

"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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God's Work

There is something wonderful about a baby. People are just drawn to the little creatures. Recently Clay and Kaitlyn brought their newest addition to the youth meeting and the teenagers were mesmerized by the newest member of the gang. You would have thought they had never seen a baby!

In many ways we are like that newborn. Still on our way being formed and developed by the Heavenly Father. Maybe we should take time to marvel at the work of God in others and ourselves! Paul wrote to the Philippians, "He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion" (Phil. 1:6). His work is steady but true. God has begun a work in you long before you realized it. God spoke through Jeremiah and assured him, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:4). Did you catch that word? God knew Jeremiah before he was born!

God also knew you. Before your mother and father knew each other. God knew you. Don't forget he had a purpose for you as well. A call upon your life. Don't get discouraged today, dear friend. God is doing a work in your life. He will finish the job. Are you open to His leadership and are you surrendering to Him. Are you available?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mitch

Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting May 13, 2024

The board met with 14 members present and 2 guests.

Gray Boger called the meeting to order. Karri Hollingsworth opened with devotions from Max Lucado, Grace for the Moment (worry). Gray then had a prayer.

Michelle Myers, representing the ND Lions club, said they are doing their reverse raffle fund raiser at our Christian Fellowship Center on October 9th. She requested that the \$100 fee be waived. Karri Hollingsworth made the motion it be waived and Reida Snyder seconded it, after much discussion a vote was taken and it did not carry. Next month we will discuss guidelines for fee waivers.

Tad Leonard expressed surveillance issues and the difficulty to view on the ipad. Pastor Mitch stated he has found doors unlocked many times and lights on. The trustees will work on these issues and look into wireless alarm systems.

Mike Craver gave the financial report. Minutes and financial report were approved by consensus vote. Pastor Mitch suggested we unsubscribe to the Upper Room due to Methodist Doctrine.

Committee Reports:

Worship committee: Reida Snyder said they had good suggestions from the Plugged In workshop, such as decreasing the announcement time and limiting the children's time to 5

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minutes. Pentecost Sunday is May 19th. We encourage people to wear red. May 26th will be a combined service at 9:30 with Sunday school at 10:30 AM. June 2nd is graduation Sunday and the Youth are doing a banquet for graduates. June 9th is promotion Sunday. June 16th is Father's Day.

Karri Hollingsworth reported she needs approval for high school shepherds for the younger children ages K-2. Approval granted.

Children's Ministry chair Tina Fulcher reported they are feeding the homeless this Saturday. There are seven rising third graders receiving Bibles on promotion Sunday.

Trustee's chair, John Snyder reported Kim Beck is working on a quote for a sink in the youth room. He will have Rodney Hill check into a security system. Piedmont Fencing is doing a quote for new fence around the playground area. The church needs to do a fire drill and John is checking into what is required and when it should be done.

Youth: Heather Noel reported Kaitlyn Berrier is doing well and while she is on maternity leave, various people are lined up to help with Youth programs. The youth will be hosting the graduation banquet. Mission trip to Ridge Crest is June 15-19, Twenty youth are signed up to attend. Surge is at Oak Island August 9-11.

Old Business:

Memorial Day service May 26th will be one service beginning at 9:30 AM. This is an outdoor service so please bring a chair. Sunday School is at 10:30 AM.

June 9th will be "Breakfast with Mitch". This day there will be no Sunday School. That time will be a social and information hour for both services.

Speakers this day will include:

1. Tina Fulcher/VBS
2. Nathan Thanos Next/Gen
3. Kaitlyn Berrier/school 4.

Pastor Mitch/state of the church

Greg Stabler reported on the sewer system and future plans. We will need to request additional capacity. He needs to talk with Robert Bates (chair of long range). They will decide our need and what direction to go.

New Business:

Nathan Thanos reported what he has learned about online directories. There are many uses such as online giving, events, groups, ability to check children in and out, etc. He has been looking at these three:

1. Faith Team
2. Church meetings
3. Church Trac.

The cost is \$50-\$80 monthly. The biggest issue would be with the management of a system.

Jeff Mendenhall brought the issue of CFC Facilitator List. The lists vary with names and the names on the list are not current. For insurance purposes the only people eligible for the list, are those that took the last class in January of this year. The trustees are responsible for the list. John Snyder will contact Gary Brinkley for the list of attendees to the last class and he will send an updated list to church secretary and post one. The facilitator used must come from this list.

Mitch Wilson said he and Scottie Anderson are looking at joining an Independent Methodist Group for churches.

For security reasons, Donald Hamilton made the motion we hire an off duty officer for Welcome School's Fifth Grade program in our CFC on June 7th. Karri Hollingsworth seconded it and motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be June 9th. Mike Craver will have the devotional.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson
Terri Bates, Recording Secretary

Women's Ministry

May 14, 2024

Members Present: Deena Tolley, Reida Snyder, Pat Simmons, Linda Leonard, Sydney May, Marsha Black, Marcia Craver, Tanya Tennant, Rena Meredith, Lucinda Black, Rhonda Michael, Kim Craver, Heather Noel, Deana Tiller, Patti Miller, Rachael Owen, Debbie Williams, Terri Bates, Stacie Michael, Angie Leonard, Kay Hedrick, Elizabeth Baker, Karen Bentley, Tamara Lineberry

Reida Snyder opened the meeting with prayer. She wished the ladies with a May birthday- Happy Birthday!

Patti Miller had a devotional about forgiveness. She read from Isaiah 55:6-7. God's forgiveness comes in abundant amounts. God will forgive us, so we should do the same.

Sydney May had the program called "I've learned..." You can tell a lot about someone by the way they untangle Christmas lights. She talked about being a good friend, and the qualities of a best friend. We turn to our best friend when our spirits need to be lifted. A best friend needs to be earned. Sydney ended the program with this question: "What type of people do you surround yourself with?" Are you a friend or a best friend??

Angie Leonard read a thank you note from Unto ministry.

Last month's minutes were approved and can be filled for audit.

Heather Noel gave the treasurers report. The balance is \$8,807.22. The available balance is \$5,959.22.

Heather asked to move the remaining balance of \$548.00 from the Christmas fund to the general fund. Debbie Williams made a motion and Marcia Craver seconded it. The motion carried.

The donuts for teacher appreciation week at the local public schools were a huge hit!!

Thank you from those who received the college and military gift cards. They were very much appreciated!

The Sunshine Visits are a blessing!

Please contact Lisa Bates if you would like to take part in this uplifting ministry.

New Business:

Father's Day is coming up on June 16th. There was a discussion on what we would like to donate as a brunch item for our Fathers. Kay Hedrick made a motion to donate red donuts and cookies for all three services for Father's Day. Patti Miller seconded it. The motion carried.

Upcoming Dates:

Graduation Sunday: June 2nd

Next Meeting: June 11th

Devotional: Marsha Black

Program: Kay Hedrick

Thinking of you cards: Lucinda Black

Community Missions: Towels and wash cloths for the family homeless shelter in Lexington

Save the date: October 19th, Women's Banquet

Respectfully Submitted,

Reida Snyder, Vice-President

Angie Leonard, Secretary

GOLF TOURNAMENT

There is a Joe L. Spagnardi Memorial Golf Tournament on June 1, 2024, located at the Revival Golf Course at The Crescent in Salisbury, NC. Joe was our "Easter Bunny" and played the puppet characters for vacation Bible school for several years. www.teatimewithjoe.com - For further details and to sign up for the tournament. Tuesday, May 28, is the last day to register.

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

Mark the date! The first quarterly "Breakfast with Mitch" will be held Sunday, June 9, at 10 AM in the Christian Fellowship Center. Brothers in Christ Men's Ministry will host the church breakfast and social. Sunday School will not be held that day as church leaders and Rev. Wilson will deliver short reports on the state of the church during the breakfast social. All worship services will be held.



FABULOUS FRACTURES QUILT CLASS

Join fellow quilters on June 22, at 9am - 4pm. There is no set cost for the class but if anyone would like to make a donation to the church school, it would be appreciated. No lunch plans, so bring your own or you can have something delivered. Please let Winnie McCrary know if you are interested and to receive a supply list. Space will be limited to 12. 336-403-8407 or heritagequilter@yahoo.com



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

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

Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 PM

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

The Offering this month will be given to:

Hospice of Davidson County

Thank You

Center Church,

Thank you for the snacks and your kindness during a dark time for our school.

Your love and concern does not go unnoticed. Thank you again and God bless!

Welcome School

CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR JUNE, 2024

JUNE 2 – Tina Fulcher

JUNE 9 – Angie Leonard

JUNE 16 –Warren Miller

JUNE 23 –Molly Long

JUNE 30 –Dawn Essick

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROTATION FOR JUNE, 2024

JUNE 2 – Tina Fulcher

JUNE 9 – Karri Hollingsworth

JUNE 16 –Angie Leonard

JUNE 23 – Warren Miller

JUNE 30 –Emily McMahan

	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>BIBLE BEARER</u>
JUNE 2	<i>Ann-Marie Kurtzman</i>	<i>Ella Kurtzman</i>
JUNE 9	<i>Addie McMahan</i>	<i>Marley McMahan</i>
JUNE 16	<i>Sam Thanos</i>	<i>Michael Thanos</i>
JUNE 23	<i>Joseph Brown</i>	<i>Jacob Brown</i>
JUNE 30	<i>Parker Brinkley</i>	<i>Grady Brinkley</i>

GREETERS FOR JUNE, 2024

JUNE 2	<i>Richard and Terri Bates; Donald and Kathy Hamilton</i>
JUNE 9	<i>Smiley and Karen Tysinger; Tad Leonard and Holly Bowman</i>
JUNE 16	<i>Vann and Rita Wood; Rusty and Wendy Grubb</i>
JUNE 23	<i>Gregg and Glenda Stabler; Gary and Christine Brinkley</i>
JUNE 30	<i>Gray and Barbara Boger; Tim and Debbie Williams</i>

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.

MEMORIALS/HONOR Through May 19, 2024

April 21, 2024

***In Memory of Lois Weaver
Budget Fund***

Buddy and Peggy Leonard
Charlie and Linda Nifong
Ron and Pam Sink

***In Memory of Lois Weaver
CCA Fund***

Donese Leonard
Ms. Connie Stilley
Rod and Bonnie Loflin

April 28, 2024

***In Memory of Scott Leonard
Community Missions Fund***

Molly Long

***In Memory of Lois Weaver
Community Mission Fund***

Molly Long

***In Memory of Rev. Clay Morgan
Community Missions Fund***

Molly Long

***In Memory of Lois Weaver
Budget Fund***

Mrs. Jo Hege & Brenda Hege Fulton

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May 5, 2024

In Memory of Lois Weaver

Budget Fund

Laverne Leonard
Van and Rita Wood

In Memory of Rev. Clay Morgan

Music Fund

Rod and Bonnie Loflin

May 12, 2024

In Memory of Rev. Clay Morgan

Center Christian Academy Fund

Donese Leonard

In Memory of Rev. Clay Morgan

Budget Fund

Barbara and Dave Kesler

In Memory of Lois Weaver

Budget Fund

Van and Rita Wood
Dawn Essick

In Memory of Jean Leonard and Nancy Rierson

Center Christian Academy Fund

Mike and Donna Leonard

In Memory of Roger Berrier

Center Christian Academy Fund

Wayne and Reida Snyder

In Honor of Tina Fulcher

Children's Ministry Fund

Katherine Duncan

In Honor of All Mothers

Center Christian Academy Fund

Donese Leonard

May 19, 2024

In Memory of Rev. Clay Morgan

Pickin' & Grinnin' Fund

Karen Koontz

In Memory of Roger Berrier

Center Christian Academy Fund

Randall and Myra Lanier

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Center's Youth Pastor and her husband, Clay and Kaitlyn Berrier, are the proud parents of a son, John Bayne Berrier, born Tuesday, May 7, weighing 8 lbs, and 14 ounces, and he was 21 inches long, His big sister is Adela.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

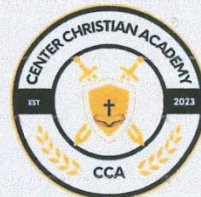
On Thursday, May 17, Center Church was 130 years old. A birthday celebration will be held during Homecoming in September. A free community Christian concert will be held by The Mylon Hayes Family on Saturday September 28 honoring the church's birthday.

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
Karen Bentley – Recovering from outpatient surgery recently
Elwood Blackmon – Best outcome possible regarding recent cardiac catheterization
Gena Chisholm – Had very recent episode of shortness of breath with back pain, prayers for strength
Tommy Chisholm – Cast removed from ankle, has a walking boot & using a walker to move around
Ruby Combs – Having physical therapy for recent right shoulder injury
Sylvia Craver – Brain bleed and placement of shunt and will be at the Sticht Center for rehab
Kim Dorton – Having peritoneal dialysis
Willie Everhart – Under the care of hospice
Diane Henderson – Receiving injections for persistent leg pain and unspoken prayer request
B.J. Honeycutt – Having difficulty with painful ambulation
Brad Hutchins – Heart issues
Margaret Jackson – Recovering at home from recent hip replacement surgery
J. C. Johnson – Wearing a heart monitor. Doctor altered his medication dosing & his rhythm corrected
Joy Jones – Homesick for her church family
Aaron Kepley – Recovering from a serious bike accident with significant left leg injury
Sherry Lanier – Battling COPD
Mary Jane Leonard – To begin IV iron infusions for low hemoglobin levels in her blood
Doug Meredith – Successful heart procedure
Jim Middleton – Blood pressure issues
Bonnie Minter (Hadley Maloy) - For God to heal and give her long days & that she remembers
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
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 and is pain free
Sheila Robbins – Recovering from heart surgery last week
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
Bud Sink – Experiencing some improvement with back pain and is receiving injections
Jean Sink – Recovering from recent right collarbone surgery from a recent fall
Larry Smith – Inner ear problem
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
Karen Scott Stump – Recovering from successful hip replacement surgery
Martha Varner – Scheduled for surgery on June 10th
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 – Having issues with a low blood count & extreme fatigue
Vann Wood – Decision made to delay cardiac monitoring
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



**CENTER
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**



MERCY FALLS
PRESHOW



**JOSIAH
QUEEN**



**CONSUMED
BY FIRE**



**RHETT
WALKER**

CHRISTIAN CONCERT

24 | August 2024
5 PM - 10 PM

RCR Event Center
425 Industrial Dr, Welcome, NC 27295

Info Detail: <https://shorturl.at/eqMX5>

All proceeds go to Center Christian Academy

Food Trucks 1:00-6:00

Doors open at 5:00

Preshow with Mercy Falls 5:30-6:00

Main event 6:00-10:00

Guest Speaker during Main Event





Karatsu Castle

*Center Church of Welcome,
We just wanted to take the time to write
and say thank you. Thank you not only
for your constant and consistent support
of our missions, but also for your recent
increase of your giving. We know times
have been hard for everyone lately, and it
just means so much to us that you still
continue to be faithful in your gifts in spite
of these challenges. We appreciate you all
so much, and are praying for the church.*

*May the Lord Bless all of you abundantly,
Dustin, Faith, and Michael Cody Minter*

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 26,
AT 9:30 AM
IN THE PARKING LOT
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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
CENTER
PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN
CHAIRS**

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

WORSHIP WILL BE STREAMED EACH WEEK!
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