



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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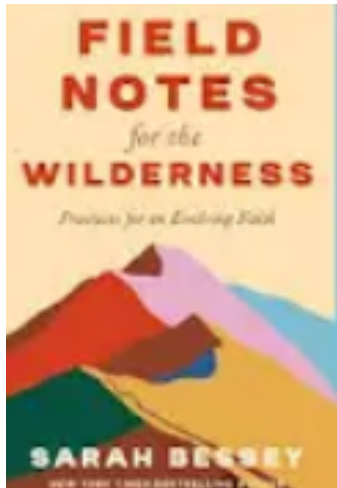
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Wednesday Night Book Study: Field Notes for the Wilderness: Starts TONIGHT

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM

Conference Room

Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield - Tammy Bass will sub in tonight to kick us off!

Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey is a nurturing and hopeful book that helps Christians reconnect with their faith, pursue inner healing, and build spiritual community.

Join us for an inclusive conversation where everyone is encouraged to bring their questions and doubts to the table. Together, we will explore practices for an evolving faith.



Celebrating a Wonderful Start to the School Year!

Last Wednesday, our Kids Place Open House and Back-to-School Bash brought together children, families, teachers, and friends for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. The children had a blast playing on the inflatables, while many of our Kids Place students enjoyed reconnecting with their teachers and school friends. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and Kids Place Board members for sharing their time and helping make the event such a success. We are grateful for everyone who joined us as we celebrated our Kids Place community and welcomed the beginning of a new school year!



CONGRATULATIONS to Will Cotton and Mitchell Maxwell for earning their Eagle rank. They both went to the Eagle Board on August 2 to complete the final steps for completing their Eagle Project.

Will's project was at the Webb Cemetery that included 3 new benches, a raised flower bed, and a shadowbox for the cemetery to post information.

Mitchell's project was a new Walking Story Board podiums for the kids trail at the Boiling Spring - Greenway Trails.

Upcoming Discovery Class

Sunday, September 27th | After Service

Location - Fellowship Hall

Taught by Pastor David Lee

The Discovery Class is an opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church and particularly, Central UMC. Anyone interested in joining Central should attend the class. Our next Discovery Class will be offered on Sunday, September 27th, in the Fellowship Hall right after the church service. A light lunch is served, so please let Tammy Bass know if you are planning to attend. It will last about 2 hours. A nursery is available upon request.

Fall Discipleship Opportunities

This fall, grow in faith and community through one of these discipleship opportunities at Central. All are welcome!

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

September 10 - October 15

Thursdays | 9:30 - 10:30 am

Conference Room

"Messy People" by Jennifer Coward

Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,
for more info call Jessica at 704-692-3441.

Men's Saturday Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount

First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM

Room E210, Education Building

Taught by Tim Sieges

All men are invited to join this in-depth study of Matthew 5-7. The group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM, before Open Table.

For questions, contact Tim Sieges at tim_sieges@wycliffe.org.

Calendar of Events

September 6th- September 12th,
2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am

Monday

Church Office Hours - CLOSED
Labor DAY

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 September 6th, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Ginny Hughes

Greeters:

Meaghan & Manning Burton

Coffee Time Helpers:

Debbie Powell & Caroline Laney

Coffee Maker:

Rita Sprinkle

Children's Sermon:

Caroline Scism

Offering Counters:

Rita Chen & Rocky Lutz

 **Pumpkin Painting at the
Livermush Festival
Saturday, October 17 •
9:00 am–4:00 pm**

Volunteers are needed!

Contact Leigh Mabry
(704) 472-1110 to sign up
for a 2-hour shift.

Help us make this annual
event a success!

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget
Amount-\$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00
Received Last Week-\$7,366.00
Total Received to Date-\$546,735.00
*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

Supper Club starts this week!

Tammy sent out **information and
text messages to each group** with the
group members and guidelines for
Supper Club.

If you have any questions about
how Supper Club works please feel
free to reach out to Tammy at
tammy@cumcshelby.org. **Most
importantly make sure to have FUN**
getting to know your new group!

Help Stock Open Table's Toiletry Shelf

Our Open Table guests
frequently request basic
toiletries, and our supplies are
running low. You can help by
donating:

- Travel-size shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Feminine hygiene products

Summer travelers are especially
encouraged to bring home
unused hotel amenities!
Donations may be placed on
the shelf outside the church
office or dropped off in the
PAC.

Thank you for helping us love
and care for our neighbors!

Open Table

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

Backpack Ministry

For August we are requesting
granola bars.

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

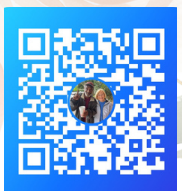
Our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

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**

**Youth Council Meeting Sunday 9/13 after
church in the conference room**

- **Sunday 9/6**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
NO YOUTH – Labor Day Weekend
- **Sunday 9/13**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm (Youth worship at 5,
Meal at 5:30, Youth 6-7)
- **Sunday 9/20**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm
- **Sunday 9/27**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm

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>



Kids Serve at Open Table **Saturday September 12**

As a Children's Ministry service initiative, children and parents are invited to help distribute food at **Open Table on Saturday, September 12.**

Please enter through the Kids Place doors and **meet in the PAC at 10:00am and we will start serving at 10:30.**

This is recommended for ages 3+ with a parent. We will go out to eat afterwards at **Chickfila at the mall.**

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).**