

# CENTRAL CALLING

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## February 2022

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### \*\*Newsletter Schedule\*\*

-There will be a March Newsletter, then we will combine the following issues:

- April/May
- June/July/August
- September/October
- November/December



## From the Pastor's Pen

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The month of February is an exciting time for me and it's not just because of the Valentine's Day... a creation of the marketing geniuses on Madison Avenue to maximize consumer spending on flowers, cards and candies :-). Despite the commercial and corporate slant of this day, I look forward to enjoying a delicious meal with my lovely valentine... and yes, she gets more lovely each year.

Sunday, February 13 is an "Unofficial" holiday in America, otherwise known as the Super Bowl Sunday. I'm not sure if this year's Super Bowl can equal the entertainment and excitement of the Bills vs. Chiefs divisional round game, which had 25 points scored by both teams in the last 2 minutes of the game. I have two words for the Buffalo Bills team... "SQUIB KICK." I'm beginning to think that the Bills are cursed... they went to 4 consecutive Super Bowls from 1991-94 and lost all of them. And now, they can't win a game with 13 seconds on the clock and the opponent on their 25 yard line. I cannot imagine the heartbreak of the Bills fans in Buffalo... but they have a bright future, which is more than what I can say about the Panthers :-).

After a new Super Bowl champ is crowned, pitchers and catchers normally report to Spring Training as the baseball season begins. But it looks like this year's baseball season is in jeopardy as Billionaire owners and Millionaire players squabble over how they will share billions of dollars in revenue. Even though I am a huge sports and baseball fan, I have a hard time sympathizing with Billionaires

and Millionaires fighting over how they will divide up billions of dollars. We have too many families and individuals struggling to put food on their tables and find adequate and reasonable housing. Missing a season or two of baseball is not the end of the world, but food insecurity and homelessness are life and death issues.

In the life of the church at Central, February of 2022 will be a time of spiritual preparation for the Lenten Season, which begins on March 2. I encourage you to spend this month in spiritual intimacy with God through your journey of faith in Jesus Christ. I want to invite all of you to worship each Sunday morning during the month of February as we conclude the sermon series, "God Intended Life for You." Lift up one another in prayer and encourage one another to seek the discernment of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

In Grace & Peace,  
Mark



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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School (some classes on hold)	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

## DEADLINES

**March 2022 issue deadline is February 21st.**

Articles received late will be included the next month.

**Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am**

Articles received late will be included the next week.

Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information, such as phone number, cell phone number, address, or email address. Thank you!



### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

#### Canned Soup

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

Last month we donated 58 pounds of food to help feed our neighbors in need.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
November 4-6, 2022

## From our Director of Music Ministries:



Greetings from the Music Ministry!

The start of the 2022 calendar year has been quite successful for the music ministry. Beginning this year, our musical ensembles started rehearsing on a different schedule and **all ensembles are rehearsing on Wednesday evenings**. Because of the schedule change, the Handbell ensemble has grown from three ringers to seven ringers and the choir and praise band have added one new member. This growth is exciting for the ministry!

The Handbell Choir will ring at least once per quarter with the goal to ring at least once per month. This ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. All are welcome to join our rehearsal, and you do not need to have prior musical knowledge to join!

The Central Choir and Praise Band will rehearse together and prepare the appropriate music as needed for weekly Sunday services. These groups will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30. If you play an instrument, especially the guitar or drums, sing, or want further information regarding this band, please contact me, and I can share further information! Also, if you know musicians who might have interest in joining us, please send them my way!

As I continue to plan music for our weekly worship, I would greatly appreciate your input. Please consider suggesting music for our worship by [clicking here](#) or copying and pasting the URL below. Your hymn and contemporary music suggestions will be considered and used when possible.

<https://forms.gle/VumM8GbaQu66seEM6>

Yours In Christ,

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## New Elders Installed January 23



Russell Helms (2023)  
Donna Cook (2024)  
Pam Brooks (2024)  
John Burgess (2024)



## Church Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2022 Central Steele Creek Church Scholarship ( In

memory of Marion Blackwelder ) and the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2022 are available in the church office. Any church member ( church membership required ) who is planning to attend an institution of higher learning in the 2022 - 2023 school year is urged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a year to year basis, so past recipients must reapply again this year.

The Gallant Scholarship is awarded yearly and if the recipient maintains an acceptable grade level, he or she will automatically receive the award in the next year with the possibility of receiving it up to 4 years.

Applications will be accepted through May 6, 2022. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

### Message from the Publicity Team:

Since we moved to live streaming our Sunday worship services during the pandemic, we have been challenged with internet drops. We want to thank our online viewers for their continued feedback and apologize for any frustrations this may have caused.

Now we have good news to report. As of November 2021, a more robust system is in place that includes router and fiber components along with upgraded internet speed. This will ensure ready and consistent access for our online viewers.

If you are unable to attend worship services in person, we hope you join us via live stream on Sundays at 10:30am. Our services are also recorded and can be found on our website at [www.cscpc.org](http://www.cscpc.org).

### FEBRUARY HEAD ELDER & USHERS

**Head Usher:** Jeanne Smith

**Ushers:** Pat Hart, Sandy Hart

## UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

In 2021, we spent \$360,456 on budgeted expenses. We collected \$342,864 in income for budgeted expenses, leaving a \$17,592 deficit. We do not usually end the year with a deficit between our income and expenses, however we had plenty of funds to cover the deficit due to the \$115,000 in Paycheck Protection Program funds we received. Those funds are not included in our income total and are in our operating account to help fund the budget, as the need arises.

The capital reserve fund balance is \$304,162 as of 12/31/21. For reference, the fund balance was \$287,458 on 1/1/21. Despite using some of these funds for major repairs and upgrades throughout the year, the fund balance has grown. The finance team would like to thank the church family for their faithful and generous support in 2021.

## Birthdays—February

3-Peyton Burgess & Liz Litaker  
6-Clifford Austin & Jack Phillips  
8-Carolyn Arbuckle  
14-Jim Patterson  
15-Beth Boykin  
17-Adam Wilson  
19-Mable Osborne  
26-Tim Osmar  
28-Dave Barbee



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**In memory of Robert Bostick, brother of George Bostick, Jean & Burns Taylor**

**In memory of Clara Whitley, Circle of Friends, Jean & Burns Taylor**

**In memory of Doug Youngblood, Jean & Burns Taylor, Mary & Jack Phillips, Elizabeth & Joe McCutchen, Beverly & Andy Cheek, John McGloughlin, Susan & Bob Hunter, Peggy & Alvin Elkin**

**In memory of Carl Moss, father of Richard Moss, Bob & Susan Hunter**

**In honor of Pam Brooks, Sandy & Pat Hart**