

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor's Pen

March 16, 2008 is one of the most important dates in my life. It was ten days after my 32nd birthday and the exact sixty-sixth birthday of my aunt, Rosanne, with whom I was very close. She died just over a year after that, so March 16 is special on several fronts. After years of preparation, a lifetime of calling and wrestling, after Greek and Hebrew, and ordination exams, and seminary, after meeting with your Pastoral Nominating Committee, I was ordained and installed at Central Steele Creek on that day. It remains one of the best days of my life. I had no idea, of course, where ordination would lead me and what it would mean day in and day out. I have good days and bad days in ministry like anything else, but that day started me down a path that has led to almost ten wonderful years here. Who knows what the future holds for me, or this church, or The Church... but that day, March 16, 2008 was instrumental in all of it.

As you hopefully know by now, our own Director of Christian Ministries, British Hyrams, will be ordained here on Sunday afternoon, September 17, at 3:00. British will become "Rev. Hyrams" that day, the new Associate Pastor at Central Steele Creek. That's a milestone event for her. I can certainly identify with all that she and her family have sacrificed to arrive at this date. I have been blessed to watch her grow in her ministry. She has tremendous gifts and presence that will serve this church very well. If I do say so myself, we make a great team.

As I have prepared for British' ordination, I have remembered my own in a deeper way. If I could go back and tell that 32-year-old young buck anything on that day, March 16, 2008, what would it be? For one, I would say that ministry is a long game. It's like baseball that way. I had these expectations when I started that I would be wildly successful, without even considering what success in ministry means. A good friend in ministry told me once that if we bat 300, we're doing really

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well. That means that we strike out 70% of time. But every sermon we preach, class we teach, meeting we lead, or visit we make... they all add up in ways that we cannot calculate at the time. One of the hard things about ministry, unlike other professions, is that it's difficult to quantify and measure success. But maybe it's not about success, but rather faithfulness. I still say that 95% of ministry is faithfully showing up, regardless of any measurable result. Ministry is a long game.

Therefore, it requires a strong grounding in faith. At the end of the day, it's theological. If we don't believe what we say we believe, we may as well turn in our keys and do something else. That may sound obvious, but sometimes it seems like there is no reason at all to do anything that we do unless Jesus is Lord. Then there is every reason. So those spiritual disciplines that remind us of who and whose we are and that keep us grounded in the faith are essential. We ministers should spend as much time and energy on that as we do anything else.

I write this on the occasion of British's ordination to the Ministry of Word & Sacrament, but British isn't the only minister here. If what we proclaim about God is true, then we are ALL ministers. God claims and calls all of us equally. So let us celebrate British' ordination and congratulate her on this tremendous milestone in her life. We are certainly blessed to have her here. And let us all remember that God has "ordered" all of us to do something. God has called us for salvation as well as service. So read your Bible, say your prayers, give generously of your time and resources, go to church, and remember your own baptism and calling. It's what life is all about.

—Luke



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British Hyrams	Director of Christian Ministries
Sheila Fetner	Director of Music
Tom Schmutzler	Associate Director of Music
JoAnna Harrigan	Director of Preschool
John Granger	Custodian
Allyson Haenlein	Administrative Assistant
Lauren Perkin	Treasurer
Jeanne Sikes	Financial Secretary
Charlotte Burgess	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

October 2017 issue deadline is September 25th

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.

FINANCIAL TEAM UPDATE:

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 7/31/17: \$247,720

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 7/31/17: \$226,890

Capital reserve fund balance: \$136,216



THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER Boxed Cereals

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

For the month of August, 151 pounds were
collected for the pantry!

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, September 2

Circle #1

10:00am, Room 300, Tuesday, September 5

Women's Bible Study

5:30pm, Room 300, Tuesday, September 12

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



"I spent a year there (at my first church) that lasted a lifetime. I tried everything. I worked, planned, offered, but the response was always disappointing. The arguments, the pettiness, the fights in the parking lot after the board meeting were more than I could take. It was tough and I was glad to be leaving them behind. "You call yourself a church!" I muttered to myself as my tires kicked gravel up in the parking lot on my last Sunday among them.

A couple of years later, while visiting at Emory, I met a young man who, after introducing himself, told me that he was now serving that church. My heart went out to him. Such a dear young man, and only twenty-three!

"They still remember you out there," he said.

"Yeah," I said glumly, "I'll never forget them either."

"Remarkable bunch of people," he said.

"That's one way of putting it," I said.

"Their ministry to the community has been a wonder," he continued. "That little church is now supporting, in one way or another, more than a dozen of the troubled families around the church. The free day care center is going great. Not too many interracial congregations in this part of the world. What a great place to be for my first church."

I could hardly believe what he was telling me. What happened? I asked.

"I don't know. One Sunday, things just sort of came together. It wasn't anything in particular. It's just that, when the service was done, and we were on our way out, we knew that Jesus loved us and had plans for us. Things fairly much took off after that."

I'll tell you what I think happened. I think that church got intruded upon. I think someone greater than I knocked the lock off that door, kicked it open and offered them peace, the Holy Spirit, and forgiveness. And now, they are called "church."

Despair over my failures, moral and otherwise, is not permitted a pastor who knows John 20 by heart. Much clergy ethics has its basis here, in our resilient confidence that the same God who raised Jesus from the dead can and will do the same for us as well. Our ethics is not some closed system, not a matter of debating and discerning the rules for right conduct and then following the rules. Our ethics is testimony to the truth that the risen Christ came back to the very followers who had betrayed and forsaken him. Then he forgave them, breathed upon them, and commissioned them to be about his work in the world. His work is the redemption of the world, the recapture of a lost humanity, and the recreation and restoration of Israel. The means of his work, for better or worse, is us. To be enlisted in that mission is a great burden, but on most days, a blessing as well. It is a great blessing to have one's little life caught up in the great doxological crescendo named church, that song sung by the saints throughout the ages, so that we might sing it too today."

Taken from **Calling & Character: Virtues of the Ordained Life** by Willaim H. Willimon, chapter 5 "New Creation" pg. 149-150

Staff Support News: Meet JoAnna Harrigan, our new Preschool Director



I have lived in Steele Creek almost my entire life. Growing up and going to school in this immediate area and now raising my own family here, has created a deep attachment and love for my hometown. I have been married to my college sweetheart for almost 15 years and have 2 boys who are 11 and 12. Both will be in middle school this year at Southwest Middle School. After attending UNCC for Early Childhood Development, I worked for a Christian School as the Admissions Director for several years, before deciding to stay at home and spend precious time with my two small boys. I started working at Central Steele Creek Preschool after falling in love with everyone here when my boys came through the preschool. I have been a teacher here for 8 years and truly cannot imagine spending my days anywhere else. I love working with children and teaching them about God's love and how special they are. Not much compares to seeing the world through young children's eyes! I appreciated the prayers and support that I have received since stepping into this position as the Preschool Director, and I am very excited about what God has in store for us at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



It's time for school! This is such an exciting AND trying time for a child of any age.....the 1st day of school! Please say a special prayer for our teachers, our children and their parents on our first day of school, September 5th. Our teachers came back to school the last week of August, so they are ready and very excited for the adventures that this school year will bring. As always we appreciate your prayers and support. Let the fun begin!

Love,
Miss JoAnna

OCTOBER HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Elder: Martha Osborne
Ushers: Rick Murphy, George Hege, Ann Mazingo
Communion Servers: Lynn McNeill, Paul McNeill, David Osborne, Martha Sigmon, Andy Cheek, Lynn Snuggs, Judy Corbett & Chris Knapp

GriefShare meetings will begin on September 10th at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The group will meet for 11 sessions and the cost of materials is \$15.00.



Please contact Jeanne McGrath at 803-242-5371 or jk1sikes@hotmail.com or Good Shepherd church office for more information, 704-588-3309.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Jeanne would like to encourage anyone going through a season of grief to come!

Handbell Team



Did you know that ringing handbells is a team sport? That's right! There are no stars in a handbell group. It takes everyone working together to make music that is pleasing to the ear. We are looking for a few people who are curious, energetic and willing to learn. You don't need to have experience in ringing bells, being able to read music is not a requirement, although helpful, and you might even get some exercise! We plan to meet on Monday nights at 7:30pm, beginning on September 11. We will be working with an interim director to prepare for a workshop in November. Please let Sheila Fetner, Chris Knapp or the church office know if you are interested. Come join our team. It will fill your soul and spirit!



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.



Children's Choir will begin meeting on Sunday, September 10 at 9:50am in Room 21. Children age 4 and up are invited and encouraged to come! Hope to see everyone there. Parents, if you have any questions please contact Judy Corbett or the church office.

What's Happening In Sunday School

On Rally Day the Adult Christian Education and Youth Christian Education teams took the time to acknowledge a few important things...

- **SS Class News**

New Covenant class is celebrating their 10th anniversary. The dissolution of the Brown Grier Sunday school Class.

- **SS Teacher News**

Thanked Mary Deal, Hope Moss, and Bill Gordon for their service as Sunday school teachers. Susan Osmar is moving to teach the Elementary class and Barry Choate moved to teach the Dean Bassett Class. Allison Burgess is a new teacher in the Elementary class. Kerri Murray is a new teacher in the Preschool class. Teresa Canipe is returning to teach the Preschool class.

- **SS Student News**

Helen Perkin and Wil Moss are moving up from the pre-school class to the elementary class! Best Attendance awards were given to: Lainey Moss, Judy Corbett, Joan Hedgepeth, Dorothy Williams, Kevin Kronk, Judy Brown, George Bostick, and Manley Caudle.

Finally, everyone gave input on Christian Education programs in general to help with planning for the coming year! We did all this along with great food provided by the congregation and the fellowship committee!



THE CONGREGATION IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF

Larceeda British Hyrams

TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 | 9401 S. TRYON STREET
3:00PM | CHARLOTTE, NC 28273

*Reception immediately following the
service in the Family Life Center*



Save the Date
Fall Festival 2017
Sunday, October 22nd
3:00-5:00 pm

Please plan to join us for the fun with your family and friends while wearing your favorite costume! We also need your help to make it happen, so contact British Hyrams or Diane Wilson to volunteer.

RUN FOR GOD CLASS STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN



People run for many different reasons, whether for weight loss or improved cardiovascular health. But did you know that running could be an effective way to strengthen one's faith as well? Run for God - the 5K Challenge is a twelve week Bible study that parallels faith and endurance all while taking those who have never run to their first 5K. The 5K challenge is designed for all levels of runners; from those who consider themselves a runner, to those who "once" considered themselves a runner, through those who "never thought they would" consider themselves a runner. Run for God is known for taking those "I Can't" comments and turning them into "I Did."

All are invited to join this journey on Thursdays, 6:15pm-7:45pm beginning September 14. Classes will begin in the Family Life Center of Steele Creek Presbyterian. Contact Mike Farnham, farnhizzle@gmail.com or Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekpres.org to register or for more information.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of John Hayes; Herman & Teresa Canipe, Stephanie & Rob Vojvoda, Becky & Ralph Neely, Brenda Bennett, George & Marilyn Hege.

Pastor's Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



Calling & Character; Virtues of the Ordained Life

William H. Willimon; Abingdon Press, Nashville ©2000



ANNUAL JOINT PICNIC CENTRAL AND PLEASANT HILL CHURCHES

Please plan to attend our Annual Joint Picnic on Sunday, September 17th in Pleasant Hill's Multi-purpose Room. We hope all will come, bringing your favorite dishes, including tea. Lunch will be shared at 12:30 p.m. Following lunch, a brief meeting will be held to elect new officers for the Cemetery Association, and any pertinent business will be discussed. We encourage your involvement in the Cemetery Association, as this should be a matter of interest and importance to the members of both churches.

Please give your prayerful consideration to attending this event. Though attendance has declined, we hope you will come share in this opportunity for fellowship between our congregations.

The Officers of Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	2 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
3 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Guest Outreach Team, 11:45am	4 Labor Day Holiday Church Office Closed AA, 12:00pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm	5 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am B&G Team, 6:00pm Presbytery Mtg., 7:00pm	6 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30am Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	7 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	8 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm LADIES RETREAT IN MYRTLE BEACH	9 B&G Team Workday in FLC →
10 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm →	11 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Staff Support, 5:30pm Worship Team, 6:30pm Handbells, 7:30pm	12 Preschool, 9:00am	13 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	14 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm Emmaus Board, 7:00pm	15 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	16
17 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45pm Ordination/Installation Service, 3:00pm Reception	18 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 7:30pm	19 Preschool, 9:00am Finance Team, 6:00pm	20 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Youth CE Team, 4:30pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	21 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	22 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	23
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Birthdays-September

1 Noell Duran
Holly Lawhorn
Lauren Shaw
2 Kelly Caudle
4 Ken Sampson
Matt Smith
7 Marilyn Hege
Pam Wilkerson
8 Tricia Young Herrington
10 Stephen Perkin
11 Katie Hunter
12 Justin Moss
13 JoAnna Harrigan
William Waite
Hayden Griffin
Jessica Wilson
18 Mary Young
20 Martha Sigmon
Sharon Wilson
Mary Pat Fowler



21 Annette Caudle
24 Hayes Shepard
25 John Williams
Becky Faircloth
27 Kevin Stevens
28 Susan Hunter

Worship Child Care Volunteers September 2017

September 3	Lauren Perkin	Sandy Hart
September 10	Susan Osmar	Kerri Murray
September 17	Allison Burgess	Martha Osborne
September 24	Pam Brooks	Ann Mozingo