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From the Pastor's Pen

This is the first August newsletter that you are reading since 2008. The last time I did this in August, I had been your pastor for less than six months. Why did we take nine summers off? The idea is that we need a break every now and then and that things die down in the summer anyway, so why not ditch the newsletter in August? We have done exactly that for the last nine years. Many churches ditch a lot of things in the summer: Sunday school, session meetings, and even worship services. I'm all for taking a break. We all need one every now and then. And I also welcome slower seasons. I love that my children are out of school and get to sleep in. I like the slower pace and the time that we can spend with one another, the longer days, the vacations... I like all of that.

But I also like the church. In fact, I love the church. We need the church just as much in the summer as we do any other time. We have not taken a break from church this summer. I wish I could say that every year and I wish I could say that it was planned specifically with that in mind this year. But VBS was awesome this year. The planning was exceptional. We advertised it very well and the kids had a blast. I thought it was great. I want to personally thank British Hyrams, Ardy Skidmore, and the whole crew who put that on.

I have also been fascinated by this joint Sunday school venture. I know that you love your individual classes and you'll be back there soon, but all of us being together is just great. The speakers have also been really good and engaging. I don't know how often we will do that, but I suspect that it may become a routine thing, not only in the

summer, but also some throughout the year.

We haven't slowed down this summer as much as we have changed things. Where in the Bible, after all, does it say that we must have Sunday School the way we always have? I'm obviously in favor of studying the Bible, but not necessarily in the way that we have always have. Where in the Bible does it say that we must sing all of our hymns to a pipe organ? Again, I love the pipe organ. It's perfect for congregational singing. But other instruments are beautiful, too, and we should use them.

Where in the Bible does it say that we must welcome the stranger, or feed the hungry, or care for the widow and the orphan? Actually, it says that everywhere and I think we have done that. I do intend to measure our success this year by how many names we know of the hundreds of people who use our facilities this summer. If we can't do that, if we can't build relationships with them and welcome them not just to our facilities but also to our families and in our hearts, then I think we have missed something fundamental along the way.

So I am glad that we have not taken the summer off. We've had as much buzz around here as we ever have. I'm glad that we have changed a few things and are willing to try different ways to glorify and serve our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, together. And I'm glad that we have more opportunities to do that now than we ever have. The harvest is indeed very plentiful. I pray that we have plenty of laborers to match it.

—Luke



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

September 2017 issue deadline is August 25th

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 AUGUST Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

*Circle #1 & Deborah Circle
On summer break!*

*Circle of Friends
10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, August 5*

From the Finance Team:

- Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 6/30/17: \$212,332
- Income (for budgeted items) received as of 6/30/17: \$194,624
- Capital reserve fund balance: \$138,786

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



“Most of the time we spent together we were silent. This wasn’t about making decisions. It was about trying to make some sense of life or recognizing that life made no sense, but allowing one’s life to be grafted into a story longer, deeper, and truer than one’s own.

Ministry is about standing beside people as they face the truth about their lives, the world, and God. People who say they like facing the truth are lying. We’re so frightened of it that we concoct a hundred ways to avoid it. That’s busy. But to face the truth, to be embraced by the truth, to discover one’s place in that story—that’s faith. Ministry stares down the emptiness until the truth emerges. Sometimes it takes a while.”

taken from “Faith Matters” article by Samuel Wells “Godly play with adults”.
pg. 35; The Christian Century, July 19, 2017 issue

Pastor’s Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



The Jesus Way. Eugene H. Peterson, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. ©2007

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of John Hayes; Dorothy Williams, Burns & Jean Taylor, Dean Bassett class, Pat & Sandy Hart, Paul & Martha Sigmon, Emma B. Young class, Bob & Susan Hunter, Jeanne Smith, Bud & Pauline Shaney, James Mason, Shelia Fetner, Bill Gordon Jr., Greta & Toni Lambert, Joyce & Jim Martin, Lynn & Paul McNeill, Elizabeth & John McGloughlin, Paula Herbster, Betty Tysinger, Evelyn Gerdes, Ruby Potts, Banks & Lucy Choate, Portia & Harry Weatherly, Mary & Jack Phillips, Ann & Larry Councilman, Lutisha Wiley, Carol Gallant, Kay & Jim Patterson, Sue & Maurice Cawn, Donna & Joe Stuart, Sandra & Clint Burke, Janet & Steve Ashley, Jill York, Jean Schwerin, Rose Marie & William Shaia, Violet Northern, Susan & Kelton Nance

In memory of John & Johnnie Hayes; Toni & John Hendrix

In honor of David Osborne; Rick & Pam Murphy

What’s Happening In Sunday School

Christian Education (CE) and Fellowship are looking forward to hosting you at the Rally Day breakfast! We invite EVERYONE to participate, whether you attend Sunday school regularly or not. This is for you! It will be a time of celebration and formation. You do not want to miss this opportunity to put your “2 cents” in on CE programs as well as celebrate the successes of the last year. See you on August 27th. There will be pancakes, who can resist that?!



**"Back to School"
Covered Dish Breakfast
Mark your Calendars!**



Sunday, August 27.

"Back to School" Covered Dish Breakfast.
Family Life Center. 9:00am

The Fellowship Team will cook pancakes and have cereal for children. The congregation is requested to bring a covered dish. There will be no Sunday School classes. Donations of school supplies for Steele Creek Elementary will be collected also.



Kenny and Leigh Ann Burns want to thank everyone for the cards, visits and phone calls and especially the prayers they have received since Leigh Ann's illness. They have felt very loved and cared for.

My heartfelt "thanks" to the entire Central Steele Creek Church family for all the calls, cards, visits and especially prayers during my recent illness. Recovery has been beyond expectation. Just proves that prayer works. Thanks! Bud Shaney

Hyrams Family Thank You

For the prayers lifted up on our behalf, we thank you!
For the encouraging words of support, we thank you! For the delicious food you provided, we thank you! For God's gift of a loving church family, we thank God!

With love in Christ,

British & Kevin Hyrams and family

**PRESCHOOL
NEWS**



Summer has been busy here at the preschool and John has been a huge help to us!! We have filled all of our classrooms and are in the process of adding two new teachers to our "family". We would appreciate your continued prayers for our teachers, students and families, as we prepare to embark on another exciting year!

Love,

Miss JoAnna

**SEPTEMBER HEAD ELDER, USHERS &
COMMUNION SERVERS**

Elder: Susan Osmar

Ushers: Donna Young, Lauren Shaw & Richard Moss

Communion Servers: George Bostick, Liz Litaker, Jean Taylor, Charles Wilkerson, Jessica Smith, Bill Gordon, Robert Stallings and volunteer

Youth Christian Education

is in need of volunteers to teach children's Sunday school. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please contact Ardy Skidmore (skidmoreaj@gmail.com) or British Hyrams if interested.



If you are interested in being a "Secret Saint" for one of our college students this year, please contact Beverly Cheek at 704-562-6412 or the church office.

Room In the Inn Needs:

Looking ahead, the RITI ministry is in need of travel size lotion and toothpaste. They also need regular size toothbrushes and dental floss. There is a collection box in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you.



School Supplies Needed:

The Missions Team will be collecting school supplies for Steele Creek Elementary during the month of August. There will be a large collection box in the Narthex for donations. Here is a list of suggested supplies and thank you for your continued support:



- Pencils, Notebook paper (wide ruled), Spiral Notebooks, composition notebooks, Dry Erase Markers, Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Book Bags, and Baby wipes.

Attention All Women!

Beginning in September, an exciting Bible Study for women is coming your way! Leah, Hannah, Abigail, Mary, Bethany and others will share deeply practical stories from the past that will inspire the lives and souls of women today. We would love to have you join us for this nine month study, beginning on September 12 at 5:30pm in Room 300. The study group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in joining us and ordering a study guide (approximately \$7.75), please contact Beverly Cheek by August 11.



AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 B&G Team, 6:00pm	2 Alignment SW, 8:00am AA, 12:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	3 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	4 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	5 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
6 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Guest Outreach Team, 11:45am	7 AA, 12:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm	8	9 AA, 12:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	10 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm Emmaus Board, 7:00pm	11 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	12
13 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	14 AA, 12:00pm Staff Support, 5:30pm Worship Team, 6:30pm	15 Youth CE Team, 4:30pm	16 AA, 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	17 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	18 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	19 Cub Scout Field Day, 1:00pm
20 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45pm	21 AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm	22	23 AA, 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	24 Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	25 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	26
27  "Back to School" Covered Dish Breakfast, 9:00am Worship, 10:30am	28 AA, 12:00pm	29 Cub Scout Open House, 7:00pm	30 AA, 12:00pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	31 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm		

Birthdays-August

2	Mary Deal	17	Ava Stallings
	Susan Osmar	18	Jennifer Burgess
3	Russell Helms		Tucker Stallings
	Ann Mozingo	19	Brad Clapham
5	Debra Clapham		Sallie English
	Tim Waite	20	Pam Brooks
7	Renee Perez	21	Ruth Lawrence
	Fred Youngblood		Bud Shaney
8	Megan Shepard	23	Caroline Taylor
	Celia Shepard	25	Judy Corbett
11	Blair Barbee		Donna Winter
	Diane Price	26	Phyllis Burrell
12	Paige McNeill		Gary Russell
	Debbie Eargle	27	Debbie Stikeleather
13	John Benton	28	Sandra Burke
	Ardy Skidmore		Carter Patterson
	Jim Stikeleather	29	Jim Noblett
14	Bill Gordon	30	Shirley Austin
15	Barbara Choate		
	Banks Wilson		



Worship Child Care Volunteers August 2017

August 8	Pam Brooks	
August 13	Donna Young	
August 20	Mary Deal	Teresa Canipe
August 27		