

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "The Danger of Playing it Safe"

Luke 24:45-49 NIV

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

It is interesting that following the Crucifixion the disciples were banded together and held by a common fear. No doubt they had every reason to fear. In the midst of their fear, Jesus appeared. Join us today as we look at the danger for the church of today to take the safe path.

STEWARDSHIP – APRIL 28, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56
Given \$ 5,790.00
Behind \$ 12,548.15

ATTENDANCE

CenTered 75
Worship Service 157
Total 232
Sunday School 173

Other Funds

Youth Mission Trip	\$ 1,010.00	Youth Fund	\$ 120.00
Pickin' & Grinnin' Fund	\$ 399.00	ARC of Davidson (P&G)	\$ 571.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 25.00		

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*THE POWER OF ONE
ONE Lord ONE Faith
Each ONE Matters
Each One Reach ONE*

Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Marty Stanbery

Call to Worship

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST

The Gift of God's HOLY WORD

The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST

Marty Stanbery

Isabelle Johnson

Nate Johnson

Lilly Leonard

***GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

The People

***HYMN NO. 156**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Please Bring Community Mission Offering to the Altar

Karen Stutzman

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN

"I Heard About"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following Children's Time, children K-2nd grade may go to Children's Church

Children's Choir

Margaret Story

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"In Christ Alone"

Patti Miller

***DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Karen Stutzman

***HYMN NO. 301**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Karen Stutzman

***THE READING OF THE WORD** *Luke 24:45-49 NIV*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD *"The Danger of Playing it Safe"*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 370** *"Victory in Jesus"*

Karen Stutzman

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

***CHRIST'S LIGHT and CROSS of CHRIST GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

Isabelle Johnson and Lilly Leonard

***BLESSING**

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Stanbery

*Congregation Stands

WELCOME

We welcome you to your church! If you are a guest, we are especially glad you are here and ask that you give your name, address, and phone number by filling out a Visitor's Card found on the back of each pew and placing it in the offering plate as it is passed. Also, drop by the "CONNECT TABLE" for your gift and information about your new church family. If you do not have a church home, we cordially invite you to share in the life of this congregation.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

GREETERS

Today – Leroy and Frances Kiger

Carroll and Karen Tysinger

Next Sunday – Butch and Marlene Wood

Alan and Tammy Broadway

ACOLYTE

Today – Isabelle Johnson

Next Sunday – Autumn Johnson

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Nate Johnson

Next Sunday – Gracie Black

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Lilly Leonard

Next Sunday – Mycah Kepley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Margaret Story

Next Sunday – Richard Bates

CONNECTORS

Today – Mary Sue Martin & Marlene Wood

Next Sunday – Steve and Molly Long

SAFE SANCTUARY

Children remain in the Sanctuary during Worship or with our trained teachers in Children's Church. Children are not permitted to sit in empty classrooms or roam the hall without adult supervision.

MISSION OFFERINGS

First Sunday - **Community Mission Offering**

Second Sunday - **Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering**

Third & Fourth Sundays - **Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center**

Fifth Sunday – **Crisis Ministry Cash Offering**

USHERS

Today – Tad Leonard (Head)

Jimmy Leonard, Mike Leonard,

Kenneth Leonard, Tony Leonard

Next Sunday – Tad Leonard (Head)

Rod Loflin, Steve Long,

Jason Martin, Jeff McCrary

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Karri Hollingsworth &

Danielle Herron

Next Sunday – Heather Noel and Danielle Herron

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Wendy Talley and Danielle Herron

Next Sunday – Tina Fulcher and Karri Hollingsworth

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Cindy Leonard

Next Sunday – Angie Leonard

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers are placed in the church today to the glory of God and in honor of Brett's graduation from N. C. State University and in remembrance of Denise's mom, Louise Murphy's birthday by Curtis and Denise Dorwart.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

- **Dan and Shannon Maloy** – Students used their Spring Break to serve & share the Gospel with neighbors around the city, nation & world. One urgent need is that we are still in need of at least one more male student to apply to our Quito summer mission. It is causing some logistical issues. Pray that momentum from the trips yield students excited and eager to share and serve in their college movements. Pray for our team as we train several new interns, volunteers, & part-time staff and assign them ministry roles over the summer.
- **Josh and Kristie Aberle** – Please pray with us as we get paperwork and logistics figured out for our return. Pray that we would be able to build a team who are excited to work with us in this new venture of more digital ministry opportunities continuing to work to reach the unreached. Pray for our kids as they go through transition again; leaving family and friends and settling into a new place with new relationships. Praise for a joy and excitement in returning and diving into a new culture and language. Prayers we will find community, friends and a church family.
- **Dustin and Faith Minter** – Prayers that the renovations on the group home continue going well and that funds for the home come in quickly, pray for the many transitions that will follow in the official change of the name of the country to Northern Macedonia, and on a personal note: prayer for our health. Working at the orphanage exposes us to a lot of germs our bodies aren't use to. We seem to be battling colds every other week!



On Going Prayer Concerns for May 5:

- Sybil Arthurs
- Barbara Everhart
- Jim Myers (Pat Simmons' Brother)
- Allen MacCay (Barbara Johnson's Foster Son)
- Kathy Griffin (Joey Johnson's Friend's Mother)
- Karen Scott Stump
- Robin Backer (Ashley Johnson's Mother)
- Bob & Crissy Wagner
- Don Edwards (Charles Richardson's Cousin)
- Brian Grubb (Joy Jones's Brother)
- Kim Dorton
- Kathy Kepley
- Kitty Minter
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister)
- Chris Briggs (Wayne Briggs's Brother)
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco's Son-in-Law)
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long's Friend)

On May 17, 2019, our church marks 125 years of serving our Lord and

Savior. Our September Homecoming weekend is the perfect time for our church family to step back and revisit memorable events and activities in our church's 125 years of discipleship. We are preparing a celebration slide show and need your help. Please look through your photo albums, digital photos, and photo boxes for such treasured photos through the years: UMYF, UMM, and UMW programs, activities, and ministries; special church services- i.e. Veterans Day tribute, Love Feast, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, SONRISE services, Pentecost Sunday, homecoming/memorial services, July 4, Thanksgiving; church milestones such as remodeling our sanctuary, groundbreaking of the fellowship hall and CFC, burning the church note; our music ministry- i.e. children's choir, Chancel choir, Praise Team, hand bell choir; fundraising events- i.e. auctions, Center Peace dinners, pool parties, Power before and after; Children's ministries- i.e. VBS, Christmas plays, Sunday Showcases, Boo Bash and Trunk You can submit these photos digitally to Reida Snyder at ReidaC.Snyder4@gmail.com or give Reida the original photo and she can make a digital copy. We need your help to make this truly a church-wide celebration!

RECENT PRAISES TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- **Pickin' & Grinnin'** had a wonderful night the last Thursday in April with 220 in attendance and raised \$571.00 for the ARC of Davidson and another \$399.00 from the meal for the P&G Fund. Thanks for all the great talents and dedicated folks that make this possible each month.
- Following a powerful testimony from one of our own, Ashley Johnson, Mr. Stephen Cook with the Gideons presented the message Sunday.

SHUT-INS AT HOME

Ann Clodfelter
Dot Craver
Mozelle Koontz
Sherry Lanier

Charles and Bonnie Minter
Bruce and Betty Regan
Treavie Weaver

REST HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Marian Funderburk – Arbor Acres
Don Grubb – Grayson Creek, Room 203
Joy Jones – Patriot Assisted Living
Tony Koontz – Spring Arbor, Room 204
Nancy Marlow (Lisa Bates' Mother)
Jewell McDade – Heritage Greens
Sue Mendenhall-Mallard Ridge Assisted Living, 9420 N. Hwy. 150, Clemmons, NC 27012 –Attn: Sue Mendenhall, Horizon C-1

IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Kepley

Aaron Lineberry

DAILY UPDATES

Please check e-news for updates on joys, concerns, and announcements. If you do not receive daily e-news, contact Henrietta Hayes to be added at hhayes.enevs@gmail.com or cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM

NOTE: Please fill out a "Prayer Request" card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or into the pastor's hand.

FLOWER CALENDAR!!!

The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please mark the date/dates you would like to put flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Please include the name of the contact person for our Administrative Assistant and let her know prior to your Sunday how you would like the announcement printed. Don't forget to sign up now.

The information for the Sunday bulletin should be given to Joyce Rector by email (cumcw.aa@gmail.com), by note or by phone (731-6616) the week before the flowers are to be placed in the church.

All events are listed on the calendar. Formal announcements must be given to the church office. Ongoing events will be listed as scheduled unless changes are given to the church office.

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (May 5)

7:30 AM UMM Meeting (CFC)
8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
9:45 AM-6:00 PM Blood Drive (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Pastor' Study)
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (May 6)

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC Kitchen)
5:30 PM Family Night Volleyball (CFC)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (May 6)

12:00 PM ND Chamber of Commerce (FH)
6:30 PM Evangelism Discipleship Planning Meeting (FH)

Wednesday (May 8)

6:00 PM Children's Committee Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Praise Teem Practice (CFC)
6:30 PM Youth (MoJoes)
6:30 Children's Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday (May 9)

6:15-8:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)

Saturday (May 11)

12-5:00 PM Barbara Johnson Baby Shower (FH)
1-10:00 PM Rita Wood Family Reunion (CFC)

Next Sunday (May 12)-Mother's Day

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM COM Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Admin. Board Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Nancy Lanier

Budget Fund

Jeff and Martha Mendenhall

Richard and Terri Bates

In Memory of Katy Culler

Cemetery Fund

Jimmy and Brenda Leonard

In Memory of Katy Culler

Budget Fund

Rocky and Kay Hedrick

In Honor of Sybil Arthurs

Budget Fund

Goodwill Sunday School Class

REVIVAL-GOOD HOPE UMC AT 6 PM SUNDAY EVENINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- May 5 –Rev. Chris Clontz from Mt. Pleasant UMC, Thomasville, NC
Music by Yea God
- May 12 – Rev. Charles Kyker from Christ UMC, Hickory, NC
Music by Dykota Spiess and Nathan Teague
- May 19 – Dr. Jeff Patterson from Wesley Memorial UMC, High Point, NC
Music by Second Chance Band

EVANGELISM DISCIPLESHIP PLANNING MEETING

There will be an Evangelism Discipleship Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30PM.

SUPER SENIORS PICNIC AT LAKE THOM-A-LEX SHELTER 11:30 AM

Center adult seniors are super! Come on out on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at the shelter for a picnic at 11:30 AM. We are having grilled hot dogs, condiments, paper items and drinks. All you need to bring is something to go with a hot dog and a good appetite! *Be sure to bring a chair and your fishing equipment (if you are over 65, there is no charge) EXCEPT a NC fishing license.*

"WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU; WHAT YOU DO WITH YOURSELF IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD!"

Our church is preparing for our 125th anniversary to be held on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29th. We are in need of a Sunday School class or a small group of volunteers to plan and oversee a recreational event on Saturday, September 28 from 4 until 6 pm. The idea planned is the playing of games of yesteryear; marbles, hopscotch, red rover, horseshoes, Chinese checkers, etc. The Fellowship Hall and the parking lots have already been reserved, but we need volunteers to take this idea and run with it. At 6 pm, members of the church will gather and parade to the cemetery for the "Passing of the Light" ceremony and then return to the Fellowship Hall for a homemade ice cream social. Please contact Jeff Mendenhall @ (336) 409-3138 or dciay96@yahoo.com if you are willing to help. Remember, we are all called to be faithful servants by the Lord and seek to do his will.

SMALL TOYS AND BALLS NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

The American Heritage Girls, the Scouts, and the Youth are teaming up for a great cause again this year!

Each month we are asking for donations of certain items to help fill the boxes for operation Christmas Child. For the month of May, we are asking for small toys and balls for boys or girls that can fit in shoeboxes. (Examples are: toy cars, travel games, small balls, small baby dolls, pretend wands, and dress up jewelry for girls, etc.) We will have a bin at the narthex in the CFC as well as the sanctuary. After receiving the different items each month, we hope to have a large amount of items to be able to pack. We will host a packing night for the entire church to come, fellowship and pack the donated items. Then the Youth will go and deliver all the boxes. Please note: we will still offer boxes for you to take home as well in fall. This is a great opportunity for the scouting programs and the Youth to come together with our church family for a great cause! We will keep you updated monthly on what items are needed next.

Thank you for your support and please contact Angie Leonard or Hunter Duncan with any questions.

Safe Sanctuary Classes: May 21st, June 4th, June 20th at 6:30pm

It's about that time again. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we are looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Tina Fulcher. We are having a few safe Sanctuary classes to get everyone ready for the big event!! If you have not taken the class or if you would like just a refresher course, please contact Angie Leonard and schedule a day! The dates available are May 21, June 4, And June 20 at 6:30pm. The location of the class will be determined at a later date. Hope to see you there!!