

**Weekly
Announcements
9-17-23**



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 17

Message: “What an awesome God we serve”

Scripture: Psalms 103:1-5, 8-13

The Flowers This Week - are given to the Glory of God by Carol Boot to celebrate the birth month of her Englishman husband, Geoffrey Boot.

Available flower dates are as follows: October 1, 8, 22, November 19, 26, December 17, 24, 31. Please call the church office if you would like to provide the flowers for Sunday service. Cost is \$50.

This Sunday –

Elder Greeters	Michael Faircloth, Trey Horack
Deacons	Deborah O'Connor, Donna Moody, Skylar Morgan, Becky Neely, David Giles
Coffee and Bagels	Kelly Andrus
Counters	Leighton Brown, DeWitt Lauerman
Signers	Pam Horack, Bill Harraman

Church Attendance for September 10

Inhouse – 174	Children –35	Nursery - 4	Online – 391	Total – 565
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Calendar and Events

Find these dates and more on the [Church Center App](#) and the [church website](#).

<u>September 17, Sun.</u>	<u>September 19, Tues.</u>
09:15 am – Donuts, Bagels, and Coffee	06:00 pm – Session Meeting closed meeting
9:30 am - Sunday School	<u>September 20, Wed.</u>
10:30 am – Worship	06:30 pm – Praise Team interested in joining? See Kaarin Record
**No Youth Group Tonight	07:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Pleasant Hill Cemetery Assoc. Annual Meeting	<u>September 21, Thurs.</u>
<u>September 18, Mon.</u>	10:00 am Beyond the Word in room 302
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	<u>September 22, Fri.</u>
	02:00 pm – Palisades Football Dinner see Bill Harraman if you'd like to help

Ministry Fair **September 24** – Looking to get involved? Come visit our fair 9:30am the multi-purpose room and again 15 minutes before and after church in the in sanctuary lobby. Food and beverages provided.

Hymn Sing **September 24** – see Music Notes section, page 6, for more details. Hope to see you there!

Scottish Heritage Sunday **October 15** - 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 21** 11:00am-2pm
We need candy! Donation boxes are located in both sanctuary and admin. lobbies. Drop yours off today.
Get your trunk or treat design ready!
Details to come next week.
Looking forward to a great turn out this year.



BASIC Training **October 22** BASIC training group for all 2nd – 5th graders starts right after church. Look for more information to come.



Operation Christmas Child **November 19** our boxes will be delivered and blessed. Drop-off dates and details will be announced soon. Start collecting your small items today!!

Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Ark Encounter – October 11-13 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 every 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.

**NINTH ANNUAL
SCOTTISH HERITAGE
GOLF TOURNAMENT
FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, October 7, 2023

**HELP US RAISE MONEY
FOR**



**BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE
GOLF TOURNAMENT TODAY**

Have you ever had a toothache and cannot afford a dentist? Agape Dental Ministry is a free dental provider to those with low or no income, as well as U.S. military vets and their spouses. Agape Dental Ministry in Charlotte, NC is this year's recipient of the net proceeds of the Ninth Annual Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament sponsored by Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill. Follow the QR code for more details and/or to sponsor.

Harry L. Jones, Sr.

Golf Course

1525 W. Tyvola Rd.

Charlotte, NC 29217



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The Scottish Heritage Golf

Tournament, **October 7**, 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 (follow the QR code) and donations for gifts for the golfers. We will have a bagpiper to perform for the opening ceremony and are trying to have an ROTC Honor Guard present the colors. 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.

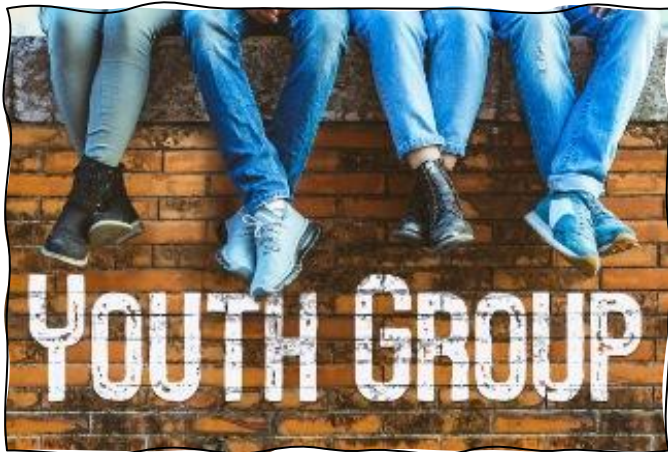
May God Bless,
Barry Small

Outdoor Jazz Series, **October 1**,

hosted by McClintock Presbyterian Church at 14008 Erwin Road. McClintock has invited you to a free evening of live jazz featuring Carl Ratliff. Bring your lawn chairs and tents from 5-7 pm and have a family fun evening.



Ministries



The Youth Team would like your involvement. The leaders of the youth team have been working to get the youth's year planned out. The leaders have decided to invite the congregation to sign up to provide meals for youth group. A [SignUpGenius](#) list with all the available dates is available you to participate. Thanks so much!!

Adult Community Groups

Groups are 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!

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.)



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

BE AWARE

There is a scam going around where people receive a phone call, email, etc, asking you to provide monetary assistance for a church member.

Members of the church will never receive communication from a staff member asking them to help someone with assistance.

DO NOT OFFER MONEY TO THESE CALLERS

Donations

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!

John Harold Hovis memorial gifts are as follows:

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

Music Notes



We are hosting a good old fashion

HYMN SING!

September 24

Right after church, join us in the choir room. * Lemonade and tea will be provided to wet those whistles and get the voices ready. If you have a hymnal, bring it! Let's play "Stump the Music Director!" How many do you think Kaarin can get right?

*To get to the choir room, go up the steps on the left or right side of the stage at the front of the sanctuary, then enter either door at the back of the stage. These doors access both the left and right sides of the choir room.

Choir Rehearsal – every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the choir room. It is an open choir, so come and join us anytime.

Would you like to be a part of the praise team or tech team? We always need more participants to assist. Please reach out to our music director Kaarin Record through the church office

Prayer Corner

NEW! On Church Center app., we now have a running list of current public prayer requests. On the home screen, there is an additional button called “Weekly Prayer List”. Tap that and you are relocated to an online version of the same list you will see in your Sunday bulletin. This list will stay current throughout the week, so no need to wait for a weekly announcement or Sunday bulletin.

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.

Condolences

- To the Joe Simpson family and his friends mourning the loss of Joe.
- 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. Please keep this family in your prayers

Surgery

- Barbara Freeman is doing well following her surgery.

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. Now diagnosed with kidney disease with dialysis.
- 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.
- Anita Holland, a friend of Kelly Andrus with health concerns.
- Steve McAllister, nephew of Roger McAllister’s suffering from severe injuries due to a head-on car collision. His family is seeing small improvements.
- Jason, Gloria and Steve Smith’s nephew is suffering with severe injuries to his head from a large fallen tree limb.

- Fred Willis asks for prayers for Jim Medlock who is experiencing health issues and awaiting test results.

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

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

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