



Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to address a couple of concerns in the life of the church. First, I would remind you that when you come into the Sanctuary, the seating on the far left of the sanctuary, near the courtyard, is restricted to “Mask Required – Social Distancing Required”. This is to offer an area that is safe and secure for those who want to be in worship with us and yet, for whatever reasons, they are still wearing a mask. Please honor this commitment of the church for those who may be at risk. If you desire to sit on the far left then wear a mask and if you have children with you, have them wear a mask as well. The other 3 sections of the sanctuary do not require masks and you are free to sit in any one of those without a mask. The “Mask Required – Social Distancing Required” is clearly marked with small signs at the end of each pew. Thanks for your cooperation!

Second, I did want to say a word about our finances. I continue to commend you regarding your faithfulness in supporting the church and its mission. As you may have noticed, this year we have fallen behind in our giving as compared with our expenses. Our giving is down slightly, and our expenses are up since we are back at church and using our facilities more frequently. This is also vacation season and that tends to decrease our offering. Please try to stay up to date with your giving. Not only are we trying to support our current ministry, but we are hoping to expand our staff by adding an Associate Pastor in the near future. We will need to increase our current financial support in order to accomplish this goal. Prayerfully consider if you might be in a position to give something more to the church and our growing ministry.

Third, I will be hosting a Membership Exploration Class on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. If you are interested in learning more about our church family and possibly joining our membership, please call the church office and let us know you plan to attend. The class will meet in the Conference Room in the office area.

Finally, continue to pray for our Visioning Team as they finish up their work and make ready to share a report on the direction, we believe God is calling our church. You will continue to hear more about this Vision and our plan for implementing it. We will be sharing bits and pieces of the Vision Plan over the summer with a Kickoff Event planned for some time in November. This team has spent over 60 hours meeting together with our consultant, in addition to more hours working on different tasks and in various subgroups. They have made reports to the leadership of our church and taken their feedback to tweak the Vision. They will be presenting the final product to the Session in the next couple of months. Please keep the final steps of this process and the Visioning Team in your prayers!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff

**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.

**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.

**THE FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY** – are given to the Glory of God by the family of George & Betty Davis and in celebration of their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flowers are also given to the Glory of God by Jamey DeBerry and in celebration of Sarah DeBerry's birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## SCRIPTURE FOR JULY 4

Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Sermon title: Rejected at Home

AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY – fresh hot coffee, assorted glazed donuts, and sliced bagels with sides of cream cheese will be available before Sunday School and Church in the lobby of the sanctuary. This will provide time to fellowship with friends and to welcome visitors to our church! Please remember drinks with lids are allowed in the sanctuary, but no food in the sanctuary.

THE CHURCH OFFICE – will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS - will not be published the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>. The next publication will be July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any special announcements will be sent out via Realm.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW - the church's Facebook page, as both the Alaska Team and the Wilmington Team hope to keep you updated on what they are doing!

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

BEN BROWN SCHOLARSHIP – The Ben Brown Scholarship Fund provides money for church members who are pursuing post high school degrees. These scholarships are awarded based on need and the availability of funds. Applications can be picked up on the table in front of the church office or emailed (contact the church office). Completed applications are due no later than August 1, 2021 and must be returned to the church office.

THESE DAYS – for July – September are now available in the lobby of the Sanctuary and the Administrative office, in both regular print and large print.

**DEXTER'S DEVOTION** – Use the link below to read Dexter's devotion for this week.

<https://www.steelecreekchurch.org/dexters-devotions/>

**OUR NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from 11:30 – 4:00 pm. Please go the Red Cross website and schedule your appointment. It is only 7 weeks away and this will go by quickly! Thank you for considering a donation to this very important cause!

**CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT** - As we continue to enjoy being able to do more things together again, why not make plans to join your church family on retreat, September 18-19, 2021. This is a wonderful weekend of relaxation, recreation, fellowship, and study.

We will return to the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC and will be staying in the Blue Ridge Center so we can eat, sleep, and meet in the same building! A Friday night option is available (September 17) for those who would like to head up early and enjoy the mountains (meals will be on your own). The retreat will begin Saturday, September 18 at 11 am and end at lunch on Sunday, September 19. Our own David McAliley will lead two adult sessions on The Miracle of Dreams: Does God Speak to Us through Dreams?

Rooms are hotel style, consisting of two double beds and a private bath. Three meals will be prepared by the facility (Saturday lunch/dinner and Sunday Breakfast) during our stay. Below is full pricing information:

- Rate per room/per night: \$110
- Meal Rate/facility fee (per adult): \$50.00
- Meal Rate/facility fee (per child 3-11): \$31.00
- Under 3 years - no meal/facility fee

Example:

Family of 4 for one night: \$272.00  
(2 adults, 2 children)

**A deposit of \$100 per family unit is due by August 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve a spot.** You may use the link below to register in Realm or contact Lorie Lewis - [lorie@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekchurch.org).

<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzBmNjBhNzMtOWJjMC00MTIzLTg2Y2MtYWQ1MjAxMmViOTlm>

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE JUNE 27**

**Inhouse – 155**

**Facebook & YouTube - 374**

**Total – 529**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**



**Please do not forget Loaves & Fishes!**

**Thank you.**





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                 |   |                   |    |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|----|
| Delaney Whitby  | 1 | Jamey DeBerry     | 13 |
| Walter Neely    | 2 | Sarah Harkey      | 13 |
| Reese Earp      | 2 | Maddie Stock      | 13 |
| Evelyn Gause    | 2 | Patty Tachayapong | 14 |
| Frank Medlock   | 3 | Emily Shanti      | 14 |
| Karen Rawls     | 3 | Phil Seaman       | 16 |
| Becky Neely     | 4 | John Shaver       | 18 |
| Sarah DeBerry   | 4 | Harriette Baker   | 21 |
| Dale Willis     | 5 | Mary Winget       | 21 |
| Jonathan McCall | 5 | John Beck         | 21 |
| Helen Shaver    | 5 | Sue Tanner        | 21 |
| Jared McCall    | 5 | Carol Boot        | 23 |
| Leah Warnke     | 5 | Mike Purvis       | 23 |
| Jessica Morgan  | 7 | Linda Clark       | 24 |
| Eugene Foster   | 8 | Charlie Earp      | 26 |
| Jean Cathey     | 9 | Jonathan Thomas   | 26 |

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|------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Donna Moody      | 9  | Bill Choate      | 27 |
| Frances Campbell | 9  | Kate Driscoll    | 27 |
| David McCorkle   | 9  | Hudson Reiter    | 27 |
| Natasha Brasch   | 10 | Jack McCall      | 28 |
| Karen Harmon     | 10 | Crystal Hembree  | 29 |
| Larry Wiggins    | 10 | Pauline Clark    | 30 |
| Rebecca Economon | 11 | Rowan Haston     | 30 |
| Dean Campbell    | 11 | Jennifer Irimies | 30 |
| Susan Brinkley   | 12 | Leighton Brown   | 31 |
| Zach White       | 12 | Pam Warsaw       | 31 |
| Lenora Fincher   | 13 | Margaret Wert    | 31 |



**GOD**  
**BLESS**  
**AMERICA!**



### Sunday, July 4

09:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

08:00 pm AA Meeting

### Monday, July 5

Office Closed

07:00 pm Worship Committee Mtg.

### Tuesday, July 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

06:45 pm Christian Education Mtg.

### Wednesday, July 7

06:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

07:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

08:00 pm AA Meeting

### Thursday, July 8

07:00 pm Choir Practice

07:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

07:00 pm Choir Practice

07:30 pm Technology Team Teleconference

### Saturday, July 10

02:00 pm Alan Saxon Memorial

03:00 pm Saxon Family Meal

### Sunday, July 11

09:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

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.





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|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Marguerite Aycoth | 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 |

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:**

The family of David Alan Saxon – who passed on February 1, 2021. He is the father of Stacy Saxon and Cristal Saxon Smith. A service to celebrate his life will be held here at the church on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Visitation will follow the service.

Don Armstrong - Heart valve replacement surgery very soon – Cousin of Linda Freeman

Katie Hedrick – Cancer – 10-month-old twin girls – Friend of Phil & Ann Seaman

Leighton Brown – Home doing better

Keith – Hospice – Friend of Sarah Harkey

Chickie Miller - Cancer

Margaret Neill – Health concerns

Laura O’Conner – Multiple health concerns – Sister-in-law of Paul O’Conner – please keep Laura & her husband Robbie in your prayers

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

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

Jordan Driscoll- Health concerns

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

Mike Spratt – Recovering from surgery

Richard Hoover – Hospice

Sue Tanner – Health concerns

Charlie King – Duke Hospital – improving – Nephew of Annette & John Freeman

John Hovis – Recovering at home

George Thrower – Awaiting a kidney transplant

Jean and Joe Furr – Health concerns

**PRAISE**

Carlota Long – Has returned to work – Friend of Cheryl Simerly

Carolos Reyes – Moved to rehab – Friend of Cheryl Simerly

Barbara Freeman – Much better!



Have a wonderful and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



**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 – Fort Wainwright, Alaska



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