



Sermon Series: *I Am the Church*

October 26 - November 9

Every day we're faced with the needs of those around us: Emotional, physical and spiritual. What are we to do about it?

During this three-week series, we'll consider how we can live as an outwardly-focused Christian. In response to the many needs of the world, what will our response be: I might help, I should help, I will help?

NOVEMBER MESSAGES :

- 11.2** *I Am the Church: I Should* (Pastor Melissa)
- 11.16** Worship & Testimony Sunday - *This Is My Testimony!* (Pastor Scott)
- 11.9** Commitment Sunday - *I Am the Church: I Will* (Pastor Scott)
- 11.23** *Gratefulness* (Pastor Melissa)

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	7-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	Online
Worship Attendance	391	360	374	264	
* worship attendance includes online					
Sunday School Attendance	126	136	160		
Contributions	\$ 10,559	\$ 32,309	\$ 4,881	\$ 6,982	\$ 20,196
Faith Promise	\$ 6,040	\$ 1,590	\$ 40	\$ 331	\$ 439
			Received YTD	\$42,452	



A Letter from Pastor Scott

What Is A Saint?

As we get closer to All Saints Sunday on November 2nd, it's important to remember what a saint is: A saint is follower of Jesus. If you are Christian, the Bible calls you a saint.

Each year we celebrate those who have passed away in the past year, not only to remember their legacy, but to remember that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves – the church triumphant. Let's remember who we are and let's live that way!

- Scott Layer

THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2025

2026 Generosity Campaign: *I Am the Church*

The leaves are changing, the weather has cooled and we enter one of the most gorgeous periods of transformation with a Tennessee Fall season. As we do so, we are reminded of the ways we constantly transform to fit the body of Christ that each of us make up as part of one church body – and in each individual way we are called as we look ahead.

We begin our 2026 generosity campaign, "I Am The Church," where we will have an opportunity to prayerfully make a commitment on how to support our joint mission to serve Christ through our financial gifts and our service in the new year. Commitment cards were mailed out October 29th for each of us to prayerfully consider. Once completed, we will all gather together on November 9 for Consecration Sunday to present those commitments to God in praise and worship together.

It is an exciting time of transformation and looking ahead. During this season, we will all have the opportunity to draw close in determining how we each feel we can best serve the church in 2026.

– Steve & Katie Gillman, 2026 Generosity Campaign Co-Chairs



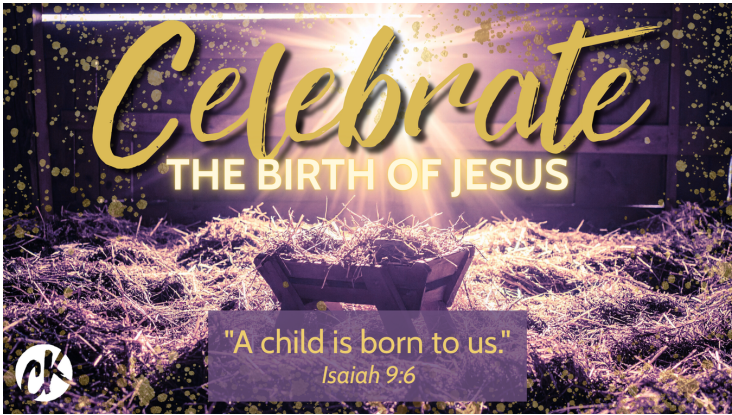
One Team Party

Friday, November 7 | 6:00pm Worship Center

The staff at Central want to celebrate the many people who support our church in helping people find and follow Jesus through service.

You should have a received a special email invite with all the details. Please RSVP by Monday, November 3rd. We hope to see you there!

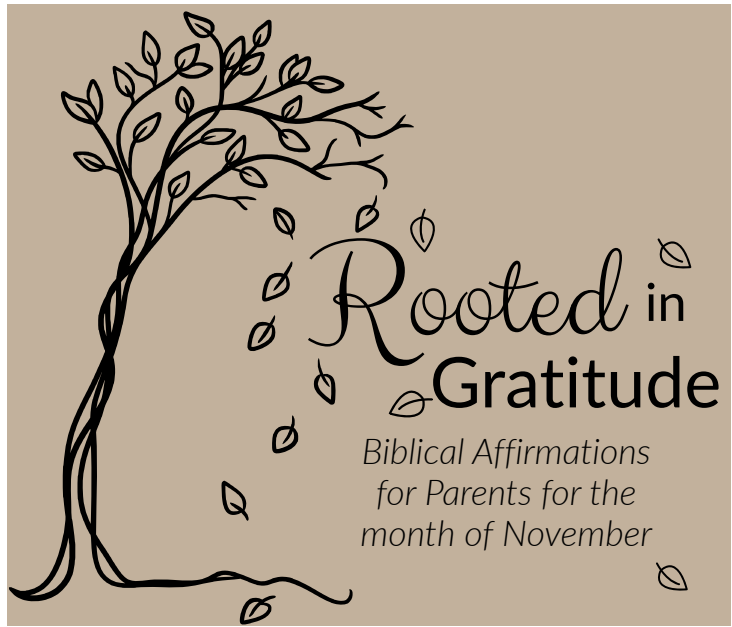
CENTRAL KIDS



Sunday School - Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Children's Hallway

All kids ages 4 years old through 5th grade will experience the joy of the birth of our Lord in our November and December Sunday school series. Through art, cooking, science, missions, spiritual practices and more, our children will celebrate the greatest gift of all!



Rooted in Gratitude - Biblical Affirmations for Parents

Parents, make sure to pick up this pocket-sized booklet to encourage you this month! Each morning, begin your day with an affirmation that is rooted in Biblical truth. We appreciate all you do to invest in your child(ren)'s faith! ❤️

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Youth - Sports Night

Sunday, November 9 | 5:00-7:00pm

All 6th-12th graders are invited to enjoy our Youth Sports Night. **Wear a shirt or jersey representing a favorite team and enjoy playing flag football.** This is fun for guys and girls, and we would love for you to join us! We'll also enjoy a yummy supper together and an important lesson in our series called **Choices**.

Sunday School

Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Room A135
Knowing Jesus through Scripture

Confirmation

Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45 Room A134
Learn more about the Holy Spirit, the Church & the hope for followers of Jesus.

Youth - Choices

Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Rm A134/5

Our series this month, **Choices**, will help us explore how our choices impact our future and why being righteous, godly and diligent matters.

November at a Glance

11.2 Youth // 5-7pm
Early bird deadline for Rez26

11.9 Youth - Sports Night // 5-7pm

11.16 Youth // 5-7pm

11.23 Youth - Thanksgiving // 5-7pm

11.30 CS Greet & Usher // 8:30am
No Youth for Thanksgiving



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

World Thank Offering Program

Tuesday, November 4 | 1:00pm Room B125
All UWF members are invited to hear about the recent tour at the Wesley House Community Center and be a part of this year's World Thank Offering Program.

Tennessee Valley District Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 8 | 9:00am-12:00pm
All UWF members are invited to the annual meeting at Lennon-Seney United Methodist Church, Knoxville. Registration forms are available in the file box across from Hallway A.

UWF Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 3 | 11:30am
UWF will have their annual Christmas Luncheon at Barbara Williams' home! Please contact Sandy Dunsmore at SDunsmore@hotmail.com for any questions.



November Birthdays

1 Barbara Arnold	13 Sam Herron
1 Kenny Hensley	14 Julia Dunsmore
1 Christine Powell	15 Dan Duckworth
2 Kathy Rhodes	15 Kris Rice
2 Jim Atherton	16 Nadia Chandler
2 Tassie James	17 John Stauffer, Sr.
4 Kaiser Jones	17 Callie Jo Wright
5 Betty Hawk	17 Ken Pood
6 Lenora Brennan	18 Bob Farr
6 Keira Allen	20 Melissa Best
6 Calloway Davis	21 Nancy Odiorne
7 Trevor Good	22 Cayden McKee
7 Patsy Harvey	24 Joyce Dunn
7 Henry Wilson	24 Dean Odiorne
9 Cameron Hall	24 Patrick Milliken
10 Brenda Allen	26 Anderson Duckworth
11 Parker Stamps	27 Alex Stamps
11 Berti Ewertz	30 Jeannine Martin
11 Sally Anne Platfoot	30 Jake Spoon
11 Talon James	



I Am the Church December Mission - LC Christmas Parade
Thursday, December 4

At this year's Lenoir City Christmas Parade, we want to share God's love by inviting our community to join us supporting the hungry and homeless. We'll be gathering cold weather essentials to donate to *Cold Hands, Warm Hearts* on Christmas Eve and would love to have our community's help in making this happen!

Our Central Team will be handing out flyers during the parade to help us spread the message of hope and generosity this Christmas season. *It's not too late to join us* – if you're interested, email Melissa Smith at melissa@centralmethodist.com. Let's shine Christ's light together by "being the church" and serving our community with love!