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From the Pastor's Pen

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Psalm 46:1-2

My, what a difference a week makes. Last week at this time, I was getting geared up for a busy but fairly normal week at work. Lots of things were happening, but nothing out of the ordinary for this time of year: session meetings, stewardship packets, DMin papers, and sermons. I was excited to hear Governor Pat McCrory speak to my Rotary Club. House Bill 2 was the big elephant in the room. Tuesday came and he spoke.

I don't even remember what he said now. Never would I have imagined seeing him and all of Charlotte's leaders on CNN that very night. Some two measly hours after hearing him, CMPD Officer Brentley Vincent would confront, shoot, and kill Keith Lamont Scott, thus starting a round of violent protests the likes of which I have never seen here. After six nights of protest, eighty-two arrests (approximately), another fatality in the protests (this time by a civilian), three disturbing video tapes, and National Guard soldiers on the street corners...

After all of that, this city is fundamentally different than it was a week ago. Charlotte might be lots of things, but a progressive, prosperous, "New South" city that has shed its troubling racial past we are not.

Charlotte is still a great place to live and raise a family and I am proud to call it home. But we as a predominantly white church have a great deal of reaching out to do. I always suspected this, but like every American generation before us, race will be a defining issue of our day. I hope and pray that we at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church can come out on the right, biblical, and faithful side of it.

All of this, of course, comes at a time of great change and opportunity for our church. As you have already heard and will continue to hear, one of our sister churches, Steele Creek Presbyterian, will have to move locations within the next three or so years. As such, the possibility has arisen that four other Presbyterian churches in the area, two of which are predominantly black (Mt. Olive & McClintock), and two of which are predominantly

white (Central Steele Creek & Pleasant Hill) could all merge into one large, interracial congregation.

Whatever we end up deciding, whether it's to sell our property and merge or stay put, will have major implications for our future. We are having a church-wide lunch on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, after worship to discuss this decision. The purpose of the lunch is three-fold. First, we want to update you on recent developments. We have a bit more to tell you than we did when we met last spring. The second purpose of the meeting is to hear some arguments for and against merging. We can make good, theological, faithful arguments either way, and I want to present all sides of those arguments to you. Finally, we want to give you an opportunity to express your questions and opinions. As such, we will break up into smaller groups and give you an opportunity to speak and to be heard.

We are NOT making any decisions on Sunday, October 16. But the session is going to discern, based off October 16, what other steps we need to make in order to make that decision. We cannot be in limbo on this forever. We must make a decision for everybody's sake sooner rather than later. Know also that whatever decision we make should be made on the basis of prayer and discernment about how we can be faithful to what God has called us to do in this time and place. That may well be merging, but it may well be staying put.

All of which brings me back to the events of this week. In some ways, they are unrelated to this monumental decision. But in many other ways, they clearly ARE related. Our community is hurting, much more so than we thought. People feel disaffected, disenfranchised, overlooked, and forgotten. People don't protest for nothing. Charlotte's prosperity has been good for most of us and we have been good for it. But it has left a whole chunk of people out. I believe that the church has a fundamental role to play in healing the divides in this city. Government can only go so far. It can change laws, but it's hearts that need changing the most. And that is our game. That is God's game and God has called our number. Whether we stay or whether we go... I pray that we can respond faithfully. It's the defining call of our times. —Luke



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

October 2016 issue deadline is October 25

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 OCTOBER

Boxed Baking Mixes:

cornbread, cake, pancakes

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

Merger Conversation & Covered Dish Luncheon

Please plan to attend on Sunday, October 16 in the Family Life Center following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share as we discuss and learn more about the options for the future of our church. Covered dish items may be brought to the FLC before worship.



THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION



"Consider the following contrasts: inward looking self-preservation versus expansive, outgoing evangelism; return to the old days versus a new, hitherto unimaginable future; grief versus joy; doubt versus praise; fearfulness and hiding versus courage that goes public, defying the judicial injunction to remain silent (Acts 4:18-20); disbelief versus conviction; confusion versus clarity. In sum, "God help us" versus "Hallelujah, Jesus lives." To put this in pastoral terms, the contrast is between ministry focused on ourselves—missional timidity and ecclesiastical maintenance that protects and preserves what we have, with a vague though uncertain hope for continued life—or ministry that bursts forth in creative, overflowing desire to tell the world, "Jesus is risen!" Imagine the astonished newspaper headline: "Church Affirms Jesus Is Alive, and Lives Believing It's True." It is the difference between ministry without power, because everything is left up to us to do, leaving us anxious and exhausted, and ministry filled with joy and hope because the Lord not only lives but also reigns and acts in power for us.

taken from *The Resurrection of Ministry* by Andrew Purves; Introduction, pg.17

Pastor's Reading Corner

Recommended Book List



The Resurrection of Ministry, Andrew Purves; InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois; 2010

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Pete Helton, Sue Grier

In memory of Vic Duran, Tom & Laurie Markham, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Bob & Susan Hunter, Sue Grier

In memory of Mildred Blackwelder, Brown Grier & Emma B. Young classes.

In memory of Gloria Tripp, (mother of Teresa Canipe), Dean Bassett class, Manley & Annette Caudle, Emma B. Young class, Rozanna Lawing, Ken & Diane Price.



Glory to God Hymnal Dedication

IN MEMORY OF

Vic Duran

DONATED BY

Noell Duran

There are still 'Glory to God' hymnals available to have dedicated in 'honor of' or in 'memory of' a loved one. Please stop by or call the church office if you are interested.

Church Treasurer Opportunity:

An opportunity to serve our church is available! In approximately one year our church Treasurer will be leaving the position creating the need for a successor. If you have an interest in serving as church Treasurer, here is your opportunity to “shadow and learn” from Rob Vojvoda for the coming year. Responsibilities would include recording and disbursing funds contributed to the church budget. All financial software is now available online from any computer. The daily bill payment is handled by our church Secretary which has greatly reduced the time requirement for this position.

Please contact Russell Helms or Rob Vojvoda with all questions and thoughts. Thank you.



Our church will be participating in the Room In The Inn program again this year. In preparation we will be putting together 200 toiletry kits for our guests to use when they spend the night with us. Items most needed are combs, tooth brushes, dental floss, deodorant,

and hand sanitizer. Donations can be placed in the Room In The Inn box located in the narthex. We appreciate your help in this important ministry.

Nursery Workers Needed

The Christian Education team is hiring two childcare workers. These workers will provide a consistent presence in the nursery on Sundays and possibly provide care for special events. These workers will be in addition to volunteers, cannot be church members, and must be of the Christian faith. A job description is available for interested individuals.

Contact Diane Wilson (dianewilson327@gmail.com) or British Hyrams (british@cscpc.org) for more information.

BIBLE Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm

Room 10

October 18, 2016–November 8, 2016

Childcare available

Please come join Pastor Maybry & British Hyrams as they lead this Bible study that will focus on marriage.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Processing center jobs are available mid-November to mid-December at the Charlotte processing center for Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.

Apply online at:

Samaritanspurse.org/processingcenteremployment



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have made it through our first month of preschool very successfully! The teachers worked hard to have their rooms ready and the parents worked hard to have their children ready. For many of our parents, this is the first time their children have been in preschool and away from them. Our teachers do such a great job of building trust with our families that it makes for a nice transition.

This month in our classrooms we will talk about fall and all the changes that come with our seasons. They will feel the days get cooler, see the leaves change colors, and taste the fall apples! We love this time of year and want to teach them to slow down and take in God's creation and all it's beauty. There is so much to distract us from our Creator and His goodness. He gives us daily reminders of who He is if we would just look!

Thank you for continually supporting this precious preschool. The time you invest does not go unnoticed by any of us here. We love it! Happy Fall!

Love,
Miss Lisa



Children's Choir Update

The Children's Choir is up and practicing again after taking the summer off for vacations and other breaks from daily routines. We are working on a new song, appropriately titled “A Happy Song,” which uses tambourines, bells, and several other instruments to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord,” the operative word here being JOY-FULL! So when you hear what sounds like a cacophony of lovely chaos from our singers and dinglers, be prepared for something different in service and get ready to join in because you are included in the fun!

PARENTS: As always, it is important that you work on lyrics during the week and have children present for our Sunday morning practices. Regular practices are critical for learning because we have so little time. I am always grateful to see and hear your children and appreciate your support.

Thank you! Judy Corbett

SAVE THE DATE!

Movie Night at Central
Saturday, November 5th

Dinner at 5:45pm/Movie at 6:30pm

Our local police and fire departments will be invited (along with their families) as an appreciation for their service.





I sincerely thank each and everyone of you for the many cards, calls and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. The food was also a blessing. The greatest blessing of all is being a part of this caring Central Steele Creek church family!

*Sincerely,
Midge Caudle*

Staff Highlights:

Happy Birthday wishes for Sheila Fetner, our choir director, on October 19th and for John Granger, our custodian, on October 26th!



COAT DRIVE

Help keep kids warm when winter comes. We're collecting new and gently worn, clean coats for the kids at Steele Creek Elementary. Check your closets, and be on the lookout for deals at local retailers. Girls and boys jackets, ages kindergarten thru 5th grade. Sizes 10-16 are in greater need. Feel free to include toboggans, gloves, and scarves as well. Place them in the box in the narthex, and we will deliver them before Old Man Winter comes to stay!

Child and Youth Protection (CYPP)

Annual recommitment forms are now due. Those who have completed CYPP training should complete and sign one of the green forms located around the church or the form included in this newsletter. These completed forms may be turned in to the church office or to British Hyrams. If you are in need of training, please contact British Hyrams. Finally, any volunteer that has not completed a form in 2016 will be asked to do so prior to working with our children. Thank you for your cooperation.

CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1

10:00am, Room 300, Tuesday, October 4

Deborah Circle

5:30pm, Room 300, Tuesday, October 4

Circle of Friends

10:00am, Room 300, Saturday, October 8



CUB SCOUT NEWS

If anyone in the church knows a boy that would like to join the Cub Scouts, Pack 45 is a great place to join! Cub Scouting teaches citizenship, self reliance and doing your best. We meet on Wednesdays from

7:00 - 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall during the school year. We have some fun activities coming up:

- Saturday, October 1st is a "Trailblazer Day" from 9:00 - 1:00. New families are welcome. There will be archery, shooting, crafts, Scouting games, climbing and more.
- On Wednesday, October 5th, at 5:30 we will start the God and Me and God and Family program before our den meetings. The youth does not need to be a Cub Scout to participate.
- On Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9 we will attend the Fall Cuboree at Belk Scout Reservation.
- On Saturday, November 12, we will be going to the Schiele Museum at 1:00.

Please join us for FUN!

Please contact Charlie Bricker 704-654-0919 with questions.

Rally Day Recap!

The 2016 Rally Day celebration was a resounding success. A light breakfast was served in the FLC where Sunday school students were honored for best attendance in their class. In addition, each table formed a team to complete several trivia questions. These questions highlighted the many ways there are to get involved in the life of the church and participate in all that God is doing here at Central.

During worship service our Sunday school teachers came forward for a special prayer of blessing and appreciation for their service. We also presented Bibles to our rising 4th grade students. These Bibles represent one of the many ways the congregation is fulfilling baptismal vows to guide and nurture our children.



Lainey, Ava, Julia, and Faith opening their Bibles



Employee and Volunteer Recommitment Form

This renewal of commitment form is required to be completed annually by all employees and those desiring a ministry position involving the supervision or custody of children and/or youth. It is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Email: _____

In the past year, have you been charged with any criminal offenses, are there pending or have you been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to any criminal charges that effect your eligibility to work with children and/or youth? Or have you been the subject of any type of allegations investigated by Child Protective Services, the Department of Health and Human Services or any other law enforcement office, involving children?

No Yes - If yes, please describe:

Do you have any medical training? _____

Are you CPR certified? _____

Is there any health related reason that would keep you from effectively working with or cause any potential harm to children? _____ If yes, please explain: _____



Please list the CSCPC ministries in which you are currently involved:

Applicant's Recommitment Statement

I acknowledge that I have read the CSCPC Child and Youth Protection Policy and have received or have access to copies for my personal use. I agree to follow the Child and Youth Protection Policy and to refrain from inappropriate conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church. I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any violation of the Code of Conduct or misrepresentation of information that I have provided may result in termination of employment or volunteer service with children/youth.

Applicant's
Signature _____ Date _____

OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ladies Fall Retreat @ Ridgecrest
2 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Guest Outreach Team, 11:45am Ladies Return from Retreat, 2:00pm	3 AA, 12:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Boy Scout Troop Leaders, 6:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	4 Preschool, 9:00am Circle #1, 10:00am Deborah Circle, 5:30pm B&G Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	5 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am AA, 12:00pm Christian Ed Team, 4:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	6 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	7 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	8 Circle of Friends, 10:00am
9 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am Chrysalis Group, 2:30pm	10 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Staff Support Team, 5:15pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	11 Preschool, 9:00am Finance Team, 6:00pm Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm	12 Preschool, 9:00am Bible Study, 11:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 5:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	13 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm Emmaus, 7:00pm	14 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	15
16 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am Churchwide Covered Dish Luncheon, 11:45am 	17 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	18 Preschool, 9:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm Worship Team, 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00pm	19 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 5:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	20 Preschool, 9:00am Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	21 Olympic BBQ Sale AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	22
23 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am	24 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm	25 Preschool, 9:00am Men's Basketball Ministry, 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00pm	26 Preschool, 9:00am AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 5:30pm Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm Cub Scouts, 7:00pm	27 Preschool, 9:00am Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery, 7:00pm	28 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	29
30 Sunday School, 9:15am Children's Choir, 9:50am Worship, 10:30am	31 HALLOWEEN! AA, 12:00pm Central Ringers, 6:15pm					

Birthdays-October

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



Worship Child Care — October 2016

Volunteers

Volunteers

October 2	Martha Osborne	Erin Osborne	Open	Open
October 9	Open	Open	Open	Open
October 16	Barbara Choate	Open	Open	Open
October 23	Open	Open	Open	Open
October 30	Open	Open	Open	Open

Worship Child Care Sign Up Genius link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548afad2baaff2-sept>