



Summer Playlist 2025
June 29 - July 27

This Summer, we're taking favorite songs -- from pop to country and musicals -- to uncover the deeper messages they hold. Music speaks to our struggles, our hopes, and God's truth. Each week, you'll hear the song performed live and then see how it connects to Scripture and your everyday faith. Come discover how God can speak through even the most unexpected lyrics.

JULY MESSAGES:

- 7.6 "Hard Fought Hallelujah"**
by Brandon Lake & Jelly Roll
- 7.13 "Popular"**
from *Wicked*
- 7.20 "Let Him in Anyway"**
by Blake Shelton
- 7.27 "Jesus is Just Alright"**
by The Doobie Brothers

*Every Tongue
Every Tribe*

WHY BIBLE TRANSLATION MATTERS

Wednesday, August 20 | 6:30pm

Dana Brennan, the *Chief Mobilization Officer* for Illuminations, will be traveling from Atlanta, GA to share with us the importance of translating the Bible and how you can get involved with this ministry.

Upcoming Sermon Series:
Achilles
Beginning Sunday, August 10

Achilles was one of the greatest warriors in Greek mythology, yet it is said he was brought down by a single arrow to his heel. We now use the term 'Achilles' heel' to refer to a small, yet destructive weakness in someone. This series will help you find out how to avoid falling prey to a seemingly small thing that can destroy even the strongest person.

AUGUST MESSAGES:

- 8.10 Fear** **8.24 Lust**
- 8.17 Pride** **8.31 Bitterness**



THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY/AUGUST 2025

Neighborhood Chats
with Pastor Melissa

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A circular portrait of Pastor Melissa, a woman with short white hair, smiling. To her right is a QR code. The background features a stylized illustration of houses and trees.

Neighborhood Chats with Pastor Melissa

As we welcome Pastor Melissa to our church family, we're excited to offer a unique opportunity for connection and conversation - in the comfort of our own homes. These small gatherings of 10-12 people lasting about an hour will be hosted in various neighborhoods, creating a relaxed setting. You'll have to opportunity to get to know Melissa, share stories and build stronger relationships within our church community.

Whether you've been part of the church for years or just beginning your journey with us, we hope you'll join us for one of these meaningful and informal chats. Let's come together to welcome Melissa and dream about what God has in store for our future! **Scan the QR code above or visit the Gathering Area to sign up.**



Small Group Kick-Off
Sunday, August 3 | 10:00am

Discover the power of connection through small groups! Whether you're new to faith or looking to grow deeper, there's a group for you. We have groups that meet Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week, during the day or in the evening. Find a group that fits your needs during this season of your life.

NEXT Class
Sunday, August 17 | 10:00am

If you're new to Central or want to take a NEXT step in engagement, meet in the Gathering Area with Pastor Scott.

A photograph of a group of people, including adults and children, standing outdoors. They are holding hands and smiling. A QR code is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Scan the QR code to see pictures from this year's mission trip to Costa Rica!

It's time for all of those who serve with Central Students and Central Kids to gather for a morning of fellowship, brunch and Safe Sanctuary training! Please make your best effort to join us if you work with our children and/or youth in any capacity.

CENTRAL KIDS

Camp in the Community
July 7-11

We're hosting 50 children from around our community for a week-long day camp here at Central! Here's how you can be involved:

- Church-Wide Potluck** - Join us Sunday, July 6th in the Pavilion at 6:00pm. Meet the staff from around the world and welcome them to our church. Email Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com if you plan to attend.
- Small Group Shepherd** - Be a part of the fun! Limited availability? No problem! Contact Hannah with your availability and we'll find the perfect spot for you.
- Prayer** - Please pray for these children, volunteers and staff. Prayers for safety, fun and seeds of faith to be sown are so appreciated!

7.7-11 Camp in the Community // 8:30am-4:30pm

7.26 Safe Sanctuary Brunch // 9-11am

8.3 *Movin' on Up!* Rising 6th grade Ceremony in the Pavilion // 10:20-10:50am

Blessing of the Backpacks // Both services

- No experience with kids necessary
- Need **helpers** for CK Worship (9 & 11am Services)
- Need **helpers** for Sunday school classes (10am)
- Age preferences and time commitments flexible
- No preparation is needed

CENTRAL STUDENTS

Sunday, August 10 | 5-7pm Pickett's Home

Wear **sunscreen, modest bathings suits** & bring a **towel**. *Food will be provided.*

Drop off & pick up at the **Pickett's home** ([127 River Point Drive, Lenoir City 37772](#)).

7.6 Youth & Fireworks // 6-9pm

7.7-11 Camp in the Community

7.13 Youth & Bday Celebration // 5-7pm

7.17 High School Top Golf // 2-4pm

7.20 Youth & Water Games // 5-7pm

7.27 Pastor Melissa Neighborhood Chat // 10am

Youth & Handprint Ceremony // 5-7pm

8.3 Blessing of the Backpacks // Both services

Movin' on Up // 10am

No Youth

8.10 Confirmation Orientation // 10am

Fall Kickoff Pool Party // 5-7pm

8.17 Youth // 5-7pm

8.24 Youth // 5-7pm

8.31 CS Greet & Usher // 8:30am

Youth // 5-7pm

Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
10-10:45am Pavilion

July Series
Dive
August Series
Why Jesus?

Youth
Sunday Nights
5:00-7:00 Pavilion

July Series
Salt: Creating Thirst
August Series
The Blessed Life



Common Ground
Tuesday, August 19 | 5:30pm Ugly Mug LC

You're invited to find community through fun and relaxed fellowship. Meet at Maui Wau (117 E Broadway St, Lenoir City). Contact Sheila Borders (423)-807-1269) or Jessica Fettig (952-460-0255) for more information.

2 Ken Cook	16 Chris Hartzler
3 Jennifer Malone	16 Peggy Tinnel
6 Charlotte Wright	17 Savannah Gresham
7 Norma Idom	17 Chase Wright
7 Wyatt Morton	18 Clay McCammon
7 George Sterchi	18 Matt Collins
8 Sarah Jane Raymer	20 Elizabeth Hartzler
9 Doug Raymer	20 Lisa Thompson
10 Sharon Lantz	20 Amelia Jarvis
10 Jennifer Tomaszek	24 Brayden Hartzler
12 Ed Allen	25 Caleb Lantz
13 Becky Manning	26 Pat Davis
13 Anna Layer	26 Gerald Carnes
15 Nena Hall	29 Blake Messler
16 Edwin Blackburn	31 Hayden Wright

1 Michael Stockham	10 Steven Abercrombie
3 Alice Quick	12 Marilyn Read
3 Sandra Gillman	13 Mike Haynes
3 Ryan Hensley	14 Bill Davis
3 Sharon Yarbrough	15 Kate Layer
3 Steve Robinson	18 Atleigh Everett
4 Betty Easton	18 Eunice Warter
4 Michael Helton	18 Stephen Lantz
4 Nathan Helton	19 Ann Greiwe
4 Betty Moore	21 Paul Lawrence
4 Ellis Rogers	23 Cadence Malone
6 Brian Williams	26 David Coulter
7 Pierson Layer	30 Julie Galbaugh
9 Carolyn Haynes	30 Mary Beth Hensley
10 Tammie Jay	31 Sandra Augustus
10 John Tuck	31 Danny Lantz

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Martha & Ruth Circles

Will not be meeting in July or August

Hope Circle

Tuesday, July 22 // 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 26 // 6:00pm

Contact Janice Willocks at 865-556-5580 for more information about Hope Circle.

Mission U
July 18-19 // Bristol, VA

Conference Social Action Day
August 9 // Broadway UMC, Maryville

District Social Action Day
August 23 // Location TBD

For additional information regarding meetings for Central's United Women in Faith contact Sandy Dunsmore at 865-271-7426.