

questioning CHRISTIANITY

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

During this series following the modern worship service, Pastor Scott and Pastor Melissa will be available to lead a 20 minute discussion group that will go further with questions and applications from the message of the day. Meet in the back of the Worship Center at 10:00am. All are welcome!

Questioning Christianity
September 7 - October 19

This series creates space for honest questions and deep struggles. Each week you'll explore common objections to Christianity and see how doubt, far from being a threat, can actually lead you closer to a stronger, more authentic faith. Discover how Jesus doesn't run from your questions - He meets you in them.

- SEPTEMBER MESSAGES:
- 9.7 The Sunnier Side of Doubt - Scott
 - 9.14 When the Church is Toxic - Melissa
 - 9.21 Is the Bible Relevant? - Scott
 - 9.28 Science and the Existence of God - Melissa & Scott - 10:30am Combined Service

COMBINED WORSHIP

Led by Central Kids & Students

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 10:30AM

Join us for a combined service at 10:30am as our Central Kids and Students help to lead worship. This service is very special as we get to enjoy the next generation leading us in worship in many different ways. Enjoy coffee & fellowship at 9:30am, doors open at 10:00am and service will begin at 10:30am.






Volunteer Spotlight - Sheila Borders

For more than 20 years, Sheila Borders has poured her heart into Loudon County Habitat for Humanity — teaching homeownership classes, mentoring families, serving on their Board, rallying Central to build and volunteer, and showing up wherever she's needed with a smile and a servant's heart.

At this year's Habitat for Humanity of Tennessee Conference, Sheila was honored with the Leadership Volunteer of the Year Award, a recognition so well deserved for her unwavering commitment to our mission. Way to go, Sheila!

THE CONNECTION




Age Is Just a Trail Marker: Hiking the AT
with Marlene & Egon Hillermann

Wednesday, September 17

5:30pm // Church Potluck
6:15pm // Presentation

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Scan the code to let us know you're coming!



A Note from
Pastor Scott
I Am the Church

Have you ever had somebody show up for you? Maybe it was for a health scare, a divorce or a celebration for you or one of your loved ones. It's been said 85% of life is just showing up. In church terms, it's called the ministry of presence.

During the next five months (pictured right), we're going to show up for our community. If you haven't yet, pick up your new, free Central T-Shirt and choose at least one activity to show up got your community. We are the Church!

- Scott Layer

Age Is Just a Trail Marker
Wednesday, September 17

Make plans to join us for a fellowship night and hear Marlene and Egon Hillerman share their experiences of hiking and completing the Appalachian Trail. We'll gather at 5:30pm for a potluck dinner followed by the presentation at 6:15pm. All are welcome! Bring a friend to hear this incredible story!

SEPT. 12	LC Football Game OR 5 th Quarter
OCT. 17	Eaton Elementary Fall Carnival
NOV. 10	Snack Carts for all School Staff
DEC. 4	LC Christmas Parade invites
JAN. 10	Cold Hands, Warm Hearts Dinner

Dates to Remember

The Ultimate
Falloween Bash
Sunday, October 26
3:00-5:00pm

UWF Fall Bake Sale
Sunday, November 16
9:45am-12:15pm

Flourishing in Your 60's & Beyond with Ron Johnson
Wednesday, October 29
6:00pm



I Am the Church - LC Football Game
Friday, September 12 | 7:00pm

Join us for our first "I Am the Church" mission of the year! Wear your Central shirt and join us in cheering on all of our Central Students involved in the McMinn county game. Following the game, Central will host a 5th Quarter for all high schoolers at Sno Biz in Lenoir City! Students will enjoy a FREE snow cone, a chance to win one of many prizes, listening to music, hanging out with friends and hearing about how much God loves them. Invite your friends – the more the merrier!!



CENTRAL KIDS



Sunday School - *The Exodus*
Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am
Children's Hallway

Central Kids will be studying *The Exodus* in Sunday school for the next two months. Through engaging lessons, including art, science, games, missions, spiritual practices, cooking and more, our children will remember our great God's power!

CENTRAL STUDENTS

Sunday School - *Knowing Jesus*
Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Room A133

Central Students will explore how Jesus prays and how He prays for us in a Sunday school series called Knowing Jesus. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome!

Confirmation
Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Room A137

Why is there evil and what's so special about the Bible? Confirmands will discover the answer to these two very important questions this month.

Youth - *Real Friends*
Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Worship Center

All 6th-12th graders are invited to enjoy fun games, good food and deep discussions in our series called *Real Friends* this month.



September at a Glance

- 9.6-7** Refresh Retreat
- 9.7** No Sunday School/Confirmation due to Retreat
- 9.12** High School 5th Quarter @ Sno Biz // 9:30-11:30pm
- 9.14** Youth // 5-7pm
- 9.21** Youth // 5-7pm
- 9.28** CK/CS Worship Service // 10:30am
No Sunday School or Confirmation
Youth // 5-7pm

Mission Partner Update: Habitat for Humanity

We currently have two homes under construction. The first is the final build in the Hope Haven neighborhood in Loudon – it is expected to be finished in the next few weeks, with a dedication likely in October. The other is in the Brooksvew neighborhood in Lenoir City –exterior work is moving steadily toward completion. Volunteers are needed for interior work at both sites.

Meanwhile, site preparation work in the new Hilltop Hideaway neighborhood in Loudon continues to progress, with the first construction volunteers likely to be needed by November.

COMMUNITY HABITAT EVENTS

Community Garage Sale
Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27
8:00am –12:00pm | Community Church at Tellico Village
You can volunteer to set up or donate items on Friday September 26 or help with the garage sale on Saturday, September 27.

Farm to Families Dinner
Thursday, October 16 | RiverView Family Farm.
This signature farm-to-table dinner features Chef Robert Allen, live music, and a beautiful setting on Fort Loudoun Lake. General admission is \$125, and sponsorships range from \$1,000–\$10,000. Tickets are available at farmtofamiliesloco.org.

Contact Steve Rodier at stephen.rodier@snet.net for more information or to volunteer for any of the activities listed above.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Ruth Circles
Thursday, September 18 // 1:00pm Rm A133

Martha Circle
Tuesday, October 7 // 1:00pm Rm A133

Hope Circle
Tuesday, September 23 // 6:00pm
Dianne Kelley's home for dinner and meeting, RSVP 865-456-6606

For additional information regarding meetings for Central's United Women in Faith contact [Sandy Dunsmore at 865-271-7426](mailto:Sandy.Dunsmore@865-271-7426).

September Birthdays

1	Elijah Whitt	17	Bernie Horton
3	Drew Herron	18	Veda Kirby
3	Noah Thacker	18	Lisa Lantz
3	Ronnie Powell	18	Alex Herron
3	Brenda Fitz	21	Hudson Collins
3	Cristiana Wright	21	Jordan Galyon
4	Fletcher Pickett	21	Larry Scheetz
4	Pam Kirthlink	22	Vincent Shanahan
4	Joel Patten	23	Autumn Davis
4	Teresa Weaver	23	Summer Davis
4	Katie Grugin	23	Ray Morton
6	Lucas Smith	24	Jennifer Hensley
7	Annie Kate Platfoot	27	Kim Everett
9	Chris Shanahan	27	Tim Leonard
10	Kara Scheetz	27	Hung Ma
10	Maggie Layer	29	Patti Cole

Championship Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 28 | 2:00pm

The annual CUMC Championship Golf Tournament is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! We'll gather at the Knoxville Municipal Golf Course (3925 Schaad Rd Knoxville, TN 37921) at 2:00pm for a shotgun start. Cost is \$43 per person for golf and cart. All are welcome to play!

To make things more competitive the Callaway Handicap system will be used to determine the winner. For questions, contact Garry Hudson at 865-207-3050..

Donations Needed

Martha Circle and UWF plan a trip to Henderson Settlement on Friday, October 3. **We'll be collecting the following requested items September 7-October 1:**

- Clothing (winter items for all ages)
 - Kitchen items in good condition
 - Bedding and towels
 - Diapers (all sizes)
 - Baby wipes
 - Canned goods
 - Office supplies
 - School supplies
- Please place items at the designated bins in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please email Sharon Lantz at slantz564@gmail.com.