

**Weekly
Announcements
9-10-23**



STEELE CREEK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
at Pleasant Hill

Mission & Vision Frameworks

Working 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 SEPTEMBER 10:

Message: “You are God’s masterpiece”

Scripture: Gen. 1:26-32, Eph. 2:10, 4:1

The Flowers This Week - are given to the Glory of God by Ronald and Roberta Harris in loving memory of Ronald’s mother Mary Alice Harris for her birthday anniversary September 8th, and by Donna Moody in celebration of Karsen Pennington’s birthday on September 12.

This Sunday – Blessing of the Backpacks **BRING YOUR BACKPACKS!**

Elder Greeters	Michael Faircloth, Trey Horack
Deacons	Rachel Steele, Betty Harraman, Jessica Morgan, Gene Gilleland, Randall Brunson
Coffee and Bagels	Judy Watkins
Counters	Leighton Brown, DeWitt Lauerman
Signers	Pam Horack, Bill Harraman

Church Attendance for September 3:

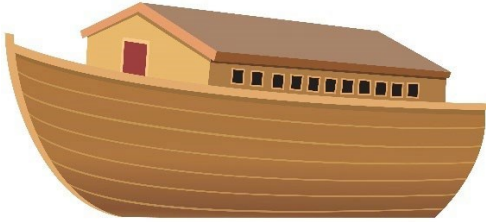
Inhouse – 167	Children –20	Nursery - 2	Online – 247	Total – 414
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Donations

Memorial gifts placed for John Harold Hovis are as follows:

Leslie and Rebecca Willard	MacRay & Linda Elliot
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Earnhardt	Becky & Gene Willard
Charlotte Burgess with Elana and Allison	

Special Events and Promotions



Ark Encounter - It's not too late to experience the "Ark Encounter" in Williamstown, Ky. You do not want to pass up this fun trip with fellow Christians to see an exact replica of the Ark that God instructed Noah to build. You will be amazed as the story comes to life as you see, for yourself, how BIG it really is and how Noah and his family were able to live every day during this journey, as well as, caring for two of each kind of animal on earth! During the

trip you will also get to visit the Creation Museum, ride a camel, visit a working Kentucky horse farm, pet million-dollar horses, visit a racetrack, and see the jockeys warming up the horses and working them out on the track. We will board our tour bus the morning of October 11th and will return to Charlotte on October 13. **There are still seats available, so please consider joining us on this fun adventure!** Your hosts for the trip are Betty Davis & Jamey DeBerry.

The Scottish Heritage Golf

Tournament will be October 7th, tee off at 8:30 a.m., at Harry L. Jones, Jr. Golf Course (formerly Renaissance Golf Course) at the corner of Tyvola & S. Tryon. This annual benefit tournament chooses a group each year to serve. This year it is raising money and awareness for [Agape Dental Ministry](#), who provides free dental care to low or no income individuals in Mecklenburg County. A list of supplies requested are as follows: bottled water, sodas, diet sodas, Gatorade, Gatorade zero, Lance crackers, small bags of chips or pretzels, power or protein bars and small individually wrapped pieces of candy.



The Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament has sold out on golfers; we have 100 golfers!!! We are looking for volunteers to work on the tournament starting Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 a.m. We are still looking for hole sponsors and donations for gifts for the golfers. We will have a bagpiper perform for the opening ceremony and are trying to have an ROTC Honor Guard present the colors. Call the church office to sign-up to participate as helper, sponsor, or any other questions. Thank you to all who have already helped.

[Register by clicking here!](#)

May God Bless,
Barry Small

Activities for this week

You can also find these dates and more on the Church Center App and the calendar on the church website.

[Visit the website calendar here.](#)

<u>September 10, Sun.</u>	<u>September 13, Wed.</u>
09:00 am – Donuts, Bagels, and Coffee	06:00 pm – Community Engagement
9:30 am - Sunday School	06:30 pm - Praise Team Practice
10:30 am – Worship	07:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Blessing of the Backpacks	<u>September 14, Thurs.</u>
<u>September 11, Mon.</u>	06:30 pm – Congregational Care
Patriot Day	07:00 pm - Handbells
02:00 pm - Intercessory Prayer Team	7:30 pm - Tech Team
06:00 pm - Admin & Personnel	<u>September 15, Fri.</u>
06:30 pm – Missions Ministry Team	Church and Family Retreat Weekend at Black Mtn.
<u>September 12, Tues.</u>	
Election Day	
06:30 pm – Finance Ministry Team	
06:30 pm - Not-So-Youth-Group	

The Church Retreat – at Black Mountain, on September 16 – 17, will be led by Pastor Jeff. Early check-in Friday, September 15. The topic will be Adam Hamilton’s “The Walk – Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life.” We hope you will join us for an exciting weekend of fellowship & study!



Lost & Found – Prescription sunglasses, ornate wooden cane. These items can be found in the church office.

Hold these dates!

Scottish Heritage Sunday October 15th -

Watch the march of the tartans, listen to the bagpiper and enjoy fellowship with a luncheon following the service. Main courses and sides provided by the church. Please bring a dessert if you like.



Fall Festival October 21st

Get your trunk or treat design ready! Looking forward to a great turn out this year.



BASIC Training October 22nd

BASIC training group for all 2nd – 5th graders starts right after church. Look for more information to come.



Volunteer or Donate

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!

Family Ministries

Calling all 6th-12th graders!! Youth Group is kicking off on Sunday September 10th at 5pm. Come out and meet your youth leaders, learn about what we have planned for the year and have some fellowship and fun! Families of youth are invited to join us. Please register on Church Center so we know how much food to order.

Sunday School Kick-off and Blessing of the Backpacks this Sunday!

Backpacks will be blessed during worship on September 10th just prior to the Children’s Message.

We will kick-off Sunday school with parents taking their kids to their Sunday School rooms. You’ll get a packet with all the great info for our new curriculum! Each class will have a set of Bibles tailored to the Bible stories covered for that year. If you’d like a version for home, you’ll be provided with a link in your Kick-off Packet.



Children’s Sunday School Curriculum

How it works - each Spark Lectionary lesson follows a four-part sequence:

- Gather: Teachers will begin the day with a warm-up activity.
- Open the Bible: Kid’s will be able to read aloud the Bible story for the day. Teachers will walk them through each lesson and provide craft ideas to reinforce the bible story.
- Video: Watch a 5-minute video supporting the lesson.
- Activate Faith: The children will get moving and become engaged in the story by using their “Weekly Reader” type leaflet.
- Send: They will finish with a closing activity and prayer.
- Follow-up at Home: Each week families will get a sheet full of follow-up activities to reinforce the learning, including a prayer, crafts, service ideas – a variety of options.

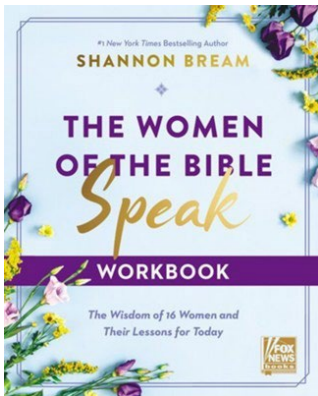
Adult Community Groups

Groups are starting back!

You can see all groups and request to join one in the Church Center App. [Click the link](#) to take you there or follow these instructions.

1. Open the app.
2. On your phone: Select the three dots in the bottom right.
 - a. On your computer: Select the More option in the top right.
3. Select Groups
 - a. The top groups listed are ones you have already joined.
 - b. The groups listed below are ones you can join.
 - c. You are welcome to vary the groups you attend, if they are offering a study that you'd enjoy. You may always add or remove yourself from a Group. Nothing personal, it's just for the sake of attendance!

We will try to feature a single group occasionally. Here is one of the many bible study groups available.



Beyond the Word - Women's Bible Study, Thursdays, 10:00, Dining Room. Led by Grace Saylor and Becky Neely. Starts back September 14th with a study entitled *The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today*. Here's some more information! Work out the practical and relational way in which each woman's story speaks for each of us today! Based on the *New York Times* bestselling book *The Women of the Bible Speak*, learn to write your own story and journey of faith as you make the connections between God's specific attention to the female heart through a deeper, more personal connection to the women of the Bible. In the sixteen lessons, you'll be challenged to consider the parallels between each woman's story and your own. You'll be asked to reflect on how God worked in their lives and how he's working in yours. Each of the sixteen characters in the book will have a chapter in the workbook that will take the user through exercises such as:

- READ invites you to read key moments of each woman's life in the Bible and connect with her story.
- REFLECT provides an opportunity to identify specific character traits, responses to God, and acts of faith, as well as your similar traits, responses, and acts of faith.
- PRAY asks you to prayerfully consider how this woman's story ties into the work God is doing in your life right now.

Adult Sunday School Classes 9:30 – 10:15 am

Digging Deep – A multigenerational co-ed group, lead by David McAliley, will meet in room 210: Conference Room. The Faith Formation group will have a more academic bend using video and open discussion to develop your faith and beliefs.

Fellowship 55+ - This group will start September 17 and skip September 24. A coed group of seniors lead by Bill Harraman. The group will study “When to Walk Away” by Gary Thomas; a series focusing on Jesus’ example of how and when you should walk away from toxic people. This class will be mix of video and open discussion.

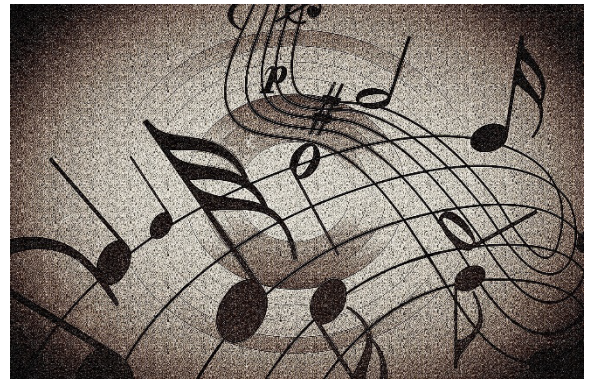
Open Forum – A coed adult group meeting in the parlor; lead by Grace Saylor and Clara Giles. Starts Sunday with a 3-month series on love: Struggles with Love, Inclusive Love, and Godly Love among Believers. Book will be Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby. (This is from the same publisher as what Pastor Dexter used this summer.)

Issues of Love, Gen. 37	Love and Devotion to Others, 1 Sam. 19	Loving by Serving, John 13
God Rewards Obedience, Gen. 41	Love Your Enemies, Luke 6	Abiding Love, John 15
Love Versus Guilt, Gen. 42	Loving Your Neighbor, Luke 10	Confident Love, 1 John 3
God's Plan Revealed, Gen. 43	Love Divine, I Cor. 12	Sharing Love

Music News

Handbells Rehearsal – will begin on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 pm.

Choir Rehearsal – will begin on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:30 pm



Prayer Corner

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests are always accepted, and we would love to support you and yours through prayer. Our Intercessory Prayer Team maintains the strictest confidentiality while meeting and praying privately for those who do not want their request made public. Feel free to request prayer for private situations and knowing they stay private. Submit requests through the Church Center App or on the paper form found in the pews. These may be placed on the offering plate or in the prayer box in the lobby. Digital requests can be made by [clicking here](#).

Prayer Concerns

Condolences

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ken Sledge, who passed away at the age of 91 on Sunday, September 3, at the home of his son, Alan, in Mooresville. Ken was a member of the well-known Sledge family of the Steele Creek Community. For many years, he and his family were members of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, and, in previous years, other family members served faithfully in Pleasant Hill Church. Ken worked with the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association for many years. The Memorial Service for Ken will be held at 11:00 Saturday, September 9, in the sanctuary of our church, with visitation to follow in the church's vestibule. Please keep this family in your prayers.

- To Trent Haston and all the friends and family of Reid Harley who are mourning his loss.
- To Elizabeth Hovis and all the family members and friends mourning the loss of John Hovis.
- To Natasha, Dorothy Sullivan, and family on the death of Dorothy's husband John.

Surgery

- Jonathan, Bruce and Sandra Doane's son, will not be able to donate part of his liver to his cousin because his cousin's failing health will require a full transplant.
- Danny Martin had his procedure on September 7 and is doing well.

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: For those serving and the inmates, that they would know Jesus as their savior.
- Prayer for the current foster parents and pray that more foster parents come forward. There is a drastic shortage and such a strong need.

General Health Concerns:

- Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, as he recovers from a stroke which particularly affected his eyesight. Paul is doing much better, and his eyesight is improving.
- Dan (wife Holly), who is a friend of Andrew – Steve & Gloria Smith's son. Dan has had a massive stroke and a surgeon has removed part of his skull to relieve pressure, but he is off the ventilator and is speaking softly.
- Pat McCorkle, David McCorkle's mom, has now been moved to Wellmore for rehab and is doing much better.
- Barbara Burns is improving but continues to need prayers.

Ongoing Illness

- Linda Neely is continuing to heal and can attend church more – so great to see you, Linda.
- Meg Salmon's dad has had a bump in improvement – praise the Lord.
- 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.
- 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.

- Daniel Morris, a friend of Bruce Doane's diagnosed with Wegener's disease. There is no cure for this disease and will require lifetime treatment. Please pray also for his wife and two children.

Cancer

- Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He's undergoing chemo treatment.
- Margaret Renward, a family member of Deb & Paul O'Connor has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic, lung and liver cancer. Please pray for Margaret and her family.
- Donna Garrison is doing well after her surgery and is continuing to heal.
- Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, is now having more energy and will have another scan in September.
- Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, is coming to the end of his chemo treatment.
- Diana Hunter, pancreatic cancer, will need more chemo as the cancer has moved to other areas.
- Ruth McGaha is battling lung cancer and is really struggling; she may need to do another round of chemo.
- 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.
- Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, who is battling cancer. Please also pray for his wife and eleven-year-old twins.

Continuing Education Students

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

Joan Brown	Katharine Freeman	Louise Freeman	Hannah Mauer	Danny Martin
Joe Furr	Sammy Gatewood	Margaret Niell	Forest Nunnally	Elaine Kotraba
Mike Spratt	Margaret Wert	Gerry Roberts	Wayne Whiteside	
Lois Yandle	Joyce Carpenter	Dot Earp	Jimmy Earp	



Those Serving in the US Military

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.

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

