

**Weekly  
Announcements  
7-2-23**



**STEELE CREEK**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
at Pleasant Hill

**Mission/Vision Framework**

**We work together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing everyday disciples who value praise, family, grace and mission – through daily practice, weekly community, and monthly service.**

**Worship July 2:**

**Message: “God Himself Will Provide the Lamb”**

**Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14**

**The Flowers This Sunday** – are given to the Glory of God by the Davis Family and in honor of their parent’s, George & Betty Davis’, 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary today. The flowers are also given to the Glory of God by Jamey DeBerry and in celebration of Sarah DeBerry’s birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**The Two Candles** – on the table, in the Sanctuary, are lit in honor of Lexie Simerly, U.S. Army, serving in South Korea and Brian Cox, U.S. Air Force, serving in Jordan. When we have someone serving outside of the U.S., we remember them, by lighting a candle, until they return. Please be in prayer for them.

Elder Greeters	Price Freeman, Mike Morgan, Sr.
Deacons	Tom Burns, Becky Faircloth, Fred Willis, Kelly Andrus, Clinton Corbett
Coffee and Bagels	<b>VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!</b>
Counters	July 5: Barry Small, Bill Harraman
Signers	July 6: Walter Neely, Leon Daniels

**Church Attendance June 18**

Inhouse – 194	Children – 28	Nursery - 5	Online – 165	Total – 359
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**Member Info** – There is a member info bulletin board next to the Coffee Room.

**Welcome Center** – There is a welcome center where the donut table once was. Visitor gift bags and information can be found there. You can both sign-up for and pick-up nametags there and get a book for your child to read during worship. Kid’s activity bags are still on the hooks.

**Prayer Requests**– Submit via paper or through Church Center App. Paper requests may be found in the pews and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer box in the lobby. Digital requests can be made by [clicking here](#).

**Helpful Reminders from Church Staff**

**Summer has finally arrived!** We kindly ask you to reach out to the church office if you are uncomfortable with the temperature when you are in the church. Please do not adjust any of the thermostats yourself. They are programmed to keep you comfortable and to prevent high humidity in the buildings. Thank you.

**If You Have Not** – made your VBS donation, next week is the last week to do so.

**Special Events and Promotions**

**Trip to See the Ark!** - Seats are still available on the bus. We currently have 16 people going; however, if we have 20 going, the travel company will pick everyone up at the church! If you haven't been before, this is a wonderful trip! Not only do you get to see the Ark, but also the Creation Museum, Kentucky thoroughbred horses and a racetrack, etc. Please consider going with us and if you can't, please spread the word that seats are available. You are encouraged to go ahead and sign up and not wait, because the seats won't be available much longer.

**Mark Your Calendar**

You can also find these and more on the Church Center App and the calendar on the church website. [Visit the website calendar here](#).

<b>July 2, Sun</b>	<b>July 10, Mon.</b>
9:30 am – Dexter’s Sunday School Class	Preschool Summer Camp
10:30 am – Worship	2:00 pm – Intercessory Prayer Team
<b>July 3, Mon.</b>	7:00 pm – Tithing Committee Meeting
Office Closed	<b>July 11, Tues.</b>
<b>July 4, Tues</b>	11:00 am – Women’s Circle/John’s Rest.
Office Closed	<b>July 12, Wed.</b>
<b>July 9, Sun.</b>	6:00 pm – Community Engagement
10:30 am – Tithing Committee Update	<b>July 23, Sun</b>
1:00 pm - Wilmington Mission Departs	9:30 am – Door of Hope Mission Recap



**Looking Ahead! Hold the Date!**

**Family Retreat**

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 YMCA Blue Ridge: Black Mountain, NC

**The Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament** – will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Harry L. Jones, Jr. Golf Course (formerly Renaissance Golf Course) at the corner of Tyvola & S. Tryon. Tee off is at 8:30 am.

### **Volunteer or Donate**

**The Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament** - is planning a meeting following church on Sunday, July 2, 2023 in the parlor. The meeting will be short as we start planning the event. We are 3 months away from Saturday, October 7, 2023 so we need to plan quickly. All people interested in helping please attend. If you have any questions, please contact Barry Small.

**Good Samaritan Fund** – The Good Samaritan Fund is a fund authorized by the Session that functions outside of our regular budget. It is administered and distributed by the pastors to help those in need who do not meet the requirements of local agencies or when those local agencies do not have adequate funding. This fund depends entirely on the donations of our church members. Our current funds are running low, and we are asking those who might like to contribute to this ministry to please designate your gifts “Good Samaritan”. You may donate through Church Center Giving [by clicking here](#). Thank you for your support!

**Coffee & Donuts Need Volunteers** - There are many open dates on the calendar. Please consider signing up so this can continue. The following dates are open: June 25, July 2, 23, 30, August 13, 27, September 10, 24. If no one volunteers, coffee & donuts will be canceled for the summer. We need volunteers to keep this going!

**Infant Nursery Volunteers for the Schoolyear During Worship** – In order to get both J-Walker classes covered during the school year, we need to move one of our nursery workers over to serve as a support for one of the classes.

But we need your help to do that! We’d like to have 8 volunteers that would be willing to spend one Sunday worship time every-other month in the infant nursery. We believe that there are at least 8 of you in this loving congregation that would be willing to provide this vital service.

Please prayerfully consider this and contact [Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org](mailto:Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org)

### **Family Ministries**

**What is Pastor Elisa doing?** Session and the Admin. and Personnel Committee has realigned a couple of the job descriptions within the staff, as we continue to modify and adjust to our new growth and vision/mission. Pastor Elisa will be overseeing all community groups of all kinds for all ages to include Sunday School, mid-week groups, monthly groups, youth, and basic training groups. She is the staff support person for the Christian Growth ministry teams of both Youth and Adult. She welcomes your prayers!

**J-Walker Volunteers** – A proposal of a rotating schedule has been sent to volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer on a rotating schedule and did not get an email – please contact [Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org](mailto:Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org)

**Sunday School Volunteers** – The schedule is almost complete! However, we're a little thin on volunteers for the youth class on Sunday mornings. If you're willing to volunteer there, please contact [Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org](mailto:Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org)

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**Donate to support these mission trips!** – Please consider donating to help fund these scholarships and to help provide treats for everyone going – from tacos to ice cream! You can write a check or give through Church Center Giving – pull down menu: Youth Scholarship Donations. [Click here to donate](#)

## **July Birthdays**

Delaney Whitby	1-Jul	Karen Harmon	10-Jul	Sue Tanner	21-Jul
Walter Neely, Jr.	2-Jul	Larry Wiggins	10-Jul	Mary Winget	21-Jul
Bryant Rogers	3-Jul	Rebecca Economon	11-Jul	Georgia Kate Monroe	22-Jul
Frank Medlock	3-Jul	Tim Brown	11-Jul	Mike Purvis	23-Jul
Karen Rawls	3-Jul	Dean Campbell	11-Jul	Carol Boot	23-Jul
Becky Neely	4-Jul	Susan Brinkley	12-Jul	Jessica Wrenn	23-Jul
Sarah DeBerry	4-Jul	Zach White	12-Jul	Linda Clark	24-Jul
Jared McCall	5-Jul	Jamey DeBerry	13-Jul	Robert Aiello	25-Jul
Jonathan McCall	5-Jul	Sarah Harkey	13-Jul	Joel-Dexter Hargett	25-Jul
Helen Shaver	5-Jul	Maddie Stock	13-Jul	Jonathan Thomas	26-Jul
Leah Warnke	5-Jul	Ava Reynolds	13-Jul	Bill Choate	27-Jul
Dale Willis	5-Jul	Emily Shanti	14-Jul	Kate Driscoll	27-Jul
Angie Aiello	6-Jul	Patty Tachayapong	14-Jul	Hudson Reiter	27-Jul
Russ Hammond	6-Jul	Charlotte Ennis	15-Jul	Jack McCall	28-Jul
Jessica Morgan	7-Jul	Jane Mitchell	16-Jul	Henry Halleland	28-Jul
Janet Johnson	7-Jul	Phil Seaman	16-Jul	Robin Beachley	29-Jul
Eugene Foster	8-Jul	Evelyn Stutz	16-Jul	Crystal Hembree	29-Jul
Bryson McGinn	8-Jul	Olivia Kelly	16-Jul	Joann Jeffries	29-Jul
David McCorkle	9-Jul	John Shaver	18-Jul	Rowan Haston	30-Jul
Frances Campbell	9-Jul	Keller Reynolds	20-Jul	Jennifer Irimies	30-Jul
Donna Moody	9-Jul	Harriette Baker	21-Jul	Leighton Brown	31-Jul
Jean Cathey	9-Jul	John Beck	21-Jul	Pam Warsaw	31-Jul
Jeremy McAdoo	10-Jul	Nora Mari	21-Jul	Margaret Wert	31-Jul

## **Adult Community Groups Summer Updates**

**Pastor Dexter** - is teaching a summer class which is being held in the Choir Room, called *Confident Hope*. This series will cover such topics as, "Why do you worry, or doubt, or be afraid?" The class will cover the general topics of "What Jesus Teaches about Faith," "Faith and Salvation", and "How Faith Gives Us Hope."

Jamey has created some more books. Please let her know if you need one.

## **Praise and Gratitude**

### **Give thanks in all things...**

Thank you to the meal prep volunteers who worked so hard to serve so many people during vbs! And a special thank you to Bill Harraman who works to coordinate all the cooking and serving!

Betty Harraman, Paul and Deb O'Connor, Dewitt and Sandy Lauerman, Lynn Roberts, Betsy Stewart, Fred and Dale Willis, David and Bonnie Thompson, Donna Moody

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **Condolences**

- We pray for comfort for David Giles and his entire family as he mourns the loss of his sister, Elaine Giles.
- We pray for comfort for Judy Watkins and her entire family as she mourns the loss of her mother Nancy Starnes.
- We pray for comfort for all the family and friends of Bill Griener, including Barry and Betty Small, as they mourn the loss of Bill.

### **Surgery**

- Don Baker had a successful shoulder replacement surgery on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll pray for continued healing.

### **Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns**

- For Christians who are being persecuted around the world.
- For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.
- Admin and Personnel Team as they continue to lead our church.
- Agape Dental Ministry
- Kairos Prison Ministry

### **General Health Concerns:**

- Darrell Bonapart is a veteran, member of the American Legion, and friend of Bill Harraman. His wife has now been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, diabetes, nerve damage, and high blood pressure. He appreciates our prayers.

- Danita Hines, friend, and neighbor of Betty Small, who has 4 of 6 children in elementary school is back home from the hospital and is requiring extended family to come and help.
- John Hovis is at home recovering from pneumonia.

**Ongoing Illness**

- Linda Neely is doing much better with her healing and is continuing physical therapy.
- Meg Salmon’s dad, who has taken a turn for the worse and will be relocating to this area with his wife.
- Cooper Freeman III has been diagnosed with kidney disease but is not scheduled for dialysis. He needs prayer for healing for his feet.
- John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe’s brother-in-law, is on dialysis again and awaiting a match for a kidney transplant.
- Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.
- Richard Thetford (wife Betsy), friend of Pam Horack, is struggling with kidney issues and needs them to improve so that he will be eligible for a transplant.
- Louise Freeman, Bob Freeman’s wife, had a pacemaker put in – it went well, and she is at home receiving therapy.

**Cancer**

- Sara Aldridge, friend of Caroline Miller, is now well enough to receive a liver transplant, praying she gets one.
- Donna Garrison, pancreatic cancer, has been unable to tolerate the chemotherapy treatments and was scheduled to have surgery on Wednesday, May 31st, for the removal of the tumor on the pancreas.
- Dan Baird, Kate Lemond’s co-worker’s father, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is almost finished with chemo treatments.
- Jim Conner, Becky Ennis’ father, is doing well on chemo.
- Diana Hunter, pancreatic cancer, is doing a bit better but still struggling.
- Ruth McGaha is battling lung cancer and struggling with treatments.
- Terri Plotkin, Kelly Burkhart’s best friend’s mom, is not doing well on chemo treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- Larry Aaron, co-worker of Kate Lemond, asks for prayer for healing, a treatment plan, and understanding of the situation.



Joan Brown	Frances Campbell	Joyce Carpenter	Dot Earp	Jimmy Earp
Joe Furr	Katharine Freeman	Louise Freeman	Hannah Mauer	Danny Martin

Mike Spratt	Sammy Gatewood	Margaret Niell	Forest Nunnally	Elaine Kotraba
Lois Yandle	Margaret Wert	Gerry Roberts	Wayne Whiteside	



Brian Cox – US Air Force, Jordan [Candle for Deployment]	Lexie Simerly – US Army – South Korea [Candle for Deployment]	Olivia Hommes – US Air Force Academy, Colorado
Will Warsaw – US Navy, Virginia	Gabe White – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska	Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

**Continuing Education Students**

Parker Beachley	Sarah DeBerry	Erin Whitaker	Kelly Ferguson	Donald Horack
Leah Warnke	Connor McAliley	Melinda Moore	Regan Snyder	Andrew Tanner

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



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

7/2/2023