



**Steele Creek  
Presbyterian  
Church  
At  
Pleasant Hill**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – for adults, youth, and children is currently meeting at 9:30 am with Worship following at 10:30.

**VIRTUAL SERVICE** – Please be sure to comment when you are watching our virtual service. This is how we are taking attendance and we want you to be counted. And remember, we are open on Sundays for worship if you are comfortable joining with us, using the precautions we have in place. You are welcome to bring a beverage **with a lid** into the Sanctuary now. No food please.

**TITHES** – Please call the church office if you would like to drop off your tithe to ensure a staff member will be available to let you in the building.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 16**

**Scripture: Psalm 1**

**Sermon Title: The Word or the World?**

## **DEXTER'S CORNER.....**

**Question: Once saved, are you always saved?**

**Answer:**

This is a good question and one that prompted a lot of debate while I was in seminary. John 10:27-29 seems to settle this question, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." (NASB).

The next question that follows is 'Can one give up, or renounce, his/her salvation?' Well, that's another question entirely. But someone may interject since you made a commitment at 9 years old, is God "stuck" with you regardless of how you live? Then you get into the theology of rewards in heaven related to your commitment and service on earth.

There are denominations who believe that if you sin after you are saved, you need to go through the salvation experience again. I wouldn't support that. Jesus said that if you have bathed the body and then go for a walk, you need only clean your feet when you get back, not bathe the whole body again, which is to say when you sin, ask for forgiveness, and be cleansed again. For the Christian who accepts Jesus as Lord AND Savior, Jesus said there is no power on earth than can separate you from the Father. Your salvation depends on His ability, not yours.

**THOUGHTS FROM DEXTER**.....I was reading the other day about the Old Testament character, Samson. While his mother was pregnant with him, an angel of God appeared to her and told her he would be a Nazirite from birth and the Spirit of God would be upon him. The angel appeared to her and her husband a second time and they asked the angel his name. His response was, to me, astounding. Here's how the different translations have Judges 13:18:

NIV: "Why do you ask my name seeing it is wonderful."

RSV: "Why do you ask my name. It is too wonderful."

NASB: "Why do you ask my name since it is incomprehensible."

Contemporary English Version: "You don't need to know my name, and if you did you couldn't understand it."

Today's English Version: "Why do you want to know my name. It is a name of wonder."

I think sometimes we lose the majesty of God and become too familiar with His being. When Moses asked God His name, His response was "And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM" (EX 3:14 NASB). Kinda difficult to understand and translate. And that is my point. In our terribly limited intellectual ability as humans, even the names of the angels are beyond us; how could we possibly begin to understand how the angels or God Himself works?

Isn't this why God tries repeatedly to get us to accept His will for our lives and live in an attitude of faith? I see situations every day that seemingly have no human explanations that are satisfactory or have no human answers at all. But God knows the future and He loves all of us too much to lead us into an area where we have to doubt His love.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The New Fellowship Class is now meeting in the dining room (302). They are studying a series by Phillip Yancy called "What's So Amazing About Grace".

The Foundations class will resume for the rest of the month of May. This class is led by David McAliley and will meet in the choir room.

If your current class is still not meeting or you have never attended an adult Sunday School class, you are welcome to participate in either of these two classes!

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE** - All children and youth Sunday School classes will be taking a summer break and not meeting in the months of June, July, and August. We will offer Summer Bible Theater each week for those children whose parents are attending an adult Sunday School class that is continuing through the summer. Summer Bible Theater will take place in the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom (315) and will be led by Anne Marie Moore. Each week will feature a DVD from the Animated Bible Story series from Nest Learning along with a coordinated activity. Registration will be appreciated for Summer Theater each week. If you plan to bring your children, please email Lorie Lewis ([lorie@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekchurch.org)) by Thursday of each week.

**BASIC TRAINING** -our fellowship group for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have an end of year pool party on May 23 at the Brody's house. The group will take the bus after worship and return to the church around 2:30 pm. Bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen; pizza and drinks will be provided. Look for an email next week with a permission slip or if you need more information, you can contact Abby Brody, [amcarter@coastal.edu](mailto:amcarter@coastal.edu).



**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING** – Pentecost on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to contribute to the Pentecost Special Offering, you will find special offering envelopes in each pew. Your contribution helps youth begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. The Pentecost Offering started in 1998 and Presbyterians have raised more than 15 million which has benefited the younger members of God's family!

**HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!**

The Congregational Care Committee would like to honor our veterans, but we need many hands to help us. Lenore Berryhill will show us how to make a gift for these special people. All you need to know how to do, is tie a knot. We need a big group to make 34 gifts. Our plan is to meet at 10:00 on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in the dining room. Please bring a sandwich and a dessert and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you soon!

**GOING.....GOING.....GONE!** There are several unclaimed items that have been found throughout the church. Anything not claimed by May 21<sup>st</sup> will be donated to the Ashe County room. The items are a straw hat, short black umbrella, Yeti cup "Here's to the Wild," small black book with a card from Troncalli Subaru inside (Cumming, GA), black & white Kleen Kanteen with Rising Star Coffee Roasters on the outside, red Nalgene bottle from the U.S. National Whitewater Center.



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION** - Sunday June 6, our youth will lead the worship service and we will be recognizing our high school and college graduates for 2021. We don't want to miss anyone; so please let us know if you have a graduate in your family by calling the church office or sending a message to Lorie Lewis ([lorie@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekchurch.org)).



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Plan to join us on an adventure to the Knights of North Castle, as we explore the Quest for the King's armor! Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place Sunday, June 13-Thursday June 17, 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm (dinner served each night, 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm). Registration is now open and additional information is available at <https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/scpcph/>. Registration is open to all children 3 years old by June 1 through those who will have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration deadline is May 31.

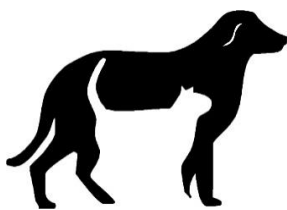
There are still volunteer opportunities available as crew leaders, station assistants and dinner helpers. If you are interesting in serving at VBS, contact Cathy Farnham- [cathy.farnham@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.farnham@gmail.com), Lorie Lewis- [lorie@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekchurch.org) or Megan Winget- [mmwinget@yahoo.com](mailto:mmwinget@yahoo.com).

**BETHELWOODS, CAMP-IN-A-VAN REGISTRATION INFORMATION** - Bethelwoods will bring their staff to our campus, June 28-July 2, 9 am – 3 pm. This week of crafts, games, activities, worship, and singing will be open to children who have completed Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Use the link below for more information and to register by May 31.

<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZWVjMzk3OWltMGM0ZS00YWYwLWE0NTktYWQwMjAxMjgzZjMz>

**A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY** - was available to serve at Operation Christmas Child this month. Due to COVID, people who were not comfortable shopping last November, were given the opportunity to make a monetary donation for a box. Samaritan's Purse then purchased the items and packed a box for each donor. Volunteers were needed to put these boxes together and our youth were able to go and serve on May 12.

**THANK YOU** – from Girl Scout Troop 2009 to everyone who donated to the Humane Society of York County! They collected dog & cat food, litter, and many blankets & sheets.



**P**onder this: Will there be seas in the new heaven and new earth? Until next time, my Bible is open, and I hope yours is too!



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***Greetings from Operation Christmas Child!***

I hope this message finds you and those in your family and congregation safe and healthy.

It is also with a grateful heart that I send a big Thank You from Operation Christmas Child!

Even in the midst of the global pandemic, your support enabled Operation Christmas Child to collect more than 9 million shoebox gifts! In the Carolinas, because of your love and generosity, our area churches donated 778,898 shoeboxes worldwide! Your donated shoeboxes were filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items that were sent to children living in more than 100 nations. With every shoebox that was given out, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared verbally, visually and through a printed booklet each child receives with their shoebox. Many of those children are then provided the opportunity to join a 12-week discipleship program and become multipliers of the ministry!

Every shoebox counts! So whether you packed one shoebox or multiple shoeboxes, the love of Jesus Christ continues to be shared because of your heartfelt generosity and thoughtful prayer.

As part of the Church Relations Team for the Charlotte area, I want to express our appreciation for the opportunity to partner together in 2020 and to love and serve the Lord through OCC. Our team also looks forward to working together again this year to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who may not yet know HIM.

As your church begins to organize your efforts to plan and pack shoeboxes, please share this message with your Congregation and your Project Leader. This will enable us to provide support in partnering with OCC.

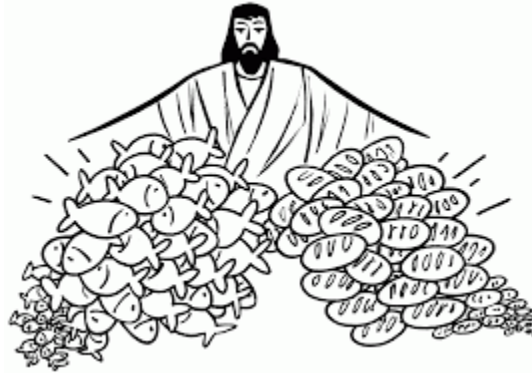
Thank you again -- I know we are all focused on staying healthy and safe at this time and I pray God's goodness and blessings upon you and your congregation.

Sincerely,

  
Renée Daniels

**Psalm 1: The psalmist reminds us, that it is those who are rooted in the Word of God who are truly content!**

**L**ooking back at the women in our early church history! Please share with each other and your children ☺ Women of the Church have been able to make another contribution to Foreign Missions. They come together for bandage rolling. It never ceases to amaze one to see that the worn-out sheets can become of such vital importance in an operating room in a hospital. These sheets are laundered and brought to be torn into specified widths and rolled on a little machine made for that purpose, then packaged and sent to the hospital. This bandage-rolling is done not only at Steele Creek, but by other churches throughout our presbytery.



**LOAVES & FISHES**



**CHURCH ATTENDANCE MAY 9**

**Inhouse – 160**

**Facebook & YouTube - 319**

**Total – 479**





### **Sunday, May 16**

09:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Awaken Service  
12:00 pm Session Meeting  
03:00 pm Seagals Cheer Clinic  
05:00 pm Youth Group  
08:00 pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, May 17**

06:30 pm GS Troop 2009

### **Tuesday, May 18**

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
06:30 pm Scripture & Starbucks Dinner

### **Wednesday, May 19**

11:30 am Scripture & Starbucks Lunch  
06:30 pm Worship Team  
07:30 pm Handbell Practice  
08:00 pm AA Meeting

### **Thursday, May 20**

06:30 Congregational Care

### **Friday, May 21**

10:00 am Service Team  
02:00 pm Visioning Team  
04:00 pm Preschool Family Event

### **Saturday, May 22**

09:00 am Visioning Team

### **Sunday, May 23**

09:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship-Communion  
11:45 am BASIC Training  
02:00 pm GS Troop 3693  
03:30 pm GS Troop 3484  
05:00 pm Youth Group  
08:00 pm AA Meeting



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Please help us keep this list up to date. Call in with any information about our church families.



Marguerite Aycoth

Dick Bigham

Joan Brown

Betty Burgess

Joy Burton

Betty Byrum

Frances Currie

Charlie Earp

Dot Earp

Lenora Fincher

Louise Freeman

Norman Kotraba

Hannah Mauer

John McKay

Margaret Niell

Ann Preslar

Marilyn Price

Gerry Roberts

Betty Warren

Margaret Wert

Lois Yandle

Wayne Whiteside





Dan Jorgensen – Cancer – Nephew of Allyson & Trey Rogers

Abby Brody – Heart Cath – May 19<sup>th</sup>

Katharine Freeman – Health concern

Anne Preslar – Health concern

Walt White – Anne Preslar’s son-in-law – awaiting heart surgery

Jake – Hodgkin’s Lymphoma - Son of Brooks Runkle

Jeannie Purvis – Health concerns

James Norcom – Hospice – Beth Carroll’s Uncle

Pat Lambert – Cancer – Karen Shaver’s sister

Chickie Miller – Cancer – Friend of John & Karen Shaver

Dick Bigham – Health concerns

Brian Ennis – COVID difficulties and recovering from surgery on his knee – Son of Beckie Ennis

Jordan Driscoll- Health concerns

Karen Barnes – Inoperable, aggressive, stage 4 Cancer – Aunt of Thad Carroll

Mike Spratt – Recovering from surgery

Richard Hoover – Health concerns

Claude Palmer – Health concerns

Sue Tanner – Health concerns

Charlie King – Duke Hospital in ICU – has undergone two more surgeries - Nephew of Annette & John Freeman

John Hovis – Recovering at home

George Thrower – Awaiting a kidney transplant

Jean and Joe Furr – Health concerns

Bobby -In hospital with a blood infection and a lot of pain – Cousin of Judy Watkins

## COUNT THAT DAY LOST

If you sit down at set of sun  
And count the acts that you have done,  
And counting find  
One self-denying deed, one word  
That eased the heart of him who heard;  
One glance most kind,  
That fell like sunshine where it went---  
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,  
You've cheered no heart, by year or nay ---  
If, through it all  
You've nothing done that you can trace  
That brought the sunshine to one face---  
No act most small  
That helped some soul and nothing cost---  
Then count that day as worse than lost.

---George Eliot



**Please pray for our Members of the Armed Forces**

Brian Cox – US Air Force, South Korea  
Olivia Hommes – US Air Force Academy, Colorado  
Lexie Simerly – US Army - Fountain, Colorado  
Will Warsaw – US Navy - Japan  
Gabe White – US Army - Ft. Lee, Virginia

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