

Pickin’ & Grinnin’ at Center

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Come join us for an evening of  
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The Christian Fellowship Center on  
Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 PM

A Hotdog Meal will be sold for  
\$6 starting at 5:30pm  
The Offering this month will be given to:  
Together in Christ Building Team  
(Wheel Chair Ramps)

Brothers in Christ

The Brothers in Christ men's ministry met Monday evening, September 15, at 6:30 PM at Cagney's in Midway. President Mason Hamilton opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Several business items were addressed with a call for all men of the church to participate.

Sunday morning, October 5 - Sausage biscuits will be prepared for the morning worship service. Biscuits will be ready at 8:30 AM for the 9:30 outdoor church service (weather permitting). This is the only service scheduled for that Sunday.

Tuesday, October 21 - The Hometown Men's Fellowship of Welcome will host the annual Hometown Men's Fellowship Event at RCR in Welcome. Special guest speakers Edward Graham and Ty Dillion will be present. Special music will be provided by Parker Webb and Guilford. Tickets are free to men of the community, but registration has to be completed.

Saturday, October 25 - Brothers in Christ will prepare 600 hot dogs for the annual Boo Bash. The meal will be held in the CFC this year as other fun activities are indoors this year.

Saturday, December 13 - Breakfast with Santa in the CFC. Brothers in Christ will prepare a pancake meal.

Per discussion at the meeting, all men of the church, including youth 17 and older, are invited to join our fellowship. We meet the 3rd Monday night of each month at Cagney's unless notified through Team Reach of a change.

OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- WEEKLY EVENTS
  - WEDNESDAYS, 5–8PM: BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL
  - WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS, 6–8PM: IMPACT YOUTH, CFC & POD
  - WEDNESDAYS, 7–8PM: CHANCEL CHOIR, SANCTUARY
  - MONDAYS, 7:45AM–2:30PM: KEYSTONE, FH & CLASSROOMS
  - SUNDAYS, 8:30–9AM: RISE AND SHINE SERVICE, CFC PORTICO
  - SUNDAYS, 9–10:10AM: CENTERED SERVICE, CFC
  - SUNDAYS, 9:45–10:45AM: GOODWILL SUNDAY SCHOOL, FH
  - SUNDAYS, 11:10AM–12:10PM: TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- SPECIAL EVENTS
  - OCT 1, 3–9PM: LIONS COUNCIL RAFFLE, CFC
  - OCT 3–5: COMMUNITY CAMP OUT
  - OCT 5, 8AM–12PM: WORLDWIDE COMMUNION
  - OCT 12: PASTOR'S APPRECIATION
  - OCT 17: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, OFFICE
  - OCT 25: BOO BASH
  - OCT. 26 YOUTH SUNDAY
  - OCT 30, 5:30–9PM: HOT DOG SUPPER, CFC
- MEETINGS
  - OCT 2 & 7, 6:30–7:30PM: STAFF PARISH, SIMPLE SERVANTS ROOM
  - OCT 12, 4–5PM: ADMIN BOARD
  - OCT 23, 6–7PM: CHILDREN'S COUNCIL, CHILDREN'S BASEMENT
  - OCT 14, 5–8PM: WOMEN'S MINISTRY, FELLOWSHIP HALL
  - OCT. 19 LAITY AWARD
  - EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, LADIES BIBLE STUDY W/ LUNCHEON FH
- OUTREACH
  - OCT 17, 8–10AM: PIE MAKING, CFC KITCHEN
  - OCT 18, 2–6PM: FEED THE HOMELESS, CFC KITCHEN
  - OCT 21, 6–8PM: THREADS OF LOVE

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES!

Center Church News  
OCTOBER 2025

Keep Jesus at the Center

As we move through Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s, and beyond, the world will try to distract us with costumes, shopping, sales, and parties. But we cannot forget that these days are not about the world—they are about Jesus.



Scan this QR code to access the main Churchtrac page. From there, you can find information about groups and events at Center Church.

- Thanksgiving is more than a meal; it’s gratitude to God.
- Christmas is not about gifts under a tree; it’s about the gift of our Savior.
- New Year’s is not just about resolutions; it’s about renewing our walk with Christ.
- Even in cultural holidays like Halloween, we can choose to point our children and ourselves toward the Light of Christ instead of the darkness of the world.

Let’s teach our families that true joy isn’t found in what’s sold in stores, but in the Savior who gave Himself for us. This season, let’s live and celebrate in a way that keeps our hearts, homes, and children focused on Jesus.

- Congregation Challenge
- This holiday season, how will you keep Christ first in your celebrations?
- Share your traditions, practices, or creative ideas with us—we’d love to highlight them and encourage one another as a church family!

Write them down and put them in the Church Coordinators box or email centerchurchcoordinator@gmail.com

Community  
Camp Out!

October 3rd @ 2 PM –

October 5th @ 2 PM

Special Note: Feel free to set tents, hammocks, and campers up on Friday, October 3rd. Please let Heather or Deena know if you plan to set up on Friday. The church will be open to access facilities. Dinner on Friday night is not provided. All Campers are on their own, or we could pool our money and place an order at a local restaurant.

Friday: 2 PM – tent, camper, hammock set up, fellowship all evening.

Saturday: Activities for adults and children will be set up @ 2:00 PM  
Dinner: 5:00 PM – bring a dish to share, Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the church. (S’mores at the fire pit)  
Music: 6:30 PM Qwister with Ryan Melquist.  
Parking Lot (weather permitting)

Sunday: Breakfast: 8:30 AM  
Worship: 9:30 AM Parking Lot (Weather Permitting)  
Sunday School: 10:30 AM

Direct questions to Deena Tolley 336-239-0844  
or Heather Noel 336-403-5224.



YOUNG ADULTS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS  
Rooted in Faith, Reaching for Tomorrow!  
Come join us Sundays during Sunday School!

Begins October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

Young Adult Sunday School Class

If you have recently graduated from high school or are a young adult (TYPICALLY 18-25) looking for a Sunday School class, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We will begin on October 5th, which is the Sunday of the campout and outdoor service. Bring a friend! We will meet in the downstairs classroom next to the preschool class.

CENTER CHURCH OF WELCOME PRESENTS

HAPPY DAYS CAR SHOW

DRESS IN YOUR BEST 50'S ATTIRE

◆11 October, 2025

5-7 pm

◆186 Center Church Road,  
Lexington NC 27295

PRE-REGISTER BY  
OCTOBER 3RD  
TO SECURE A SPOT.  
REGISTRATION FEE PER  
VEHICLE: \$25  
ENTRANTS TO ARRIVE AT 4PM.



MENU & VOTES

★ 2 hot dogs, Chips & A Sweet Tea = \$7.00

★ Burger, Chips, & A Sweet Tea = \$7.00  
(cash or check only)

★ Ice Cream Floats = \$3.00★

PEOPLES  
CHOICE  
VOTES =  
\$1 EACH

1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>  
PRIZES

FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS CONTACT DEENA TOLLEY 336-239-0844

Threads of Love

A special thank you to the ladies who helped complete our latest project.

A total of fifty flannel burp and scent cloth sets were made and delivered to Ronald McDonald House at Atrium Health of Wake Forest Baptist Health. These items are given to parents of the infants in the special care nurseries at Brenner’s Children’s Hospital.



This fall, our church continues to host the Keystone Homeschool Co-op, a ministry where children are nurtured not only in academics but also in faith, fellowship, and Christ-centered values. Christian education and community are powerful tools in shaping the next generation. Keystone provides a place where students learn, grow, and encourage one another while families find support and belonging. As a church family, it is important for us to lift up our children and the ministries that help them thrive. Homeschooling through Keystone is one way God is working among us — building strong foundations of faith and community for the future.

If you would like to support Keystone in any way, please reach out to Mandy, Charis, or Karri.

Your prayers, encouragement, and involvement make a real difference.

CCANews

Wow, can you believe the Center Christian Academy is in its 3rd year? We have started this year with all new staff, have added a Pre-K 3-year-old class, and increased our numbers in the Pre-K 4 class.

- Pre-K 4 Teacher is Paula Hill, and the Assistant is Charlene Laws. The two come to us with much experience, and they are leading 14 wonderful little children daily in learning new skills, letters, and taking them on nature hikes. They are all excited to be here and eager to learn.

- The Pre-K 3 Teacher is Sherri Dry, and the Assistant is Deasya Latham. The two of them are leading 8 littles through many emotions these last few weeks, most of whom have not been away from mommas, daddies, or mimis. It has been a blessing to see them grow and to wander into class in the mornings excited and with no tears.

Preschool is gearing up for picture day on October 13th, and the Pre-K 4 students will be starting their Art Enrichment classes soon with Shaina Smith.

We have had families generously donate to the playground with new toys for the little ones. We now have some riding toys, a toddler basketball goal, and some large push toys.

After School Program - We currently have 24 students enrolled, and they are being led by Cathy.

- Pennell, ASP Supervisor, is assisted by Cali Milan and Linda Tysinger. They have been working on some crafts that are displayed on the walls in their area. The Welcome Elementary School offered Taekwondo classes this past week, and several of our students signed up to go. We graciously ran the bus back to the elementary school after 3:15 PM to pick them up. This was such a blessing and something that they would not have been able to participate in if we were not so close by. We had 10 of our children enrolled in these classes.

I encourage you all to stop in and check out the changes we have made to the children’s area of the basement, or let us know if you would like to volunteer to read to a class one day or talk to us about your career and share with the children.

You should all be very proud that we, as a church, made the decision to open up our church to the little lambs of God and love on them each day and teach them about God’s word. It has been a blessing to the families, our community, and to me and the teachers to see how far they have come in just a month.

We ask for continued prayers for a successful and healthy school year.

Blessings, Deena Tolley CCA

Director

Center Church Administrative Board Meeting

August 17, 2025

The Board met with 15 members and 6 guests present. Chairman Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order and opened with a devotion entitled Is My Light Shining?

Marlene Wood presented the Treasurer's Report. The minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved by consensus vote. Mike Craver presented a year-to-date budget report.

Committee Reports

CCA – Deana Tiller reported her committee meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30.

- Preschool begins September 2.
- After School Care begins August 25.
- Still seeking to fill the After School Supervisor position.
- Open House will be next week.
- October 11 fundraiser with the Happy Days theme.

Worship – Christine Brinkley reported:

- Sept. 7 – Children’s Sunday & Grandparents Day.
- Sept. 8 – Worship Committee meeting, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- Sept. 28 – Homecoming:
  - Memorial service for five deceased members.
  - Rev. Michael Gates preaching.
  - Combined worship at 10:30 AM (Sunday School 9:15–10:15).
  - Covered lunch to follow.

Trustees – John Snyder reported:

- New sign installed by Choir Director's sign.
- Youth room carpet professionally cleaned.
- Rental agreements have been drawn up.
- Cleanup day needed prior to Homecoming.
- Recycling boxes must be broken down.

Evangelism – Jennifer Brinkley reported for Tanya Tennant:

- Back to School Bash was a huge success.
- Next year’s event: August 1.

Funeral Stewardship – Jeff Mendenhall reported:

- Pat Simmons has stepped down as Funeral Steward.
- Larry and Kaye Smith will take over this role.

Staff Parish – Nathan Thanos reported:

- Nursery Worker role still open.
- Proposed creation of a new Church Steward position:
  - Maintains church grounds inside & out.
  - Would eliminate current custodial service.
  - Proposed salary: \$25,000/year for 25 hours/week.
- Trustees and Staff Parish will finalize details.
- Motion seconded by John Snyder; motion carried.

Old Business

- Dec. 6 – Breakfast with Santa.
- Children’s Department still needs 2 iPads.

Long Range Planning – Donald Hamilton reported on survey results:

- Recommended a Fall pledge campaign if pursuing changes.
- Fuller Architecture willing to design sanctuary/entry halls.
- Updates will require bringing many areas to code (large expense).
- Board will pray and vote next month.

New Business

- Laugh Responsibly Tour (Mickey Bell & Daren Streblow) – Sept. 7 in CFC.
- Nominations vacancy filled by Joe Hollingsworth.
- Many positions to be filled next year – members asked to prayerfully consider serving.
- NDHS requested use of CFC on June 2, 2026 (11:00–2:00) for teacher/retiree celebration. Approved if date available.
- Pastor Mitch Wilson thanked all for revival participation.
- Encouraged prayer for Sunday School classes and church.
- Announced four-week New Members Class beginning in September.

With no further business, Jeff Mendenhall adjourned the meeting. Pastor Mitch Wilson dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson

Terri Bates, Recording Secretary