

August

EVENTS AT OUR CHURCH

Special Events & Announcements

- Aug 1, 6:00–7:00pm: KeyStone Orientation — CFC
- Aug 2: Back to School Bash — Donate school supplies at the CFC or sanctuary. Volunteers needed as greeters!
- Aug 15, 5:00–9:00pm: Friendship/Good Samaritan Social — CFC
- Aug 16, 10:00am–3:00pm: Goodwill Gathering — FH
- Aug 16, 2:00–6:00pm: Feed the Homeless — CFC Kitchen
- Aug 26–28: P&G Setup — CFC
- Aug 28: CFC P&G All Day Event — CFC
- Aug 28, 6:00–7:00pm: P&G Hot Dog Supper — CFC
- Rise and Shine Service — Sundays, 8:30–9:00am, CFC Portico Parking Lot
- Centered Service — Sundays, 9:00–10:10am, CFC
- Sunday School (All Ages) — Sundays, 10:00–11:00am

Impact Youth

Sundays, 6:00–8:00pm, POD & CFC

Wednesdays, 6:00–8:00pm, POD & CFC

- Goodwill Sunday School Class — Sundays, 9:45–10:45am, FH
- Bell Practice — 1st Sunday, 4:00–5:00pm & 3rd Sunday, 4:00–5:00pm, Sanctuary
- Women's Ministry — 2nd Tuesday, 5:00–8:00pm, FH
- Threads of Love — 3rd Tuesday, Center FLC & 4th Tuesday, 6:00–7:00pm, FH
- AHG — Tuesdays, 6:15–8:45pm, FH & AHG Room
- Sanctuary-Chancel Choir Practice — Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00pm
- Staff Parish Meeting — 1st Tuesday & 1st Thursday, 6:30–7:30pm, Simple Servants Classroom
- CCA Board Meeting — 2nd Thursday, 6:30–7:30pm, FH
- CFC-JOY Kids — 3rd Sunday, 3:00–5:00pm

Special Classes

- Aug 5, 8:00am–5:00pm: CPR Class — CFC



August Volunteer Line-Up

9 AM CHILDRENS CHURCH

- Aug-3 Courtney
- Aug-10 Charis/Karri
- Aug-17 Byerly/Conner
- Aug-24 Lynlee
- Aug-31 Tess/Taylor

11 AM CHILDRENS CHURCH

- 8/3/2025 Emily McMahan / Emily McMahan
- 8/10/2025 Tina Fulcher / Tina Fulcher
- 8/17/2025 Angie Leonard / Courtney Robbins
- 8/24/2025 Dawn Essick / Stephanie Tidwell
- 8/31/2025 Jennifer Brinkley / Jo Stone

GREETERS

- August 3, 2025: Greg and Glenda Stabler; Gary and Christinie Brinkley
- August 10, 2025: Richard and Terri Bates; Cindy Leonard
- August 17, 2025: Smiley and Karen Tysinger; Tad Leonard; Holly Brown
- August 24, 2025: Van and Rita Wood; Rusty and Wendy Grubb
- August 31, 2025: Greg and Glenda Stabler; Gary and Christinie Brinkley

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Brothers in Christ met Monday July 20 at Cagney's for a brief meeting. Plans were finalized for our participation in the upcoming church revival on Monday July 28. The men of the church will host a dinner meal of consisting of a BBQ plate with a side beginning at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. During the service, Rod Loflin will present his testimony and his current walk with the Lord. Smiley Tysinger will present special music for service. BIC men will serve as ushers and greeters for the service. We hope to see you in attendance! On August 2 from 5 pm until 7:30 pm, members of Brothers in Christ will be busy in the kitchen preparing hotdogs for all to enjoy at the annual Back to School Carnival. Members of the Goodwill Class have volunteered to serve as your hosts and serve the prepared meal for you. Come and enjoy the festivities and greet guests from our church community. Home made ice cream will be served throughout the event. Come and enjoy a hotdog or two, some homemade ice cream, and play a game of Classic BINGO with the Friendship/Good Samaritan Sunday School class. Games and other events for all to enjoy will be set up outside the CFC as well. Be sure to mark your calendar for this annual event!

The Brothers in Christ will meet again on August 18 at 6:30. All men of the church are invited. More information to follow.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Submission Guidelines

We are creating a special Advent devotional booklet for our church community, and we invite you to be a part of it! This booklet will help guide us through the four weeks of Advent with daily reflections on the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ's coming.

Submission Requirements

1. Length & Format
 - Word Count: 250–300 words
 - Include:
 - A title
 - Scripture verse (with reference and translation)
 - Devotional message
 - A closing prayer or reflection question
 - Your name (optional 1-sentence bio)



2. Content Guidelines

- Centered around Advent themes: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Christ's coming
- May include personal stories, theological reflections, or practical applications
- Biblically grounded and uplifting
- Avoid controversial topics or doctrinal debates

3. Submission Process

- Email submissions to: centerchurchcoordinator@gmail.com
- Deadline: October 15
- All submissions will be reviewed and edited as needed for clarity and space.

Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Event Details

- Date: Thursday, July 31st
- Time: Music starts at 6:30 PM
- Meal: A delicious Hotdog Meal will be sold for \$6 starting at 5:30 PM

Special Offering

The Offering this month will be given to: Greater Things Outreach Center

We look forward to seeing you there for a night filled with good music, great food, and wonderful fellowship!

JUNES RESULTS

Our attendance at Pickin' & Grinnin' was 193 and we raised \$926 from the offering for Hospice of Davidson County. The hotdog meal cleared \$640 for the P&G Fund. Thanks to the great musicians and volunteers that make this event possible. The next session is Thursday, July 31 and our mission focus will be Greater Things Outreach Center.

BACK TO SCHOOL : ANCHORED IN CHRIST



As August begins, backpacks are packed, lesson plans are forming, and a new academic year is here. Whether your children are attending public school, private Christian school, or joining us at the new Keystone Homeschool Co-op, we celebrate the journey of growing in both knowledge and faith.

This year, we embrace the theme: "Back to School, Anchored in Christ." No matter where our children learn, we are united in raising them in truth, love, and the hope of the Gospel. Education is a gift, but it's our foundation in Christ that gives it lasting purpose.

We are excited for the launch of Keystone Homeschool Co-op this fall at Center Church. As we build this community, we remember that Christ is our true cornerstone. Keystone provides homeschool families an opportunity for academic enrichment and Christ-centered community.

Let's enter this school year, wherever it leads, anchored in Christ. As Psalm 25:5 reminds us: "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

PARENT ENCOURGEMANT

"You're Not Alone This School Year"

To every parent navigating a new school year, whether homeschooling, packing lunches, or preparing for early drop-offs, you are not alone. The start of a new academic season can be overwhelming, but God is with you through it all; morning routines, tough decisions, and everything in between.

Trust Him with your child's path. You don't need to be perfect, just present—and anchored in Christ. God sees your efforts and honors your faithfulness.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

As we begin the school year, we're reminded that no classroom or curriculum is complete without God. Whether in the classroom or at the kitchen table, God is shaping our children and us.

This verse encourages us to trust in God's guidance, surrendering our plans to Him. As we move forward, let's make space for His voice in every decision; whether lessons, lunchboxes, or life. Let our families stay anchored in Christ throughout this season.



KEYSTONE ORIENTATION

8/1 AT 6:30 PM

We are excited to introduce Keystone Homeschool Co-op, a collaborative learning community for families that will be held at Center Church.

Keystone will offer engaging and Christian based classes designed to enrich your child's homeschool experience.

Keystone Homeschool co-op will provide a unique blend of academic support, social interaction, and enrichment for homeschool families in our area.

If your family is interested in exploring this educational opportunity for the 2025-2026 school year, visit www.keystonehs.education for more information and/or to register.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The Back to School event will be held August 2 @ 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Sunday School classes need to note the change on their class calendars.

Homemade ice cream will again be offered.

Anyone willing to provide a freezer of ice cream, contact Jeff Mendenhall via text (336) 409-3138. The church has two ice cream freezers that can be used.

School supply donations are greatly needed for the event. This is a huge outreach program for our church in the Welcome community, so many volunteers are needed.

Contact Tanya Tennant, Evangelism Chairman to volunteer. Your time and service will be greatly appreciated.

CENTER IMPACT YOUTH

Growing Together This Summer

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6

What a summer it has been! As I reflect on all that God has done through our Next Generation ministries, my heart is full of gratitude for the ways He continues to grow and shape young hearts at Center.

Our youth have been actively living out their faith through fellowship, missions trips, and hands-on service at Greyson's Creek Nursing Home and Second Harvest Food Bank. There's something beautiful about watching teenagers pray with elderly residents or sort food for families in need – it's discipleship in action.

The American Heritage Girls are preparing for the new school year, ready to welcome girls into a year of learning, growing, and biblical fellowship.

Meanwhile, our Center Christian Academy family is celebrating new staff and the expansion of our preschool program, now serving 3 and 4-year-olds alongside our after-school program.

One of our most exciting developments has been the launch of Centered Kids, our new children's ministry approach that now serves both worship services. The Simply Loved curriculum is taking our children on an incredible journey through Scripture, helping them understand their identity as God's beloved children.

Our Vacation Bible School this summer was a tremendous success, reaching into our community to share and disciple together. Children explored God's amazing world, learning to magnify His greatness and discovering that God made us, cares about us, loves us, and forgives us. What joy it was to see kids from all backgrounds learning that we were made to magnify God!

Throughout the summer, many of our Sunday school classes from preschool to adults have been walking through The Gospel Project, a multi-generational curriculum that traces the need for redemption in the gospel story and our stories too. Every participant, from preschoolers to adults, studies from the same section of Scripture each week, seeing how every story points back to Jesus.

We're also thrilled to welcome the Keystone Homeschool Co-op this fall, bridging faith and foundational learning right here at Center.

In everything we do, we're committed to intentional discipleship, teaching God's Word, and modeling a life of faith. Whether it's through active engagement in learning about Jesus, providing opportunities to serve, or praying for spiritual growth, we're empowering young leaders and fostering a church community that truly supports families.

As we head into a new school year, let's continue to pray for our next generation – that they would grow deep roots in faith and bear fruit that lasts. Serving Him with dedication and joy,

Kaitlyn Berrier

Next Gen Minister



You're Invited to The Sunday Table!

Church family, we invite you to join us on Sunday, August 24th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Center Church in Welcome as we gather together as the whole body of Christ. The Sunday Table is about living out Acts 2:46 - coming together with glad and generous hearts. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12, we are one body with many parts, and each member is essential to our fellowship.

This is more than just a meal - it's an opportunity for discipleship, encouragement, and the kind of authentic community that transforms lives. Whether you're young or seasoned in faith, new to our church or a longtime member, you are a vital part of this body.

Come as you are, bring a dish to share, and grab a chair! Let's fellowship over a meal together, share our stories, and grow in Christ as we were called to do - not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, but encouraging one another all the more.

We long to see every part of our church body there, living out the beautiful picture of unity Christ has given us.

In His love,
Impact Youth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A tree-mendous, "Magnified" THANK YOU to all the VBS volunteers! From the nightly meals prepared and served by the Sunday School classes to the Teachers to the Helpers, you all worked really hard to make sure that the kids had a great time! This helped the campers get excited about Jesus and learn more. This year, we had 147 registrees and 44 registered volunteers (more than 50 unregistered). And Pastor Mitch said it felt like Disney World. The kids collected over 21 pounds of pop tabs (which equals 25,000-36,000) and \$350 for Ronald McDonald House.



Mrs. Emily's and Mrs. Brittany's 2nd/3rd grade class won the honor of sliming Pastor Mitch with green slime after collecting nearly 6 lbs of pop tabs. Ms. Lynlee and Mrs. Logan's Kindergarten class was only 2 ounces from tying them. Mrs. Reida's and Mrs. Stephanie's 1st grade class collected over \$100 and each student received a carved Olive wood prayer cross from Bethlehem. One of their campers donated their tooth fairy money and several others did chores to earn money. They also wrote letters of encouragement to the families at RMH.

If you missed being a part of the excitement, consider joining us next Summer. We hope everyone had a great time and that we see everyone from the campers to the volunteers back at VBS next year! Tina Fulcher - VBS Director

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 NO YOUTH	4 BUDDY SCOOPS MONDAY Ice Cream Social	5	6 Youth Night	7	1 SURGE	2 BACK 2 SCHOOL CARNIVAL
10 SURGE NO YOUTH	11	12	13 Youth Night	14 HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH	8 SURGE	9 SURGE
17 LAKE ADVENTURE NO YOUTH	18	19	20 Youth Night	21 MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH	15	16
24 The Sunday Table	25 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL PRAYER SEND OFF	26	27 WNY MEMBER NIGHT YOUTH	28	22	23
31 SNV SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH				29	30	

Some events may be subject to change. Please ensure you check the Band app regularly for updates and announcements.



- 2 - Back to School Carnival**
- 4 - Buddy Scoops Monday**
Meet at Buddy Scoops from 2:00-3:00 for Fellowship, Devotion, and Ice Cream
- 6, 13, 20 - Youth Nights**
We will meet at the Berrier's Pool. Bring a bathing suit, towel, change of clothes and Bible! Middle School (MS) meets from 5-6, MS & HS eat & swim 6-7, High School (HS) meets from 7-8.
- 8-10 - SURGE @ Fort Caswell**
- 14 - High School Lunch Bunch**
Meet at the church at 11:00, bring \$\$ for lunch
- 17 - Lake Adventure Back to School Bash**
We will leave after church, get lunch (bring \$), then to head to Lynn and Sylvia Upchurch's for a Lake Day. Bring your bathing suit, water shoes, towel, sunscreen, change of clothes, and Bible. If you want to bring fishing gear as well, you are welcome too! We will head back to the church around 5:00.
- 21 - Middle School Lunch Bunch**
Meet at the church at 11:00, bring \$\$ for lunch
- 24 - The Sunday Table**
The entire church is invited to come together for fellowship and a meal at The Sunday Table. Bring a dish to share and grab a chair!
- 25 - 1st Day of School Prayer at the Flag**
Meet at the flag in front of the church at 7:00 AM for Coffee, donuts, and a prayer to send you off for your first day of school!
- 27 & 31 - WNY & SNV Starts back**
Wednesday and Sunday Night Youth in the POD begins. Wednesday nights 6:00-8:00 all grades together. Sunday Nights 5:45-6:30 Middle School Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 Middle & High School Social and Eat, 7:30-8:00 High School Bible Study

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