

# CENTRAL CALLING

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## October 2020

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

October, 2020

Several people have recommended a documentary on Netflix called "The Social Dilemma," including a couple of church members. Before committing 1.5 hours in watching this documentary, I wanted to do some research and here is a description that I came across... **"The Social Dilemma attempts to expose the ways in which technology giants have manipulated human psychology to influence how we behave. And if you think that sounds absolutely terrifying, you'd be right."** Here was another promotion for the documentary... **"Never before have a handful of tech designers had such control over the way billions of us think, act, and live our lives."** OK, I was sold, so I committed to watching the documentary. People will have different opinions about the documentary, but I came away with new information about the pitfalls and dangers of social media platforms when not used properly for the benefit of our society. All of the experts and executives of the social media giants in this documentary agree that these platforms were created with good intentions in mind for our society. But good intentions began to erode and dissipate in the face of culture of unchecked capitalism, which seeks to manipulate human behavior for profit. What was intended for good became a tool for division, hate and misinformation.

I don't know about you, but I see a great degree of parallelism between the evolution of social media and God's creation in Genesis. Just like the original intention of the

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creation of social media, which was for good, God created everything in this world and at the end of each day concluded... **"And God saw that it was good."** Everything was good until Adam & Eve became selfish and hungry for power and authority equal to God... with nudging from a serpent. The serpent psychologically manipulated Adam & Eve so that they would lose focus of their true reason for existence and accepted & followed misinformation disguised as the truth. The documentary states that false information circulates and reaches people six times more on social media than the truth. Therefore, truth is no longer absolute, but it's relative to individual reality of the person's acceptance of what is true for them. While the society struggles with the truth, believers need to share the truth about salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. During these difficult and challenging times, people are losing hope and that includes self-professed Christians. Let us fix our focus on the cross of Jesus Christ and seek the power of the Holy Spirit to bring guidance, strength, hope and truth in our daily lives. Romans 15:13... **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."**

In Grace & Peace

—Mark



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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

### DEADLINES

**November 2020 issue deadline is October 26th.**

*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 OCTOBER

#### Boxed baking mixes

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



Words cannot begin to express how important my church family has been during the past months.

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food, and donations in memory of Clint. God Bless you all.

Sandra Burke

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**In memory of Clint Burke;** Wade & Cindy Shepard, Beverly & Andy Cheek, Nancy Higginson, Patricia Norment, Patsy Booth, Fredia Butler, Donna Young, Diane Vandever & Bill Holland, Jim & Debbie Stikeleather, Rozanna Lawing, Raymond & Sandra Stamey, Lily & Julie Austin, Bud & Pauline Shaney, Donna Winter, Sedgefield Garden Club

**In memory of David Arthurs;** Rozanna Lawing

**In memory of Evelyn Ervin;** Pat & Sandy Hart, Glenn & Liz Litaker, Mary & Jack Phillips, Dorothy Williams, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Greta & Toni Lambert, Donna Winter, Emma B. Young/Living the Word class, Paul & Martha Sigmon

### Ladies Gathering!

On November 14, 2020 we will host a morning of reuniting with our ladies! It will be a time for reflection, Bible program, and just saying "Hello, I've missed you" in person. All ladies of Central, friends, and family are welcomed. So join us in the Family Life Center at 10:30am until 12:00pm. Child care will be provided and all Covid-19 precautions will be in place.



### Virtual Hymn Sing!

As we move into the new month, we are thrilled to announce our second virtual hymn sing! This will take place at 2pm on Sunday, **October 11th**. If you have hymns you would like sung, please email [elizabethbemis@cscpc.org](mailto:elizabethbemis@cscpc.org). Here is the link too join! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4945143753?pwd=a1RaZFFERUd1aUpUdWRHR3djZ1FLUT09>  
Meeting ID: 494 514 3753  
Passcode: 054682

### FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 8/31/20: \$224,735

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 8/31/20: \$207,574

Capital reserve fund balance (8/31/20): \$307,260



### Address Updates:

**Clifford and Shirley Austin have moved!**

While their cell phone numbers and email addresses remain the same, their mailing address

is now:

3800 Shamrock Rd.

EP611

Charlotte, NC 28215

**Joyce and Eric Smith are moving too!** As of October 7, their address will be: (emails and cell phones remain the same)

3557 Plum Street.

Fort Mill, SC 29715





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# **CENTRAL FINE ARTS VIRTUAL ACADEMY**

Questions about format, scheduling, instrument rentals and more call Director Lori Cauley at 704-274-1878.

## ***Registering Now***

Cost: \$25 / 30 minutes  
\$45 / 60 minutes

Registration Fee: \$20

Registration and  
information at  
<http://cscpc.org/cfaa>

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## Offering Coffee on Monday Mornings – Volunteers are Needed–



Providing coffee (or bottled water) and a breakfast bar to working parents is a nice way to start off Monday morning. We found that this gesture was appreciated by the parents as they dropped off their children to the Y Back-to-School program on our campus.

Would you be willing to volunteer along with another (experienced) church member and Mark on a Monday morning, from 6:50 – 8:30 am? This will involve set-up, greeting and handing out coffee to the parents while they remain in their cars, and the final clean-up. We plan to provide this welcome to the Y families each Monday throughout the fall (weather permitting). Included is a card for prayer requests. The first day, a family responded.

Please signup to help! Contact Jeanne Smith ([jesmith8412@gmail.com](mailto:jesmith8412@gmail.com)) or other Mission Committee members to put your name on the list or for more information. The Mission Committee will organize the volunteer schedule. Mission Committee: Judy and Mike Brown, Sandra Burke, Ann Mozingo, Martha Osborne, Jeanne Smith

## Another Opportunity for Teacher Appreciation

In August, we were able to help welcome back the teachers of Steele Creek Elementary with a generous variety of snacks. We received this thank you from principal, Karen Dozier, on the day we delivered the items.

*"I want to thank Central Steele Creek Church for the tasty treats for the staff. It was HUGE and we have snacks even for tomorrow."*

In October, the teachers will be coming back for workshops. Many students will be returning for in-classroom learning under a hybrid system in the next few weeks. We would like to provide treats at this time. Please contribute individually wrapped, store-bought snacks (sweet and savory) by bringing your donations to the church office.

## Birthdays– October

1-Rick Murphy  
2-Ian Osborne & Duke Stevens  
4-Penn Tolley  
13-Robert Grier & Ralph Grier  
17-Zackery Wortman  
20-Ellie Bostick  
23-Sandy Hart & River Gordon  
24-Jeanette Hamilton, Ben Huffaker & Emundo Perez  
25-Charlie Bricker  
26-Katie Noblett  
28-Mollie Carlson  
30-Amber Hilliard  
31-Martha Osborne



## School Supplies: Thank you and Please Keep Looking



Thank you for the many school supplies which have already been donated. They will be well appreciated in the next few weeks when many CMS elementary students come back into the classroom soon to participate in a hybrid program of 1 week in class and 2 weeks of remote learning. Please keep looking for good values for the following items. There have been none or only a few of the following supplies donated:

- Plastic Pencil Boxes
- Graph paper
- Notebook dividers
- 3 ring notebooks (1 ½, 2 or 3 inch)
- Kleenex
- Index cards
- Book bags

Your donations can be left at the church office or brought to Narthex on Sundays.

**The Mighty Acts Class** has resumed meeting in Room 300 at 9:15 A.M. every Sunday morning. You are very welcome to join us if you like. Currently we are learning about the history of the Bible and the relevance of The Old and New Testament. Coffee will be available. Seating is arranged to allow for social distancing.



## Happy Fall from the Preschool!

We are just finishing up our first month of Virtual Preschool and it has been busy! We have been sending home work and activities for the parents and children to work on at home along with our Zoom Circle time. Everyone is having a great time and we are already seeing the kids grow before our eyes. They are memorizing Bible verses and they love listening to what God has to tell us when we read our Daily Devotional. We have a few openings for this class which is ages 4-5. If you know of anyone, please send them our way! We can teach from anywhere! We actually have a student living in India!

We are excited for October! It is such a fun month! We are going to send home treat bags and if you would like to donate anything for the bags, that would be wonderful! I know the children will be so excited to receive them!

In Christ,  
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