

# CENTRAL CALLING

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**May  
2017**

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## From the Pastor's Pen

*For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us. (Acts 15:28).*

Sometimes we have hard decisions to make. Sometimes they are individual and personal, and other times they are collective and institutional. The text above quotes an outcome of one of the church's most monumental decisions. Should Gentile Christians be expected to follow Old Testament law? It's a foregone conclusion for us, but at the time, it was THE question. Gentiles were converting more quickly than Jews. They were quick to acknowledge the lordship of Jesus Christ, but didn't want to observe Old Testament laws. They were not Jews, after all, so why should they be forced to essentially become Jewish in order to become Christian? And yet, the other side insisted, Jesus himself was a Jew and clearly instructed his followers not to strike one iota from the Torah, or the law.

It was a huge decision with far reaching implications. So the apostles and elders met together in Acts 15. They prayed, worshipped, debated, and finally decided "that we should not trouble these Gentiles who are turning to God." In announcing their decision, they wrote a letter to "The brothers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia." The Jewish restrictions would not stand, they stated, "for it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden."

But how did they know that it "seemed good to the Holy Spirit"? How

did they even know that "it was good to us" when several of "us" strongly disagreed? I'm not sure they ever did know. They gathered, they framed the question, they listened to one another, they were open and hospitable, they kept silence, and then they decided. They never did know, though. I don't think we ever can fully know. But we can fully have faith that God knows us and will lead us in the proper direction.

This church has a monumental decision to make very soon. Should we merge with other Presbyterian congregations in Steele Creek or not? We have been wrestling with this for three years now. I and the session believe that the time has come for us to make a decision. We cannot be in limbo indefinitely. If we do decide to merge, we almost certainly will have to move. Like the apostles and elders meeting in Acts 15, we have met. Like them, we have framed the question, listened to one another, been open and hospitable, and kept silence.

It's time to move on. As such, we will have a congregational gathering on Sunday, May 7, during the Sunday school hour to discuss and resolve the matter. Like the early church, we will discern together what God is calling us to do. And, like them, we will have faith that whatever the outcome of that discernment, it will "seem good to the Holy Spirit and to us."

—Luke



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Charlotte Burgess	Clerk of Session

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Children's Choir	9:50am
Worship	10:30am

## DEADLINES

**June 2017 issue deadline is May 23rd**

*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 MAY Boxed Cookies and Crackers

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

## CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

*Circle #1*

10:00am, Room 301, Tuesday, May 2

*Circle of Friends*

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

*Deborah Circle*

5:30pm, Room 300, Tuesday, May 9

### 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



"Then my brother pointed to me and said, "Romans 8:28."

We spent much of that night asking each other to recite the verses of the Bible we had memorized but never truly heard. At one point I found myself saying the precious lines of Isaiah 43: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you." By the time I finished reciting those words, I was crying.

That night, when a passage about the sustaining love of God cast out fear that was too deep for me to even acknowledge, became the turning point in my life.

I've told this story before and keep telling myself that it's all behind me now. I've been blessed to be in one position of leadership after another. But what I finally learned in hearing that text was that my experience has stayed with me every step of the way.

I don't keep taking chances in offering leadership because I expect to succeed; I take them because I know I can handle it if I fail. What's the worst that can happen? Will I be alone, broke, and abandoned? Been there. Will I make humiliating mistakes? I tried hitchhiking on a closed interstate. And at the bottom, I found the relentless love of God who was with me and always will be, no matter how deep the waters.

When you find God at the bottom, it's possible to enjoy life's highs and lows without fearing you'll fall beneath the love of a Savior. No one can be fully alive, and no one can lead, without getting rid of that fear.

taken from *The Christian Century* April 26, 2017 edition, "Finding God at the bottom" by M. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary; pg. 31

## Pastor's Reading Corner

*Recommended Book List*



### Scripture & Discernment: Decision Making in the Church.

Luke Timothy Johnson. Abingdon Press, Nashville.  
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## Pastor's Bible Study

In May, join British for a study on Romans on Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 11:00am-12:00pm in Room 300.



## AKILAH'S YAV ADVENTURE

### Simple Living for a Complex Person

I...am not a simple person. Simple living affects everyone differently and is defined by everyone differently. I'm the type of person who hopes for the best, but prepares for the worst. I have a lot of stuff. Even my stuff has stuff. When I travel, I make sure I have options and emergency everything. I live in a constant state of "just in case" this happens, "just in case" I need that. I say all of this, to say - simple living has been a challenge for me.

My experience as a YAV in the Philippines has made simple living physically, emotionally, and culturally challenging. Physically, I have to deal with transporting all my stuff. Perhaps I've been a bit spoiled by my dad and brothers, but I'm not used to having to carry my stuff. To make it easier on myself and everyone around me, I have to pack simply. I have to travel light. I have to avoid taking over the entire apartment with my stuff. And it's difficult, it's really hard to not have stuff when I'm so used to it. I don't have random movies to watch, or snacks to eat, or games to play. I don't have dozens of combinations of clothes to wear. It's not feasible and it's not reasonable.

Emotionally, I struggle with not having the comforts of home. There's a sense of security when you're at home, around friends and family, going to the places you are familiar with. Personally, it's hard to reconcile the fact that, as much as I like the people I've met, and the places I've been, they aren't "home." But home isn't something I will have in the near future as I head to medical school. Simple living and forging new relationships aren't going anywhere. This YAV year has been great preparation.

The cultural challenges are difficult, too. My example is not a "simple living" challenge, but related to living simply and immersing yourself in a culture different from your own. Just because the Filipino people know English, does not mean you'll be able to blend in, culturally. Now, I didn't come to the Philippines thinking that, but I really do thank God that I didn't have that expectation. Between adjusting to "appropriate" conversations and topics, to understanding general body language and customs, I've been in a constant whirlwind of confusion and discomfort. Just when I think I'm starting to understand something about the culture, some new thing pops up and then I'm confused about something else. And there's always a bit of discomfort when there are topics that aren't talked about or may be considered rude at home that are discussed openly and freely, here. These topics mostly consist of extremely personal detail; including politics, religion, love lives, and bodily functions.

It's hard for me to say that simple living is necessary in order to get in tune with your surroundings or understand the world, because I honestly find nothing wrong with enjoying material

things or the comforts of home (obviously, not to the extent of "worshipping" them). But, I will say it's necessary for other reasons. Simple living is necessary in order to understand yourself. It requires you to be creative and resourceful. You challenge yourself and learn about what you can and can't work with. I think simple living is necessary because it's one of the best ways to examine what's important in your life and what's excess.

**Akilah**

**Note: Akilah will be flying home on May 27th!  
Be sure to give her a big "Welcome Home!"**

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## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

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**In memory of Jerry Smith;** Louis D. Smith Family

**In memory of Edith Grier;** Burns & Jean Taylor, Mary Young, Barbara & Barry Choate, Ruby Potts, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Jim & Marilyn Gallagher, Bill Gordon, Wilma Price, Pat & Sandy Hart, Francis Campbell, Guy & Ruth Grier Lawrence

**In memory of Betty H. Helton;** Burns & Jean Taylor, Circle #1

**In memory of Becky Neely, sister of Mary Pat Fowler;** Gwendolyn Sloan

**In memory of Mary Rhyne;** Mary Young

**In memory of Carrie Sue Grier;** Mary Young

**In memory of Terrell Crowley, brother of Jean Taylor;** Barry & Barbara Choate, Toni & Greta Lambert, Emma B. Young class, Paul & Martha Sigmon

**In memory of Martha Wilkerson, mother of Charles Wilkerson;** Pat & Sandy Hart

**In honor of Joe & Jeanne McGrath;** Dot Benton

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## LAST CHANCE!

The old blue hymnals are destined to be recycled. If anyone would like to have one (or any amount) they are stored in boxes in the choir room under the west side windows. Help yourself! If you know of any church that could use them let Tom or Sheila know.)

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## 2017 CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Please let Allyson in the church office know of any address changes, corrections, or additions that are needed for the new publication of our church directory. Publication date will be June, 2017.



## What's Happening In Sunday School?

Mark your calendars! Sunday School **will be canceled**  
July 9, 16, 23 and 30!

What?! Why?!

The Christian Education committee is proud to announce a speaker series that will be held during this time. We have lined up engaging and informational speakers that will address topics applicable to life.

This is for the entire church. We will meet in the FLC for coffee at 9:00am and the speakers will begin promptly at 9:15am. Please plan to attend. We have invited these speakers to share their wisdom with us in our home, we need to be at home when they come. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

More details about speakers coming soon!

### Last Chance for Scholarships !!!



Applications are available in the church office for this year's scholarships. The deadline is this Friday, May 5, 2017. Anyone attending an institution of higher learning in the coming year is urged to apply.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**IT'S  
4 - 6 - 4  
TIME AGAIN!**

4 concerts in June at 4

6-4 The Bluegrass Travelers  
Bluegrass Quartette

6-11 The David Payne Band  
Beach & Rock

6-18 The Pathfinders  
Gospel Trio w/Gary Russell

6-25 Tom & Sheila  
We never know!

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



I am not ready for May! We have had a sweet year at preschool and I would like to hold on just a bit longer. The children are now prepared for what comes next and you can tell in the classroom! They are a little crazier than usual and this is when we know that we have done our job. They are ready for higher learning, new experiences and more responsibility! It's the way it should be.

We will have our End of Year Program on Wednesday, May 17th at 9:30, in the sanctuary. This is our way to let the parents know how thankful we are for sharing their children with us. It is also our way of celebrating our preschoolers and how much they have grown. We have such an amazing ministry here! Our last day is May 25th.

Please keep JoAnna in your prayers as she prepares to become director. Please keep my family in your prayers as we prepare to move. And mostly, pray for your precious preschool, that we will continue to register the children and families God wants us to have next year!

Love, Miss Lisa

*Reception honoring*

*Lisa Caudle,*

*Preschool Director*

*Sunday, May 7th*

*11:45am*

*In the church Parlor*



*A basket for cards will be provided if you would like to offer your thanks and best wishes.*





*"Worshipping and Serving Christ in the Heart of Steele Creek."*

**2017 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament**  
**Saturday - June 10 - 1:00pm | Spring Lake Country Club**  
**Hole Sponsorship - \$100**

Proceeds from our tournament provide support to families and individuals in need throughout the year with a focus on children at Christmas.

Sponsorship includes a custom printed sign advertising your company information that will be displayed on the course the day of the tournament. In addition, your information will be posted on our church website, Facebook page, and printed in our church newsletter.

**Please provide the information below if requesting a custom printed sign:**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Slogan or Tag Line: \_\_\_\_\_

(E- mailed Logo? Yes: ☐ No: ☐ )

**Address, contact number, e-mail, website address to be included on sign:**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church (or CSCPC)**  
Notate in the memo line: **"2017 Mighty Acts Charity Golf"**

Mail this completed form along with your check to:

Becky Helms  
Attn: Golf Tournament  
6259 Park South Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28210

**NEW OPTION!** You may also make your payment on our church website at: <http://cscpc.org/giving/> and select the **"2017 Mighty Acts Charity Golf"** option. If paying online, email your completed form to Becky Helms at: [rebechel3@aol.com](mailto:rebechel3@aol.com), or call 704-488-0486 if there are any questions.

**We appreciate your support!**



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### 2017 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament

**Where:** Spring Lake Country Club  
1375 Spring Lake Road  
York, SC 29745  
Phone: 803-684-4541

**What:** 4-person Captain's Choice  
Prizes for: Best Team,  
Closest to Pin,  
Longest Drive & more! !

**When:** Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM - Registration  
12:30 PM - Lunch  
1:00 PM - Shotgun Start

**Players:** \$60 per player – Includes at no additional cost: Lunch, Greens Fees, Range Balls, Access to Driving Range

For \$300 (*only an additional \$60*), four-player teams receive all the above benefits plus one company sponsor sign on the course that advertises your business (*a \$100 value*). In addition, you will receive recognition on our church website, Facebook page, and in our church newsletter.

This year the tournament is limited to 80 golfers. We will need your information as soon as possible in order to reserve carts, food, etc. on June 10.

Team Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying via the following: \* ☐ Cash | ☐ Church Website | ☐ Check      \*(Amount paid: ☐ \$240 ☐ \$300)

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## Join us for VBS!

Come along on amazing adventures with our favorite Bible heroes! Experience the Word of God through music, science and crafts and *discover your strength in God!*

**When:** Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00am – 2:00pm

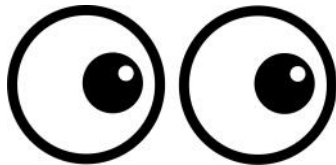
**Who:** Rising K – Rising 5<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church  
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704-588-1211

*Registration information coming soon!*

## VBS FOR ADULTS TOO!

*There will also be an adult session/class  
Let by Kathy Bricker for anyone interested. Watch  
for more details in our Sunday Bulletins!*



### JUNE HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

**Elder:** Chris Knapp

**Ushers:** Diane Price, Joyce Smith & Ellie Bostick

**Communion Servers:** Chet Knapp, Jerry Cheek, Annette Caudle, Donna Young, Mike Brown, Lauren Shaw, Judy Brown, Kenny Burns

## Thank you:



"I would like to extend my deep appreciation for the love and concerns everyone has shown me during my surgery and recovery. This goes to show you what our church family is all about. THANK YOU!"

George Bostick

"Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food, and especially the prayers for us the past weeks. Coming back to church on Easter Sunday reminded us just how much we missed you and how blessed we are to have you in our circle of friends."

Ken and Diane Price

The family of Edith H. Grier gratefully acknowledges your kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of our dear Mother. Thank you for all the cards, donations, and food. A special "Thank You" to the women of the church for the delicious meal prepared for the family prior to the service.

Love,  
Family of Edith H. Grier

## MIGHTY ACTS GOLF TOURNAMENT!



Join us for our annual Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday June 10 for a 1:00pm Shot Gun Start. Proceeds from our tournament provide support to families and individuals in need throughout the year with a focus on children at Christmas. Player and hole sponsor forms can be found on page 5 & 6 of this newsletter. This year you can also download forms and make your donation on our church website at [www.cscpc.org](http://www.cscpc.org). Contact Russell or Becky Helms if there are any questions.

## STEELE CREEK EVENTS:

Steele Creek Masonic Lodge is hosting an **ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY** on Saturday, May 13th, 10am-8pm, \$10.00 per person. See you at the Lodge!

**McClintock Gospel Choir** presents it's Annual Spring Concert: "Praise Ye The Lord" Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 5:00pm McClintock Presbyterian Church.



# **ARMED FORCES DAY CONCERT**

**by  
The Disciples - Community  
Men's Gospel Chorus**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**7:00 pm**

**at**

**Central Steele Creek  
Presbyterian Church**

*corner of S. Tryon St. &  
Westinghouse Blvd.*

**All Active Members &  
Veterans of the  
Armed Forces will be honored**



# MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm	2 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am Bible Study, 11:00am B&G Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	3 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Choir, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	4 Preschool, 9:00am Youth CE Team, 5:15pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	5 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	6 Cub Scout Leaders, 8:00am Circle of Friends, 10:00am
7 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Reception for Lisa Caudle, 11:45am Guest Outreach Team, 11:45am	8 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Staff Support, 5:15pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Worship Team, 6:30pm	9 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am Deborah Circle, 5:30pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	10 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Choir, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	11 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm Emmaus Board, 7:00pm	12 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	13
14  Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	15 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm	16 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am Finance Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	17 Preschool Program, 9:30am AA, 12:00pm Choir, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	18 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	19 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	20 Cub Scout Graduation, 1:00pm  Armed Forces Day Concert, 7:00pm 
21 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45pm	22 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm	23 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	24 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Choir, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	25 Preschool Last Day, 9:00am Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	26 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	27
28 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am	29 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> AA, 12:00pm	30 Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	31 AA, 12:00pm Choir, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm			

## Birthdays-May

1 Joe Stuart  
4 Robert Vojvoda  
5 Lauren Spratt  
6 Linda Blackwelder  
Mike Brown  
7 John Burgess  
Christopher Canipe  
8 Chris Winter  
9 Akilah Hyrams  
11 Herman Canipe, Sr.  
12 Kay Patterson  
13 Lester Weaver  
15 Roy Grier  
Vernon Rogers  
16 Linda Preston  
18 Mitch Shepard  
Lauren Perkin

20 Joan Hedgepeth  
21 Becky Helms  
22 Joyce Martin  
25 Aiden Hilliard  
British Hyrams  
28 Pat Hart  
Elizabeth Davis  
29 Beverly Barbee  
Lexi Burgess



## Worship Child Care Volunteers May 2017

May 7	Sandy Hart	Lauren Perkin
May 14	Susan Osmar	Kerri Murray
May 21	Martha Osborne	Diane Wilson
May 28	Pam Brooks	Ann Mozingo