"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

Center Church of Welcome

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"Get Plugged In"

Have you ever been working on a project and felt like you needed one more person to help you finish the job? Just one more hand would make a difference. The apostle Paul wrote concerning spiritual gifts, "Now to each one the manifestation of the spirit is given for the common good" (I Cor. 12; 7). The various gifts we have are given to benefit others in the life of the church. But what happens if we don't share our gifts? Well, the truth is we weaken this 'body of Christ" called Center Church.

As we serve and explore our gifts by working; we are really connecting to others and inspiring them. We are plugging into their life. We may be writing a note, dropping by for a visit, teaching a small group or planning an event. Regardless, we are connecting ourselves to others. By our presence we are strengthening our brothers or sisters. Paul said when one member suffers, we all suffer and if one is honored, we are all honored (I Cor. 12:26). Sometimes we just need a little helping hand! No, forgive me, we always need help. By the way, when we don't allow others to help, we keep from being a blessing. Even worse we hinder their walk with God. When we don't participate in the life of the church, we are weakening the church. What if your arm suddenly said I don't want to be a part of your body? What if your foot said it didn't want to be a part? You would be severely limited. All of us are important.

For several weeks, our preaching and Sunday School has centered on our spiritual gifts. March 9th we are hosting an event called "GET PLUGGED IN"! It will begin at 11am and end at 2pm. There will be classes for all ages. We want to show our children and youth that Center has a place for them. From the young or old; newcomers or part of the fixtures you have MORE to offer! Come, be a part. Lunch will be provided. This is going to be a great year for Center. Hope to see you at Worship and Sunday school Sunday!

Grace and peace, Pastor Mitch

Date: February 11, 2024

Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting

Center Church Administrative Board met February 11 with 13 board members and 12 committee chairpersons present.

The meeting began with Tina Fulcher's devotion from Ephesians 2:10 speaking of Team Work. Chairperson Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order.

Marlene Wood gave the financial report. Minutes from the last meeting and financial report were approved by concession vote.

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Old Business:

Committee chairpersons checked to make sure their committees were listed correctly.

Thank you to Ashley Johnson for updating the Hospitality groups.

Sunday Missions update: After discussion, Nathan Thanos make the motion as follows, J.C. Johnson second it and motion carried.

First Sunday: Community Missions-contact: Aaron Whitfield

Second Sunday: Blessing Box with non perishable food items-contact: Members of Goodwill Sunday School Class.

Third Sunday: Pastor's Pantry with non perishable food items or spare change offering-contact: Rocky Hedrick

Fourth Sunday: Greater Things Outreach with breakfast cereals-contact: Gray Boger

Fifth Sunday: To be announced

**All food items must be brought to the altars (Centered Service and Traditional) in a grocery bag for easy pickups by the appropriate contact.

New Business:

Wendy Talley requested the use of the CFC on April 5th for NDHS Battle of the Bands Fundraiser. They will be preparing a spaghetti dinner. Karri Hollingsworth made the motion to accept and Heather Noel second I. Motion carried.

Evangelism Committee reported the Spiritual Gifts Workshop, Plugged In, will be March 9th from 9:00-2:00. There will be a catered meal by Shanna Tuttle to include fried chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese and a dessert.

Our church will celebrate their 130th birthday this year.

Kaitlyn Berrier reported the Youth will take part in the Cross Walk from Oak Forrest to Midway Church. The Youth are also exploring an adopt a parent luncheon for April 14th.

The board and committee chairpersons went over the church calendar month by month for the upcoming year. Changes were submitted to church secretary, Joyce Rector.

Pastor Mitch Wilson reported he is doing a New Member Class for those interested in learning about our church.

Heather Noel volunteered for the March devotional.

With no further business, Chairperson Jeff Mendenhall adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Mendenhall Chairperson Terri Bates recording secretary

Women's Ministry

February 13, 2024

Members Present: Tanya Tennant, Ruby Blackmon, Rena Meredith, Pat Simmons, Kim Craver, Sydney May, Linda Leonard, Lucinda Black, Reida Snyder, Debbie Williams, Karri Hollingsworth, Audrey Wagner, Marlene Wood, Deena Tolley, Rachel Owen, Kathy Hamilton, Patti Miller, Heather Noel, Elizabeth Baker, Molly Long, Lisa Bates, **New Members:** Karen Bentley, Michelle Carter, Miranda Doomy, Tamara Lineberry

Lisa Bates opened the meeting with prayer. She wished everyone with a January and February birthday-Happy Birthday!

We introduced ourselves and welcomed the new members.

Audrey Wagner had the devotional, "How our actions show we care".

Lisa Bates shared our new path as Women's Ministry with new energy and new goals. Possibility of a Fall Bazaar and Ladies Banquet. She introduced Debbie Williams who shared our new "Just Sister" ministry. This would take the place of our Secret Prayer Sister. She said we would pair in groups of 4 and have face to face relationships. We would do two rotations each year. February - August, then September- January. The "Just Sister" cards were filled out and Debbie will create a spreadsheet. If you would like to participate, please contact Debbie.

There were corrections made in the Handbook.

Last meeting minutes were approved and can be filed.

Heather Noel gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$6,252.96. The available balance is \$3,754.96. She shared that we helped 18 people at Christmas.

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Thank you to Rena Meredith and the Christmas decorating team!

Thank you to the Goodwill Committee for organizing our shut in visits!

Thank you to Heather Noel for making Foster Children's Christmas Special!

Thank you notes were read from Martha Varner, Francis Phillips, Ann Robbins, Samaritan's Purse, and Donna Muraco.

Congratulations to Gary Brinkley for receiving the Gifts to Missions Award, and Rena Meredith for receiving the Women's Service Award.

New Business:

The assistant principal at North Davidson middle school reached out asking for gifts for the bus drivers at the middle and high school. February is bus driver appreciation month. Sydney May made a motion to give each driver a \$10.00 gift card to the Factory Coffee Shop. Karri Hollingsworth seconded it. The motion carried. We are purchasing 27 gift cards.

Lisa Bates suggested we continue the visits to the shut ins throughout the year. We would do a group rotation so they see more faces each month. Linda Leonard made a motion to continue this ministry and Sydney May seconded it. The motion carried.

We will do a "show and tell" workshop for our Country Store. More information to come.

We will host a ladies banquet with a guest speaker. More information to come.

Lisa closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Month's meeting: March 12th

Devotional: Heather Noel Program: Molly Long

Thinking of you cards: Lisa Bates

Community outreach: Bus Appreciation gift cards and College and Military gift cards

Chicken Pies: March 7th, 8th, 9th

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Bates, President Angie Leonard, Secretary

EASTER SERVICES

March 24: Easter Cantata 11:10 AM Worship Service March 28: Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 PM

March 31: Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the cemetery, breakfast afterwards

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Combined Worship in the CFC

The Administrative Board approved the following changes in our Sunday Mission Offerings beginning Sunday March 3, 2024. Some adjustments may need to made.

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 ...Contact: Members of the Goodwill Sunday School Class **All food items must be brought to the

altars (Centered Service and Traditional Service) in a grocery bag for easy pickup by the contacts.



Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM

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

The Offering this month will be given to:

Davidson Medical Ministries

CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR MARCH, 2024

MARCH 3 – Molly Long MARCH 10 – Dawn Essick MARCH 17 – Lilly Leonard MARCH 24 – Patti Miller MARCH 31 – Jennifer Brinkley

ACOLYTE
MARCH 3 Emma Fowler
MARCH 10 Ann-Marie Kurtzman
MARCH 17 Joseph Brown
MARCH 24 Katlyn Leonard
MARCH 31 Parker Brinkley

BIBLE BEARER
River Tidwell
Ella Kurtzman
Jacob Brown
Adelae Berrier
Grady Brinkley

GREETERS FOR MARCH, 2024

MARCH 3 Mark and Barbara Cross; Butch Wood

MARCH 10 Pete and Rita Jones; Ashley Johnson, Autumn and Isabelle

MARCH 17 Michael Griffin; Larry Bailey and Hannah Bailey

MARCH 24 Robert and Lisa Bates; Donald and Kathy Hamilton

MARCH 31 Richard and Terri Bates; Cindy Leonard

MEMORIALS/HONOR Through February 25, 2024

In Memory of Allan Thompson Youth Fund Donese Leonard

In Memory of Dale Robbins
Hymnal Fund
Dave and Barbara Kesler

In Memory of Johnny and Bobby Leonard
Hymnal Fund
Marcia Craver

In Memory of Steve Craver Hymnal Fund Marcia Craver In Honor of Molly Long
Budget Fund
Ann Robbins

In Honor of Charles Richardson
Budget Fund
Dave and Barbara Kesler

In Memory of Gloria Noel Budget Fund

Faith Seekers Class

In Memory of Edna Cady McKenzie

Budget Fund

Faith Seekers Class

In Memory of Hobart and Mildred Koontz

Hymnal Fund
Ralph and Stacey Koontz

In Memory of Hobart and Mildred Koontz

Hymnal Fund
Ryan Stacey Koontz

In Memory of Hobart and Mildred Koontz

Hymnal Fund

Beth Koontz Scafficti

In Memory of Hobart and Mildred Koontz

Hymnal Fund

Ralph and Sarah Koontz

In Honor of Molly Long
Youth Fund
Donese Leonard

In Memory of John and Ruth Cecil

Hymnal Fund

Rita Cecil Wood

In Memory of Clinton and Jerry Cecil Hymnal Fund Rita Cecil Wood

In Memory of Howard Milliken
Budget Fund
Betty Jane Honeycutt

PLUGGED IN AT CENTER CHURCH

How you can serve at Center Church, what God is calling you to do or what activities are there that you can get involved with at Center can be answered next Saturday, March 9, from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the Christian Fellowship Center. All ages are invited. Kids will learn where they can serve too. Lunch will be provided.

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)

Dawn Barker – Recovering from emergency surgery for kidney stone

Lynda Beck – Continues to have neck pain, receiving physical therapy

Teresa Beck (Eddie Beck's wife and Kay Beck's daughter-in-law) – Continued prayers as Teresa's cancer has returned

Andy Brown (Lynn & Sylvia Upchurch's son-in-law) - Praise! Received kidney January 30

Joseph Brown – Recovering from emergency appendicitis surgery

Jim Chandler (A Karios Friend) – His son was killed in a car accident recently

Gena Chisholm – Congestive heart failure under control, prayers for strength to care for Tommy

Tommy Chisholm (Gena's Husband) – Ankle fracture repaired, prayers for healing

Sylvia Craver – Recovering at home from recent total knee replacement surgery

Kim Dorton – Having peritoneal dialysis

Diane Henderson – Receiving injections for persistent leg pain and unspoken prayer request

Gene Hinkle (Dana Hinkle's Father) - Moved to Abbotts Creek Nursing Home

Brad Hutchins – Heart issues

J. C. Johnson - Recovering from hip replacement surgery and do much better

Sherry Lanier – Battling COPD

Jimmy and Brenda Leonard – Moved to Grayson Creek

Larry Lineberry (Marlene Wood's Son) - Recovering from recent surgery

Kris Middleton - Eye problem requiring surgery

Warren Miller - One of his knees causing pain and some problem with carpal tunnel syndrome

Donna Muraco – Having a lot of pain with fibromyalgia and stress

John Muraco – Recovering at home from hip replacement surgery, receiving rehab

Bruce Phillips – Long term eye condition requiring ongoing treatments

Charles Richardson – Is at Encompass Health, Room 104, 2475 Hillcrest Center Circle, Winston Salem, NC

Meredith Rollins - Successful surgery to repair a hole in her heart

Linda Russ - Health issues

Faye Sambleson – At Lexington Health Care Center, Room 131B

Craig Shillinglaw – Biopsy was negative for cancer! Next surveillance CT is May 15

Bud Sink – Experiencing some improvement with back pain and receiving injections

Jean Sink – Prayers for continued healing and upcoming physical therapy

Martha Slabach – Metastatic cancer, receiving oral chem., prayer for improvement from treatments & for comfort & support

Margaret Story – Recovering from recent surgery and that healing will be quick and uncomplicated

Karen Scott Stump – Pending hip replacement surgery, recent fall and hospitalization for stroke

Nathan Thanos – Home recovering from recent heart attack and had stents placed

Jackie Thrift - Recovering at home from a serious car accident

Carroll Tysinger – Biopsy was negative for cancer

Karen Tysinger – Diagnosed with diverticulitis and her son, Sandy & family, need our prayers

Martha Varner -Home from rehab and doing well

Scott Wagner - Cancer

Charlie Ward – 3 year old fighting cancer for the fourth time

Lois Weaver – Back home from a recent stay at Trellis Supportive Care in Winston Salem

Janice York (Joshua York's Mother) – Critically low hemoglobin levels resulting in a blood transfusion & iron infusions, colonoscopy soon.

Military: Dylan Coleman in Georgia

Blake King (Rebecca Sadler King's Husband) - US Army in Poland

Aaron Lineberry - Fort Bliss, Texas



Benefitting Center Christian Academy at Center Church of Welcome

Center Church of Welcome Saturday, April 27th Doors open at noon Bingo starts at 1:00 PM

Refreshments will be provided. Side raffles available. Pre-sale tickets encouraged. Please contact Deena Tolley (336-239-0844) or Kaitlyn Berrier (336-470-9654) or see Center Church's facebook for more info.

\$35 PER PERSON
OR PURCHASE A TABLE OF 8 FOR \$30 PER PERSON



186 Center Church Rd. Lexington, NC 27295





March Birthdays

18

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Impact Youth

6:00-8:00

Calebration 6.8

Youth

March 13 - Gabe Thanos March 16 - Ashley Johnson March 17 - Finn Noel

March 18 - Adelae Berrier

March 24 - Austin Forrest

March birthday celebration will be on Sunday, March 17th.



Cross Walk

20

27

Impact Youth

6:00-8:00

Impact Youth

6:00-8:00

21

28

Maundy

Thursday

Service

The Cross Walk will be March 29th. It begins at 10:00 AM at Oak Forest. As a participating youth group, we need to supply the following and need your help gathering these items:

- 60 drinks (soft drinks & juices)
- 75 Individual bags of chips
- 75 individual wrapped cookies/brownies

*If you would like to purchase a Cross Walk T-shirt, please let Kaitlyn Know *All parents are invited to join us!

Easter Celebration

Cross Walk

23

30

Breakfast w/

the Easter

Bunny

For our Impact Youth Easter Celebration, we will be having our Annual, HUGE Easter egg hunt for Bunny Money \$\$\$. With this money, the youth will then be able to go shopping in the Bunny Store. We need your help collecting items for the store. The following is a list of ideas:

Candy

22

29

- **Individual Snacks**
- **Fidgets**
- **Blankets**
- Canned/bottled drinks



connected to the Center Youth: Join Remind. Parents text "@cumcpar" to 81010. Students text "@cumcw" to 81010. Email: centeryouthministry@gmail.com

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS EVENT!!



EVANGELISM MEETING-MARCH 3

The Evangelism Committee and all individuals who have been asked to help with the Spiritual Gifts Workshop will meet Sunday, March 3, immediately after the 11:10 Worship Service. A pizza lunch will be provided.

The second meeting of the new Men's Ministry will meet Monday, March 11, at 6:00 PM at <u>Chris Michael's Home.</u> Food will be provided. We want to thank Chris for opening up his home for our meeting.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS-APRIL 21-4:00 PM

Anyone who is not a member of Center Church is invited to attend a New Members Class on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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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! CHECK OUT FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE "CENTER UNITED METHODIST WELCOME"!

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