraz*, photo) to respond to Jesus in faith, and for the people like them who will be ministered to in another Unto vision clinic currently taking place in Central Asia. *names changed for security purposes.



Photos:

Our colleague, John, shares the Gospel with Shiraz, who recently had a dream about Jesus! Team members conclude an eyeglass fitting appointment with prayer for a woman of the majority religion.

Middle East Vision Clinic by the Numbers:

The mission team volunteers served 700 people, and our in-country partners shared the Gospel with almost 600 of those! Four people made a decision to ask Jesus to be their Lord & Savior! All of the attendees know that local Christians (and therefore, Jesus) care about them and their needs!



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PRE-K THROUGH 7TH
GRADERS
MEAL BEGINS EACH
EVENING AT 5PM!

JESUS LOVES

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Rise and Shine Service (Parking Lot) 8:30 AM
Drive In Service; tune your radio to 93.5 FM
Centered Service (Christian Fellowship Center) 9:00 AM
Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM
Traditional Center Service (Sanctuary) 11:10 AM

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