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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I had always heard that 1968 was a rough year for this country, but I never realized just how rough until I watched the Ken Burns documentary on the Vietnam War. Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4th of that year in Memphis. Racial tensions were as high as ever. Two months later, leading presidential contender Robert Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles. 1968 was also the height of the Vietnam War and its bloodiest year, with over 16,000 US soldiers killed in action. President Lyndon Johnson announced in March of that year that he would not seek reelection, becoming one of only a handful of presidents ever to do so. Protests were rampant all over the world, culminating in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention. The whole world, said one soldier, seemed to be going to hell.

The only good thing about studying 1968 was that it makes 2017 look pretty good. And yet, we are living in turbulent times. Charlottesville and St. Louis are still reeling from summer protests. Need I even mention Charlotte? President Donald Trump announced recently that he was increasing troop levels in what has become the longest war in US history in Afghanistan. And the one-upmanship with North Korea is frightening. These are turbulent times, indeed, certainly the most I've ever seen.

Meanwhile, it's stewardship season at church. How lovely is that? We hear bad news all week just to go to church and get hit up for money. My own biggest concern about these current times, though, is the declining participation in and influence of the church. It's no coincidence, in my opinion, that the country is losing its moral center and common narrative while the church declines.

If there was ever a time when the world

needed a church, right about now is it. If there was ever a time when black & white, young & old, liberal & conservative need to come together for and in a greater purpose, this is it. This current crisis, after all, is not racial, or financial, or cultural nearly as much as it is spiritual. We no longer seem to matter much to one another, only because, I suppose, that we no longer matter to God, or maybe there is no god and we're all we've got...

Whatever it is, we Christians know better. We don't need more law and order, or social justice, or Making-America-Great Again. We need one another. We need God. We need Jesus. Despite everything else, we need to know that we and our neighbors are no mistake of nature, but part of a divine plan that God initiated and that God will bring to its rightful end. The church is a fundamental part of this. The church is the community that God has gathered together despite our differences and brokenness and alienation. The church is God's answer to all that's wrong with this world.

So if you want to help create a better world, if you care one whit about our children, if you want to be part of the world's healing and salvation, then go to church and support it. In a fearful world, we followers of Jesus Christ are called to be fearlessly generous. You will hear a lot more about this in the coming weeks, but know for now that you have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with your time, your money, your energy... with your whole life. The world may seem to be going to hell right now, but faith tells us that God loves this world and has gathered the church together to love it, too. So don't pass this up. The stakes are too high and the church is too important.

—Luke



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

November 2017 issue deadline is October 24th

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: \$283,104

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 7/31/17: \$258,228

Capital reserve fund balance: \$149,270



THE MONTH OF OCTOBER Boxed Baking Mixes

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

For the month of September, 300 pounds were
collected for the pantry!

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

10:00am, Room 300, Tuesday, October 3

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, October 7

Women's Bible Study

5:30pm, Room 300, Tuesday, October 10

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



"There are a lot of things about Mary (at least in Luke's account) that we don't know. We don't know if she lived in Martha's house. We don't know if she'd been part of preparing the meal. We don't know if Martha had any historic reason to be angry with her. We don't know what her Jungian personality type was or where she was on the Enneagram. We know only one thing about her. She sat at Jesus's feet and listened. That was all Jesus really wanted. Martha's bluster, her busyness, her bravado were all a smokescreen, an anxious avoidance: deep down they were saying to Jesus, "Simply sitting at your feet and listening to you aren't enough. There needs to be more than that." That's what Martha really gets wrong. *She thinks Jesus isn't enough.* Mary says nothing, but her actions speak loud and clear. They say, "There's only one thing. And that's Jesus. And that's more than enough."

Why is Mary exalted? Because she imitates the action of God. In Jesus, God's whole attention is focused on us. Jesus isn't fretting and fussing about a thousand things. Jesus is God choosing to be wholly engaged with us. Martha says she's serving Jesus, but her notion of service is entirely on her own terms: she's not giving him what he wants. Mary's service doesn't look like much, but it's a statement of faith. Martha offers food; Mary shares communion.

I wonder what this story's about for you. About what will you say today, "I have been worried and distracted over many things; there's just one thing I'm really being called to"? I wonder who this story's really about for you. To whom will you say today, "I've been fretting and fussing over you in a thousand ways; I realize it's time to sit at your feet and listen to you"?"

Taken from **Incarnational Ministry** by Samuel Wells; Prologue "There Is Need Of Only One Thing" pgs. 5-6.

Pastor's Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



Incarnational Ministry; Being with the Church.

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What does it mean to be reformed? What does it mean to be Presbyterian? Does any of this matter in our churches today? In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Rev. Luke and British are leading a 6 week Bible study on Protestant Reformations. Whether you know a lot or a little about this subject, you are invited to participate and deepen your understanding of our shared faith. Studies will be offered: Wednesdays 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, and 11/8, 11am – Noon **AND** 6 – 7pm in Room 300 of the Family Life Center.

What's Happening In Sunday School

Preschool Class – Diane Price has joined in the teacher rotation!

Elementary Class – Thanks to everyone for being patient as we work out the kinks in getting to and from the youth lounge for class!

Christian Education would like to encourage all parents to “Let the children come!” Sunday school is a great time of fun and learning!

The **New Covenant** class will begin a study on Peter in October. They meet in Room 10 of the education wing. New members and visitors are always welcome! In addition, members of this class are meeting weekly for prayer. Stop by for more information!

The **Mighty Acts** class is studying the subject of “Staying In Love”. It emphasizes how falling in love is easy but staying in love takes a lot of effort. You can fall in love but can you stay in love? You can choose the right person but can you be the right person? Feel free to join them in Room 9 of the education wing during Sunday school at 9:15am.



CANDY AND CARS NEEDED!

Fall festival is fast approaching – **Sunday, October 22nd, 3-5pm.** We need **A LOT** of individually wrapped, peanut free candy. Please leave your donation in the container in the narthex or bring it to the church office. We also need people to pass out candy from their decorated cars on the day of the event. Contact Debby Moss (debby.moss@cms.k12.nc.us) to sign up! Please and Thank You!



Operation Christmas Child

The Missions Team is supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year. Shoeboxes will be available soon. Dedication Sunday is Sunday, November 19th.

Celebrate Our New Associate Pastor, Rev. Larceeda British Hyrams



On September 17, 2017, British was ordained and installed as our Associate Pastor, becoming Rev. Larceeda British Hyrams! It was a glorious day for her, her family, and the congregation of Central Steele Creek. The worship service was conducted by Presbytery of Charlotte and included a sermon, a charge to her, and a charge to us. Akilah Hyrams, Mark Evers (a friend of British's from her Chicago days), and our own choir worshipped the Lord in song. We finally all ended up together in the family life center for a meal and reception provided by the Fellowship Team. Many people worked very hard to make that day a good one and they all did a splendid job. It was an amazing day in the life of our church! Congratulations Rev. Hyrams.



Central,

The words “Thank You” seem inadequate to express my gratitude. My ordination and installation service and reception were simply beautiful! To everyone who attended, played a part in making it happen, or sent thoughts and prayers my way; know that you are appreciated. My family and friends were touched by the warm welcome you extended to them all.

In Christ,
Rev. British



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Orva Glass, father of Kathy Bricker; Emma B. Young class, Rozanna Lawing, Ken & Diane Price, Toni & Greta Lambert

In memory of Jerry Smith; Rozanna Lawing

Mark Kroos

In Concert

Sunday, October 8th

Central Steele Creek
Presbyterian Church

9401 South Tryon St
Charlotte, NC

7:00 PM

Free / By Donation



Winner of Guitar Player Magazine's
2011 International Competition

“Thankful” Covered Dish Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, October 15th after worship for lunch and a Stewardship presentation in the Family Life Center. The Fellowship Team will provide the drinks and table set-up. The congregation is asked to bring their favorite covered dish with enough to share. Dishes can be dropped off in the FLC kitchen prior to Sunday school or worship.



Thank You, LORD!

NOVEMBER HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Elder: Herman Canipe, Jr.

Ushers: John Matson, Joan Hedgepeth, & Eric Robinson

Communion Servers: Clint Burke, Sandra Burke, Russell Helms, Wade Shepard, Joyce Martin, Renee Perez, Della Medlin, Teresa Canipe

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Our first month of Preschool has been great! Our two and three year old children have adjusted well and are enjoying making new friends. Our Pre-K class has done so many exciting things already with cooking projects, science experiments and special activities. In September we talked about apples, families, friends, school and community helpers. We have also started our weekly Gym Program, Library time, Music Class, Chapel and Story teller.....we stay pretty busy! Please continue to pray for our children and teachers as we go through our journey into October.

Love,

Miss JoAnna



FALL FESTIVAL

bubble machine • hay rides • treats

games • prizes • face painting

trunk or treat • raffle drawing

Sunday, October 22, 2017
3-5 PM

Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
9401 S. Tryon

Free Admission • Family Fun
Costumes encouraged

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45am Guest Outreach Team, 11:45am	2 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm Handbells, 7:30pm	3 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am B&G Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 7:00pm	4 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00pm AA, 12:00pm Bible Study, 6:00pm Scouts, 6:30 & 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm	5 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	6 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	7 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
8 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am Mark Kroos Concert, 7:00pm	9 Preschool AA, 12:00pm Staff Support, 5:30pm Handbells, 7:30pm	10 Preschool, 9:00am Ladies Bible Study, 5:30pm Worship Team, 6:30pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 7:00pm	11 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am AA, 12:00pm Bible Study, 6:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30am Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	12 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm Emmaus Board, 7:00pm	13 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	14
15 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Thankful Luncheon  Thank You, LORD!	16 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 7:30pm	17 Preschool, 9:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 7:00pm	18 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am AA, 12:00pm Adult CE Team, 12:30pm Youth CE Team, 5:00pm Bible Study, 6:00pm Scouts, 6:30 & 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm	19 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	20 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	21
22 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Fall Festival, 3:00pm	23 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Handbells, 7:30pm	24 Preschool, 9:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 7:00pm	25 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am AA, 12:00pm Bible Study, 6:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	26 Preschool, 9:00am Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	27 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	28
29 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am	30 AA, 12:00pm Handbells, 7:30pm	31 Preschool, 9:00am 				

Birthdays-October

1 Rick Murphy	25 Amelia Sampson
2 Ian Osborne	26 John Granger
Duke Stevens	Katie Noblett
4 Penn Tolley	28 Mollie Carlson
11 John Matson	30 Amber Hilliard
13 Robert Grier	31 Julia Maybry
Ralph Grier	Martha Osborne
15 Michael Faircloth	
16 Zack Flanagan	
17 Zackery Wortman	
19 Kim Winter	
Sheila Fetner	
David Hunter	
20 Ellie Bostick	
23 Sandy Hart	
River Gordon	
24 Jeanette Hamilton	
Edmundo Perez	
Preston Spratt	
25 Charlie Bricker	



Worship Child Care Volunteers October 2017

October 1	Barbara Choate	
October 8	Donna Young	
October 15	Teresa Canipe	
October 22	Hope Moss	Megan Tolley
October 29	Sallie English	