

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor's Pen

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love rejoices in the truth, (1 Corinthians 13:4&6)

Ok, friends, we have a problem. In this most beautiful passage that is taken out of context in every wedding under the sun, we're in a bit of a conundrum. Love might be patient and love might be kind. But if it is, then love will have a hard time rejoicing in the truth because the truth is almost never kind or patient. The truth, for example, is that I turn forty next month. Nothing about that is kind or patient.

I had a professor in seminary who taught a class on pastoral ethics. Is it ever okay, he asked, to lie to parishioners? Of course not, we replied. "So," he asked, "if some little old lady brought a casserole to a pot luck lunch after church and you tried it and it was so bad that it made you gag, you would tell her that?" The truth is often neither patient nor kind. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:5 to "speak the truth in love." I'm not sure that's always possible. It's certainly not easy.

The best example, of course, comes in just a few weeks. On Ash Wednesday, you will be told the horrifying truth that "you are dust and to dust you shall return." And just in case you didn't get it, you'll get ashes smudged on your head as a reminder. Four days later, we will celebrate Valentines, which despite the fact that it gets slack husbands like me in trouble every year, really is a sweet little holiday that celebrates a noble idea called love. I find it rather difficult, though, to connect those ashes to anything remotely involving love.

Whether we like it or not, part of the Christian message is that you're messed up. We might call it sin or brokenness or depravity or fallible or limited... Whatever it is, we are all messed up. That's just the truth. We really did come from dust and we are all on a steady march to return

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there. That is neither kind nor patient, but by golly it's true. It's also part of what it means to be human.

The irony is that only when we recognize that can we be free to enjoy God's good gifts. Try as I may, I will never love the way I should. And truth? Since when did anybody ever have a monopoly on that? Such knowledge is way too high for us. The Good News of our faith is that love and truth are not abstract ideas that each one of us can decide or attain for ourselves. God is love (1 John 4:8) and God is truth (John 14:7). And while we can know the truth and the truth can set us free (John 8:32), I think most profoundly that the Truth knows us. God knows us and loves us.

Life is hard sometimes. Life is full of hard choices, hard times, and hard goodbyes. It almost never feels patient or kind. We cannot just massage away our brokenness in whatever form it comes. That's just the truth. But the TRUTH is that God knows us and loves in Jesus Christ. So that whatever happens, God happens, too. So dust off those ashes, stand up, and live your life. You've got some warts alright, but you've got grace, too. Enjoy that grace and share it with others. It's the only thing we ever really have and that most profoundly has us.



-Luke

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

March 2016 issue deadline is February 23rd

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



“There is a great gulf fixed between those who want to prove the historicity of everything reported in the Bible in order to demonstrate that the Bible is “true” after all and those who, committed to living under the authority of scripture, remain open to what scripture itself actually teaches and emphasizes. Which is the bottom line: “proving the Bible to be true” (often with the effect of saying, “So we can go on thinking what we’ve always thought”), or taking it so seriously that we allow it to tell us things we’d never heard before and didn’t particularly want to hear?”

Taken from “Scripture and the Authority of God: How to Read the Bible Today” by N.T. Wright: pg. 96.

Pastor’s Reading Corner

Recommended Book List

Abba, Give Me a Word; The Path of Spiritual Direction.

L. Roger Owen; Paraclete Press, Brewster, MA 2012



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Happy February 14th Birthday to Lisa Caudle, our Preschool Director! Lisa became director in 2014 and has a staff of 8 teachers who minister to 40 beautiful children. CSCPC is blessed to have our preschool program in their loving care. Be sure to wish Lisa a happy birthday when you see her!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Interested? Save the Dates:

Grief Share meetings will begin on February 14th at Good Shepard United Methodist Church in Room 322 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The group will meet for 11 sessions and the cost of materials is \$15.00. Please contact Jeanne Sikes or the church office for more information.

Cub Scout Yard Sale: April 23rd! Start cleaning out those closets!

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.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	2 Circle #1, 10:00am Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	3 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm	4 Men's Group @John's 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	5 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	6 YMCA Basketball, 9:00am Circle of Friends, 10:00am
7 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	8 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Christian Ed Team, 4:00pm Staff Support, 5:15pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	9 Deborah Circle, 5:30pm Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	10 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Scouts, 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ CENTRAL, 7:00PM	11 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Session, 6:00pm Emmaus Board, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	12 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	13 YMCA Basketball, 9:00am
14 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am 	15 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm Cub Scout Leaders, 6:30pm	16 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:30pm	17 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm	18 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	19 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	20 Session Retreat, 9:00am YMCA Basketball, 9:00am
21 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45 Combined Youth Group @Pleasant Hill, 5:00pm	22 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	23 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	24 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Scouts, 7:00pm	25 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	26 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	27 YMCA Basketball, 9:00am
28 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	29 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm					

Birthdays-February

3 Liz Litaker	27 Connie Hillard
6 Clifford Austin Jack Phillips Wanda Morris	28 Dave Barbee
7 Teena Benton Scott Caudle	
8 Carolyn Arbuckle Olivia Waite	
12 Haley James Letarshia Robinson	
14 Jim Patterson Lisa Caudle	
17 Adam Wilson	
18 Davey Barbee John Hayes *100th*	
19 Mable Osborne	
25 Hope Moss	
26 Tim Osmar Gracyn English Smith	

Worship Child Care — February 2016

	Volunteers		Volunteers	
February 7	Open	Open	Open	Open
February 14	Sallie English	Open	Open	Open
February 21	Deana Carter	Debby Moss	Open	Open
February 28	Barbara Choate	Open	Open	Open

Worship Child Care Sign Up Genius link

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

Lenten Season Schedule

February 10-Ash Wednesday Service, Central Steele Creek PC, 7:00pm

February 17-Lenten Noon Service, Mt. Olive PC, 12:00pm

February 24-Lenten Noon Service, Central Steele Creek PC, 12:00pm

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



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have all settled back in to preschool from the holidays and are switching in to high gear. We really begin encouraging independence with the children so that they will be prepared for next year. We also have to encourage parents to let go just a little so that they can see just how much their little ones are capable of. It is amazing to watch what happens!

In February we will talk a lot about LOVE! We will talk about how much our Heavenly Father loves us and how we should show that love to one another. We will learn about healthy habits, from the food we eat to taking care of ourselves. We will have vegetable tasting one day and also share in vegetable soup for snack. We will enjoy Valentine's Day with a fun celebration for the children. There is a lot to LOVE about February!

I would like to put out a reminder that our parking lots are very busy and sometimes our little ones have to cross it for certain activities. Please be on the lookout for them, take it slow and stop, if they are in the process. We really appreciate your patience.

Thank you again for your continued support of this precious preschool. Please take the time in February to tell the people close to you how much they mean to you. Take the time to reach out to those who don't know how to receive love and give them a glimpse of what that looks and feels like. We are called to do just that!

Love, Lisa



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The combined youth groups of Central Steele Creek, McClintock, Steele Creek, and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian churches met in January for our monthly meeting. We celebrated the Panthers win earlier that day with a hefty dose of food and fellowship. The youth had a Bible lesson on sharing.

In the spirit of service as is customary for our churches in general and due to the Martin Luther King Jr holiday, we made over 400 sandwiches. These culinary delights were delivered to Urban Ministries the next day. The youth were focused on their task and had a lot of fun doing it.

This is our second year of meeting as a group on a monthly basis. Our next combined youth group meeting is February 21st, 5-7pm at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Jean Price: Greta & Toni Lambert, Robert & Margaret Caudle, Martha & Paul Sigmon, Emma B. Young Class, Mary & Jack Phillips, Bill Gordon, Linda & Bob Blackwelder, Olympic HS Foundation, Evelyn Ervin, Kimberly McLaughlin, Circle of Friends, Price Brothers, Ellie & George Bostick, Michael Kellum, Mary Deal, Diane & Ken Price, Sandy & Pat Hart, Lucy & John Choate, Kay & Jim Patterson, Sue & Perry Davis, Smith & Stevenson Co., Ruby Potts, Daniel, Ratliff & Company, Charles Potts, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry, Rozanna Lawing

In Memory of Edwin Wingate, brother of Barbara Choate: Greta & Toni Lambert, Jean & Burns Taylor, Mary & Jack Phillips, Diane & Ken Price

In Memory of Ruth Lawing, mother of Diane Wilson: Greta & Toni Lambert, Sallie & Rock English, Diane & Ken Price, Staff Support Team, Sandy & Pat Hart, Kay & Jim Patterson

In Memory of Bill Darling: Kay & Jim Patterson

In Memory of Bill Sigmon: Martha & Paul Sigmon, Rozanna Lawing, Emma B. Young Class

In Memory of Inez Holley Clapham, sister of Brad Clapham: Emma B. Young Class

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

In Honor of Hugh Shannon: Melissa Shannon-Hagen

In Honor of Della Medlin: Linda & Jeff Karigan

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

10:00am, Room 300, Tuesday, February 2

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, February 6

Deborah Circle

5:30pm, Parlor, Tuesday, February 9



The Men's Group

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



THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY Canned Soup

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