

Welcome to Randall by the River

January 18th, 2026

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9:00 am Every recorded Sunday Services are posted to "Randall by the River" on Facebook

Randall by the River is a Lighthouse Congregation of The Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, in partnership with The United Methodist Collective of the Western NC Conference.

Centering Words

Opening Prayer

Opening Song- "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

Prayers of the People

We come together as a community to pray for and with one another. What joys and what concerns do we have this day?

"To that we all say, Amen!"

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson- Mark 8:27-38

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" **28** And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." **29** He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." **30** And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. **31** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **34** He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? **38** Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Message- "Are You Sure You're Up for This?"

Musical Response- "Lord, I Need You"

Response to the Word

This is an opportunity to respond to the Word as you feel led. We invite you to remember your baptism, listen to the music, light a candle, give your offering, and pray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song- “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH #568

Benediction

Call to Action

- Our mission box is going to the Benevolence Fund!
- Youth will start back today at Central UMC from 5:30-7:00.
 - As Pastor Hanna prepares to be away, if you are able to help chaperone or lead one or two lessons, let her know!
- Elizabeth Davis will be collecting new underwear and new/gently used sweatpants for kids at Central Elementary. A donation box will be available from January 1st-31st. The school is in need of all kids sizes for boys and girls.
- Line Dancing is coming to Randall by the River! All are welcome on January 27th from 5:00-6:00 in the Branch as Leslie Hanna and Beverly Little teach line dancing from all genres!
- Change a life with your spare change! Grab a baby bottle on your way out of church today and fill it with change to support the Pregnancy Resource Center's cause! These bottles should be returned (full or empty) to the information table by February 15th!
- We are making plans for our small group ministry to begin again. If you are willing to host a group or would like to be a part of a group, let me know!
- As Pastor Hanna and Josh plan to welcome the baby, we are in need of help for worship! If you are willing to lend your voice during Pastor Hanna's leave through scripture reading, prayers, or announcements, please let Pastor Hanna know!
- Rides at Randall is happening in the spring this year! If you are willing to help be on the planning committee, please contact Teresa Still (this is a great opportunity to use our directory)!
- **Ministry Team Spot Light:** Are you interested at getting more involved at Randall? Maybe the Audio Visual Team is the right fit for you! In this ministry team, volunteers work collaboratively to handle technical aspects of services and events. They manage sound, video, and multimedia to enhance our experience. While all are welcome, if you are gifted at technology, social media, or building presentations, we welcome you to talk to Tommy Snuggs or Pastor Hanna

Financial Stewards: Jennifer Almond and Linda Waddell

Mission Statement: "Our mission is to be a spirited, vibrant church planted by God's grace, growing in Christ's love, and living as fruitful neighbors within our community as we answer God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ."