

WE HAVE AN EXCITING LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT JULY. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, AND COMMUNITY FUN!

- Rise and Shine Service: Sundays, 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM, CFC Portico
- Centered Service: Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, CFC
- Traditional Worship Service: Sundays, 11:10 AM - 12:10 PM, Sanctuary

- Goodwill Sunday School Class: Sundays, 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM, FH
- Sunday School for All Ages: Sundays, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Designated Spaces

· Impact Youth: Wednesdays & Sundays, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, POD & CFC

- Independence Day Celebration: Friday, July 4 (All-day event)
- Vacation Bible School (VBS): Sunday, July 13 - Thursday, July 17 (All-day event, Whole Church)
- Revival: Sunday, July 27 - Wednesday, July 30 (All-day event)
- Pickin' & Grinnin': Thursday, July 31, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, CFC

- Staff Parish Meeting: Thursday, July 3, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Simple Servants Classroom
- Children's Council Meeting: Thursday, July 10, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Children's Basement
- Threads of Love: Tuesday, July 15 & Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, FH
- CCA Board Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, FH

· Feed the Homeless: Saturday, July 19, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, CFC Kitchen

- Garden Club Flower Workshop: Sunday, July 20, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, FH
- Goodwill Painting: Friday, July 11 & Saturday, July 12, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, FH

- Mattie Iala Phillips's Birthday: Wednesday, July 23 (All-day)
- Hot Dog Supper: Thursday, July 31, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, CFC

Don't miss out on the fun at Vacation Bible School, running from July 13 to July 17! This exciting event will engage the entire church in fellowship and learning.

Join us at 7pm, for a spiritual refreshment at Revival, happening from July 27 to July 30. It's an opportunity to reconnect with your faith and community.

Wrap up the month with our lively Pickin' & Grinnin' event on July 31! Enjoy music, food, and fellowship with friends and family!!

COME AND BE A PART OF THE JOY AND FELLOWSHIP THIS JULY! ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES. LET US CELEBRATE, WORSHIP, AND GROW TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.



Thank You, July Volunteers!
A big thank you to all our greeters, acolytes, and children's church volunteers serving this month! Your time and heart help make worship warm, welcoming, and meaningful. We're grateful for all you do to bless our church family.

Jul 6, 2025	Robert & Lisa Bates	Donald & Kathy Hamilton	
Jul 13, 2025	Richard & Terry Bates	Cindy Leonard	
Jul 20, 2025	Smiley & Karen Tysinger	Tad Leonard	Holly Brown
Jul 27, 2025	Van & Rita Wood	Rusty & Wendy Grubb	

Jul 6, 2025	Acolyte	Katlyn Leonard
	Bible Bearer	Adelae Berrier
Jul 13, 2025	Acolyte	Joseph Brown
	Bible Bearer	Jacob Brown
Jul 20, 2025	Acolyte	Ervin Hobbs
	Bible Bearer	Leland Hobbs
Jul 27, 2025	Acolyte	Parker Brinkley
	Bible Bearer	Grady Brinkley

Jul 6, 2025 Lynlee

Jul 13, 2025 Charis/Karri

Jul 20, 2025 Byerly/Conner

Jul 27, 2025 Tess/Taylor

Jul 6, 2025

Jul 13, 2025 Dawn
Essick Courtney
Robbins

Jul 20, 2025 Jennifer Brinkley Jo Stone

Jul 27, 2025

JULY 2025

LET JESUS SET YOUR HEART ON FIRE !!

We enjoy as a nation, we are reminded of an even greater freedom—the freedom we have in Christ.

Through Jesus, we are freed from sin, fear, and hopelessness. While we give thanks for our country and those who have sacrificed for our liberty, we also give thanks to God for the eternal freedom only He can give.

This Independence Day, may we celebrate with gratitude—both as citizens of this nation and as citizens of God’s Kingdom.

With Love - Annie

A black leather-bound Holy Bible with a wooden cross on the cover, resting on an American flag. The Bible is positioned diagonally, with the cover facing the viewer. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are embossed on the cover. The American flag is draped behind it, showing the stars and stripes. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Here is a phenomenon in the evangelical church called the "Revival." It is usually a series of preaching sessions from a guest preacher and is held about the same time each year. I remember one of my first revivals. A fiery preacher by the name of Bob Harris came to our church. Several souls made commitments to the Lord that week. Those were indeed glorious days. May we see the movement of God here at Center in a few weeks.

This year our revival is called, “Center your Spirit.” For some reason, we do seem to lose our center and drift. More times than not, our focus gets off the Lord and onto our own ambitions and dreams. Even a scope on a rifle must be adjusted, and so must our lives. Daniel the prophet talked of his need to turn to God. He said, “So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting and in sackcloth and ashes” (Daniel 9:3). May we also dedicate some time

To examine our lives. May we give up for the Lord our precious time and resources to seek God! Ask God to place persons on your heart to share Christ! May God open the windows of heaven prior to the revival and send His precious touch of grace upon us that we might turn toward Christ as the absolute Center of our lives!

I heard about a preacher riding on a coach one day. He turned to the coachman and asked, "Friend, if your team were running away with you, after you had done your best to stop them, what would you do if you suddenly learned that a person sitting beside you knew exactly how to control your team and save you from disaster?" To this the coachman replied, "I'd instantly hand over the reins to Him!" Maybe we should do that today?

Please remember July 27-30, at 7:00 pm each evening and our mealtimes will be 6pm.

Lastly keep our children in your thoughts and pray that they may be positively influenced by the Vacation Bible School program this month.

Pastor Mitch Wilson

Magnified! VBS will encourage Pre-K through 7th graders to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!





IMPACT YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP UPDATE

Our youth have just returned from an incredible week in Jamaica, and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude! This spirit-filled missions trip was a beautiful blend of hard work, fellowship, devotion, and service that left a lasting impact on everyone involved.

The youth worked hard daily renovating the Church Manse (parsonage) at Bethel Church in Hopewell, Jamaica. They redid a part of the roof and floor in one of the bedrooms and painted the exterior of the home, transforming the space through their dedication and servant hearts. Being right in the heart of the city provided countless opportunities for our students to share Christ's light through both their work and their presence in the community.

What moved us most was watching our youth grow together as a group. Seeing them share with one another, serve each other and the community, and lift each other up in prayer was truly powerful. Each student returned home with a transformed perspective and renewed faith. Throughout the entire trip, we felt the Lord's presence in every moment, strengthened by the faithful prayers of our church family. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this life-changing experience possible through your prayers, support, and generosity.

The mission continues! The majority of Impact Youth—25 students, 6 adults, and Kaitlyn and Clay's two children—are now heading to Ridgecrest in the mountains for MFUGE missions camp. There, our students will engage in hurricane relief work, evangelism, and various mission projects throughout the week.

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to serve and grow in their faith journey!

THREADS OF LOVE

Ladies in our Threads of Love Ministry made 56 baby receiving blankets. The cuddly blankets were delivered to the Alpha Pregnancy Center of Davidson County. A heartfelt thank you to all who helped accomplish this project.

Watch Center Church eNews or the bulletin for more details of the upcoming project, flannel burp cloths with a scent square for the NICU at Brenner's Children's Hospital. If you are interested in joining our sewing group, please contact Molly Long.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The Brothers in Christ men's ministry met Monday June 16 at Cagney's in Midway. Several business items were announced by President Mason Hamilton. On Saturday, July 19, the Back to School Event will be held by the Evangelism committee. Brothers in Christ will be serving hotdogs, chips, bottled water, and homemade ice cream for all to enjoy inside the CFC. Monday, July 28, has been designated as Men's night at the church revival. Brothers in Christ will be serving a meal of BBQ and chips prior to the 7 pm service. Our guest vocalist at the revival service will be Smiley Tysinger. Rod Loflin will be sharing his testimony during the service. Men of the group will serve as greeters and ushers as well. Help us fill the pews!!!

Trever Hargitt has started a new ministry to assist those attending the 8:30am and 9:00am Sunday service with traffic issues. Trever needs several volunteers to assist him in this ministry. Men of the church are highly encouraged to sign up to help Trever.

A big thank you to the dedicated men of the church who helped in the May 31 church and parsonage outside clean up lead by John Snyder. Thank you! Brothers in Christ will meet again August 2nd at 6:30 pm at Cagney's. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

FRIENDSHIP / GOOD SAMARITAN CLASS

The Friendship/Good Samaritan Class has decided to support both the Ronald McDonald House and The Pastor's Pantry on alternating months of the year. In June, 110 cans of pasta went to help stock the empty shelves of the Pastor's Pantry in Lexington. What a blessing and huge impact the class continues to make in our church community by reaching out to support those suffering from food insecurity. The class also continues to support the Greater Things Outreach program in Welcome through monetary gifts twice a year.

Approximately 90 church family members attended Center's inaugural Lemonade and Cookie social on June 8, hosted by our class. Thank you for your participation! The class looks forward to helping serve the Monday night meal and snack during Vacation Bible School in July. If you are looking for a place to call "home" during the Sunday School hour, we cordially invite you to visit with us!



Bridging Faith and Foundational Learning for a Complete Education

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, 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 CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2025



many extension cords in use. Please unplug them when they are not being used. 2. The double doors going into the CFC are Fire doors and should be closed especially when no one is in the building. 3. All fire extinguishers should be properly stored so they will not fall. Both of our buses are working.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:

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.

Pressure Innovations cleaned our kitchen exhaust system. It should be done once a year, and this is the first time it has ever been done.

Children's Ministry: Courtney Robbins reported they have several volunteers to help with the nursery during the 9:00 service but only one for the 11:10, so she needs more volunteers for that hour. Mantle Realty wants to collaborate with us on Breakfast with Santa (what we do) and Pancakes and Pajamas (what they do). They would like us to have the event together on December 6th. The Board gave the Children's Ministry the authority to go ahead once they discuss insurance, costs, and other details.

Molly Long gave a report on the project she and Kim Craver had taken on. There are three rolls.

1. Grace Roll-people who attended but never signed into the new Center Church. 2. Preparatory Roll-those who are too young

but may join after confirmation classes. 3. Constituency Roll. This will aid us in getting the information into Church Trac.

VBS: Tina Fulcher reported she will have meetings every Wednesday at 5:00 for all those wanting to help with VBS.

Pastor Mitch Wilson said Revival is July 20-23. There will be special music and testimonies by each group. Sunday-Youth, Monday-Men, Tuesday-Women and Wednesday-Family. Center Your Spirit 2025 is the theme for our July revival.

Staff Parrish: Nathan Thanos reported they are interviewing for the nursery worker. Since they will be using Church Trac to sign children in and out of classes they will need 2 iPads or some form of a tablet. He made the motion to purchase these, and Courtney Robbins seconded it. Motion carried. John Snyder brought up the fact that as our church grows there is a need for someone to be there to help maintain, fix and clean things. We may need to look into a church facilitator one day. Back to School event is July 19th. Sunday School classes need to get involved and decide what game to host/do.

CCA: Deana Tiller presented the CCA Business plan for 25-26 that Kaitlyn Berrier drew up.

(this plan is attached to minutes on the bulletin board with the June minutes)

They are increasing the 4-year-old preschool class from 12 to 15. This class meets Monday-Thursday. The after-school program has a max of 28. They are doing interviews for teacher positions. They have enough interest to add a 3-Year-old preschool class. She made the motion that they add this class if the Trustees approve of a classroom for them. Nathan Thanos seconded it. Motion carried.

The Keystone School Co Op will begin using our facilities on Mondays beginning August 11th. This is separate from CCA the two are not related. The Co Op has or will speak to the classrooms they will be using.

It was discussed about having the Board minutes and budget printed and available in digital form for members to view.

Tina Fulcher commented that we were about 100 chairs short for the Welcome School Fifth grade awards day. We may need to look into purchasing more in the future.

Due to VBS starting on our July meeting day, it was decided not to have a board meeting for the month of July. If an urgent need arises we will have a called meeting.

Pastor Mitch Wilson adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson

Terri Bates, recording secretary

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.