



The Central Issue

Mission: To make disciples of Christ who **WORSHIP** God,
GROW in their faith, and **SERVE** in the church and world.

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THE PATH: Serve — “Here I Am”

This Sunday, we continue **The Path: Walking the Way of Jesus** as we turn our focus to **Serve**. In Mark 10:35–45, Jesus reminds us that greatness in God's Kingdom is not about status or recognition, but about our willingness to serve others.

With the message “**Here I Am**,” we'll consider what it means to make ourselves available to God and to the needs around us. Service can happen through simple acts of kindness, meeting a need, sharing our time, or stepping forward when someone needs a helping hand. As we continue along **The Path**, we are invited to ask:

Where is God calling me to show up and serve?

Looking Ahead with Faith: 2027 Stewardship

Our stewardship mailing includes a **2027 Faith Estimate of Giving** card to help us plan next year's budget and ministries. Please prayerfully consider your giving and bring your completed card on Stewardship Sunday, October 25 or any of the other methods of return.

Stay after worship for a Town Hall meeting to hear updates on what **Central Forward** has been working on, ask questions, and join the conversation. Thank you for helping Central **worship, grow, and serve!**



13 New Members, 5 Baptisms, One Joyful Church Family!

What a Sunday to celebrate at Central! We **welcomed 13 new members and celebrated five baptisms**, filling our worship service with joy and meaningful promises. As we explored Presence in The Path: Walking the Way of Jesus, we saw firsthand what it means to show up, belong, and walk together in faith.

A heartfelt welcome to our newest members: **Maggie Thomas; Devereaux Hunter; Anne Marie Ghigo; Chad and Krista Stephenson and their sons, Maverick and Micah; Alex and Cheyenne Howell and their daughters, Amelia and Autumn; and JC and Sally Johnson.** We are so glad you are here and excited for all we will share together!

We especially celebrate the baptisms of Alex Howell and his daughters, Amelia and Autumn Howell, along with Maverick and Micah Stephenson, sons of Chad and Krista Stephenson. What a beautiful moment to share with these families as we promised to surround them with love, encouragement, and prayer!

Sunday's celebration also reminded us that welcoming someone is a promise to keep showing up. As a church family, we are called to learn one another's names, invite someone to sit beside us, check in during a difficult week, and celebrate life's joys together. Our new members bring gifts, stories, and experiences that will enrich Central, and we share the responsibility of helping them feel known, supported, and loved.

Let's carry Sunday's joy into the weeks ahead! Introduce yourself, start a conversation, and help our newest members feel at home. Together, we are becoming the people God is calling us to be one relationship, one act of care, and one faithful step at a time.

Calendar of Events

October 18th - 24th, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Worship Service - 10:00am

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Saturday

Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC) - 10:30am

Service Sunday October 18, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Lelia Lattimore

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Caroline Scism

Greeters:

Monica & Sergio Noble

Coffee Time Helpers:

Jessica & Daniel Talbert

Coffee Maker:

Leigh Mabry

Offering Counters:

Manning Burton & Rocky Lutz

Honoring and Mermorials

In Memory of John Reid

Anne Wray

Operating

Stan and Ann Anthony

Operating

Will and Joanie Mabry

Operating

In Memory of Ms. Luce

Anne Wray

Operating

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$47,708.00

Total Received to Date-\$683,498.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

Pumpkin Painting at the Livermush Festival

THIS Saturday, October 17 •

9:00 am–4:00 pm

LAST CALL!!

Contact Leigh Mabry

(704) 472-1110 to sign up

We need more help with

painting 2-4pm or

cleanup 4-5pm



Trunk or Treat Sunday October 25, 5:00pm

Central UMC parking lot

Come in costume for some family fun to our Trunk or Treat! Youth will be serving hot chocolate.

If you'd like to decorate a trunk, please sign up by contacting Caroline Scism and arrive in the parking lot by 4:45pm on that day.

Backpack Ministry

For October we are requesting **fruit cups**.

Open Table

We are asking for donations of **WATER BOTTLES**. Join our **Open Table volunteer communication** by using the QR code here.



Be sure to check out our website: www.cumcshelby.org

Our linktree: [linktree](#)

Our YouTube Channel:

[CENTRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

And our App: Central UMC-Shelby on all app stores



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CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS **Weekly Update**

- **Saturday, October 17th** – Livermush Festival (Youth and Adults Needed to help)
- **Sunday, October 18th** – No Youth
- **Sunday, October 25th** – Youth help w/Trunk-or-Treat 5-6:30pm *Serving Hot Chocolate, Family has a Trunk

Please see the link and QR code to sign up to feed our youth this fall.

Thank you for your support going into this fall season!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-65411038-youth>



happy birthday
October

- 19 - Lewis Telle
- 20 - Carol Schenck
- 22 - Hanson Mabry
- 22 - Ron Moyer
- 22 - McCall Cox
- 22 - Emma Richardson
- 23 - John Lattimore
- 24 - Rocky Lutz



Discipleship Ongoing Opportunitites

Tuesday - Disciple IV Bible Study class

Class meets every Tuesday from 3:00 until 5:30
Conference Room

Wednesday - Night Book Study: Field Notes for the Wilderness:

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM

Conference Room

Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield

Thursday - Morning Ladies Bible Study

September 10 - October 15

Thursdays | 9:30 - 10:30 am

Conference Room

Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,

Saturday - Men's Bible Study:

The Sermon on the Mount

First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM

Room E210, Education Building

Taught by Tim Sieges

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am

Infants- Nursery Room E104

Preschool age- Nursery Room E105

K-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309

Nursery is open to all **Babies-PreK kids**. Nursery is offered **Sundays, 9-11 AM in Room E105 (pre-school age) and Room E104 (infants).**