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From the Pastor's Pen

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, (Matthew 5:19).

Most of us reading this column came of age in the late 20th Century, which was an unusually blissful time in world history: no world wars, no depressions, good economic growth. It was morning in America, Ronald Reagan said, and it felt that way. It doesn't now, though. David Brooks wrote a column in the *New York Times* recently that has some startling statistics. Between 1948 and 2000, the U.S. economy grew at a per-capita rate of 2.3 percent a year. Since then, it has been close to 1 percent. Between 1985 and 2000, the total hours of paid work in America increased by 35 percent. Over the next fifteen years, they increased by only 4 percent. For every one American man aged 25-35 looking for work, there are three who have dropped out of the labor force. If Americans were working at the same rate when this century started, over 10 million more people would have jobs. We are, as a country, less optimistic, more fragmented, and addicted to pain medications. A survey in Ohio found that over 11 percent of Ohioans were prescribed opiates. None of this is good... at all.

So what is the Church's role in all of this? If you really want to get depressed, just look at the Church's numbers. 21st Century America is peachy compared to the 21st Century American Church. But it may well be that the 20th Century American Church wasn't all that great either. The numbers were great, but we may well have placed our hopes in things that didn't last,

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like big buildings, and budgets, and rock star preachers. More is always better, we thought. But evidently, we missed something big along the way. We missed each other, for one. Sad to say, but no other American institution was more segregated in the 20th Century than the Church. I think in some ways that we missed God, too. We put way too much hope in all those budgets and gadgets and flashy preachers, things that Jesus said "moths would destroy and thieves would break through and steal."

We have witnessed that first hand in the Presbytery of Charlotte. When I started here ten years ago, we had ten people on our staff and a budget of well over two million dollars. Now we have a staff of two and a budget well under a million. And yet, I think we are more connected, more integrated, and more faithful than we were then. Come to find out, we didn't need all that stuff. Not only did we not need it, it even hurt us.

All of which brings me to Lent, which starts this month. We're supposed to renounce stuff in Lent. Who likes doing that? Lent seems like a time to be gloomy and sad, to feel the pain that Jesus felt. But it may well be that by renouncing things, we realize what truly is important, and what truly isn't. In the Kingdom of God, less is more and more is less. God is sovereign and gracious. That's hard to see in the glitz and glamor. But I see it now, and for that I am grateful.

—Luke



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

2017 issue deadline is March 27th

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.



THE MONTH OF MARCH

Dried or Canned Beans; Packaged Rice

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

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, March 4

Circle #1

Serving Lunch on March 8

Deborah Circle

5:30pm, Room 300, Tuesday, March 14

Save the Date:

Women's Retreat will be Friday, September 8th - Sunday, September 10 at the Double Tree (formerly Springmaid Beach Resort) in Myrtle Beach. Details to follow.

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



"The membrane between the church and the world is thin. We want to cross it lightly, gracefully, so that suddenly, even for those who do not show up on Sundays at God's physical house, a house with many mansions still might shine through in their imaginations. This kind of agility is not born by taking the physical house, the church, lightly. No, worship is what prepares us for the strangeness of life. When we read about Jesus washing the disciples' feet before the Last Supper and his death, God prepares us for a later moment when the only seat at the table will be at the bottom of a hospital bed.

Rather than hammering the unchurched with the gospel from our mouths and heads, rather than arguing with them or badgering them, rather than capturing the moment like a pious pirate, the stand-in church is called not to be brilliant, not to be persuasive, not even to tell the entire story right then and there, but rather, the stand-in church is called to simply be.

After all, we follow a savior who knew when to preach but also when to be content washing feet. Jesus delivered the gospel from the bottom up. We can do that too. As I rubbed his feet, as the stand-in church, Pete's body buckled under the white blankets and left us with a violent shake of an old rocker whose guitar solo had taken it all out of him. I held on to his feet a little longer, as they grew cold, until I knew that this was no longer my place. It was time to move to the rest of the room and the tears of the living, where Pete's song played on."

taken from *When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough* by Lillian Daniel Chapter 2: 'The Stand-in Church' pgs.23-24

Pastor's Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough.

Lillian Daniel; Jericho Books, New York, 2013



Pastor's Bible Study

Join Luke on Tuesdays, March 7, 14 & 28 in RM 300 from 11:00am-12:00pm for a study of Hosea.

In May, join British for a study on Romans on Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 15 & 23 from 11:00am-12:00pm in RM 300.



AKILAH'S YAV ADVENTURE

MOTIVATION

FEBRUARY 18, 2017

I recently had an opportunity to visit a medical missions clinic at one of the sports complexes in Dumaguete. I served as a volunteer to observe and help in any way I could. I was placed with some great ladies that were assigned in an area taking blood pressure and blood sugar. Unfortunately, we did not have much foot traffic and not many people stopped by unless the doctor specifically sent them over; consequently, we had a lot of time to talk.

At this medical missions clinic, there were over 150 doctors, nurses, staff, etc. who were there to serve the community. The group was from the US, but a lot of them originally came from different areas in the Philippines. They worked from early in the morning to about 5pm every day for a week- treating patients, distributing medicine, and even performing some surgeries at a hospital nearby.

I'm pretty sure that over the course of the week, they provided care to 1,000+ people from Dumaguete and surrounding areas. I witnessed people coming for regular check-ups, asthma treatments, dental exams, and eye evaluations. At first, I thought, "Wow! It's amazing to see people taking advantage of the medical missions clinic! I'm glad it's available to them!" However, the more I thought about it, the more my opinion changed and I realized that it's really a sad situation. Thousands of people don't have access to the most basic care. Their health care system is broken and they can't rely on their own government to fix it. The majority of people can't afford to get regular medical check-ups, pay for medicines, or even purchase reading glasses to function properly on a daily basis. Yes, it's absolutely wonderful that there are people willing to utilize their talents, invest their own money, and commit their time with organizations to provide health care to communities in another country; but, it's also really sad that it has to be that way.

As I reflected on the condition of the people of the Philippines, I thought a little bit more and it registered that there are many people like that in the United States. There are people of all ages that don't have access to basic health care; or if they have access, it's still unaffordable.

Now, I don't "do" politics. I'm not going to go on a rant about the U.S. health care system. But, I do want to communicate that this is one of the significant reasons why I want to be a doctor. It's not for the money or the title. It's not because I want to make myself feel better by "saving" other people or "curing" their illness. No, it's because I want to make a difference in someone else's life. I want to serve the people who are swept aside, forgotten, or ignored. I want to serve people who don't have access to or cannot afford health care regardless of the reason. I want to do something that will make a difference, even if I'm the person forgotten when it's all said and done. I will make a difference in the world, but I have to start at home – in these United States of America.

Akilah



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool year is continuing at record speed! While we tried to talk about winter weather last month, it just did not seem right. I may still be holding out for one more winter blast, but it does not seem likely.

We will go into March ready to talk about the coming of Spring and new life. We will also celebrate the birthday of Dr. Guess and the children will bring in their favorite books. The teachers are continuing to encourage independence in the children so they will be prepared for what comes next.

There will be several changes happening around preschool for the upcoming school year. We are continuing to register children and if you know of anyone looking for a precious preschool please send them to us! We will also have several openings for lead and assistant teachers. If you know of anyone, with preschool experience, please have them email their resume to preschool@cscpc.org. These positions will begin in late August and run through the school year. There will be three day and four day positions with hours being 8:30-1:30.

Please be in prayer for us. While change causes uncertainty, it also allows great things to happen and a deeper trust to be built with the ONE who is over it all! Thank you that you have supported us in such amazing ways through the years.

Love,
Miss Lisa

Marketing and Publicity Team:

Check out the new CSCPC welcome video which can be viewed on our website and FB page. We thank the congregation, the schools, and the volunteers for representing us so well during the two days of filming. Feel free to share the 10 minute video with family and friends and invite others to join us as we worship and serve Christ in the heart of Steele Creek.



Vacation Bible School

Want to be a HERO?? Save the date of June 17th and plan on volunteering to help at VBS. We will need about 35 volunteers to cover all the different needs for this one day event. Signup sheets with opportunities to serve will be posted soon.

What's Happening In Sunday School?

Recently, 20 of our Sunday School teachers gathered after worship for a workshop designed to enrich them as teachers and energize our Sunday School program. These teachers gave up their Sunday afternoon because they care about spreading the faith through their gift of teaching! Many thanks to all who came for a fun and engaging time.

While many may have a dislike for "school", the truth is that there is a lot to like in Sunday School where we learn more about God and each other. The Christian fellowship and guidance that accompanies the "learning" helps teachers and participants feel connected to each other and the larger church. Sunday School is a place where you can bring your questions and share your knowledge. Lastly, Sunday School is fun! Our classes are choosing studies that are relevant to life and faith today.

Be on the lookout this year for special events designed to bring us all together and to provide an opportunity for those who don't attend to get engaged. Everyone is welcome in any class at any time!

#thebestisyettocome
#itisworththeextrahour!

Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Scholarship

(In Memory of Marion Blackwelder)



Applications are available in the Church Office for this year's scholarship. Any church member (church membership required) attending an institution of higher learning in 2017-2018 is encouraged to submit an application. This scholarship is awarded on an annual basis, so past recipients and other sophomores, etc. must reapply this year.

For the benefit of the new members, Marion Blackwelder was the daughter of Charles and Sarah Blackwelder and niece of Jack and Mae Austin. She was a student at Brevard College and died in an automobile accident in December 1979. The Central Steele Creek Scholarship Fund was started in 1984 as a tribute to her memory. The awards are made yearly and only the interest is used to finance the awards with the principal being untouched. Additional donations are gratefully accepted as the cost of college keeps rising.

Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2014 in memory of Pete (Thomas Pringle) and Trudy (Gertrude Herman) Gallant. The Gallants were long time members of our church and their daughter Carol Gallant has funded the scholarship in their honor. The scholarship is given to the recipient for four consecutive years provided that the student maintains acceptable grades in their field of study.

Applications for both scholarships are available in the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is May 5, 2017. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.



Scouting News



We had a great time in January. Our Cub Scouts of Pack 45 had a super time at the Pinewood Derby (#1, #2).

A police officer visited us and the Cub Scouts enjoyed his talk about what he does and some of the items that he uses to do his job, like hand cuffs (#3).

In February, during Scout Sunday, we awarded the God and Me award to Kaiden Brookins (#4) and the God and Family award to Xavier Allen (#5) for extra work for their duty to God. One of the mothers mentioned that she really enjoyed our service.

Charlie Bricker



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5

Cub Scout Yard Sale: Saturday, April 29th.

Mark you calendars and start cleaning out those closets!



EASTER FOR KIDS

From Youth Christian Ed.

Help us make Easter meaningful and special for the children on our campus. For the Y kids, we need about 10 volunteers on April 5th to set up and man the Stations in the FLC as the youth move through the event stations depicting Holy week. For Central Kids, we need help stuffing eggs on Saturday the 15th and hiding eggs during Sunday School hour (inside if raining) on Easter Sunday, April 16th.

2017 Lenten Season Schedule

March 1- 7:00pm

*Ash Wednesday Service, Steele Creek PC,
7:00pm; Ed Newberry*

March 8 - 12:00 Noon

*Lenten Noon Service, Central Steele Creek PC,
Greg Busby
(Luncheon after service in the Family Life
Center provided by Circle #1.)*

March 15 - 12:00 Noon

*Lenten Noon Service, Mt. Olive PC,
Jeff Pinkston*

March 22 - 12:00 Noon

*Lenten Noon Service, McClintock PC,
Billy Grier*

March 29 - 12:00 Noon

*Lenten Noon Service, Steele Creek PC,
Bob Jack*

April 5 - 12:00 Noon

*Lenten Noon Service, Pleasant Hill PC,
Luke Maybry*



Thank you:

*To my church family,
My family and I want to thank all of you
for all of the special caring you showed to us in our
loss of Richard. The cards, phone calls, food, the
beautiful reception and your presence was a gift we
will never forget. God bless all of you and thank you
for the wonderful blessing you gave to each of us,
"yourselves". Sue Koster & family*

*Thank you, church family. Your concern and care
through the memorial service, reception, thoughtful
cards and notes, and food for the family supported us
through this difficult time.
Sincerely, Jeanne Smith, Erik Smith & his family, and
the extended Smith and Erickson families*



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Don Woody, husband of Patsy Woody; Greta & Toni Lambert

In memory of Becky Neely, sister of Mary Pat Fowler; Greta & Toni Lambert, Emma B. Young class, Paul & Martha Sigmon, Pat & Sandy Hart

In memory of Mary Rhyne; Greta & Toni Lambert, Circle #1, Carolyn Reese, Manley & Annette Caudle, Paul & Martha Sigmon, Emma B. Young class, Burns & Jean Taylor

In memory of Carrie Sue Grier; Carol Gallant, Jane Stuart, Noell Duran (hymnal dedication)

In memory of Richard Koster; Paul & Martha Sigmon, Emma B. Young class, George & Ellie Bostick, Baker-Mitchell Co., Inc., Janice & John Davis, CSA Manufacturers Reps, Barbara & Barry Choate, Jim Bridges & Darby Cloninger, Mary & Jack Phillips, Keith & Gaye Koster, Mike Stallings of Sioux Chief Manufacturing, Burns & Jean Taylor, Malott's Tax Service, Manley & Annette Caudle, Toni & Greta Lambert, Price Brothers, Kay & Jim Patterson, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Pat & Sandy Hart

In memory of Jerry Smith; Barry & Barbara Choate, Burns & Jean Taylor, Wilma Price, Mike & Judy Brown, Mary & Jack Phillips, Manley & Annette Caudle, Toni & Greta Lambert, Kay & Jim Patterson, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Emma B. Young class, Pat & Sandy Hart, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Rock & Sallie English, Harry & Portia Weatherly, Bob & Susan Hunter, Will & Marge Caselli, Robert & Helen King, E.O. & Ann Oakley, Circle of Friends, Price Brothers

In memory of Betty H. Helton; Barbara & Barry Choate, Emma B. Young class, Paul & Martha Sigmon

In memory of Dora Cooper, grandmother of Kevin Hyrams; Manley & Annette Caudle

In honor of Barbara Choate, Rozanna Lawing & Linda Blackwelder, teachers of the Emma B. Young class; from your class

In honor of Bill Gordon and Barry Choate, teachers of the Brown Grier class; from your class

In honor of Jeanne Sikes & Joe McGrath; Mary & Jack Phillips, Noell Duran (hymnal dedication), George & Ellie Bostik, Kathleen & Ronnie Ferrell, Renee Thomasson, Jeanne Smith, Manley & Annette Caudle, Burns & Jean Taylor, Barbara & Barry Choate, Betty W.S. Helton, Richard & Janet Chandler, Joyce Quinn, Toni & Greta Lambert, Allyson Haenlein, Pat & Sandy Hart, Joann Marz, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Harry & Portia Weatherly, Kathryn Bryson, Rhonda & Lester Weaver, K. J. Swiger, Frank & Gwen Vogt, Bill Gordon, Chet & Chris Knapp, Jim & Joyce Martin, Will & Marge Caselli

In honor of Ken Price; Portia & Harry Weatherly

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service@ Steele Creek, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	2 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	3 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	4 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
5 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Guest Outreach Team, 11:45am	6 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	7 Preschool, 9:00am Pastor's Bible Study, 11:00am B&G Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	8 Preschool, 9:00am Lenten Noon Service @ CSCPC w/ lunch AA, 12:00pm Choir, 6:45pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	9 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm Emmaus Board, 7:00pm	10 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	11
12  Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	13 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Staff Support Team, 5:15pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm Worship Team, 6:30pm	14 Preschool, 9:00am Pastor's Bible Study, 11:00am Deborah Circle, 5:30pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	15 Preschool, 9:00am Lenten Noon Service @ Mt. Olive PC AA, 12:00pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	16 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	17 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	18
19 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Deacons Meeting, 11:45am	20 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	21 Preschool, 9:00am Finance Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	22 Lifeline Screening, 8:30am Preschool, 9:00am Lenten Noon Service@ McClintock PC AA, 12:00pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	23 Preschool, 9:00am Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	24 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	25
26 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am	27 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	28 Preschool, 9:00am Pastor's Bible Study, 11:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	29 Preschool, 9:00am Lenten Noon Service@ Steele Creek PC AA, 12:00pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	30 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	31 Aa, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	

Birthdays-March

1	Devon Osborne	21	Jonathan Dorr
	Kelly Moss	23	Richard Hayes
3	Larry Arbuckle	25	Cheyenne Beaty
	Jill Wortman		Dylan Beaty
	Manley Caudle		Colby Perez
4	Sue Birch		Pam Murphy
6	Luke Maybry	26	Betty W.S. Helton
8	Chelsea Hunter	27	Diane Wilson
	Paul McNeill		Doug Youngblood
12	Jerry Cheek	31	Ann Clapham
	Charles Wilkerson		
	Beth Young		
13	Emily McNeill		
17	Judy Brown		
18	Michelle Flanagan		
	Allison Burgess		
19	Ken Price		
	Tom Schmutzler		
20	Elaine Hood		

Worship Child Care — March 2017

Volunteers		Volunteers		
March 5	Sandy Hart	Lauren Perkin	Open	Open
March 12	Susan Osmar	Megan Tolley	Open	Open
March 19	Martha Osborne	Jeanne Smith	Open	Open
March 26	Pam Brooks	Reuben Mozingo	Open	Open

Worship Child Care Sign Up Genius link
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0548AFAD2BAFF2-2017