

Central's Life Application Speaker Series
Sundays - July 9, 16, 23, 30
Family Life Center
Childcare Available
9:00 a.m. Coffee and pastries
Session 9:15 a.m. (promptly) – 10:15a.m.



July 9th – Cultivating a Spirit of Generosity

No matter how much money you have!

Olanda Carr is the Ministry Relations Officer serving the East Region. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars

and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees. Olanda shares his call to the Foundation, "God calls us each day to do new and exciting things. I believe my service with the Foundation is such a call, and it provides me with an opportunity to further God's kingdom and the mission of the PC (USA)".

Olanda holds a BBA and MBA from Montreat College (North Carolina) and is an elder and assistant treasurer of First United Presbyterian Church. He resides in Charlotte with his wife, Monica.



July 16th – Shaping the Next Generation: YOU have a critical role!

Karen Hodge Thomas and Vicki Hodge Lynch are the owners of Dynamic Impact Speakers Group, LLC. Karen and Vicki are

professional educators, spiritual and biological sisters who entertain, inspire, motivate, and challenge audiences. Whether delivering a keynote address, facilitating a seminar or presenting a workshop, audiences appreciate their ability to connect with participants in a down-to-earth manner that keeps it real.

Karen is a licensed professional counselor, retired school district administrator and former Director of Christian Education at her local church. Vicki is a National Board Certified Teacher who retired after 34 years of teaching with excellence. She is Director of Christian Education at her local church.



July 23rd– Surviving and Thriving in the Midst of Loss and Grief

The marvelous thing about God is that the deeper the tragedy, the greater the grace. **Dawn Smith Jordan** is no stranger to both. On May 31, 1985, Dawn's younger sister, Shari, was kidnapped and murdered just two days before her high school graduation. It became the largest

manhunt in South Carolina's history, drawing national attention.

With the hope only found in Jesus Christ, Dawn went on to become Miss South Carolina 1986 and 2nd runner-up to Miss America. The Billy Graham Crusade came to South Carolina that same year, and millions were touched by Dawn's testimony, and her singing of "Amazing Grace."

In 1986 Dawn received a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Columbia College in Columbia, SC. Today, Dawn ministers in up to 75 concerts/events annually. The heartbeat of her music and message is the sufficiency of God's grace, even to the point of forgiving the man who killed her sister.



July 30th - Seasons of Doubt and Crisis of Faith: What does it mean? What should I do?

Rev. Luke H. Maybry was installed as Pastor at Central Steele Creek in March of 2008. Luke grew up in Campobello, South Carolina, and graduated from Wofford College in 1998.

He served four years in the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, attaining the rank of captain. After the army, he enrolled at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and graduated in 2006. He is currently enrolled in the Doctorate of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Luke is married to his college sweetheart, Leah Robertson, and they have two daughters, Julia and Caroline, and a son, Jack. In addition to serving as pastor here, Luke is also a volunteer chaplain for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and a coach for the "Let Me Run" program. His hobbies are running, music, spending time with his family, and otherwise enjoying God's good creation.