

CENTRAL CALLING

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Matthew 1:23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

What is the story behind your name? Are you named after a relative, friend, or famous person? Are you named after an event, a place, or just out of the creativity of your parents or guardians? Names are intimate. Names can speak loudly. Names can whisper. More important than your actual name, is what people think of when you cross their mind, when they hear the word that is your name...that thought represents your "real name".

Have you ever wanted to change your name? Maybe as a child or young person there was someone you admired, and you wanted to have that name for your very own. Perhaps it was the sound of the name that you liked, the way it rolled off your tongue or sounded so elegant or cool. More than likely the reason was much more. When you change your name (upon marriage for example), it symbolizes a change in your life and usually includes an expanded or altered identity.

As we read the Old and New Testaments, God's self-revelation comes by way of names. Yahweh (I am), El Shaddai (God Almighty), Jehovah Rapha (The Lord who heals), Emmanuel (God with us) are a few examples. In these names, God teaches us about God. In Hebrew culture a name represented the character, the essence, the innermost being of a person. For parents it sometimes represented the destiny they hoped for their child. Therefore, any change in a name was a big deal. Abram became Abraham. Sarai became Sarah. Jacob became Israel. Naomi became Mara. Saul became Paul. The point was not the name in and of itself, but the essence, the character, the purpose of the person.

In the past, Central's name represented a way to differentiate the church from other churches in the area. It was a rural family church with loving and dedicated members. At some point as the city grew, Central found

itself as a "suburban type" church on the edges of the growth of the city of Charlotte; known for its awesome BBQ, helping the community and so forth. Oh yeah, and still a group of loving and dedicated members who treated everyone like family (most everyone was "literally" family).

Now, Central is an urban church, situated in the middle of city growth that has expanded well past the corner of Westinghouse and Tryon. Central's name is quite probably equated with being a valuable resource for the community in terms of facilities, Fall Festival, and support of local schools. Many members have moved away or died and joined the cloud of witnesses with God. Other families, members, and friends have come, been loved, and know what a gem this community of faith continues to be. But, like many other denominational churches, the rolls decrease faster than they increase for various reasons, including the transient nature of our world today.

Our interim pastor will come and lead us in the hard work of self-evaluation and envisioning a way forward in which Central will not only survive but thrive.

- To use our imagination in ways that stretch us.
- To believe that our best days are ahead of us and not behind us.
- To willingly lose some things; to gain others.
- To have the courage to follow where God leads.
- To refine and reinterpret the already favorable impression of us when members, visitors, and others hear our name, "Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church".

God, by your Spirit, hold us close as we seek to follow your will and your way in being the body of Christ here in Steele Creek, Charlotte, North Carolina, the United States, and the world. Strengthen our hearts and open our minds that we might please you every step of the way.

God's grace and peace,

-British



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Allyson Haenlein	Administrative Assistant
Lauren Perkin	Treasurer
Jeanne McGrath	Financial Secretary
Debbie Stikeleather	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

DEADLINES

April 2018 issue deadline is March 23rd.

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.

Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information, such as phone number, cell phone number, address, or email address. Thank you!



THE MONTH OF MARCH
Dried or canned beans; packaged rice
Please place items in the donation box
located in the Church Narthex.

Last month approximately 54.2 pounds of food were donated.

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

10:00am, Room 300, Tuesday, March 6

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, March 3

Women's Bible Study

5:30pm, Room 300, Tuesday, March 13

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



"The church is also at an exciting crossroads. We are entering a new day, new terrain and a new adventure. We are not alone. The Spirit of God goes before us. The mission of Christ will not fail. A day will come when the "kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). The next steps are going to be demanding. More than anything, this moment requires those of us in positions of authority (and even most of us who are not) to embrace an *adventure-or-die* mindset, and find the courage and develop the capacity for a new day. We are heading into uncharted territory and are given the charge to lead a mission where the future is nothing like the past.

taken from "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger. Chapter 1, pg. 23

Pastor's Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



Canoeing the Mountains-Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory, Tod Bolsinger; IVP Books, Downers Grove, Illinois, ©2015

Thank You:



Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits I have received since my surgery. I feel God has blessed me with a loving and caring church family. I love you all. Herman Canipe, Sr.

To my wonderful church family; Thank you for your calls, cards, food and prayers during my recent fall. The kids and I wouldn't know what to do without you! May God bless each of you. Joan Hedgepeth

Steele Creek Historical and Genealogical Society Meeting

The Steele Creek Historical and Genealogical Society will meet on Monday March 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center (Room 300).

Our special guest will be Mrs. Gilda Morina Syverson. Mrs. Syverson is a local author and instructor who will be speaking on how to begin writing our memoirs.

Anyone interested in hearing about writing about your own history is welcome to attend.

What's Happening In Sunday School

Our Sunday school classes gather at 9:15am on Sunday mornings here at Central. All classes welcome new members.

Youth Christian Ed News

Easter with the YMCA:

The youth CE team and other volunteers will be presenting the Easter story for the Y kids once again. It is a great outreach in sharing the Gospel and caring for the kids on our campus. *We will need assistance on Thursday March 22nd with our program. We need volunteers at stations as well as set up and tear down. Set up will meet at 2:30, program volunteers needed from 3:30 to 5:00pm.*

Easter at Central:

Youth CE is planning a fun educational presentation and egg hunt on Easter morning during the Sunday school hour. Parents, please plan to bring your preschool and elementary school children! *We will need help hiding eggs Easter morning, volunteers plan to meet at 8:45 to hide eggs on the playgrounds.* Rain location will be in the upstairs wing of the education building.

Nursery News:

Our paid nursery help will be with us until Sunday, May 20th. After that we will no longer provide preschool Sunday school (until attendance warrants it). However, *we will need one additional volunteer for nursery during worship service going forward. Please contact Ardy Skidmore, British Hyrams, or Pam Brooks.*

Church Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Scholarship (in memory of Marion Blackwelder) for 2018 and the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2018-2021 are available in the church office. Any church member (church membership required) attending an institution of higher learning in 2018-2019 is encouraged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a year to year basis, so past recipients and other sophomores, etc. must reapply again this year.

The Gallant Scholarship is intended for (but not limited to) students attending a 4 year institution and is awarded over 4 years, contingent on the student maintaining acceptable grades,

Applications will be accepted through May 4, 2018. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

Preschool News:



Hello from the Preschool! I cannot believe March is already here! We are excited to start talking about all things spring, sunshine and new life with the children. We will begin this month by celebrating Dr. Seuss and all the wonderful stories he created. We will have a backwards day and red/white day. The children love reading the fun Dr. Seuss books and sharing the ones they have at home.

March is a time when we talk about the newness of spring, with new life and life cycles. Most importantly, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and victory over death.

We are still registering for the 2018-2019 preschool year. We are filling up quickly, but do still have a few spaces available in each classroom. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please send them my way!

Our preschool will be closed for Spring Break and the Easter holiday on Thursday, March 29 until Friday, April 6. We will reopen on Monday, April 9!

Love, Miss JoAnna

Please collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education for Steele Creek Elementary School. Each label provides 10 cents for the school.



Please collect the box tops in a baggie and place them in the blue box in the Narthex. Thank you!

Check for these product brands: General Mills Cereals, Nature Valley, Ziplock, Green Giant frozen and fresh vegetables, Totino's pizza, Lysol cleaning products, Finish dishwasher detergent, Kleenex, Scott paper products, Land o Lakes, Pillsbury refrigerated cookies, Yoplait, Boise copy and printer paper, Annie's mixes and snacks, Fiber One, Mott's fruit snacks, Hefty picnic supplies and trash bags.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE:

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 1/31/18: \$36,919

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 1/31/18: \$29,274

Capital reserve fund balance: \$161,247



Scout News



Boy Scout Troop 45 congratulates its two newest Eagle Scouts, Jason Patrick Johns and Javon Maurice Wright. Both scouts successfully completed all of the requirements for the rank of Eagle, including planning and leading a community service project.

Jason's project was painting and renovating the Fellowship Hall at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Javon's project was building and installing raised bed gardens for the students at Steele Creek Elementary School.

Eagle Scout is the Boy Scouts highest rank and is earned by only four percent of all the young men who join Scouting.



The God and Me and the God and Family awards are age-based religious awards for Cub Scouts and other youth.

The God and Me award was presented to Adam Vervoort. Caroline Vervoort was his mentor. Joe McGrath was his counselor.

"Upon This Rock"

A History of Central Steele Creek

On Sunday morning, March 11, the Emma B. Young Sunday school class will be showing the video of the history of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, "Upon This Rock". The video was prepared in 1993 for the Bi-Centennial celebration of the church and stars the members of the congregation at that time. We will start promptly at 9:15am, since the video is exactly 1 hour. Please join us and enjoy seeing what some of our members looked like 24 years ago and also what has happened to our church over the last 224 years!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 19, 2018
Cub Scout Yard Sale

Saturday, June 9, 2018
Mighty Acts Golf Tournament

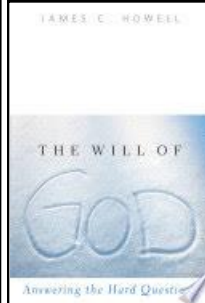
Saturday, June 16, 2018
Vacation Bible School

APRIL HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Elder: Debbie Stikeleather

Ushers: Eric Robinson, Joan Hedgepeth, Joyce Martin

Communion Servers: John Burgess, Debby Moss, Dave Barbee, Richard Moss, Charlotte Burgess, John Matson, Bob Blackwelder, Clint Burke.



BOOK STUDY:

Ever wonder why bad things happen? Do you think about God's will, or God's purpose? Are they the same thing? Would you like to explore answers to any of these? There is a second opportunity to do so through a book study, "The Will of God" by James C. Howell, Pastor of Myers Park UMC. Many of the

participants from the first session have been blessed and challenged by this study.

This six-week study will begin Sunday, April 8th, 5:30 – 7:00pm in FLC Room 300. [No class on 5/13.] Kathy Bricker will facilitate the discussion. Come journey through the "whys" we ask ourselves so often and hopefully leave with discoveries. The only homework required is to refrain from reading *too far* ahead each week

The book costs \$10, please contact Kathy Bricker at brickerjk@comporium.net or the church office to sign up and purchase your book. Childcare is available upon request. *We need at least 10 dedicated participants to have an effective class. Please express your interest as soon as possible!*

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Joyce Elms; Circle of Friends

In memory of Norma Werts; Emma B. Young class

In memory of Dorothy Laws; Roy Youngblood



In honor of Marge & Wil Caselli; Rhonda Weaver

In memory of Betty Ervin, sister of Jim Patterson; Greta & Toni Lambert, the Emma B. Young class

MIGHTY ACTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to those who have signed up to sponsor and/or play in the Mighty Acts June 9th golf tournament. Currently, as it relates to sponsors and players, we are close to fifty percent of goal over last year. We need your continued support to make this year's tournament a success. Please sign up to play or encourage family and friends to organize a team. Can you ask your local business owners to sponsor a hole? Sponsor and player forms can be found on our bulletin boards with all the details. We also need items for the golfer goodie bags. Contact Reuben Mazingo, Becky Helms or Donna Young with questions on how you can help.

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	2 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	3 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
4 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Missions Team, 11:45am	5 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Staff Support, 5:30pm Boy Scout Leaders, 6:00pm Handbells, 7:15pm	6 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:30pm	7 Preschool, 9:00am Lent Noon Service @ McClintock PC AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30am Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	8 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	9 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	10
11 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am 	12 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Handbells, 7:15pm	13 Preschool, 9:00am Ladies Bible Study, 5:30pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	14 Preschool, 9:00am Lent Noon Service @ Pleasant Hill PC AA, 12:00pm Scouts, 6:30 & 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm	15 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	16 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	17
18 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Deacons, 11:45am	19 AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 7:15pm	20 Preschool, 9:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	21 Preschool, 9:00am Lent Noon Service @Central Steele Creek PC Lunch following in FLC AA, 12:00pm Scouts, 6:30 & 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm	22 Preschool, 9:00am YMCA Easter Program, 4:00pm Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	23 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	24
25 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir Worship, 10:30am 	26 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm RITI, 3:00pm Handbells, 7:15pm	27 Preschool, 9:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	28 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Scouts, 6:30 & 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:45pm	29 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service, @ McClintock PC, 7:00pm	30 AA, 12:00pm Good Friday Service, 7:00pm	31

Birthdays— March

1 Devon Osborne
Kelly Moss
3 Larry Arbuckle
Jill Wortman
Manley Caudle
4 Sue Birch
8 Chelsea Hunter
Paul McNeill
12 Jerry Cheek
Charles Wilkerson
Beth Young
13 Emily McNeill
17 Judy Brown
18 Michelle Flanagan
Allison Burgess
19 Ken Price
Tom Schmutzler
20 Elaine Hood
23 Richard Hayes

25 Cheyenne Beaty
Dylan Beaty
Colby Perez
Pam Murphy
26 Betty Helton
27 Diane Wilson
Doug Youngblood
31 Ann Clapham



Worship Child Care Volunteers March 2018

March 4	Lauren Perkin	
March 11	Kerri Murray	
March 18	Martha Osborne	
March 25	Pam Brooks	