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Fall 2022

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From the Pastor's Pen

Hello Central Family & Friends,

I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful and restful summer filled with lasting memories. For my family, we have moved Karis and Michael back to their universities (Karis is a Senior) and our youngest, Matthew, is a senior in high school. Minah has begun her teaching responsibilities at her school, and we are praying for a safe and enjoyable school year for all. I hope your children and grandchildren will also have a wonderful school year.

As we head into the fall months, there are many local and national elections, and our country seems to be more divided than ever. While there have always been policy differences between political leaders in this country, there was mutual respect and the common goal of bringing unity among the people of this nation. Respect and unity have been replaced with hatred and divisive rhetoric in today's political climate. I normally do not talk about politics, but when the name of Jesus Christ and Christian faith are being abused and misused by politicians, then I need to say something in rebuttal. A candidate running for congress in House District 87 in Oklahoma has come out and said, *"It is okay to execute gay people by stoning, because of the Bible."* Regarding this view he also said, *"Well, does that make me a homophobe?... It simply makes me a Christian."* WOW!!! First, I am embarrassed to hear this person say that he is a Christian when he is filled with such hate and words that are anything but Christ-like. Second, people who profess to be Christians today, especially politicians, seem to be missing an indispensable characteristic and that is dependence on Jesus Christ.

Dependence on Jesus Christ is about self-surrender and to borrow an analogy from

Brian Dodd, self-surrender is allowing God to take control in the driver's seat, and we participate in the journey of faith in humble obedience in the shotgun seat as the assistant driver. This is a call to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, which requires more than just profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "The call goes forth, and is at once followed by the response of obedience. The response of the disciples is an act of obedience, not a confession of faith in Jesus." John MacArthur describes Christian faith and Christian leadership as dependence on Jesus Christ and he refers to Paul's message to the Corinthians that true and everlasting sufficiency comes from God. Paul was already a leader even before he met Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus, although his leadership brought persecution and death to Christians. After repenting of his sins and accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, Apostle Paul became a spiritual leader when he surrendered his heart and mind to Jesus Christ. His ambition and passion in life flowed out of his Christ-centered motives. As true Christians seek to influence others to follow Jesus Christ through the life-changing gospel message, dependence on Jesus Christ is a necessary spiritual ingredient. Second Timothy 1:12 clearly indicates Paul's conviction in his calling to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Michael Cooper shares that Paul was dependent on the power of Jesus Christ in serving others and Christians of modern-day churches must also be dependent upon the power of Jesus Christ. I pray that you will be dependent on Jesus Christ and help Central to be a church that is dependent on Jesus Christ.

In Grace & Peace,
Mark



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

**November/December 2022 issue deadline is
October 21st.**

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

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 SEPTEMBER

Boxed cereals

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Boxed baking mixes; cornbread, cake, etc.

**Please place items in the donation box
located in the Church Narthex. Last month we
delivered 64 pounds of food to the pantry.**

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

Income to budget (7/31/22): \$222,997

Expenses from budget (7/31/22): \$222,755

Capital Reserve Fund balance (7/31/22): \$315,461

From our Director of Music Ministries:



Greetings from the Music Ministry!

Summer is winding down and the Fall season is rapidly approaching. This summer, we, as a congregation, learned several new contemporary songs that have been added to the musical repertoire. Our summer together ended with an exciting and rejuvenating hymn sing service on the renewal of our faith. I look forward to continuing this tradition and adding other hymn sing opportunities throughout the year.

The rehearsal schedule for the choir and handbell ensembles have changed slightly since the beginning of summer. Both are still ringing on Wednesday evenings, but handbells will begin rehearsal 6:00-6:30pm and the choir will sing 6:30-7:30pm. All ages and experiences are welcome to join either group.

In the coming months, we plan to expand our repertoire and continue our growth with the addition of an anticipated contemporary praise band. While logistics are being worked out, this promises to be a great addition to the Central Music Ministry. If you or someone you know plays guitar, bass or drums, please put us in contact using the email below!

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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Ladies, Are you interested in digging into Ephesians and learning more about Paul's letter? Join the Women's Bible Study group this Fall! We will be meeting by Zoom at 7:00 pm every Monday night beginning September 19. This is a 12 week study so we will finish up before Christmas. Please join us! Let Chris Knapp know so books can be ordered.



SEPTEMBER HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Pam Brooks

Ushers: Donna Young & Sandra Burke

OCTOBER HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Rhonda Weaver

Ushers: Mike Brown & Ellie Bostick



Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, memorials for Toni. They have kept us going.

The Lambert Family

To all my friends at CSCPC,
Thank you for the well wishes. God has taken care of me. Bless you all.
Hugh Shannon

To our wonderful family we call Church, thank you so very much for holding me in prayer through my long journey this past Spring and Summer with my knee issues. Along with your prayers, you brought food, sent cards, called, visited and communicated with us that you cared. I am well on my way to recovery but still appreciate prayers and well wishes. Chet and I know we are so very blessed to be a part of this family of believers. Chris and Chet Knapp

Thank you! We are 75% to our Dare to Care Goal of \$4000

What a generous response from our congregation to support homeless children! We will be able to continue our ministry to children in need with the week-end food bags at Steele Creek Elementary and South Pine Academy. This year, these are both Title 1 schools with means more than 57% of the students come from low income families.

These Food Bags provide kid-friendly food items to children whose families are housing unstable, often with no permanent home. Their families may live in a hotel, rent a room from another family or they may live in a shelter. Often these students only get breakfast and lunch when they attend school. By sending the bags home with the students every weekend, we ensure they have something to eat during those days when they are not in school.

For several years, Central has supported children who are identified by the counselors at Steele Creek Elementary and now also South Pine Academy. We would like to continue this important support. Since each bag costs about \$4.25, it will require us to replenish the Dare to Care funds by \$4000 for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have not already contributed, please consider a donation to the Dare to Care Fund – so that we can be assured to have adequate funds for the whole school year. You can do this by check (in the offering plate or sent to the office) or using on-line giving. Dare to Care is listed under the funds.

Birthdays-September

1-Holly Lawhorn & Lauren Shaw
3-McKenzie Clapham
4-Matt Smith
7-Marilyn Hege & Pam Wilkerson
8-Tricia Herrington
11-Katie Hunter & Kendall Wilson
16-Hayden Griffin & Jessica Manner
18-Mary Young
20-Martha Sigmon, Sharon Wilson & Mary Pat Fowler
21-Annette Caudle & Dash Wilson
24-Hayes Shepard
25-John Williams
28-Susan Hunter

Birthdays-October

1-Rick Murphy
2-Ian Osborne & Duke Stevens
13-Robert Grier & Ralph Grier
17-Zachery Wortman
20-Ellie Bostick
23-Sandy Hart
24-Edmundo Perez
25-Charlie Bricker
26-Katie Noblett
28-Mollie Carlson
30-Amber Hilliard
31-Martha Osborne



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Rosemary Shaver; Rozanna Lawing

In memory of Toni Lambert; Robert & Deborah Cameron, Gwen Miles, Phyllis Twitty, John Lineberry, Linda & Bob Blackwelder, Penny & Marty Lambert, Joanne & Robert Richter, Martha & Paul Sigmon, Rozanna Lawing, Dorothy Williams, Annette Caudle, Christopher, Christine, Keith & Kyle Murphy, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Sandy & Pat Hart, Pauline & Bud Shaney, Mable Osborne, Donna & Bill Young, Susan Osmar, Jane & Steve Poe, Mary & Jack Phillips, Amanda & Jay Bates, Portia & Harry Weatherly, Jean Spangler, Marilyn & George Hege, Nancy Lynn Spangler, Sharon Ann Raines, Barbara & Barry Choate, Glen & Liz Litaker, Bob & Susan Hunter, Phyllis & William Soule, Kay & Jim Patterson, Betty & Guy Helms, Vernon E. Burris Construction Co., Premiere Networks/Peter Tripi, Marshall McCoy, John Benton, Beverly & Andy Cheek, Sarah Murphy, Cindy & Wade Shepard, Teresa Fite Lambert, Heather Thompson, Susan Dubois, Diane & Ken Price

In memory of Janet Maybry; Dorothy Williams

In memory of Bryan Bridges; Donna & Bill Young, Kay & Jim Patterson, Sandy & Pat Hart, Bob & Susan Hunter, Annette Caudle

In memory of Terry Herrington; Susan Osmar

Mobile Food Pantry



One hundred Steele Creek Elementary School families were helped through a Mobile Food Pantry on August 17th. Church members and Boy Scouts helped assemble the groceries into bags and load them into the cars.

Seeking Secret Saints

We need one more volunteer for this upcoming school year to support our college students. This program provides support and love from our congregation to continually remind our students that our congregation cares for them.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Donna Cook @ 704-649-3673 or donnaleacock@att.net.

*Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 6th!***



Central Daily Prayer for 2022

- Monday... Growing faith for you and your family
- Tuesday... Central to fulfill its "Central Focus" and the Mission of the church
- Wednesday... Arrival of new members and Unity among current members
- Thursday... Growth of Central Fine Arts & Y Arts Preschool programs
- Friday... God's grace to be revealed in our church, community, country, and the world
- Saturday... Sunday Worship Service to be powerful, encouraging, and inspiring

New CFAA Director: Joni Turner

The CFAA Board of Directors is pleased to announce Joni Turner as our new CFAA director. She brings both fine arts and administration experience. Joni is the art teacher at Berewick Elementary. Previous to arts education, she worked for many years in office and logistics management.

We appreciate the leadership of Anna Edwards in this past year. The CFAA program grew in students, teachers, and class offerings. However, her professional schedule no longer allowed her to continue with us. Her dance teaching responsibilities at Johnson C Smith and Winthrop Universities significantly increased for this Fall Semester. She is helping make this a smooth transition to a new director.

SCES Teacher Luncheon

The Mighty Acts Sunday School class and the Community Outreach team hosted a luncheon at Steele Creek Elementary School for sixty teachers and staff on Friday, August 26th. As the staff prepared for the start of school on Monday, 8/29, we wanted to show that they are valued by Central and the Steele Creek community. We know that the teachers are dedicated to the success of all students, especially with the diverse needs of the student population.

The lunch was much appreciated by the staff. It was catered through **Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q** with chicken tenders, barbecue, coleslaw and potato salad, hush puppies and topped off with banana pudding and tea. Rev. Mark Lee blessed the food with a prayer of thanks. We also took the opportunity to sit down and talk with the staff. Ann Mzingo compared notes with first grade teachers, comparing the times when she taught there.

Partnership with Steele Creek Elementary

This year brings changes to Steele Creek Elementary and this will impact how Central supports the students and teachers. The school is now classified as **Title 1** which means that a majority of students come from low income families. It continues to have a very diverse population with 35% of the students being English learners and 10 % of students with learning disabilities.

The new principal is Ms. Tamara Looney. She is asking for help with:

- ♦ Recognizing students who are doing good in academic growth as good student citizens.
- ♦ Supporting the teachers and staff who will be doing extras to support the student population,
- ♦ Making the school attractive so students are proud of their school (built in the 1960s).
- ♦ Providing the extra support for at-risk students.

Central's support for 2022-2023 school year, include:

- ♦ Week-end food bags for homeless students.
- ♦ School appearance improvement
The school entrance was spruced up with new plants and power-washing the sidewalks and doors in early August, ready to welcome the students and teachers. Thank you, Ann Mozingo, Judy and Mike Brown.
- ♦ Teacher support:
 - Catered lunch on 8/26 to celebrate the start of the school year.
 - Quarterly teacher appreciation snacks.
 - Student recognition
Provide simple snacks, such as popsicles or popcorn for special award gatherings.

Please note:

We will not collect school supplies. The extra funds for a Title 1 school can be used for school supplies.

Needs: The refrigerator in the Teachers' room is no longer working. Would you have a source for this appliance – used or new?



**Spruced up entrance to Steele Creek school
Thank you Ann Mozingo and
Judy and Mike Brown!**



Central Fine Arts Academy is growing! And your support is needed this Fall!

The Central Fine Arts Academy (CFAA) completed a successful year and is preparing for the new Fall Session. We saw growth, doubling the number of students (22- 30) and the increasing the variety of classes offered. A summer session was offered for the first time resulting in 22 individual students taking a variety of lessons including piano, voice, violin, guitar, percussion, sculpture, and clarinet. We are excited to see the new woodwinds and brass branch of our program continue to grow



For the Fall Session, we are shifting into 12 week semesters rather than our usual 10 week sessions, starting September 13th through December 9th. We are hoping that this will increase our already good retention rates. We will offer private lessons in the following genres for all ages: Voice, Violin, Piano, Percussion, Guitar, Clarinet, Flute, Trombone, Trumpet, and Saxophone.

There will be small group classes for Sculpture. The class for children will be held on Tuesday. A special class exclusively for adults will be on Saturday afternoon.

If you have interest in our Fall semester, please register online at centralfinearts.org or contact arts@cscpc.org.

Your help is important:

The CFAA provides a positive and creative environment for children and youth in the Steele Creek community. It also is an important way that we can connect with young families and provide the nurture and support that a faith community provides. These are opportunities for you to help:

- Help monitor the classes so that CFAA can meet the youth protection requirements (Tuesday evenings or Saturday afternoons).
- Send out messages on social media about the program. Contribute ideas for CFAA promotion.

Thank you for all who helped to distribute flyers to families at the Start-of-School Open Houses at the area elementary schools. Thank you to members who shared the flyer on social media.

CENTRAL FINE *arts* ACADEMY



New Fall 2022 Program

VOICE • SCULPTURE • PIANO • FLUTE
GUITAR • PERCUSSION • SAXOPHONE
CLARINET • VIOLIN • TRUMPET • TROMBONE

Private Lessons for All Ages
Limited spots available

In person Fall Semester Sept. 13th - Dec. 9th

Tuesdays at 5:30 - 7:30 pm | Saturdays at 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Certified, Excellent Teachers

Cost: \$25 for 60 minute group lesson (sculpture only)

Private Lessons: \$25 for 30 minutes and \$45 for 60 minutes.

Scholarships available

Register online at
CentralFineArts.org

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