

*"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"*

## *Center Church of Welcome*

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Hours 2:00-6:00 PM



### **PASSING A BLESSING**

Many years ago, one Sunday, I was told about a person who had left town because his daughter was dying, and he had traveled several hundred miles to South Georgia to be with her. The church prayed and all were concerned. I didn't know what to do. I would have to travel the next day to college in another direction. I would be exhausted if I went to Georgia. After praying and wrestling with the decision I went to an unknown place on the Alabama-Georgia state line. Making issues worse, the family was also so hostile to me personally over the years. The late-night walk into the hospital was tough. My antagonist smiled the sweetest smile, and he jumped up to hug the pastor he seemed to despise. The one he had ambushed in many a board meeting! God often works in the darkest time to shine His light on unsuspecting people. I had prayed for a young woman who was a stranger and my enemy had prayed for strength. Unknown to us both, God was answering both prayers. She would die by early morning, but our brief stop provided needed refreshment for two estranged men! Life would indeed flow! I remember someone saying "Love thy neighbor as thyself"(Mark 12:31). Pass a blessing on to someone in your life. Who knows what God might do through them!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Mitch

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### **Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting July 14, 2024**

The Board met with 12 members present and one guest. Chairman Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order and presented a devotional from Hebrews 10 verses 23-25. Marlene Wood gave the financial report. The minutes and financial report were approved by consensus vote. Tanya Tennant has graciously agreed to serve as Evangelism Chair. Heather Noel made the motion she be accepted and Karri Hollingsworth seconded it. Motion carried. Any church member that would like to see the financial report may ask Marlene Wood for a copy.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Jeff Mendenhall reported for Kaitlyn that the playground equipment has been ordered. The cost was \$23,948.48. The money to pay for this was taken from the CCA, since the church will also use and benefit from it.

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Rocky Hedrick made the motion the church pay for 1/2 of the cost. Karri Hollingsworth seconded it. Motion carried. Joy kids will be replaced with Centered Kids, ages preK-fifth grade. The plan is to meet on Wednesdays 5:30-8:00. They will eat, have an activity, choir practice with Molly, and a lesson. From 5:30-6:30 all children will be with the youth. The goal of the program is to create a multi-generational community, providing all children and youth with the opportunity to come together and engage in fellowship.

Church and School Staff: The CCA has hired the following: Heather Anderson: PreK Lead teacher and After School Program Director; Samara (Sam) Gillespie: PreK Teacher and After School assistant; Linda Tysinger: After School assistant; and Callie Evans: After School assistant.

Jeff Mendenhall also reported for Nathan Thanos that we need to correct the church member role.

Reida Snyder reported for the worship committee they will reschedule communion Sunday. August 5th they will have a planning meeting.

Reida reported for Trustee Chair, John Snyder, that Rodney will begin installing the new security system this Tuesday. It will be activated at a later date. Locks will be rekeyed and each family will have a code.

Reida also reported on the Women's Ministry. They did doughnuts for teacher appreciation at the Welcome Elementary and North Middle schools along with our CCA teachers. Their August outreach is clothes for Welcome Elementary school's clothes closet. October 19th they are hosting a Ladies Banquet with the proceeds going to the CCA. November 11th they will host an Old Fashion Country Store with crafts and baked goods. Church members are welcome to donate these items. The Youth will have a chicken stew that date.

Heather Noel reported the Youth had a wonderful experience at Ridge Crest, N Fuge. In August they will attend Surge, Fort Caswell. A trip to Carowinds is planned and they have been doing lunch bunch outings.

Gregg Stabler reported they are still working on the sewer issue. He has a meeting next week and then a meeting with the county. He will be requesting more capacity for the school. A 6 inch grinder will be required and we have a 3 inch.

Old Business:

LRNC office supply will be replenishing, taking inventory and stocking supplies for the church. Dan Richardson is our representative

New Business:

Back to school Carnival is August 17th. Volunteers are needed, they will meet again August 4th. Brothers in Christ will have Hotdogs, chips and water. We are in need of a barber to give free haircuts0.

Volunteers are also needed for the Christian Concert in August. There will be a meeting for volunteers on July 23rd.

The next Board meeting will be August 11th. We will meet in the Simple Servants Classroom.

With no further business, Jeff Mendenhall adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson

Terri Bates, Recording Secretary

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**BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL-AUGUST 17.**

The Back to School Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, in the Christian Fellowship Center and outside. Each Sunday School class and Church group is asked to provide a game or some activity for the community children as they come to receive their free school supplies for the 2024-2025 school year. Heather Anderson, our CCA director, will provide the church with a separate list of the needs for her PreK students.

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**Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center**

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

**Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 PM**

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

**The Offering this month will be given to:**

***The Workshop of Davidson***

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR AUGUST, 2024**

**AUGUST 4 – Angie Leonard**

**AUGUST 11 – Warren Miller**

**AUGUST 18 – Molly Long**

**AUGUST 25 – Dawn Essick**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROTATION FOR AUGUST, 2024**

**AUGUST 4 – Emily McMahan**

**AUGUST 11 – Tina Fulcher**

**AUGUST 18 – Karri Hollingsworth**

**AUGUST 25 – Angie Leonard**

**ACOLYTE**

**AUGUST 4 Hollis Smith**

**AUGUST 11 Emma Fowler**

**AUGUST 18 Katlyn Leonard**

**AUGUST 25 Parker Brinkley**

**BIBLE BEARER**

**Wailyn Smith**

**River Tidwell**

**Elena Langau**

**Brinlee Michael**

**GREETERS FOR AUGUST, 2024**

**AUGUST 4 Richard and Terri Bates; Cindy Leonard**

**AUGUST 11 Smiley and Karen Tysinger; Tad Leonard and Holly Bowman**

**AUGUST 18 Van & Rita Wood; Rusty and Wendy Grubb**

**AUGUST 25 Gregg and Glenda Stabler; Gary and Christine Brinkley**

**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.

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*During a time like this  
we realize how much  
our friends and relatives  
really mean to us....  
your expression of sympathy will  
always be remembered.*

*Dear Center Family,*

*We express our deepest gratitude for your incredible support and kindness during this difficult time.*

*Your prayers, love, and presence have brought comfort and strength to our family.*

*The beautiful service you conducted in memory of our mother, Frances, was an uplifting tribute.*

*We want to thank the Hospitality Group 4 for their wonderful food. We are truly blessed to be part of such a supportive church community.*

*The Phillips Family*

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**CENTER WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Our Women's Ministry will not meet in July but will resume on Tuesday, August 13, when they begin preparing for a busy season of community outreach projects!

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**ATTENTION BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

Brothers in Christ will not meet in July as planned. The next meeting is set for 6:30 PM on August 19 at Cagney's in Midway.

**MEMORIALS/HONOR Through July 21, 2024**

**July 7, 2024**

***In Memory of Frances Phillips***

***Budget Fund***

Richard and Terri Bates

Pete and Rita Jones

Jeff and Martha Mendenhall

Friendship/Good Samaritan Class

Gray and Barbara Boger

Van and Rita Wood

Wayne and Reida Snyder

Ed and Becky Wassum

***In Memory of Frances Phillips***

***Center Christian Academy Fund***

Rod and Bonnie Loflin

Kay Wagner

***In Memory of Roger Berrier***

***Center Christian Academy Fund***

Charles and Shirley Richardson

***In Honor of Good Will Sunday School Class***

***Center Christian Academy Fund***

Charles and Shirley Richardson

***In Memory of Paul Hinkle***

***Budget Fund***

Pete and Rita Jones

**July 14, 2024**

***In Memory of Frances Phillips***

***Budget Fund***

Ron and Pam Sink

Kenneth and Mary Jane Leonard

Dyke and Cindy Leonard

Laverne Leonard

Wyatt, Tracy, Mycah and Hamilton Kepley

Phillip Dorton

Ray and Patty Brinkley

Bob and Bonnie Money

Jerry and Faye Brinkley

Christine Hill

Kaye Beck

***In Memory of Willie Everhart***

***Mission Team Fund***

Henrietta Hayes

***In Memory of Rev. Clay Morgan***

***Mission Team Fund***

Henrietta Hayes

***In Memory of Scott Leonard***

***Budget Fund***

Kaye Beck

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*In Memory of Lois Weaver  
Budget Fund  
Kaye Beck*

*In Memory of Steve Ketner  
Budget Fund  
Kaye Beck*

*In Memory of Willie Ray Everhart  
Budget Fund  
Kaye Beck*

*In Memory of Frances Phillips  
Community Mission Fund  
Molly Long*

*In Honor of Clifton and Lynda Beck  
Budget Fund  
Kaye Beck*

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Budget Fund  
Chris and Leslie Craver*

*In Honor of Aaron Whitfield  
Center Christian Fund  
Kaye Beck*

**July 21, 2024**  
*In Memory of Frances Phillips  
Budget Fund*  
Kenny Meredith and Yvonne Hinnant  
Bud and Jean Sink  
Donese Leonard  
Joe and Dawn Essick

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**BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL**

A meeting to finalize plans for the Back to School Carnival will be held Sunday, August 4, at 3 pm in the Simple Servants classroom. The Back to School Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 5 until 7 pm. Contact Jennifer Brinkley to volunteer to help in this church community event. Contact Heather Anderson if you would like to supply a freezer of homemade ice cream. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

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**CCA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

The CCA School Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, August 6, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All board members and ad hoc members are encouraged to be in attendance. Others within the church with an interest in our school are also invited to attend the meeting. Our PreK student's first day of school will be September 3.

## **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 – 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 & sticking to the advised plan of care  
Karen Bentley – Recovering from outpatient surgery recently  
Jason Cheek – Back surgery on 7/17/2024, prayers for uncomplicated healing  
Ron Cheek – Venous ablation done on his leg 7/25/24 and dealing with a leg ulcer  
Ruby Combs – Pray for swift recovery from recent fall as she is helping her sister after heart surgery  
Brenda Davis – Discharged home and having rehab from a recent pelvis fracture  
Kim Dorton – Having peritoneal dialysis  
Doug Doss (Steve Doss's Brother) – Admitted to Baptist Hospital  
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  
J. C. Johnson – Having cardiac rhythm disturbances, and low energy, waiting cardiac ablation appointment with his cardiologist  
Joy Jones – Homesick for her church family  
Aaron Kepley – Recovering from a serious bike accident with significant left leg injury  
Pat Lanier (Gayle Nifong's Mother) – Recovering at home from several teeth extractions, healing slowly  
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  
Bruce Phillips – Long term eye condition requiring ongoing treatments  
Frances Phillips – Under Hospice care  
Mattie Phillips – Prayer for pain relief & prudent treatment for arthritis  
Charles Richardson – Prayers continued success with prosthesis  
Sheila Robbins – Recovering from heart surgery recently and stroke and having a difficult recovery  
Craig Shillinglaw – Esophagus stretched last week to help him with swallowing difficulty  
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 from a recent fall 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 – Improving daily from recent hospitalization for heart issues  
Martha Varner – Rehab at Trinity Elms in Clemmons, very weak and not eating well  
Scott Wagner - Cancer  
Charlie Ward – 3 year old fighting cancer for the fourth time  
Ed Wassum – Had cataract surgery July1, prayers for healing and best treatment for his eye  
Carlos White – Recovering from recent stroke  
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

July 2024

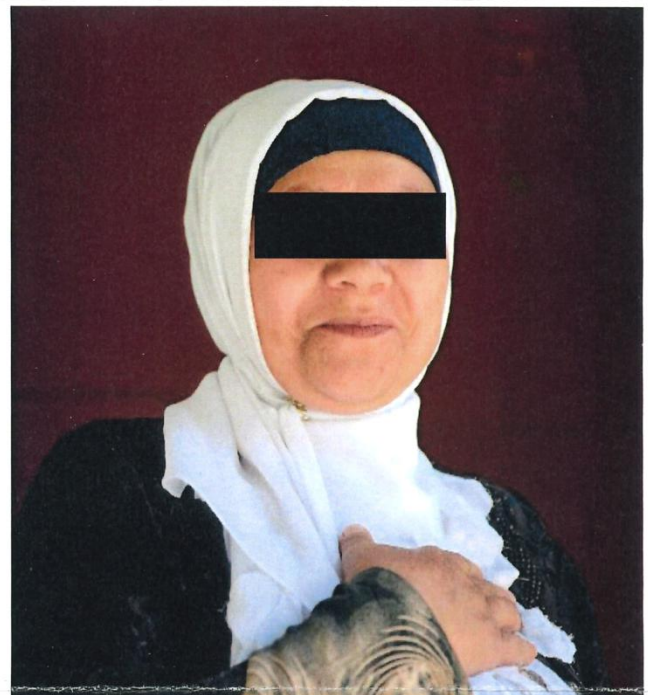


*"Whoever does not bear his own cross & come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27*

I had seen villages like this before—dozens like it dot the countryside around the capital of this Central Asian country. The families have very little, & were entirely composed of believers of the majority religion. If given the choice between buying food, clothing, farming tools, gasoline, or school supplies, how high do you think school supplies are on Papa's list? But thanks to you, on my recent visit I witnessed over 70 children receive food, clothing, hygiene items, & school supplies. This aid continues to open doors for our staff to enter the homes of these children and build relationships with their parents. It has also allowed for a deep trust to develop between the community leaders, the school leaders & the local Cru staff team. Two of our staff now teach at the school on a part-time basis & routinely share the Gospel with the children!

During a previous visit to this village several years ago, our staff were directed to a family in severe crisis. The head of that family is Feruza\*. Her husband abandoned her & her family years ago when it became apparent that one of their 6 daughters had a severe disability. The Cru staff started visiting her, bringing much needed humanitarian aid. Eventually they began sharing the Gospel with her & today, she & all 6 of her daughters have prayed to receive Christ! This has not come without great cost, as they, being Christians, were seen as unsuitable marriage partners for their country's men, & now they've grown beyond the marrying age. But they are trusting in Jesus to take care of them as they faithfully serve Him. Feruza is the first convert in this village & she hosts a weekly home group where other spiritually interested women come to learn about Jesus!

Thank you for partnering with us, as we partner with Cru teams like this in Central Asia & the Middle East! \*name changed for security purposes.



**Photos:** I helped with a distribution to the village's school children in June; Feruza—following Jesus, at great cost.

### **Mission Packing Project, by the Numbers:**

We are excited to report that 1,752 faithful volunteers helped pack thousands of lifesaving supplies that will serve more than 110,286 suffering people! Here's a few highlights of the week's accomplishments:

- \*47,779 people will soon receive clothing and shoes.
- \*16,500 children will receive school supplies to learn.
- \*3,888 people will receive a 30-day supply of meals, and
- \*33,400 people will benefit from seed packs so they can grow their own food!

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THE BACK TO SCHOOL  
CARNIVAL IS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17,  
IN THE CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP CENTER  
AND OUTSIDE

***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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