



THE BOOK OF
MARK

Rediscovering Jesus

Sermon Series:
The Book of Mark

We'll continue our study of *The Book of Mark: Rediscovering Jesus* as we examine the life and ministry of Jesus. Our hope is we may rediscover who Jesus is, what he taught and achieved, and what it means for us today.

March at a Glance

- March 3 Do You Still not Understand?
- March 10 Who Do You Say I Am?
- March 17 I Am The Greatest
- March 24 Bearing Fruit (Palm Sunday)
- March 31 Trembling and Bewildered (Easter Sunday)

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	7-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	Online
Worship Attendance	445	379	178	428	
<small>* worship attendance includes online</small>					
Sunday School Attendance	162	177		201	
Contributions	\$ 18,530	\$ 4,981	\$ 17,427	\$ 14,686	\$ 27,933
Faith Promise	\$ 808	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,045	\$ 955	\$ 5,351
Promised 7-1-23 to 6-30-24	\$78,134		Received YTD	\$49,185	

Mission Spotlight: Rise Against Hunger
Meal-Packing Event

Saturday, April 27 | 8:30-10:30am Worship Center

If you want to have fun and make a difference, plan on joining us as we pack over 50,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger.

You raised over \$20,000 through our 2023 Christmas offering to make this happen. These meals will be shipped to vulnerable people in need around the world. Our goal is to have 200 volunteers for this event.

Sign up online www.centralmethodist.com/riseagainsthunger and invite a friend.



THE CONNECTION

HOLY WEEK

- March 24 Palm Sunday | 9 & 11am
- March 28 Maundy Thursday: Passover Seder | 6:30pm
- March 29 Good Friday: A Service of Tenebrae | 6:30pm
- March 31 Easter Sunday | 7:30, 9, & 11am

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Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24 | 9 & 11am Services

Join us to celebrate Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem featuring the waving of palm branches. Modern worship will have praise and worship, children processional and message. Traditional worship will have hymns, children processional, string quartet and message.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28 | 6:30pm Worship Center



Join us for a unique worship dinner experience centered around fellowship. Jared Dragoun, pastor at Local Church of Lenoir City, will help us experience the significance of the final meal Jesus had with his disciples.

RSVP is required, so please sign up by scanning the QR code, online at www.centralmethodist.com/holyweek or in the Gathering Area.

Good Friday

Friday, March 29 | 6:30pm Worship Center

"Tenebrae" is latin for "darkness." During this Good Friday Tenebrae service we'll recreate the passion story. This service will feature hymns, readings and dance.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 | 7:30, 9 & 11am Services

Join us for one our Easter Sunday services to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

At 7:30am, we'll gather behind the Pavilion for a youth-led sunrise service complete with a warm fire and encouraging words from our Central Students. We'll gather for coffee and fellowship at 8:30am in the Gathering Area and then meet for modern worship at 9am and traditional at 11am.

CENTRAL KIDS




Easter In Five Letters

Sunday, March 24 | 3:00pm

Join us for our Palm Sunday event, *Easter in Five Letters*. Families will walk in the steps of Jesus as He went to the cross by traveling through seven engaging stations at their own pace. *Stations are intended for children 4-18 years old. Childcare will be available for siblings 0-3 years.* Families will end their journey with an Easter egg scavenger hunt.

For more details and to register, visit our website at www.centralmethodist.com/palmsunday. **Registration closes March 13th.** This is an excellent opportunity to invite your neighbors to come experience what the church is all about.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY
We need lots of hands to make this special event a reality so scan the QR code to learn about how you can serve.





Children’s Palm Sunday Processional & Performance

Sunday, March 24 | 9 & 11am Services
Rehearsal 10-10:15am Each Sunday in March

Parents, please mark your calendars for our Palm Sunday service on March 24th. Children will process with palms and perform a movement/dance song in both services. Rehearsal for this performance will take place the first 15 minutes of Sunday school (10:00-10:15) each week in March. Please be sure your children attend as many rehearsals as possible so they are prepared for Palm Sunday.

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Youth - Temptation & Truth

Sunday Nights | 5:00pm-7:00am Pavilion

What can I do about temptation? Join us at Youth for our new topic *Temptation & Truth* as we continue in our *Journey to Freedom* series. Find answers, guidance and hope in living for Jesus in a world filled with temptation. All 6th-12th graders are invited to Youth nights for games, food, discussion and prayer.

March at a Glance

March 1-2 Youth Alpha Retreat
March 3 Youth | 5-7pm Pavilion
March 10 No Youth - Spring Break
March 17 Youth | 5-7pm Pavilion
March 24 Easter in Five Letters | 3:00pm No Youth
March 31 Sunrise Service | 7:30am
Easter Celebration | 10:00am
No Youth - Easter

Sunday School & Confirmation

Sunday Mornings | 10-10:45am Pavilion

Every Sunday morning, Central Students enjoy fun, food, discussion and prayer. They'll be discussing the following questions on their retreat to Standing Stone State Park:

- Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do?,
- How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Central Students will be nearing the completion of the Youth Alpha series this month as they answer the following questions on Sunday mornings:

- How can I resist evil?
- Why and how should I tell others?
- Does God heal today?
- What about the Church?

Group Activities

SONLIGHTERS

Sunday, March 10 | 6:00pm Worship Center

Sonlighters will have a *Minute to Win It* game night with snacks and drinks provided. Contact Melissa Best at [865-719-9491](tel:865-719-9491) for more information.

GIRLFRIENDS

Thursday, March 21 | 6:00pm Kitchen

Girlfriends will be hosting a cooking demonstration by Sheila Borders who will teach culinary skills and the latest in mind-blowing nutrition research. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn Ingram at [865-755-1007](tel:865-755-1007) or Sally Weber at [865-216-6330](tel:865-216-6330).

FUNSEEKERS

Thursday, March 28 | 12:00pm Pavilion

Join Funseekers for a movie and potluck in the Pavilion during Holy Week. Please bring a side dish for lunch (meat will be provided). Enjoy lunch together and then watch *The Passion of the Christ*. Contact Ron McKean at ronmckean@gmail.com for questions.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Martha Circle

Tuesday, March 5 | 1:30pm Room C121
For more information, contact Sharon Lantz
Slantz564@gmail.com.

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, March 21 | 1:00pm Room C121
For more information, contact Sandy Dunsmore at SDunsmore@hotmail.com.

Hope Circle

Tuesday, March 26 | 6:30pm Location TBD
For more information, contact Sandy Valentine at sandrajean88888@gmail.com



Thank you to all that donated to the Good Samaritan Food Drive last month. We collected 1,400 lbs of food that will go a long way to helping our community.

March Birthdays

1 Gavin Hughes	21 Jackie Harmon
2 Dan McCammon	21 Jace Hensley
2 Leslee Bottorff	21 Lorelei Thomas
4 Ashley Kirby	22 David Allen
4 Caitlin Lantz	22 Rachel Dunsmore
4 Paul Platfoot	22 Jerry Ma
4 Katy Eckert	23 Scott Layer
5 Teddy Eckert	23 Hazel Irvin
6 Ron McKean	23 Kara Ford
6 Katherine Lantz	23 Charlotte Collins
6 Lydia Best	24 Mary Dutton
7 John Loper	24 Caden Jay
8 Polly Hall	24 Sammye Nelson
10 Jennifer Taylor	25 Randy Vaught
10 Charlie S. Valentine	25 David L. Williams
11 Benjamin Vicars	25 Ken Beaty
12 Lori Loper	26 Josh Galyon
13 David Cole	27 John Ginn
13 Harry Gillman	28 Sharon Carrouth
13 Kara Gresham	28 Angie Lockridge
14 Ryan Burcham	28 Lesley Kargol
14 Larry Hawk	29 Jack James
14 Nathan Morgan	29 Alexis Gresham
14 Cheryl Lawrence	30 Eddie Morgan
14 Chloe Wright	30 Marge Ridner
16 Ken Cummins	30 Edward Tan
16 Jaxon Chandler	30 Cindy Conti
18 Aaron Duckworth	30 Amber Lantz
19 Donna Morgan	

SAVE the DATE

UWF Spring Bake Sale
Sunday, April 14
10:00am-12:15pm

UWF & Funseekers Spring Salad Luncheon
Thursday, April 18
12:15pm Worship Center
Guest speaker from Isaiah 117 House; all are welcome