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After School Program

Hours 2:00-6:00 PM



Working for the Lord

Many years ago, I attended worship at First United Methodist in Myrtle Beach on Labor Day weekend. I have heard many sermons over the years but the truth the preacher brought forth was like a spiritual tsunami. He quoted from Colossians, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for human masters" (3:23). I can't remember the whole sermon but the truth has long stuck in my mind.

We all have so much to do whether we are retired or working multiple jobs. Maybe you're a student or a parent, perhaps you work for a grateful employer or a hard task master! There are so many demands. Sometimes we feel like we are overloaded and ready to collapse. But the Lord reminds us to put it in perspective and realize we are serving the Lord through our work. Our work is an extension of who we are and reflects our walk with God! Finally don't skip the pay day. The Lord promises "since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward" Col. 3:24. Wow, we are working for the Lord. Let's make it count. I hope your week will go better when you remember your working for the Lord.

Happy Labor Day!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mitch

Center Church Board Meeting
August 11, 2024

The Board met with 12 members present. Chairman Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order. Reida Snyder delivered the devotion on "God's Plan".

Corrections to the minutes were made. Jam/Joy kids will remain as they currently do. The Centered Kids is an idea for the future. Jeff Mendenhall gave the financial report. Minutes and treasurer reports were approved by consensus vote.

Committee Reports:

John Snyder: Trustee chair reported that the bus driving list has been updated. There is a small amount of termite damage between the CFC and the older fellowship hall and Terminex is addressing the issue. A new air conditioning unit for Pastor Mitch's office has been allocated at \$4,000. The water leak has been identified and Davidson Water gave us a \$1,300 credit. John now has an APP that gives him a heads up on excessive water usage. Painting in the vestibule has been completed. The third Saturday of every month will be set aside as a work day for the Brothers in Christ to do needed work at the church. The security system has been installed. Please attend a meeting to get the code for your family. There will be no keys distributed. They met with the county commissioners and received approval for more sewer capacity.

Reida Snyder: Worship committee reported the following dates and events.

August 25: Blessing of the new school year/backpacks.

September 8: Children's Sunday/Grandparent's Day

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September 22: Homecoming with Mark Clontz. 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Memorial Service and Homecoming Service with Luncheon

September 27: Set up for Camp out September 28: Games, Supper 5:00-6:00 Mylon Hayes Family Community Concert 6:00 in the Christian Fellowship Center

September 29: Camp Out Sunday 9:30 am outdoor worship-weather permitting

October 6: Worldwide Communion at all three worship services October 1.

Pastor's Appreciation Sunday October 20: Family Sunday for the 11:10 service

November 10: Veteran's Day Celebration. Deadline for ordering Poinsettias

November 24: Thanksgiving Service

December 1: First Sunday of Advent. Love Feast followed by the Lighting of the Christmas Tree 6:00 pm

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent. Christmas Cantata during 11:10 Service. Children's Play 6:00pm in Christian Fellowship Center

December 21: Wreaths across America Ceremony in the cemetery.

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Worship Services

December 24: Lighting of the Christ Candle during our two Christmas Eve Services 4:00 PM and 11:00 PM in the sanctuary.

January 5: Communion

Tina Fulcher: Children's ministry reported a successful VBS. Eight children made a profession of faith and were saved.

Kaitlyn Berrier reported a very outstanding Youth Missions trip - MFuge. Many of the youth came back with a desire for evangelism. They have been doing the monthly lunch bunch. Unfortunately their last mission trip was canceled due to hurricane Debby, so in its place they had a lock-in at the church on Friday 8/9. They went to Carowinds one day.

Currently they are planning a mission trip to Jamaica next summer. There are 15 interested in attending.

Jeff Mendenhall reported for Nathan Thanos that the Staff Parish committee met last week and they have a job description for an associate pastor. The representative for the online church directory will have a meeting in the near future with us.

Old Business:

Back to School Carnival is Saturday, August 17th, from 5:00-7:00 PM

We are working on the church roll to update all info.

The Christian Concert is coming together.

New Business:

Playground equipment/construction will be soon.

Heather Noel made the motion for new church signs to direct people to the Youth Pod and After School Programs. Rocky Hedrick second it and motion carried. Open House for After School program is Thursday August 22 at 6:00pm.

Open House for PreK school is Tuesday August 20th 5:30-6:30.

The Mylon Hayes Family concert is September 28 at 6:00 PM.

The Pastor's Pantry is requesting 500 cans of green beans.

Rocky Hedrick requested permission to sell remaining old church pews. Permission was granted.

Tina Fulcher presented facts and figures on a new copier and contracts. Our current contract is with Kelly Office Supplies and she also had quotes from Good Guys Imaging. Heather Noel made the motion to give Tina authority to cancel the Kelly office contract and go with the Good Guys with the best options for our needs. We also need to cancel the phone line for the fax machine as it is never used. Karri Hollingsworth second it and motion carried.

Pastor Mitch said we need to build our church up and let people serve and lead. Jeff Mendenhall had encouraging words to be leaders and the face of the church.

With no further business, Jeff Mendenhall adjourned the meeting and Pastor Mitch closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Mendenhall Chairperson

Terri Bates Recording Secretary

CENTER WOMEN'S MINISTRY

August 13th, 2024

Members present: Lisa Bates, Heather Noel, Angie Leonard, Reida Snyder, Deena Tolley, Pat Simmons, Rena Meredith, Marcia Craver, Terri Bates, Sydney May, Linda Leonard, Kay Hedrick, Leslie Craver, Audrey Wagner, Debbie Williams, Stacie Michael, Rhonda Michael, Elizabeth Baker, Glenda Stabler, Deenie Creech, Deana Tiller, and Guest: Keelie Michael

Lisa Bates opened the meeting with prayer. She wished all the ladies with an August Birthday, Happy Birthday!!

Lisa had the devotional, "Shine your light, share your faith". Jesus wants us to show Him to other people. Matthew 5:16 was read.

Jesus commands that we reflect His light, meeting those who need the hope of Christ right where they are.

Reida Synder had the program : "Sharing our talents". She read from 1 Peter, each person has a gift. We should use our talents to serve others, and we should always resist thoughts that our talents are better than someone else. We split into groups to create items we can sell at our country store on November 16th. Examples of items created; greeting cards, Christmas ornaments, vases, and painted rocks.

June minutes were approved and can be filed for audit.

Angie Leonard read a Thank you card from Kathy Kepley.

Heather Noel gave the treasurer's report. The balance is \$6,487.58 . The available balance is \$3,787.58.

Heather is also collecting the yearly "promises". We voted several months ago to donate to the dragonfly house. This "promise" is not required, but if you would like to participate, please reach out to Heather Noel before November 12th.

Old Business:

Thank you to those who put out pine needles. Martha Varner is in need of assistance with putting out mulch and weeding her flower garden. Lisa Bates will send out an email with more information at a later date on how to sign up to help.

The monthly outreach for the month of August was to donate \$500.00 to the Welcome Elementary School clothing closet. Tina Fulcher will go shopping for those items needed. September outreach will be healthy snacks for Center Church's after school program and the PreSchool. Lisa will send out an email with the items they need. Please bring those to the meeting in September.

Sydney May discussed the women's banquet being hosted on October 19th in the CFC. She is in need of ladies to decorate a table and sell tickets. 8 people can sit at each table and the tickets are \$20.00 each. You can decorate your table the Friday before. Please see Sydney with any questions.

New Business:

The Christian Concert will be held this coming Saturday, August 24th. They are in need of food items. Marcia Craver made a motion to give the \$250.00 towards food for the event. Debbie Williams seconded it. The motion carried.

It was decided to keep your Just Sister list until December. We will change then. Please reach out to Lisa if you would like to take part in this wonderful fellowship.

Lisa ended the meeting with prayer.

Reminders for upcoming dates:

Next Meeting: September 10th.

Devotions: Molly Long

Program: Deana Tiller

Thinking of you cards: Debbie Williams

Community outreach: Healthy snacks for afterschool and PreK programs here at Center

Chicken Pie: September 5th, 6th, 7th

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Bates, President

Angie Leonard, Secretary

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS invites school age girls to join our troop! Our first meeting is September 3rd at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Regular meetings are held on Tuesdays from 6:15-8:00. Contact Wendy Talley @ 336-940-0144.



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on Thursday, September 26 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 West Davidson Food Pantry

CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024

- SEPTEMBER 1- Lilly Leonard**
- SEPTEMBER 8 – Patti Miller**
- SEPTEMBER 15 – Jennifer Brinkley**
- SEPTEMBER 22 – Tina Fulcher**
- SEPTEMBER 29 – Angie Leonard**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROTATION FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024

- SEPTEMBER 1 – Warren Miller**
- SEPTEMBER 8 – Emily McMahan**
- SEPTEMBER 15 – Tina Fulcher**
- SEPTEMBER 22 – Karri Hollingsworth**
- SEPTEMBER 29 - Angie Leonard**

ACOLYTE

- SEPTEMBER 1 Joseph Brown**
- SEPTEMBER 8 Grady Brinkley**
- SEPTEMBER 15 Ann-Marie Kurtzman**
- SEPTEMBER 22 Katlyn Leonard**
- SEPTEMBER 29 Outside Service**

BIBLE BEARER

- Jacob Brown**
- Adelae Berrier**
- Cora Kurtzman**
- Elena Langau**

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024

- SEPTEMBER 1 Gray and Barbara Boger; Tim and Debbie Williams**
- SEPTEMBER 8 Mark and Barbara Cross; Butch Wood**
- SEPTEMBER 15 Pete and Rita Jones; Ashley Johnson, Autumn and Isabelle**
- SEPTEMBER 22 Michael Griffin; Larry and Hannah Bailey**
- SEPTEMBER 29 Robert and Lisa Bates; Donald and Kathy Hamilton**

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.

MEMORIALS/HONOR Through August 25, 2024

July 14, 2024

*In Memory of Frances Phillips
Mission Team Fund
Henrietta Hayes*

*In Memory of Lois Weaver
Mission Team Fund
Henrietta Hayes*

*In Honor of Aaron Whitfield
Center Christian Academy Fund
Dr. Barbara Everhart*

July 28, 2024

*In Memory of Frances Phillips
Budget Fund
Deanna Michael-Beck*

August 04, 2024

*In Memory of Lois Weaver, Frances Phillips
Willie Everhart and Roger Berrier
Budget Fund
Vicki Sink*

August 11, 2024

*In Memory of Donald Koontz
Budget Fund
Friendship/Good/Samaritan SS Class*

*In Memory of Frances Phillips
Budget Fund
Becky Brown*

August 18, 2024

*In Memory of Frances Phillips
Budget Fund
Chris and Leslie Craver*

*In Honor of Brenda Troutman
Choir Fund
Dave and Barbara Kesler*

*In Honor of Molly Long
Choir Fund
Dave and Barbara Kesler*

August 25, 2024

*In Memory of Frances Phillips
Cemetery Fund
Ann Robbins*

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!!

ATTENTION!!! On Sunday, September 1, our new security system will be online. We will be meeting at 12 PM in the Christian Fellowship Center for the next 3 Sundays to go over the use of this system and to give anyone who needs access their new code. If you need access to the church, please make sure to attend one of these short meetings because once the system is active, you will no longer be able to access the church without a code.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday Night Meal and Bible Study will start on Wednesday night, September 4, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall! The study will be Season 4 of The Chosen. Any questions, contact Lynn Upchurch at 704-232-1166 or lakehousepapa2@gmail.com.

GRIEFSHARE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

GriefShare at Center Church will begin Wednesday, September 4th, and will meet in the Classroom 3 from 10:00 AM – Noon. This program is a 13-week biblically based group for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, family member or close friend through death. Sylvia Upchurch will be the facilitator and you can contact her at 704-221-1370 or lakehousenana@gmail.com,

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY , SEPTEMBER 28

On Saturday, September 28th, the **Mylon Hayes Family** from Hudson, North Carolina, will be in concert in the Christian Fellowship Center as part of our church's 130th anniversary. The Hayes Family roots are all about the Lord, Gospel music, and edifying the church. This is a **free** gospel music concert for our church family and the community. The concert begins at **6 PM** and correlates directly with the annual Center Church campout and our 130th anniversary celebration. So, please save the date and plan a hearty Welcome to Welcome for: Mylon, Wendy, Conner, Bailey, and Kennedy. Bring a friend or two with you. You will be blessed many times over !!! You can view their music at <https://www.themylonhayesfamily.com>. Jeff Mendenhall, Church Historian

OUR 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAMP OUT

September 27th to 29th.

Bring your tents, campers and hammocks and join us for great food and fellowship.

Friday - set up for those spending the night. Please let me know how much space you'll need to set up so we can map out a plan.

Food Friday night will be on your own or we can pool our money and order pizza.

Saturday we will have games to play and cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish to share. We will have music entertainment by the Mylon Hayes Family.

Sunday will be an outside service and breakfast starting at 8:30 AM and at 9:30 AM the outside service.

Stay tuned for more information.

Please RSVP to Deena Tolley at 336 239 0844. Hope to see you all there.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 8 and September 15: Blessings from Our Children and Youth! September 8 is Children's Sunday and Grandparents Day. Our children will be participating in our Worship services by serving as ushers, reading the scriptures, and leading our prayers. Our Children's Choir always has a special song for grandparents! Fresh off an awesome summer of studying God's Word, witnessing to others, and helping those in need, our Youth will be highlighting their summer mission experiences on September 15.

September 22: Homecoming 2024 will be a blessing for everyone! We are so pleased to welcome back Mark Clontz who led our revival services two years ago. Each night our attendance grew as people heard about Mark and his powerful message. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 AM with the combined worship service beginning at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary. Afterwards, we will enjoy fellowship in the CFC during our annual Homecoming Covered Dish Luncheon. Our church will provide fried chicken, chicken tenders, and roast which will complement all of the delicious salads, side dishes, and desserts from your favorite recipes! Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this wonderful celebration!

Camp Out Sunday Worship Service will be September 29 at 9:30 AM. We will worship outdoors (weather permitting) so bring your lawn chairs even if we move inside due to the weather. *Brothers in Christ* will serve their famous tenderloin and sausage biscuits that morning!

CENTER WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **November 16!** Our Women's Ministry is reviving our Old Fashioned Country Store to its former glory, and we need the talents of our church family to make it a success! As you can vegetables this summer from your gardens, can a few extras for the Country Store. As you begin making autumn and holiday crafts and decorations, make a few extra. As you began jotting down your favorite bread, cake, pie, cookie and candy recipes for fall gatherings, make a note to make one or two or three for the County Store, Our youth will be selling their famous chicken stew that day as well. It will be a wonderful day to open our church doors to our community friends and share our many talents with others.

Maloy Ministry Moments

August 2024



"Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God."
Proverbs 14:31

Then, she died.

Merlan* struggled to care for her, raise their two daughters, and make ends meet. And now, his wife was gone.

But God saw Merlan. By His design, Cru staff working in his area heard about his difficulties. They began to visit him and his daughters, and brought meals and clothing to meet some of their immediate needs. They kept coming. As they did, they regularly shared the Gospel with this hurting family. Just recently, Merlan took a step of faith and prayed to receive Christ as his Lord and Savior! Since then, he has joined the local home church, and you can find him huddled with his brothers in Christ for the men's group on Wednesday evenings.

There are other amazing teams like this in Central Asia, who are faithfully pursuing the lost and hurting in some of the more forgotten corners of the region. Thank you for helping me to serve and resource them—it takes all of us, together, to meet temporal and eternal needs of the people living in some of the toughest places on earth. Please continue to pray for Merlan, his family, and many others like him who are in need of help and hope, as well as the Cru staff who serve them in Jesus' name. *name changed for security purposes.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for several of my key contacts in these Central Asian countries who, like us, raise support for their work with Cru and are severely underfunded. Pray that the Lord would meet all their needs according to His glorious riches in Christ.

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Photos:

The local Cru team shared coal with Merlan for the cold winter months; Merlan discussing the Gospel with a brother from a local church.

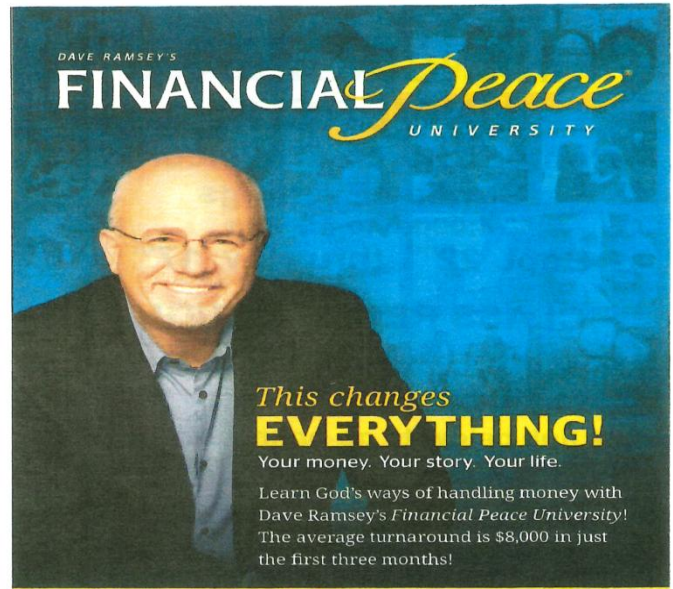
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The Mylon Hayes Family In Concert
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September 28, 2024
6:00 PM

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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

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