

CENTRAL CALLING

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From the Pastor's Pen

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, (Philippians 3:7).

This past Sunday, February 14, was a surreal Sunday for me. On one hand, it was Scout Sunday. Our scouting program is known across Mecklenburg County for being one of the best. On that *same* hand, it was the day that we celebrated John Hayes' 100th birthday. To know John Hayes is to love him, and who couldn't be happy about him turning 100? I also announced the birth of our newest saint, Luke Alston Tolley, and the expected birth of Miles & Megan Shepard's baby girl in August. It's about time those Shepards had a girl! Finally, to top it all off, it was Valentine's Day, which despite getting many of us men in trouble every year, is a good day. On the *other* hand, February 14th was the day that I announced to the congregation that Jack Austin had died. Jack had only been sick for just over a week and, even though Jack himself was 97 years old, his death came as a surprise to all of us.

Little Luke Tolley and Miles' and Megan's little girl (wouldn't it be neat if they named her Leah?) will know a very different world than Jack Austin or John Hayes. Jack and John were born in the teens (the *nineteen teens* that is) before things like cars, telephones (even the rotary dial), electricity, and running water were common. High School went through the 11th grade then and both of them got married almost immediately after that. When the war came, they both raised their right hands, left their homes and families, and supported the effort.

Little Luke and the Shepard girl will have a very different life experience. I

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wonder what they'll see when, in their old age, they look back on their lives. That's hard – even impossible – to imagine. But whatever they do and wherever they go, like Jack and John, the only thing that follows them from cradle to grave and beyond is the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. Like all of us, like John and Jack, they will stand in need of a lot of grace. And at the end of the day, the only thing they'll have worth bragging about is that grace. Like John & Jack, they'll have their share of success and failure, of gain and loss, and joy and sadness. All of that is fleeting, and the only thing left, the only thing they have is the One Thing, the One God, who has them. If that isn't true, I'm not very hopeful for them, or John, or Jack, or me, or you.

It occurred to me on the morning of Jack's funeral that Antonin Scalia's funeral was going on at the time as Jack's. Justice Scalia lived an interesting life, too, and a very successful one. Supreme Court Justice isn't bad... And yet death claimed as much a victory over him as it did Jack and as it will all of us. Yet God has claimed a victory over death. We will celebrate Easter on March 27th. Whether you're a hundred years old, or a seventy-something and mourning the death of your beloved father, or a twenty-something welcoming your third child into the world, or an infant yourself, or even in utero... God has you firmly in the palm of His hand. And not even death can take you out.

—Luke



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

April 2016 issue deadline is March 21st

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.



Church Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Scholarship (in memory of Marion Blackwelder) for 2016 and the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2016 - 2019 are available in the church office. Any church member (church membership required) attending an institution of higher learning in 2016-2017 is encouraged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a yearly basis, so past recipients and other sophomores, etc. must reapply again this year.

The Gallant Scholarship is intended for (but not limited to) students attending a 4 year institution and is awarded over 4 years contingent on the student maintaining acceptable grades.

Applications will be accepted through May 6, 2016. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



“I want our Holy Week-honed lives to make an impact in the lives of the kids, and so many people like them, who come in and out of my house, but who never darken the door of the house of the Lord.

I want us to wave palms and sing “Hosanna!” remembering that the One we laud came to save the world and not just a part of it so we cannot wall off those people and places we don’t like.

I want us to wash feet and gather around the table and hear again the new commandment of love and let that Thursday night shape the rest of our lives. Where and whom are we to serve? Who do we need to seek out and invite to the table? When is it that we have refused to love?

I want us to hear the last words of Jesus or walk to each station of the cross or read the Passion narrative and be heartbroken—for the Marys, for the disciples, for Jesus and, yes, for Pilate and the priests and the ones charged with pounding in the nails and for ourselves, too. I want us to immerse ourselves in the pervasive hurt of humanity that Christ took upon himself, and I want us not to look away. I want us to see it on Good Friday so that we can enter into it on any given day, on every given day.

I want us to grieve on Holy Saturday for all the hopes that were not, and will not, be realized. No platitudes or excuses. No politeness or stiff upper lip. I want us to weep with those who weep on Holy Saturday so we know how to stay with those who refuse to be consoled.

I want us to stay up and keep watch until the break of dawn. I want that vigil to give us the patience to wait for the morning. I want us to know to the marrow of our bones that it is always darkest before the dawn so that we can speak a word of hope with certainty to those who dwell in deep darkness.

I want Holy Week to be the week that forms us to our core so that when that week is over, come and gone with few knowing it was different from any other week, we can never be the same. I want that week to take us, bless us, break us and lift us up and send us out, so that the others, no matter if they ever darkened the door of the church, will be transformed, too.”

Taken from Editor’s Outlook: “What Holy Week means for the rest of the world.” by Jill Duffield, editor; **The Presbyterian Outlook**, February 29, 2016; pg. 5

Pastor’s Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



**When “Spiritual But Not Religious” Is Not Enough;
Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church.**

Lillian Daniel; Jericho Books, Hachette Book Group, New York, NY 2013

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The most wonderful part of March will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus! This is the Good News for everyone who wants it. What I am most thankful for is that Jesus was willing to do this for me in my most broken state....not a perfect state. For such a sacrifice to be made for us, such suffering to happen on our behalf is overwhelming. I can't imagine sending my one and only child to a cross to die for everyone else. I don't imagine you can either. This is what our God did for us. Just because He loves us. When we accept that, really accept that, it changes us!

We will start March off with Dr Guess week. We will follow that with talk of March winds, the newness of spring and Easter. The children will have an egg hunt and an Easter celebration our last day. We will be out the last week in March for Spring Break. Preschool will fly by after that.

I have to say a few thank-yous to this congregation. We have a new preschool banner that looks so nice on the corner! I had help getting that up on one of the more windy days we have had. John and I had quite a battle! I only had to ask and these things just happened! You can't know how much all of us here at preschool love that.

Please be in prayer for us these last months of preschool. Pray that we will continue to register the families we are suppose to have next year. Mostly, pray that we will serve the Lord above all else and that people will want to know Christ by the love they feel here.

Love, Lisa



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Jean Price: Teresa & Herman Canipe

In Memory of Max Funderburk: Brown Grier & Emma B. Young classes

In Honor of Barbara & Barry Choate: Jean & Burns Taylor

In Honor of Martha & Paul Sigmon: Jean & Burns Taylor

In Honor of John Hayes: Barbara & Barry Choate

In Memory of Terry Whelchel, nephew of Mary Phillips: Emma B. Young class

In Memory of Jack Austin, Sr.: Mark & Debra Clapham, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Caudle, Beverly & Andy Cheek, Linda & Jeff Karigan, Susan & Bob Hunter, Sandy & Pat Hart, Greta & Toni Lambert, Susan Osmar, Donna & Bill Young, Barbara & Barry Choate, Mary & Jack Phillips, Circle #1, Emma B. Young class, Portia & Harry Weatherly, Sandra & Robert Middlemas, Linda & Bob Blackwelder, Ned & Virginia Plyer, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Baldwin, Ruby Potts, Bill J. Austin, Farris Cooke & Associates, Jean & Burns Taylor, Annette & Manley Caudle, Ann & Jim Robson

Severe Weather

Closing Announcements:

Please check news stations
WSOC-TV, WBTV, News 14 and WCNC-TV
for cancellations of any church events.



CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

10:00am, Room 300, March 1

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, March 5

Deborah Circle

5:30pm, Parlor, Tuesday, March 8

"Worshipping and Serving Christ in the heart of Steele Creek"



The CSCPC Mission Team led by Martha Osborne chose to support Steele Creek Elementary School in their fundraising efforts to supply their 3rd grade teachers with Chromebooks. Presenting the check on behalf of the Church was Finance Chair Charles Wilkerson. Accepting the check (l-r) was Stephanie Lasne PTO, Merita Little Principle, Christy McCauley Assistant Principle, Thelma Byers Bailey School Board.



The Men's Group

Thursday, March 4
6:00pm
John's Restaurant



THE MONTH OF MARCH Dried or canned beans; packaged rice

Please place items in the donation box
located in the Church Narthex.

CENTRAL HAPPENINGS



Central & Friends Dinner and Movie Night

- When?** Saturday, March 12th @ 5:45pm (dinner) 6:30pm (movie)
- Who?** ALL members, visitors and friends are invited
- What?** Secondhand Lions - A coming-of-age story about a shy, young boy sent by his irresponsible mother to spend the summer with his wealthy, eccentric uncles in Texas. Rated PG
- Where?** In the FLC and we are using our very large movie screen, HD projector, and dynamic sound system making its debut. The youth lounge will be available for parents of young children who might need an "intermission".
- Cost?** This is a free event but requires an RSVP and each family is asked to bring a dessert with enough to share.
- Special Note: Bring your favorite chair, blanket, or sleeping bag for a comfortable way to watch the movie. Otherwise FLC chairs are available.
- For questions contact Russell Helms or British Hyrams. RSVP by calling the church office (704.588.1211) or send an email to admin@cscpc.org.

Scout Yard Sale: April 23rd!



Now is the time to start saving those items still in your garage and attic that you are no longer in need of for our annual Scout yard sale on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 7:00am to 12:00pm. You may combine your collection efforts with your Sunday school class, groups, neighbors, friends and relatives.

The cost of a space and table is still only \$20.00 and payable to the Scouts. You will keep any money that is sold from your space. The money that the Scouts receive will be used to offset the cost of our program.

We will arrange for a pick-up of any unsold items with a local charity organization if you wish. The charity will not collect televisions and electrical equipment.

The Scouts thank you for your continued support! More details and reservation forms to follow. Please contact Charlie Bricker at 803-802-8536 if you have any questions.

Staff Highlights!

Happy 40th birthday to Pastor Luke on March 6th! March 10th marks Pastor Luke's 8th year anniversary at Central. We have been blessed to have him as our pastor.

Happy birthday to Tom Schmutzler, our organist, on March 19th!



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Martha Osborne will now take over purchasing for the FLC pantry and all church sponsored events. Thank you Martha! I will still oversee that the kitchen remains clean following events, and schedule any repairs that are needed.



Soon, it will be time for our annual in-house Spring cleaning. Save the date for **Saturday, April 23rd** at 9:00am. I will need at least twenty volunteers to complete the work in one day. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Let me know if you can help! Thank you in advance! Becky Helms

An Inquirers' Class for new members and those interested in becoming new members of Central Steele Creek will begin March 6th and continue through March 20th. The class will be held during the Sunday school hour in the Parlor and will be led by Rev. Luke Maybry. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior members of CSCPC:

Here is a chance to join with the Out and About senior group that usually meets at Good Shepard United Methodist Church. Because of construction at Good Shepard the Out and About has not been able to meet there since December. As liaison from our seniors to Good Shepard, I've invited the group to our church on April 15. We have a covered dish dinner, chicken, tea and coffee are provided and great fellowship. I'd love to have our members experience the fellowship that I have for the past 6 years. For more details, please contact me! Jeanne Sikes



Interested Ladies? Save the Dates:

Ladies, Please save the following dates:

April 29th - May 1st, 2016 - Women's Spring Retreat. We will leave at 10:00 Friday morning, stop for lunch at McLeods in McBee, then head to Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach.

Sept. 30th - Oct. 2nd, 2016 - Women's Fall Retreat. We will be going to Ridgecrest Conference Center this year. Ridgecrest is in Western North Carolina near Black Mountain, NC.

More information to come soon on both these retreats. If you have any questions or want to put your name on the list for one or both retreats, please call Charlotte Burgess or the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 18, 2016

"100 Years"



John Marion Hayes - Our Own Centenarian

Mr. Hayes was born February 18, 1916 to Shelton and Florence Hayes. There were 10 children, Dillon, Chester, Henry, Bill, Cecil, John, Nick, Theron, Bernice and Louise.

During his first years of school he remembers they drew their water from a well and everyone drank out of the same bucket. Of course their bathrooms were not like ours, the girls had their outhouse on one side of the road and the boys' outhouse was on the other side of the road. There were hedges planted around them.

School only had 11 grades and the one he attended was 4 schools consolidated into one school. There were three teachers for the entire school and a total of about 100 students.

There were 15 to 20 in his graduating class and he was the valedictorian.

As you know, he lived through the depression and he said they didn't worry about it. They dealt with life day to day. They lived on a farm so they had plenty of food. Money was a problem, it was scarce.

He went to work at the CCC, which stands for the Civilian Conservation Corps, when he was 17 years old.

The next major event was when he married Maxel Irene Mc Cain, he was 23 and she was 19. They were married on May 20, 1939.

They raised 4 children, Richard, Rozanna, Judy and Linda. Their married life was longer than most - 75 years when God called Johnnie and she left us and went to heaven. They have 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

I asked what was the first car he remembered and it was a Model T Ford, but he doesn't remember the year. The first car he owned was a Plymouth coup, but he doesn't remember what gas cost. I wanted to know what he thought about cars that can drive themselves. His opinion was - "I don't see how they can work".

I also wanted to know when he got his first telephone, and that was about 1949 and they had an 8-party line. I wonder if they made appointments to use it.

I was also curious when he got his first television and what he thought about this new entertainment. It was in the early 1950's and he liked it.

Mr. Hayes didn't have a comment about living through 2 World Wars and all the conflicts following, but he said he enjoyed working most at the Shell Plant back behind the church where they made 40 mm anti-aircraft shells. Rationing was hard, and he still has some rationing books.

His longest employment was with the Frank Connor Company as a carpenter. The most satisfying part was when they gave the keys to a new homeowner.

Mr. Hayes saw the beginning of the space age and the first man on the moon. Now we are seeing the use of drones. Computers and technology exploded and you can do most anything with one, but Mr. Hayes never wanted to use a computer. His opinion was no one or no invention was more important than another. Everything had its place,

Since his birth there have been 16 Presidents. Enough about that.

His motto for how he lived his life: Hard work and sustained thrift.

John and Johnnie saw to it their family had vacations, no matter how simple. Even if just picnics, family dinners with relatives, or a trip to the beach, taking Johnnie's Dad, Claude McCain, who we called Papa. Mr. Hayes and Papa both loved fishing.

There was always a big garden every year that helped supply food.

Not forgetting Central which was a major part of their life. This is true to this day. Mr. Hayes was nominated an Elder Emeritus in 2002.

In 1997 diabetes became a major part of his life. It was touch and go for a while but he learned to manage. If one thing is true, Mr. Hayes is one tough cookie. He is an example of the ever-ready battery. He takes naps, recharges, gets up and goes again.

Not everyone reaches the plateau of 100 years. Mr. Hayes did most things his way because he was convinced that was the only way and he was always satisfied with the finished results.

I remember him nailing down hardwood floors bending from the waist. Do that if you can. Our floors were beautiful.

Mr. Hayes, during the 59 years I have known you, you have never said an unkind word to me and I thank you for your kindness and friendship during the major part of my life.

People will forget what you say, most will forget what you do, but they will remember how you made them feel. I sincerely hope after reading this tribute I have made you feel "Special" on this your 100th birthday. Congratulations to you on a life well lived.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying "This is the way; walk in it."


Isaiah 30:21

And you did.

My thanks to Rozanna and Judy for interviewing their Daddy for the answers to my questions. The end of the story with all questions answered are my own composition. Any mistakes, I take full credit.

Written by: Martha Sigmon

MARCH 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Circle #1, 10:00am Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	2 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm Lenten Service @Pleasant Hill, 7:00pm	3 Men's Group @John's 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	4 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	5 YMCA Basketball, 9:00am Circle of Friends, 10:00am
6 Sunday School, 9:15am Inquirers' Class, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Youth, 11:45 w/ Lunch	7 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Boy Scout Troop Leaders, 6:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	8 Deborah Circle, 5:30pm Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	9 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm	10 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Session, 6:00pm Emmaus Board, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	11 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm YMCA Board Game Night, 6:00pm	12 YMCA Basketball, 9:00am Dinner & Movie Night@ Central, 5:45pm
13  DayLight Savings Sunday School, 9:15am Inquirers' Class, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	14 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Christian Ed Team, 4:00pm Staff Support, 5:15pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	15 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:00pm Session Retreat, 6:00pm	16 Lenten Noon Service @McClintock PC AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm	17 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	18 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	19 YMCA Basketball, 9:00am
20 Palm Sunday Sunday School, 9:15am Inquirers' Class, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45	21 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm Cub Scout Leaders , 6:30pm	22 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	23 AA, 12:00pm Easter Program, 4:30pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm	24 Maundy Thursday/ Tenebrae Service @Steele Creek PC, 7:00pm	25 Good Friday AA, 12:00pm	26
27 Easter Easter Sunrise Service @ Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 7:00am Sunday School, 9:15am Easter Program, 9:30am Worship, 10:30am	28 Church Office Closed Steele Creek Historical Society, 10:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	29 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	30 AA, 12:00pm	31 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm		

Birthdays-March

1 Devon Osborne	20 Elaine Hood
Kelly Moss	21 Jonathan Dorr
3 Larry Arbuckle	23 Richard Hayes
Jill Wortman	25 Cheyenne Beaty
Manley Caudle	Dylan Beaty
4 Sue Birch	Colby Perez
Pete Helton	Pam Murphy
6 Luke Maybry	26 Betty Snipes Helton
8 Chelsea Hunter	27 Diane Wilson
Paul McNeill	Doug Youngblood
12 Jerry Cheek	31 Ann Clapham
Charles Wilkerson	
Beth Young	
13 Emily McNeill	
17 Judy Brown	
18 Michelle Skidmore	
Allison Burgess	
19 Ken Price	
Tom Schmutzler	

Worship Child Care — March 2016

Volunteers		Volunteers		
March 6	Barbara Choate	Allison Burgess	Sallie English	Open
March 13	Pam Brooks	Mary Deal	Open	Open
March 20	Deana Carter	Open	Open	Open
March 27	Allison Burgess	Open	Open	Open

Worship Child Care Sign Up Genius link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548afad2baaff2-janapril>

Lenten & Easter Season Schedule

March 2- Lenten Service, Pleasant Hill PC, 7:00pm

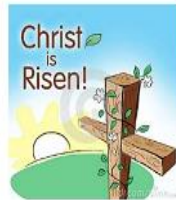
March 16-Lenten Noon Service, McClintock PC, 12:00pm

March 20- Palm Sunday Worship, Central Steele Creek PC, 10:30am

March 24-Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service, Steele Creek PC, 7:00pm

March 27- Easter Sunrise Service, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 7:00am

March 27- Easter Worship, Central Steele Creek, 10:30am



The Road to Resurrection
Children's Participation Skit



Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
Family Life Center (FLC)

Wednesday, March 23rd, 4:30 p.m.
(Goodie Bags for all)

AND

Easter Sunday, March 27th, 9:30 a.m.
(Easter Egg Hunt immediately follows)

