



Bumper Sticker Theology

February 2 - February 23

This month we're continuing our *Bumper Sticker Theology* sermon series. We'll look at actual bumper stickers through the lens of scripture and examine what each sticker says about God, the Christian faith, and how to live in the world.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17

FEBRUARY MESSAGES:

- 2.2 *Christians Aren't Perfect, Just Forgiven*
- 2.9 *I've Got Nothing Against God. It's His Fan Club I Can't Stand*
- 2.16 *Let Go and Let God*
- 2.23 *Better to Die On Your Feet Than Live on Your Knees*

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	1-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	Online
Worship Attendance <small>* worship attendance includes online</small>	361	329	296	652	168	
Sunday School Attendance	160	142	122			
Contributions	\$ 28,818	\$ 13,840	\$ 22,950	\$ 12,679	\$ 5,668	\$ 26,478
Faith Promise	\$ 485	\$ 127	\$ 345	\$ 425	\$ 90	\$ 648
Promised 7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$78,438		Received YTD	\$45,130		

Central's Chancel Choir

You're invited to experience worship in a new way. If you have experience in singing or if you'd like to learn, Central's Chancel Choir would love to have you join us for the Easter Season.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in the Worship Center from 7-8pm. On Sunday mornings we meet around 10:40am (or after Sunday School) to prepare for the 11:00am traditional service. After the anthem, the Chancel Choir members exit the stage. If you're an early service member, you may easily slip out through the choir room back door. If you are a traditional service member, you have the opportunity to sit with family or friends.

If you're interested or want to know more contact Tyler (tsowens26@gmail.com) or Rachel Owens (rachelariel26@gmail.com).



Combined Ash Wednesday with Trinity UMC

Wednesday, March 5 | 6:30pm Worship Center

Join us for a special Ash Wednesday service as we come together in unity with Trinity United Methodist Church to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. This evening will include worship, reading of scripture, a message from Pastor Scott and the imposition of ashes to remind us of our shared journey of faith. Invite a friend to join you!

THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2025



Bishop Richard Looney

Bishop Looney is a master storyteller. He has preached all around the world and been involved in missions in Peru, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Bishop Looney was elected Bishop in 1988 and served the South Georgia Conference from 1988-2000 until he retired. He's Episcopal Director Emeritus of the Foundation on Evangelism, Lake Junaluska, NC. He is also author of "The Fun of Being Looney," which is available on Amazon. We look forward to his message!

Missions Celebration Weekend

March 1-2, 2025

Make plans to join us for a special weekend celebrating missions at Central. We'll gather on Saturday, March 1 for several hands-on service projects (more details to come). Keep an eye out for our Thursday email newsletter called "What's Happening at Central" for more details. Scan the QR to sign up for the email newsletter if you're not already.



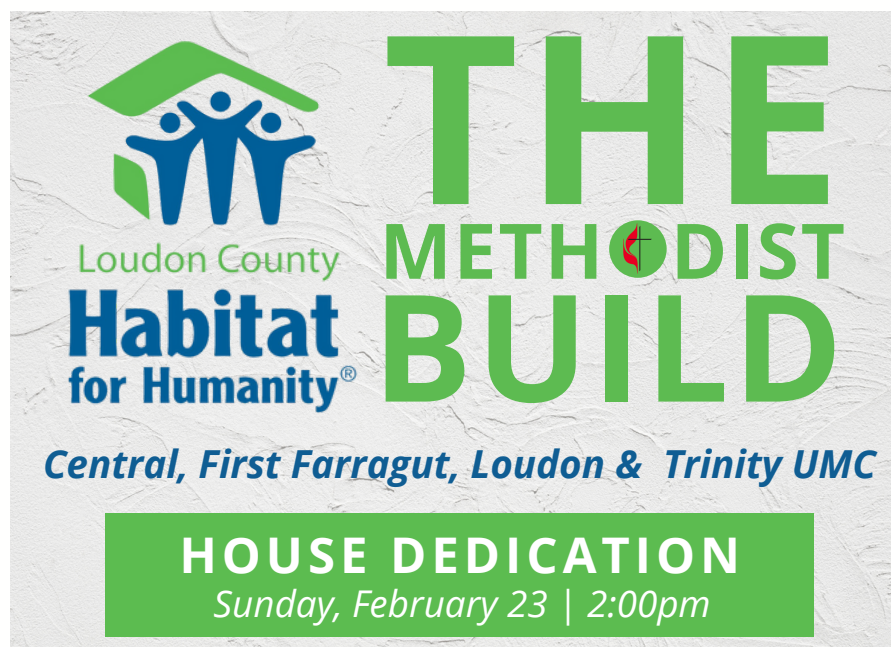
On Sunday, March 2 we're excited to welcome Bishop Richard Looney as our keynote speaker at a combined service at 10:30am. You'll also have an opportunity to hear from several of our mission partners as they share what God's been doing through their organizations beginning at 9:30am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- 9:00am Coffee
- 9:30am Mission Guests
- 10:30am Combined Worship Service with Keynote Speaker Bishop Looney

MISSION PARTNERS

- Baltic Mission Center
- UT Wesley Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity
- Africa Missions
- KARM
- UM Disaster Relief
- Magnolia Ministries
- Project Crossroads



Methodist Build House Dedication

Sunday, February 23 | 2:00pm

Our Christmas 2023 offering went to build a Habitat Home with along with First Farragut, Loudon and Trinity UMC. We're so excited to share that the house is built and ready for a family to call home.

Please join us at **501 W. 1st Ave in Lenoir City** to help us dedicate this home and celebrate how God made this possible.

It's a special moment when a house becomes someone's home. Thank you to all who gave their time and energy to make this a reality.

CENTRAL KIDS



Parents' Night Out
Friday, February 14 | 5:00-7:00pm

Hey parents - we'd love to give you a night out! Central is hosting a pizza and movie night for all kids ages 2 years old through 5th grade. Walk children to the Gathering Area and register them at our Check-In Station. PJ's, pillows, and blankets are recommended. Visitors and friends are welcome. **All children must pre-register by February 9th.** Register today by scanning the QR code above.

**If any adults would like to serve at this event, contact Hannah Collins (hannah@centralmethodist.com).*

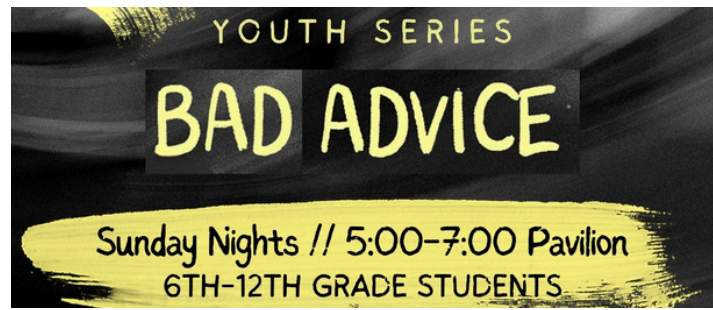


CK Worship & CK Worship JR.
During 9 & 11am Worship Services

We're excited to announce that Central Kids is growing and our programs are too! Due to a wonderful influx of preschoolers and kindergarteners we're offering **CK Worship for 1st-5th graders** and **CK Worship Jr. for children ages 4 through 6.**

All children will still exit the Worship Center at the same time, but pick up will be in different locations for the different age groups. Pick up for **CK Worship (1st-5th grade) will be in Room 106** and pick up for **CK Worship Jr. (Pre K - K) will be in Room 101,** through the nursery door.

CENTRAL STUDENTS



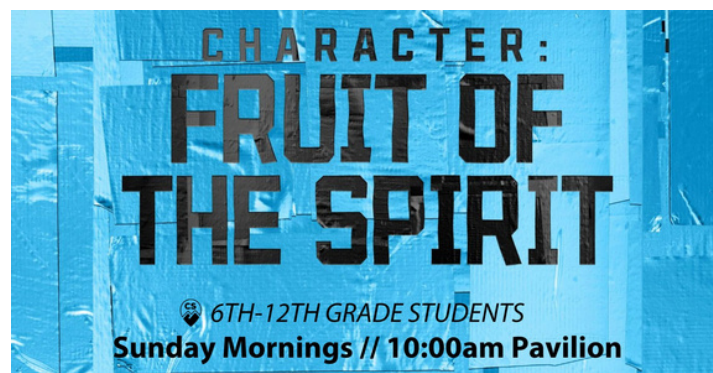
New Youth Series - Bad Advice
Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Pavilion

Have you ever been given bad advice? There are so many voices telling us what to do and who to be.

This month we'll begin a new series called *Bad Advice* where Jesus' voice will cut through these voices as He raises the bar and gets to the heart of things like anger, lust and lying. All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday evenings to hear what Jesus has to say about some of the biggest questions and everyday decisions we face in life.

February at a Glance

- 2.2 Youth // 5-7pm
- 2.7-8 Skyzone & Lock-In // 6pm - 8am
- 2.9 No Youth due to Lock-In
- 2.16 Youth // 5-7pm
- 2.23 Youth // 5-7pm



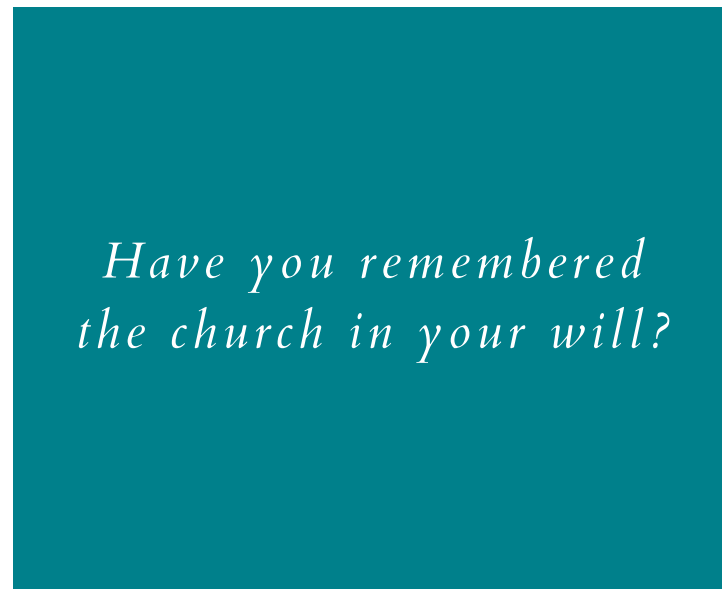
Sunday School - Character
Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Pavilion

We'll continue our Sunday school series *Character*. All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us to discuss peace, patience, kindness and goodness this month.

2025 Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a meaningful way to glorify God, beautify the Worship Center and offer a tangible expression of gratitude or remembrance. Whether in honor of a loved one, celebration of a special occasion or simply an act of worship, your gift of flowers is a simple yet profound way to share in the life of the church and bring joy to others.

Scan the QR code to select a date for flowers or you can visit the sign up table in the Gathering Area.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

MEETINGS

Pledge Service
Tuesday, February 4 | 1:00pm Room B125

All women invited to learn more about UWF and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Sandy Dunsmore (865-271-7426) for additional information.

Hope Circle
Tuesday, January 28 | 6:00pm Location TBD

Join Hope Circle for dinner and a meeting. Contact Janice Willocks (865-556-2280) for more information.

Leadership Meeting
Thursday, February 20 | 1:00pm Room A133
Contact Sandy Dunsmore (865-271-7426) for additional information.

Join a Small Group

We have two new groups started this month as well as a women's group in early March. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



GriefShare
with Katie Thomas & Susan Good
Wednesdays beginning February 12 // 6:00pm

Easter: A Spiritual Journey
with Melissa Best
Mondays beginning February 24 // 6:30pm

Ruth Women's Group
with Carol Reddick & Chris Powell
Tuesdays beginning March 11 // 10:30am

February Birthdays

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| 2 Aiden Layer | 13 Patricia Grayson |
| 3 Louise Coulter | 15 Alicia Baldwin |
| 3 Steve Rodier | 17 Jaxon Chandler |
| 4 P.A. Malone | 19 Shirley Buse |
| 5 Mary Kate Abercrombie | 19 Adelaide Shanahan |
| 5 Andrew Herron | 20 Sage Hanks |
| 6 Joel Malone | 20 Dianne Kelley |
| 7 Sarah Hartzler | 21 Adalyn Pickett |
| 9 Jordan Alex Gresham | 22 Neal Jones |
| 10 Gerald Augustus | 22 Bettye Malone |
| 10 Amanda Hensley | 22 William Irvin |
| 10 Joan James Minor | 23 Frank Kargol |
| 10 Ally Stamps | 24 Brent Abercrombie |
| 12 Kinley Abercrombie | 24 Kristi Rogers |
| 12 Elizabeth Angle | 24 Max Layer |
| 12 Ella Morton | 25 Callie Garcia |