



Masks Are Now Required in Church - At the Session meeting last Sunday the following decision was approved. "The wearing of masks should be observed in our church in accordance with the CDC guidelines." As you attend indoor functions at the church including Worship, please wear a mask (Elementary age and older).

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.

THIS SUNDAY – Youth Mission Update

THE FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY – are given to the Glory of God and loving memory of our parents, Feriba and Loy Brown, in remembrance of their marriage on August 22, 1925 by Leighton Brown, Walter Brown, and Roberta Harris.

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.

WiFi FOR: SCPCPH GUESTS – PASSWORD: scpcphGuest

ORDER OF WORSHIP – will be available this Sunday in a limited number. These will be on the two stands just inside the Sanctuary doors. They will also be available, every Friday, in the very near future on our web page.

PEW PADS ARE BACK – Please be sure to sign the pad on your pew and pass it down & back, so you can welcome any visitors, and greet those who are sitting near you.

SCRIPTURE FOR AUGUST 22

Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40, Micah 6:8

Guest Speakers: Youth Mission Update

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 outside 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.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Actions taken by the Session:

- The Awaken Service will be ending in October. Beginning in November, only a blended service will be offered each week.
- Wearing of Masks should be observed in church.
- The church Wi-Fi system is being expanded to the entire campus.
- A new security and camera system will be installed by the end of August.
- A full and complete audit of the church's financial records revealed that adequate processes were in place. They suggested ten improvement recommendations, mostly minor, for the Session to consider.
- The Christian Education activities had a good summer and looks forward to Sunday School start-up on September 12th. Three ladies Bible Studies, the Women's Circle, and Faith and Family Nights begin in September. The Fall Festival is on October 23, and help is needed.
- An abbreviated Children's Time will begin during the Worship Service on October 3rd.

- Letters of appreciation for our financial support were received from the Solid Rock Bible Camp in Alaska, the Roof Above, the Children's Hope Alliance, the Salvation Army, Loaves and Fishes, and Friendship Trays.
- Scottish Heritage Sunday will be in October, the Outreach Team will be ordering tee shirts with our logo for sale, and over 100 cards were sent during the month of July to members of the Congregation.
- The Visioning Committee has been working for the past eight months with a consultant on our path forward. Their report was received, and the implementation now begins. As part of the action plan, the Session adopted The Horizon Storyline Template for the church. It contains long term, midterm, and short-term goals. The first one-year goal for the congregation is described in another article in the Announcements. The entire Template will be introduced when Rev. Pinkston returns in November.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - everyone is invited to bring their backpacks or book bags to worship this Sunday, August 22 for a time of dedication and prayer as we bless the backpacks and the people who carry them for a new school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF (OR RALLY DAY) - will take place on September 12! Everyone (adults, youth, and children) is invited to the Multi-Purpose room at 9:30 am for refreshments and games. Sunday School teachers for children and youth will be introduced and we will celebrate those children/youth who will be moving up to a new Sunday School class this year. Information will also be available about our Adult Sunday School classes and our Confirmation Class. If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class, this is a great Sunday to start.



A CONFIRMATION CLASS - will be offered beginning September 12. This class is designed for young people in 6th grade and above who have not previously had the opportunity to attend a confirmation class. Participants will explore their faith along with the doctrine and organizational structure of the Presbyterian Church and have the opportunity at the end of class to confirm the promises made for them at their baptism (or to be baptized) and to profess their own faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The class will be led by Becky Neely, Lorie Lewis, and Pastor Jeff Pinkston. September 12 will be orientation and then the class will meet weekly at 9:30 am, September 26 - November 14 with participants joining the church on November 21. You may register your child/children for confirmation with the link below or by contacting Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekchurch.org.

<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MmUwYzA1ZjQtNjVIMi00OWY1LTlkZmUtYWQ4MDAxMDYyNjc4>

THE HORIZON STORYLINE TEMPLATE FOR STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT PLEASANT HILL

"300 EVERYDAY DISCIPLES TITHING THEIR TIME."

The Vision Committee has completed their work. Now it is time for our Congregation to begin work on the first one-year goal for the Vision. It is:

By the Fall of 2022, 300 people will be "tithing their time" by developing their "daily walk" through daily practice, weekly community, and monthly service.

While this will be explained more in detail in the following months, it is a challenge to each of us to commit our time daily, weekly, and monthly. The goal is to strengthen our connection with God, establish and participate in groups for fellowship and learning, and organize opportunities for people to actively serve our neighbors. Sound exciting? Stay tuned for more!



NEW WOMEN'S STUDY – *Elijah - Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer will be led by Clara Giles, every Thursday at 10 am, September 16-October 28. This study will explore the life and times of the prophet Elijah and how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. How the bold, fiery faith that you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. Space will be limited in this group so reserve your place with the link below.

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OUR FALL FESTIVAL - is scheduled for October 23rd from 11-2. Trunk or Treat will be from 11:00 – 11:30. There will be a giant slide, bounce house, hayride, games, pumpkin decorating, a DJ & balloon twister. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be available for purchase. Donations of candy and small pumpkins will be greatly appreciated.

We need your help to make this year's event a success! You can use this link to sign up to help or you can contact Cheryl Simerly, cheryl@csimerly.com or <https://e.onrealm.org/news>.

Let's come together to make this a great event for our community!

SCRIPTURE AND STARBUCKS - will begin again on September 23 at 6:30 pm in the dining room. This is a group open to all women that meets the 3rd Tuesday night of each month for coffee and study. The group will be led by Lorie Lewis, and we'll be studying "Jeremiah-Daring to Hope in an Unstable World" by Melissa Spoelstra. The study will explore six guidelines for living that can help us overcome fear, worry, doubt, and bitterness as we surrender our wills to God and put our hope in Him alone. You can use the link below to register for this group or contact Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekchurch.org.

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THE LADY'S BIBLE STUDY - is set to begin meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 6 pm - 7 pm, every other week. Abby Brody will lead the study "The Hard Good-Showing up for God to Work in You When You Want to Shut Down" by Lisa Whittle. You can register for this group on Realm (use the link below) or by contacting Abby at amcarter@g.coastal.edu.

<https://onrealm.org/SteeleCreekChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YmNiN2JjOGQtYjQ1Zi00NjY4LTg3OTItYWQ4NzAxNTY4NWQz>

ZOOM MEETINGS - If you need help hosting a Zoom meeting please contact: Cooper Lewis (cooper@wcl2.com); Jack Michel (jack.michel.unc@gmail.com) or Mike Purvis (purvis358@gmail.com).

DEXTER'S DEVOTION – can be found on the Church web page under Worship or you can use the link below to read his devotion for this week.

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

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



A MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA – is initially being planned for March 10-24, 2022. The trip is planned for two whole weeks, but you may opt for one week. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Dexter for more details. He can be reached by e-mail at dexter_e_green@yahoo.com or you can call him at (704) 575-0474.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE August 15

Inhouse – 107

Facebook & YouTube - 389

Total – 496

General Fund	8/12/2021
Y.T.D. Actual Income:	\$431,436.71
Y.T.D. Actual Expenses:	<u>\$505,133.36</u>
Over/(-Under):	(-\$73,696.65)

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING

Your Summer Stewardship.





Sunday, August 22

09:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

12:00 pm – Red Cross Drive

08:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 24

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 25

06:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

07:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

08:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday, August 26

07:00 pm Choir Practice

07:30 pm Technology Team Teleconference

Saturday, August 28

08:30 am Kinderdance

01:00 pm Birthday Party

Sunday, August 29

09:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

08:00 pm AA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who lifted me up in prayer. I appreciate it so much. Thanks to those who sent get well cards, birthday cards, and to those who have called to check on me and brought food. A very special thank you to my bride, Martha, who took special care of me and to my daughter, Anita, and her husband, Mark, for taking care of my lawn. It's nice to have a church family who looks after you! Leighton Brown



Thank you for sharing with Loaves & Fishes.



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

Joy Burton

Charlie Earp

Katharine Freeman

Norman Kotraba

Margaret Niell

Gerry Roberts

Lois Yandle

Joan Brown

Betty Byrum

Dot Earp

Louise Freeman

Hannah Mauer

Ann Preslar

Margaret Wert

Betty Burgess

Frances Currie

Lenora Fincher

Joe Furr

John McKay

Marilyn Price

Wayne Whiteside



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

Linda Clark – Recovering from back surgery – doing well

Hannah Johnson – Undergoing tests for a possible brain tumor – Friend of Charlie Warnke

Forrest Nunnerly – Pinched nerve in neck causing pain in her arm and slight loss of use

Ben Horack – In rehab recovering from surgery

Angie Neel – In an auto accident recently and sustained injuries – she is healing and hopes to be back in church soon

George Thrower – Has COVID and is awaiting a kidney transplant

Olivia Rose - Is doing great, and is still doing therapy, but will need to have another surgery – Niece of Beckie Ennis

Don Griffin – Open heart surgery postponed until August 23 – Friend of Pam Shubert

Irwen Burns - Facing major surgery - please be in prayer for Irwen & his wife, Carla and for Lynn Roberts

Judy – Health concern – Sister of Debbie O’Conner

Stephanie Hammonds – Cancer health concern

Sandra Stiles - Stage 4c Head & Neck Metastatic Cancer

Louise Freeman – Shoulder problems

Adam Butler – Esophageal cancer – son of good friends of David & Clara Giles

Kip – At home, but not doing well – please pray for Kip & wife Teri, who are friends of Sandi Lauerma

Charlie King – Duke Hospital from long-term effects of COVID – Nephew of Annette & John Freeman

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

Keith – Hospice – Friend of Sarah Harkey

Chickie Miller - Cancer

Jake – Hodgkin’s Lymphoma - Son of Brooks Runkle

Jeannie Purvis – Cancer – Wife of Mike Purvis

PRAISE

Geoff Boot is doing so much better and continues to make progress.

Mark – came home this week and is doing better as is his wife, Patty – Nephew of Gail Brenner

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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