

CENTRAL CALLING

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From the Pastor's Pen

*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth, (Psalm 96:1).
O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things, (Psalm 98:1).*

God has done something for us that we cannot do. Isn't that right? Therefore, we respond to that. The Psalmist said it backwards. "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." Both Psalm 96 and 98 imply that we should make a response to God for what God has done for us, that we should do (sing in their case) something new. How can we not? God's grace always comes as a surprise to us, as something new. Therefore, we do or sing or try or make or start... something new. Get it?

It sounds a little like a New Year's resolution. In the interest of full disclosure, I have never been very fond of either the New Year Holiday or the resolutions that supposedly come with it. They both, in my experience, are mostly a let-down. Of 39 news years that I have witnessed, I can only think of one resolution that I kept. Whether it was praying, losing weight, exercising... it stuck for about two or three weeks, but then was promptly forgotten.

The only resolution that stuck, oddly enough, was one I had forgotten that I made. Lena Young, in fact, had to remind me of it. Evidently I had resolved one year to play my guitar more. I started playing the guitar probably fifteen years ago, but never got really good at it... until I made that resolution. Not that I'm all that great now, but I'm a whole lot better than I was, *all because I made a resolution and stuck with it.* And, for the record, I have stuck with it ever since.

But why the difference? How was my resolution for the guitar different from losing weight or exercising? The only thing I can think of is that I actually *enjoyed* playing the guitar. Evidently, I made the resolution (which is normal), stuck with it for two weeks (also normal), but then actually enjoyed it (which is not normal. Who enjoys losing weight?) So I stuck with it, and because I enjoyed it so much, I never even thought about "sticking with it". I just did,

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so much so that I had forgotten that I made the resolution in the first place, until, of course, Lena reminded me of it.

The Christian life certainly has a place for discipline. It's good that we wake up early in the morning and exercise, for example, or that we find a time to read Scripture and pray. It's good that we are *disciplined* about such things, because if we are not, they certainly don't happen on their own.

But I'm not so sure that God has ever desired to be a resolution that we keep, like an item on a list that we can check off. I am sure, though, that God wants to be *in relationship* with us, which is about a great deal more than resolutions. Maybe it's mostly about enjoyment. "What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever," says the 1st question of both the shorter and longer Westminster Catechism. Imagine that! Those frozen-chosen, stuff Presbyterians actually enjoying something. But maybe that's the whole point.

When do you most fully enjoy God? When do you most fully enjoy life? Maybe it's when you're outside working in your garden, or hiking some trails, or running. Maybe it's spending time with family. Maybe it involves music. Whatever it is... go do that this year. Do that a lot. I'm not saying to ditch church for the duck blind. I'll write on that later. But for now, God has given you a splendid little life. Go, for God's sake, and enjoy that life. Make a resolution to live fully in it. Next thing you know, you will have enjoyed God and one another and appreciated the new and marvelous things that God has done. And... you will have kept a resolution that you forgot you even made.

—Luke



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

February 2016 issue deadline is January 25th

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.

FROM THE STAFF SUPPORT TEAM:

We want to recognize and celebrate the service of Sheila Fetner to Central over the last 18 years. She has not only faithfully served as our choir director, but has shared her enormous talent by planning, directing and composing some of the beautiful music we love. Thank you Sheila!

Next, we ask that you join us in welcoming Central's new custodian, John Granger, who joined our staff on December 7. As you see John out and about around the church, please stop, say "hello" and introduce yourself!



And finally, we would like to thank Miguel Rosario for his service to Central over the last year and wish him and his family many blessings.

CHRISTMAS AT CENTRAL

December was a busy month at Central full of reflection, appreciation and celebration. Advent was acknowledged by our Wednesday night workshop on Psalms of lament, daily advent devotions, Longest Night Service and the lighting of our advent candles during worship. We showed appreciation for our VIP's and Sunday School teachers with good food and great company. In addition we had several opportunities for joyful celebration via our Christmas breakfast, Preschool Christmas Program and Christmas Eve service. Finally we were privileged to also have special music celebrations including the Central Ringers handbell choir, Christmas with the Pathfinders concert, Chancel choirs from Central and Steele Creek singing of Vivaldi's "Gloria" during worship and Festival of Lessons and Carols.

In the spirit of loving our neighbors Central participated in several ways to bring the joy of Christmas and share the good news with our community both near and far. It began in November with our participation in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. December included the Mighty Acts Sunday School Class helping host the Charity Christmas Party and adopting needy families. Our Room in the Inn volunteers provided gifts and a special Christmas dinner for our guests on the 21st. We generously gave to two special offerings: the Joy Offering and Second Harvest Food Bank. Finally, the teachers at Steele Creek Elementary School will be pleased in January when they receive the gifts that are gathered under the Giving Tree to help them provide a quality education to the children in our community.

We are truly "Worshipping and Serving Christ in the heart of Steele Creek" at Christmas and always.



Pictures above are from the Christmas Charity event.
Pictures below are from our Christmas Breakfast.





In Memory of...

Audrey and Allie Mae Price
James, Lucille & Tommy Cooper
John Quinn; Melroe & Ailene Ruppe;
Milton & Pearl Quinn
Daddy & Aunt Elsie
Barbara McGrath, John & Francis McGrath Sr.,
John McGrath, Jr., John & Evelyn Walz
Earl, Irene & Rose Brown
Ellis & Edna Huntley
MiMi & Paw Paw Jimmy
Marlene & Bill Eargle
Ruth & Charles Hood
Jimmy & Trisha Shaw
Reid Sampson
Carlene Hyrams
Steve Taylor
Albert & Freda Helms, David Helms & Mike Trovis
Bill Canipe
Clyde Barnes (Opa)
Sarah King
Robert B. Vojvoda
Miriam Snyder; Gerald & Louise Hunter
C. M. Williams

In Honor of...

Our Grandchildren: Ben, Maggie & Sara
John Williams
Mama
Our Grandchildren & Great-granddaughter
Our Daughters and their families
Nana & GP; Pop-Pop Jeff
Billy & Debbie Eargle
Anna Eargle, Lauren, Dusty & Beckett Shaw
Stephanie Vojvoda
Bill & Dorothy Reden; Janice Stephens;
Matt, Amanda & Dawn
Coelle Snyder

Given by...

Ken & Diane Price
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Joyce Quinn
Joyce Quinn
Debby & Donna
The McGrath Family
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Mike & Judy Brown
Mike & Judy Brown
Becket Shaw
Debbie & Billy Eargle
Debbie & Billy Eargle
Dusty & Lauren Shaw
Ken, Cheryl & Amelia Sampson
Kevin & British Hyrams
Jean & Burns Taylor
Martha Sigmon
The Canipe Family
Holly Lawhorn & Gerry Lawhorn
Susan Osmar
Rob & Stephanie Vojvoda
Susan & Bob Hunter
Dorothy Williams

Given by...

Bob & Linda Blackwelder
Mable Osborne
Debby & Donna
George & Ellie Bostick
Mike & Judy Brown
Beckett Shaw
Dusty & Lauren Shaw
Billy & Debbie Eargle
John Hayes Family
Rob & Stephanie Vojvoda
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Susan & Bob Hunter
Chet & Chris Knapp

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day! AA, 12:00pm Church Office Closed	2 Circle of Friends, 11:00am
3 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	4 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	5 Circle #1, 10:00am Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	6 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Scouts, 7:00pm	7 Men's Group @John's 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	8 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	9 Cub Scout Pit Crew Races, 9:00am
10 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Youth Group, 11:45am Mark Kroos Concert, 4:00pm	11 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Christian Ed Team, 4:00p Staff Support, 5:15pm Central Ringers, 6:30pm	12 Deborah Circle, 5:30pm Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	13 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Scouts, 7:00pm Choir, 7:30pm	14 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	15 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	16
17 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45 Combined Youth Group, 5:00pm	18 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders, 6:30pm	19 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:00pm	20 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Scouts, 7:00pm Choir, 7:30pm	21 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	22 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	23 Session , 9:00am
24 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Youth, 12:00pm	25 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:30pm	26 Tuesday Night Basketball, 6:00pm	27 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Scouts, 7:00pm Choir, 7:30pm	28 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm	29 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	30
31 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am						

Birthdays-January

1 Sylvia Hendrix	21 Sue Koster
3 Darby Noblett	22 Barbara Lane
4 Mary Phillips	Joyce Elms
Landon Caudle	23 Steven Young
5 Barry Choate	24 Beckett Shaw
6 Vic Duran	Kenny Burns
Betty Helton	25 Rob English
7 Brandon Russell	Jenifer Russell
8 Glenn Litaker	26 Jenaro Melendez
9 Jeanne Smith	27 Bob Blackwelder
Donna Young	George Hege
10 Della Medlin	28 Marge Caselli
Jeff Gordon	Reuben Mazingo
Chris Knapp	31 Joe McGrath
11 Bryce Stevens	Bill Young, Jr.
12 Rock English	
13 Joyce Smith	
14 Brandon McGraw	
Hugh Shannon	

Worship Child Care — January 2016

	Volunteers		Volunteers	
January 3	Deana Carter	Wade Shepard	Open	Open
January 10	Open	Open	Open	Open
January 17	Barbara Choate	Sandy Hart	Open	Open
January 24	Open	Open	Open	Open
January 31	Open	Open	Open	Open

Worship Child Care Sign Up Genius link

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

CENTRAL HAPPENINGS

Winner of Guitar Player Magazine's
2011 International Competition



Mark Kroos In Concert

Sunday, January 10th

Central Steele Creek
Presbyterian Church
9401 S Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28273
4:00 PM

Admission: Free / By Donation

Scan this code with your smartphone to watch
Mark play 2 guitar necks at the same time!



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Calendar

January 3	No Youth Group
January 10	@ Central, 11:45-1:15pm
January 17	Combined Youth Group @ Central 5-7:00pm, Service Project
January 24	Lunch & Ice Skating, 12:00-4:00pm
January 31	TBD

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle of Friends
11:00am, Room 300, Saturday, January 2

Circle #1
10:00am, Room 300, Tuesday, January 5

Deborah Circle
5:30pm, Parlor, Tuesday, January 12



The Men's Group

Thursday, January 7
6:00pm
John's Restaurant

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Linda Blackwelder, Barbara Choate & Rozanna Lawing; the Emma B. Young class

In Memory of Eddie Wingate, brother of Barbara Choate; Circle #1, the Emma B. Young class

In Memory of Zoe Thomas, sister of Mary Rhyne; the Emma B. Young class



THE MONTH OF JANUARY Canned vegetables

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