



NEW PROTOCOL REMINDER

In the Sanctuary, as you stand at the entrance and look at the stage, the following rules will be effective immediately. The two sections on the right (sound booth side), the far right and the middle right, will both be fully open – “No Mask Required - No Social Distancing” in place. The far-left section (near the courtyard windows) will be “Mask Required – Social Distancing Required”. The middle left section will be “Mask Optional – Social Distancing Required”. So, the far right and middle right sections will be available as they were pre-COVID. The far-left section will continue to operate under the Covid protocols that have been in place since June. And the middle left is a compromise between the two. Look for signs in the Sanctuary lobby and on the back rows of the pews.

To date, no one who has attended worship during the COVID pandemic has contracted the virus. This is due in part to precautions that were implemented by your Session and Staff, but more so by everyone who followed those precautions. Thanks to each of you!

SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 30

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Sermon Title: The Undying Life

The Flowers – this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Dewitt & Sandi Lauerman and in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary on May 27th.

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS BURIED

AT PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY & STEELE CREEK CEMETERY

Please consider taking a drive or walk through the cemetery from Friday, May 28th, through Tuesday, May 31st, to reflect on the many veterans resting there. The commemorative flags will be displayed during that time. Veterans from the Civil War through the Vietnam War, as well as others who served in the United States Military, are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, and we need to remember these brave men and women who dedicated themselves in service to America.

MEMORIAL DAY- MAY 31ST



The Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery Committee invites everyone to visit our beautiful and historic Cemetery this Memorial Day. American flags will be placed on the graves of all veterans dating back to the Revolutionary War. A special thanks for American Legion Post #221 for putting out all the flags.



“May we never forget freedom isn’t free.” Unknown

“To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day.”- Unknown

“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.”- Unknown

“I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”- Nathan Hale

“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.”- Franklin D. Roosevelt

“No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation.”- General Douglas MacArthur

“Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility.”- Eleanor Roosevelt

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”- Joseph Campbell

“It doesn’t take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle.”- Norman Schwarzkopf



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omething to ponder: How many ribs did Adam have? Until next time, my Bible is open, and I hope yours is too!

DEXTER'S CORNER.....

Question: When does the Holy Spirit enter us as Christians?

Answer: While there are a number of passages in the New Testament about the Holy Spirit and when He is received in the life of a Christian, the plainest one is in Acts 2:38, "And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." This is the same Spirit of truth that Jesus refers to in John 14:16, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Paraclete, one just like Me), that He may be with you forever."

This passage affirms that the new believer receives the Holy Spirit the moment he/she becomes a believer in Jesus as the Christ and their savior. We don't have to ask for it or wait for it; He is there and will live in our lives forever. The Pentecostal movement of recent years teaches a second receiving of the Holy Spirit which will be attested by speaking in "tongues", but scripture does not support this.

One major reason for this is the way the Greek is constructed. It says that the need for "tongues" will disappear due to a lack of need. If being able to speak in a language one did not know or understand were still in effect, our missionaries would not have to spend long periods of time learning the language of the people they are going to work with.

The Spirit of God living in our lives enables us as Christians to do things we would never be able to do nor would we attempt to do them. But, having that power and authority, we can overcome fear and uncertainty as we allow the Spirit to speak for us and through us, and to strengthen us to seek and fulfill God's will for our lives.

THOUGHTS FROM DEXTER..... This is an excellent devotional by Dr. Blackaby in his book EXPERIENCING GOD DAY BY DAY. He's dealing with how a Christian's decision to follow God's leading affects others. I know something of this firsthand since, in following what I knew was God's leading in my life, I led my family to move to South Africa.

It was not an easy move. We left everything familiar to us and all of our friends and family to relocate in a country that we knew nothing about. The language was English, which was one of our main concerns, but our oldest daughter was 14, not a good time to lose all of your friends. My wife and I talked more than once about sending her back to the States to live with friends since it was so difficult for her to make the adjustment. But, in time, God sent her a special friend who helped break the barriers of resistance and she ultimately made a wonderful transition. She has many friends in South Africa to this day.

The move wasn't nearly as difficult on our younger daughter who was 11, and I don't think Timothy, who was 6, knew we'd moved! When we left South Africa to return to the States, the children cried as much as they had when we left for South Africa.

All Christians need to consider that their following God's will has an effect on others. We don't follow Christ in a vacuum, but in following Him, it's reassuring when we watch all of the pieces come together. I'm reminded of the lyrics of the song, JUST BE HELD, by Casting Crowns: "Your life's not falling apart, it's just falling into place."

DEADLINE FOR VBS AND BETHELWOODS IS MAY 31! Make sure you have your children registered for Vacation Bible School and Bethelwoods Camp-in-a Van by Monday, May 31. Registration info is in the section on summer activities for children. If you need help with registration, contact Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekchurch.org.

IN CASE YOU MISSED PENTECOST!



Pastor Jeff explaining with the merger of Steele Creek Presbyterian and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian, there was an agreement the Pleasant Hill mortgage would be paid off.

Burning the mortgage!



Beautiful Pentecost music by the Handbell Choir!



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-2nd 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) by Thursday of each week.



ADULT STUDY DURING VBS WEEK - whether you have children attending Vacation Bible School or not, you are invited to attend a study for adults led by Pastor Jeff, June 13-17 at 6:30 pm in the conference room. The study will be based on the book *Half-Truths* by Adam Hamilton which will compare common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Registration for this class and an optional dinner each night can be made with the link below:

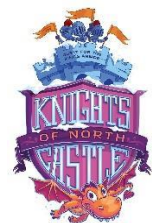
<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YzkzMDU5NDgtZmFjZi00ODUzLWE4NTgtYWQzMzAxNTYzZWMz>

Activities for Children this Summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- JUNE, 13-17

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 5th grade. Registration deadline is May 31. For more information, please contact Cathy Farnham-cathy.farnham@gmail.com, Lorie Lewis- lorie@steelecreekchurch.org or Megan Winget-mmwinget@yahoo.com.

REGISTER FOR
**Vacation
Bible
School**

BETHELWOODS, CAMP-IN-A-VAN - July 28 - July 2

Bethelwoods will bring their staff to our campus, each day, 9 am – 3 pm. This week of crafts, games, activities, worship, and singing will be open to children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade. Use the link below for more information and to register by May 31.

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

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Pleasant Hill Preschool has a couple openings remaining in our rising 3-year-old summer camps. (Children must be 3 or turn 3 by September 1.) Details on the two weeks offered are listed below. Please email Cait at director@pleasanthillpreschool.org to register.

Week 1: Outdoor Adventures!

June 7-10 9:00 am - 12:00 pm \$150

Come join us as we explore all the fun that can be had when we turn off our electronics and step outside. We will explore topics such as camping, hiking, outdoor sports, nature, and water fun. Our imaginations will carry us to exciting spots like oceans, ponds, caves, and mountains. It will be like opening a gift as we discuss all the wonder our world can hold. At this camp, we will play, learn, craft, and explore up a week to remember.

Week 2: Dinosaurs-RAWR!

July 26-29 9:00 am - 12:00 pm \$150

Campers will go roaring into this Prehistoric summer Adventure as they explore the Epic theme of Dinosaurs! This action-packed week is sure to be big fun. Together we will share some Dynomite learning games, excavation activities, crafts, and songs. Your child will roar like a Dinosaur, dig for fossils like a paleontologist, and play with friends like only preschool kids can. We are sure to dig up some smiles, knowledge, and a time to remember as we share a week based on this much-loved theme.

PLAYBALL SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is now open for Playball Summer Camp! This year camp will be offered at two locations-Allison Creek Presbyterian and Steele Creek Presbyterian at Pleasant Hill. All camps are from 9 am-noon for children ages 3 (must be fully potty trained)-10. Camp cost is \$125.00 per week.

June 7-11 Allison Creek

June 21-25 Allison Creek

July 12-16 Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill

July 19-23 Allison Creek

Aug 2-6 Allison Creek

Aug 9-13 Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill

To register, please go to www.playballcarolinas.com

CHURCH ATTENDANCE MAY 16

Inhouse – 165

Facebook & YouTube - 332

Total – 497



Sunday, May 30

10 Cents a Meal Offering
09:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
08:00 pm AA Meeting

Monday, May 31

Office Closed
03:00 pm GS Troop 2009

Tuesday, June 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting
06:45 pm Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, June 2

06:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal
08:00 pm AA Meeting
07:30 pm Handbell Practice
08:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday, June 3

07:30 pm Technology Team Mtg.

Friday, June 4

06:30 pm GS Troop 3676

Saturday, June 5

10:00 am Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Sunday, June 6

09:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Youth Sunday &
Graduate Recognition
02:00 pm GS Troop 3693
03:30 pm GS Troop 3484

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

Judy Watkins	4	Harry Davenport	21
Louise Freeman	5	Angie White	21
Trent Haston	6	Ellen Thomas	22
Leighton Irimies	6	Caitlyn Shanti	22
Regan Snyder	6	Jacob Cunningham	23
Ken Kauffman	7	Wyatt Winget	25
Maddie Tanner	7	Colin Cathey	25
Anita McQuillen	8	Mike Spruill	26
Jack Michel	10	Deborah O'Conner	26
Hester Shank	14	Helen McAllister	27
Katharine Freeman	15	Blakely Whitby	27
Robby McDowell	15	Jamin Shanti	27
George Thrower	15	Betty Byrum	28
Ken Saylor	15	Dave Earp	28
Dalton Dockery	16	Caroline Brasch	29
Linda Neely	17	Aaron Salmon	29
Imogene Siniarski	18	Henry Donato	29
Ron Harris	19	Jeff Pinkston	30



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

Betty Burgess

Frances Currie

Lenora Fincher

Hannah Mauer

Ann Preslar

Betty Warren

Wayne Whiteside

Dick Bigham

Joy Burton

Charlie Earp

Louise Freeman

John McKay

Marilyn Price

Margaret Wert

Joan Brown

Betty Byrum

Dot Earp

Norman Kotraba

Margaret Niell

Gerry Roberts

Lois Yandle





Jim Wagner – Cataract surgery

Rev. John Wilkerson & Marge – Loss of their eldest son, Kevin Wilkerson

Mark Clark – Cancer has returned – Brother of Linda Clark

Frances Campbell – Eye problems

Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill - Associate General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Charlotte, currently on active duty as a Chaplin with the Air Force.

Leighton Brown – Regaining his strength & improving

Barbara Freeman – Health concerns

Lenora Fincher – Health concerns

Betty Byrum – Home from hospital

Marilyn Price – Doing alright, but health concern

Dan Jorgensen – Cancer – Nephew of Allyson & Trey Rogers

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 – Cancer

James Norcom – Hospice – Beth Carroll’s Uncle

Dick Bigham – Health concerns

Jordan Driscoll- Health concerns

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

Mike Spratt – Recovering from surgery

Richard Hoover – Health concerns

Sue Tanner – Health concerns

Charlie King – Duke Hospital in ICU – Nephew of Annette & John Freeman

John Hovis – Recovering at home

George Thrower – Awaiting a kidney transplant

Jean and Joe Furr – Health concerns

PRAISE

Bobby - Blood infection cured, now in rehab – Cousin of Judy Watkins

Abby Brody – Home after successful surgery on the 19th

Betty Small – Doing much better

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 – Fort Carson, Colorado

Will Warsaw – US Navy - Japan

Gabe White – US Army - Ft. Lee, Virginia



GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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