

RISO Snapshot of Success

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Central United Methodist Church has a long and proud history in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Central was formed in April 1870, when seventeen charter members gathered to organize a Methodist Church. The current sanctuary was built in 1914, but facilities beyond the sanctuary were inadequate for a growing congregation. In 2000, Central United Methodist opened its multi-purpose facility to better accommodate its many ministries.

Candy Smith is the director of communications for Central Methodist and develops all of the publications for the church. Every week she makes sure that the 2,000 weekly bulletins are ready for Sunday services.

Until recently, bulletins for special occasions such as Easter and all of the church's brochures were outsourced. Then the pastors saw a demonstration of the HC [high-speed inkjet printer](#). At first, the pastors were a little wary of spending money on a new acquisition, but then the RISO sales representative went the extra mile and printed their own materials as samples. One look and the pastors were convinced. They upgraded from a much older RISO [digital duplicator](#) to the HC5500 with finisher and brought all those outsourced items in house!

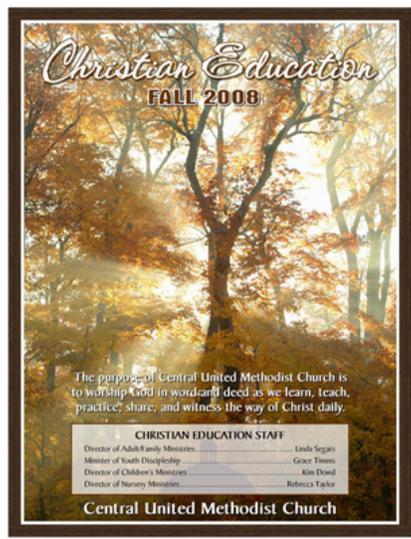
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Time is important to Smith. Often she must print on demand for unexpected circumstances, such as funerals; she also prints last minute changes to the weekly insert for the bulletin. The cost of printing these jobs on their small laser printer was just too high.

Today, anything with quantity is sent to the HC [high-speed printer](#). Smith even has a clever system set up for printing brochures for funerals. She puts a box at the end of the conveyor and lets the finished sets fall into the box. This system frees her up to do other things while the job is printing and when the job is done, it's already boxed and ready to go!

Central continues to reach out to its community with a day camp program at Camp Sexton for underprivileged children and the development of an



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alternative school, CHOICES, at Camp Sexton. CHOICES, under the visionary leadership of former police chief and church member, Ralph Porter, provides a learning environment for young people who have been expelled from the public school system, who have had difficulties with traditional school environment,

or who need a different learning environment. It is becoming a model in the state. The HC [high-speed inkjet printer](#) plays an important role in providing the materials to support these very worthy programs.

Now that Central Methodist has the HC, Smith says, “It’s running

all day long, every day—we’re extremely happy.”
