



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.

6th Sunday of Easter

SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 9

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6

Sermon Title: Conquer the World

THE FLOWERS – this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Donna Moody and in loving memory of David Moody on his birthday May 2.

DEXTER'S CORNER.....

Question:

When we die, do we immediately enter the presence of God & Jesus in Heaven, if we are saved?

Answer:

I think the best scripture reference to answer this question comes from Paul in the book of II Corinthians 5:6-8: "Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight - we are of good courage, I say, and prefer to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord." (NASB)

THOUGHTS FROM DEXTER..... I was reading in Luke 24 and noticed some significant misunderstanding. When Jesus was walking along with the two men from Emmaus, one of the men said in verse 21, about Jesus, ".....but we had hoped that He was going to be the one who was going to redeem Israel." In verse 47, Jesus says, ".....for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations."

In the synoptic gospels, Jesus told his disciples no less than 9 times that He would go to Jerusalem, He would be arrested, beaten and crucified, but on the third day He would rise again. When this actually happened, the most surprised people were his disciples! The people of Jesus' day had a vision of the messiah that was much too limited and their expectations were much too small. Jesus did come to redeem Israel, but not just Israel. His mission was to the entire world.

I fear that too often we have expectations that are much too small. We come to Him with preconceived notions about what He will do and how He will act, and when that doesn't happen, we're caught totally off guard. Should we not let Jesus be who He is and act in ways that only He might understand?

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us" (Eph 3:20 NASB)

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY – This Sunday will be very special! Not only is it Mother's Day, but our Children's Choir will be singing. They, and their leaders, have been working so hard on their music for several weeks, so you do not want to miss this!

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SATURDAY – May 8th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Go to redcrossblood.org and click on Schedule an Appointment. Enter the church zip code (28278), enter the date of the drive, click Refine the dates at the bottom of the page and you will see our church at the top of the list. Click See Times and choose your donation time. That is all there is to it! Please let your neighbors & friends know about our drive! If you have any trouble, you may contact Allyson Rogers at allyr@bellsouth.net.

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".

This Sunday, May 9, 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!



MEN'S GROUP – We are going to start the Men's Fellowship up again on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 6:30 pm** at:

John's Family Restaurant – 2002 Westinghouse Blvd.

We will have a short devotional, meal, and fellowship. Please consider attending and also, please invite others to come and enjoy our fellowship. Please also let me know if you plan to attend so I can give the restaurant a roundabout number that will attend so they can prepare for us. Any questions, please contact Barry Small at 704-351-8575 or email me at bsmallnc@gmail.com.

Please click on the link below to register.

<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MDA0OWQyMzqtYjU4Yy00M2Q4LWVfKjYwQxZjAxMmJjOWE5>

God Bless, Barry Small

TO ALL CIRCLE LADIES - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, at 10:00 with Grace Saylor leading lesson seven. This will be our last meeting until September, so I hope you all can join us.

After the meeting those who wish may go as a group to Copper Pub in Lake Wylie for lunch. We will sit outside in the covered area so that as many as possible may eat together. Please call Becky Neely (704-614-2080) or Betty Harraman (704-641-3220) by Monday, May 10, if you are going to lunch, so we can give the restaurant a number. Betty Harraman



DON'T FORGET THE WORK DAY – coming up on Saturday, May 15 from 11:30 AM to 4 PM.

Bill Harraman will be preparing lunch for the group, so please call the office to let us know if you plan to attend.

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 21st in the dining room. Please bring a sandwich and a dessert and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you soon!

Corinthians 8:1 Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. “Always choose Love.” Until next time, my Bible is open, and I hope yours is too!



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).



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 5th 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, Lorie Lewis- lorie@steelecreekchurch.org or Megan Winget- mmwinget@yahoo.com.

BETHEL WOODS, CAMP-IN-A-VAN REGISTRATION INFORMATION - Bethel Woods 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-5th grade. Use the link below for more information and to register by May 31.

<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZWVjMzk3OWI0MGM0ZS00YWYwLWE0NTktYWQwMjAxMjgzZjMz>

THANK YOU! THANK YOU – for the beautiful flower arrangement from my church family! Thanks to the person or group responsible for doing this!!!! It meant so much to me. Thank you also, for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers this past year, of COVID, and for all the phone calls, cards, and notes, especially when I broke my right hip in May and the left hip in October. Thanks also for the delicious homegrown tomatoes last summer. It is good to be remembered!
Sammy Gatewood

Looking back at the youth in our early church history! Please share with each other and your children ☺ There was an In-Gathering program for Foreign Missions. In October each year, they observed an in-gathering. Youth of the congregation would bring in their project and most of it was raising cotton and gathering it. The children brought the cotton to the church where a bed wagon, for hauling cotton, was placed for this purpose. When the wagon was full, it was taken to a gin where it was made into a bale of cotton and the cotton was sold and the proceeds given to Foreign Missions.



LOAVES & FISHES



CHURCH ATTENDANCE MAY 2

Inhouse – 136

Facebook & YouTube - 382

Total – 518



Sunday, May 9

09:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship/Mother's Day
03:30 pm GS Troop 3484
08:00 pm AA Meeting

Monday, May 10

06:30 pm Mission Team

Tuesday, May 11

10:00 am Ladies' Circle
10:00 am Staff Meeting
06:30 pm Men's Group Meeting
07:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13

06:30 Congregational Care
07:30 Tech Team Meeting

Friday, May 14

09:00 am P/T Conferences

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

Happy
Birthday!

MAY

Jay Rawls	1	Jeremy Brasch	14
Andrew Siniarski	1	Everly Michel	17
Michael Morgan	3	Jacob Bridges	19
Betty Harraman	4	Will Salmon	19
Parker Beachley	4	John Clark	20
Maureen Malaney	4	Will Lindsey	20
Donna Roth	5	Ed Lemond	20
Bruce Doane	6	Ted Harkey	20
Joy Burton	6	Davis Whitby	21
Lily Carrion	6	Maddalynn McAliley	21
Margaret Johnson	6	Kyle Nielsen	21
Judy Martin	6	Gerry Roberts	22
Dorinda Snyder	6	Thad Carroll	22
Sydney Snyder	6	Lee Davidson	22
Hannah Thompson	6	Price Freeman	23
John Morgan	6	Karen Shaver	24
Sandra Doane	7	Kathy Kaylor	25
Christian McCall	7	Liza Smith	25
Nancy Hommes	7	Kate Lemond	26
Eric Brody	9	Laura Whitby	26

Greg Hommes 10
Hamilton McCall 11
Deborah Thrower 12
Josh Shaver 12
Melinda Whitaker 12

Pat McNulty 28
Brandon McKee 29
Donna Noblitt 29
Norman Kotraba 31



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 19th

Anne Preslar – Health concern

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

Bill Marlow – Passed on 4-29-2021 - former member of Billie Watt Class

Jake – Hodgkin’s Lymphoma - Son of Brooks Runkle

Jeannie Purvis – Health concerns

James Norcom – Hospice – Beth Carroll’s Uncle

Leighton Brown – At home and doing better

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 – Remains in Duke Hospital in ICU – from aftereffects of COVID - Nephew of Annette & John Freeman

John Hovis – Recovering at home

George Thrower – Awaiting a kidney transplant

Jean and Joe Furr – Health concerns

PRAISE

Daughter & Son-in-law of Ann & Phil Seaman – well from COVID

Boyd Kurt – Doing well after surgery



Please pray for our Members of the Armed Forces

Brian Cox – US Air Force
Olivia Hommes – US Air Force
Lexie Simerly – US Army
Will Warsaw – US Navy
Gabe White – US Army

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