

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST



GIVING A REASON FOR  
THE HOPE WITHIN

**hope & life**

THE EMPTY TOMB GIVES HOPE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

WHETHER YOU'RE VISITING OR A REGULAR,  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!** WE PRAY TODAY'S  
WORSHIP ENCOURAGES YOUR HEART AND  
STRENGTHENS YOUR FAITH.

**"BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD IN YOUR HEARTS, AND  
ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE TO EVERYONE  
WHO ASKS YOU A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN  
YOU, WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR" (1 PETER 3:15, NKJV)**

## **FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

WE OFFER **WEE WORSHIP** FOR CHILDREN AGES  
2-7 DURING THE SERMON & **NURSERY CARE**  
FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS. RESTROOMS ARE  
LOCATED IN THE MAIN HALLWAY.

## **CONNECT WITH US**

WHETHER YOU'RE A FIRST-TIME GUEST OR A  
REGULAR MEMBER, WE'D LOVE TO KNOW  
YOU'RE HERE! HERE ARE SOME OPTIONS:

TEXT "**CHECK IN**" TO **706-278-8051**

FILL OUT A **CONNECT CARD** (BACK OF SEAT)



SCAN THE **QR CODE** TO FILL OUT  
OUR DIGITAL CONNECT CARD

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

Call to Worship	Kelly Cherry
God Is So Good	Ross Jordan
<i>Glory to His Name</i>	Ross Jordan
Prayer	Jeremy Winingar
<i>Without Him</i>	Ross Jordan
Welcome	Jeremy & Noah
<i>We Saw Thee Not</i>	Ross Jordan
Communion Prayers	Tim Nelsen
<i>I've Got Peace Like A River</i>	Ross Jordan
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - John 11:17-27	Tony Stanley
<i>Living Hope</i>	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
<i>Bring Christ Your Broken Life</i>	David Byerly
Shepherd's Moment	Frank Brown
<i>There is Sunshine In My Soul Today</i>	David Byerly
Closing Prayer	Jeff Shepherd

## **Greeters**

Jennifer & Sophie Robinson, Vince & Theary Boling

## **Nursery Attendants**

Kathy Gwinn & Ben Holloway

## **Wee Worship**

Baylee Johnson & Lauryn Hill, S. Yarbrough & Kristy Akers

## **Serve Communion in September**

T. Coley, R. Milburn, M. Sane, C. Goble, N. Bennett,  
L. Martinez, R. Stanley, J. Cook

LESSON OUTLINE

# hope & life

THE EMPTY TOMB GIVES HOPE

## THE TOMB **REVEALS** OUR DESTINY

- Death is \_\_\_\_\_. The tomb of Jesus shows us that everyone shares the same fate (Gen. 3:19; Eccl. 3:19-20).
- Death is \_\_\_\_\_. The tomb of Jesus shows us that no human can escape the grave (Ps. 49:6-10; Rom. 5:12).
- Life after death is \_\_\_\_\_. The empty tomb of Jesus shows us He is the first to rise never to die again (1 Cor. 15:20-23; 1 Jn. 3:1-3).

## THE EMPTY TOMB **REDIRECTS** OUR DESIRES

- New life \_\_\_\_\_. We can share in Christ's resurrection and start fresh even after major failures (1 Pet. 1:3-5).
- Not about \_\_\_\_\_. We can live beyond ourselves and find freedom even if all we have known is selfishness (2 Cor. 5:14-15; Lk. 8:14; 12:13-21).
- Already, not \_\_\_\_\_. We can endure struggles and long for a time when glory replaces suffering (Rom. 8:18-23).

## THE EMPTY TOMB RESTORES OUR HOPE

Case study: John 11:17-27

- Hope in \_\_\_\_\_. Like these sisters, we can struggle when Jesus doesn't show up how we want Him to (Jn. 11:21-22, 32, 37; 1 Thess. 4:13-14).
- Hope in \_\_\_\_\_. Like these sisters, we can cling to Jesus when grief feels overwhelming (Jn. 11:32-36; Isa. 40:31; Phil. 2:27).
- Hope in \_\_\_\_\_. Like these sisters, we can face the future with confidence knowing Jesus will fulfill His promise (Jn. 11:25-26; Rom. 10:9).

### D I G G I N G   D E E P E R

1. How do wealth, power, or human achievement often create a false sense of escape from death (Luke 12:13-21)?
2. How do you think living with resurrection hope makes Christians stand out in today's world?
3. Why do you think Jesus waited before coming to Lazarus (Jn. 11:1-3, 11, 17)? How does this affect the way we trust God in times of waiting?
4. If someone asked you this week, "Why do you still have hope in Jesus, even in a world of death and suffering?" — what answer could you give them from God's Word?

# classes

STAY AND GROW WITH US

AFTER OUR WORSHIP ASSEMBLY, WE INVITE EVERYONE TO **STICK AROUND FOR BIBLE CLASSES** BEGINNING AROUND 10:50 AM.

CURRENT CLASSES OFFERED:

**ADULTS:** AUDITORIUM (DIGGING DEEPER)

**SENIORS:** RM 130 (PRIMETIMERS)

**MIDDLE AGE:** RM 134 (INBETWEENERS)

**YOUNG ADULTS:** RM 132 (PATHFINDERS)

**COUPLES:** RM 131 (YOUNG MARRIED)

**COLLEGE:** RM 133 (WAYFINDERS)

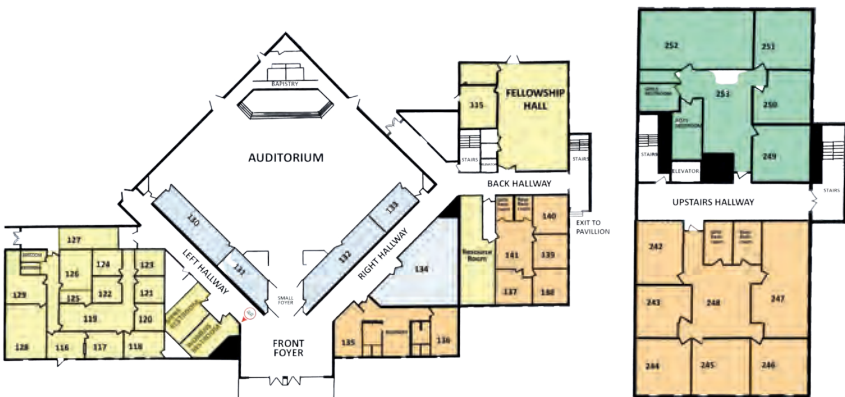
**TEENS:** RM 250 (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)

**ELEMENTARY:** RM 248 (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)

**PRE K:** RM 141 (NEAR FELLOWSHIP HALL)

**CRADLE ROLL:** RM 135 (IN NURSERY AREA)

## BUILDING LAYOUT





## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY - SAT, SEPT. 20 @ 11 AM  
ELDER INSTALLATION SERVICE - SUN, OCT. 5  
CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL - SUN, OCT 5  
MENS RETREAT - THURS, OCT. 9-12  
FAMILY HAYRIDE @ MARCUS' - SAT, OCT. 18 @ 4:30 PM  
BLOOD DRIVE - WED, OCT. 22  
BOO BASH - SUN, OCT. 26 @ 4:30 PM

## O N G O I N G   E V E N T S

AM WORSHIP - SUN @ 9:30 AM  
SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES - AFTER WORSHIP ( 10:50 AM)  
LADIES BIBLE CLASS - TUES @ 10:30 AM (RM 134)  
FOOD & CLOTHING - TUES & THURS 10 AM - 12 PM  
WED NIGHT MEAL - WED @ 5:45 PM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)  
WED BIBLE STUDY - WED @ 6:30 PM (ALL AGES)  
LIFE GROUPS - VARIOUS TIMES & LOCATIONS

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# Scripture

## R E A D I N G

### JOHN 11:17-23

"So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."" (John 11:17-23, NKJV)

*The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.*