

**Weekly
Announcements
9-24-23**



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 24

Message: Jonah 3:1 - 4:11 & Philippians 1:21 - 30

Scripture: Mercy For Me!

The Flowers This Week - are given to the Glory of God by Dexter Greene in loving memory of his wife Gloria.

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 – 10 Cents a Meal – Bring that loose change!

Elder Greeters	Michael Faircloth, Trey Horack
Deacons	Megan Winget, Rachel Hotzhauer, Crystal Siniarski, Dan Sturge, Rachel McAdoo
Coffee and Bagels	Courtesy of Phyllis Osborne and Tiffany Brunson
Counters	Leighton Brown, DeWitt Lauerman
Signers	Pam Horack, Bill Harraman

Church Attendance for September 17

Inhouse – 177	Children –28	Nursery - -----	Online – 240	Total – 416
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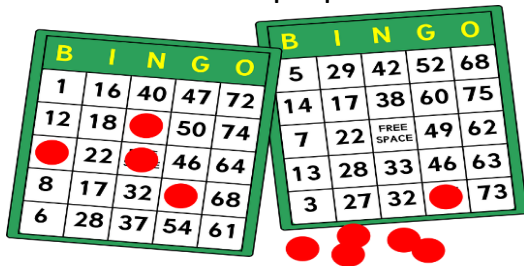
Calendar and Events

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

<u>September 24, Sun.</u>	<u>September 27, Wed.</u>
9:30 – 9:50 – Ministry Fair in Multipurpose Room	06:30 pm – Praise Team interested in joining? See Kaarin Record
10:15-10:30 -- Ministry Fair in Sanctuary Lobby	07:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal OPEN! Join us.
10:30 – Worship	<u>September 28, Thurs.</u>
11:30 – until Hymn Sing in Choir Room	10:00 am Beyond the Word room 302 -Dining Room
11:30 --11:45 -- Ministry Fair in Sanctuary Lobby	11:30 am – Fun Bunch & Meal Deliveries Multipurpose Room
5 pm -- Youth Group	1:30 – 2:30 pm Palisades JV Football Meal see Bill Harraman if you'd like to help
<u>September 25, Mon. - NONE</u>	6:00 pm – Faith and Family Fun Night
<u>September 26, Tues.</u>	07:00 pm - Handbells interested in joining? See Kaarin Record
06:30 pm – Men's Fellowship Johns's Family Restaurant 2002 Westinghouse Blvd.	<u>September 29, Fri. - NONE</u>
	<u>September 30, Sat.</u>
	10 am – Vision Plan Recalibration

Faith and Family Fun Night September 28

Come out, play BINGO and enjoy fellowship. Starts and 6pm. Call the church office to RSVP. This just gives us a more accurate headcount and lets us prepare well.

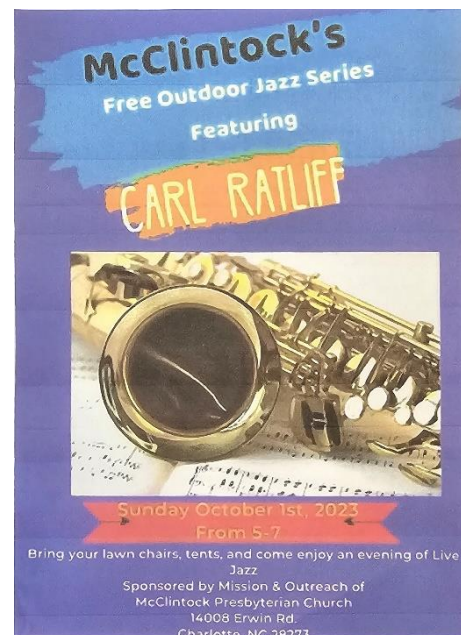


Cancer Awareness Month October This year, we will collect for Make-A-Wish of Central and Western North Carolina. Local funds grant local wishes in 51 NC counties. Let's make a wish come true for a child.

Golf Tournament Final Planning Meeting

October 1 after church in the parlor. We need volunteers to help work this event on golf day. More details page 4.

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.



Scottish Heritage Sunday **October 15** - Watch the march of the tartans, listen to the bagpiper and enjoy fellowship with a lunch following the service. Main courses and sides provided by the church. Please bring a dessert if you like.

Are you interested in carrying a tartan? Please call or email the church office. All participants will meet at 10:10 that day.

Fall Festival **October 21**, 11:00am-2pm
We need individually wrapped candy!! Donation boxes are located in both lobbies. Get your trunk or treat design ready! Looking forward to a great turn out this year. See page 7 for more details.



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



Blood Drive **November 5** Schedule an appt for faster service on the day of donation. Time will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More information to come.

Fruitcake Factory Tour & Shopping **November 15**, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m in Bear Creek and Jugtown, Seagrove, NC. Call Betty Davis or the church office to reserve your seat. Only 24 seats available on the bus.



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.

**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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Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament,

October 7, has sold out on golfers; we have 100+ golfers!!! But we are still short of volunteers. We need people to work the tournament starting Saturday, October 7 as early as 7 a.m. Please reach out to Cindi Bridges or Barry Small.

We could still use 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. Please bring your snacks to the church office for distribution to the tournament.

We still have golf holes available for sponsorship!! Please see [Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament](#) for more information on sponsoring.

We will have a bagpiper to perform and an Honor Guard to present the colors at the opening ceremony.

May God Bless,
Barry Small

DID YOU KNOW?



We collect soda can keys. Save your keys and turn them into the church office. These are then donated to the Ronald McDonald House to support all they do in the Charlotte area for families needing a place to stay while a child undergoes medical treatment. These keys are "clean aluminum"; they do not need the extra processing the rest of the can does to remove paint and graphics. Clean aluminum is worth more to recyclers. About 1,000 keys is one pound. How many can you save?

Ministries

The Youth Team would like congregational involvement. The leaders of the youth team have been working to get the youths' year planned out. The congregation is invited to help provide simple meals for the youth group - pizzas, burgers, and such. The 6th-12th graders come together on Sunday nights and share this meal, some fellowship, prayers, and relieve the stresses of the week. Please sign-up on [SignUpGenius](#). Available dates are listed. Thank you!



Adult Community Groups

Adult community groups are a wide variety of bible study groups within this church body meeting throughout the week. Sunday morning groups are traditionally referred to as Sunday School. You are welcome to visit a variety as a member or visitor. You can see all groups and request to join one in the Church Center App or call the office, and we can help you. Sunday morning community groups (aka Sunday School) start at 9:30. The following are our adult Sunday morning options.

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 not meet September 24. The group studies "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 is a mix of video and open discussion.

Open Forum – This Sunday School class studies Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby. These 12-week discussion/video lessons will explore topics that include Looking to God, God Speaks and Adjusting your life to God. Come and join us as we identify where God is working and prepare to join Him.

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

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



MUSIC NOTES

Join us for our first **HYMN SING!**

This Sunday, September 24

We will be gathering in the choir room immediately after service this Sunday. Want to play 'Stump the Music Director'? Bring an old, unfamiliar hymn and see if Kaarin has ever seen it before. Beverages will be offered, and joy will be shared!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

— every Wednesday at 7:30 - 9 pm in the choir room. It is an open choir, so come and join us anytime. Ages 14 and up welcome.

TECH TEAM

The Tech Team offers an exciting way to get hands-on technical experience while being an integral part of the service. We run sound, live stream mixing, projection operation, lighting, and a host of other technical components. Training is provided. Inquire about openings by emailing the Music Director or Team Leader (Laura Thompson).

PRAISE TEAM

Our Praise Team offers contemporary music every Sunday during our blended service. Our musicians are warm, outgoing, and share a common heart for worshipping God and serving together. Positions include (but are not limited to): Singers, Keyboardists, Drummers, Percussionists, Bassists, Guitarists, Winds, Brass, etc. They rehearse every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Inquire about auditioning for this group by contacting the Music Director or Team Rep (Jenn Michel).

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST

On Sunday, October 22, at 10:30 a.m., please join us for some extra special music presented by Charlotte vocalist Kendra Johnson in recognition of Cancer Awareness Month.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be presenting a beautiful (and adorable!) music program on December 10th. Rehearsals run from October 1 - December 9 (at 9 am on Sundays in the choir suite) under the direction of Kelly Byrum, with the final presentation occurring during the December 10th service. Ages 4 and up are welcome to join us. Pre-register with Kaarin Record at kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsal for kids 4+ begins
Sunday, October 1
• 9:00 am in the Choir Suite •
Director: Kelly Byrum
Pre-register with
Kaarin Record

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Kaarin Record, Music Director • kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org



FALL FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 21

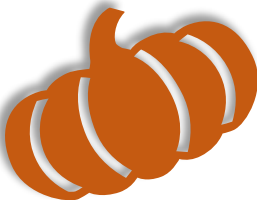
11am – 2:30 pm

If you would like to get involved and participate in this event, please contact Beckie Ennis at 704-614-0523. There is plenty of fun to go around.

**We need volunteers on Friday,
October 20 at 2 pm.**

We also need:

1. CANDY! Please drop in donation boxes in admin. and sanctuary lobbies.
2. We need volunteers on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am - until.
 - Set-up and clean-up
 - Game operators
 - Greeting and directing visitors
3. We need trunk or treat donations. Decorate your car and join the fun!
4. We need small prizes for the scavenger hunt (ex: small stuffed animals, gift cards and such; about a \$10 value item or make a monetary donation to the ministry, and we will provide the items.)



First time at one of our festivals?

We are hosting hayrides and games, a small costume parade, face painting, balloon twisters, trunk or treat and having a bouncy house, a photo booth, and a scavenger hunt with prizes for the children. All for no charge to you.

We will have food available for purchase as well as craft vendors offering a variety of arts and pottery.



TRUNK OR TREAT:

11:00 TO 11:45 AM

COSTUME PARADE :

12:00

FACE PAINTING:

12:00 TO 2 PM

BALLOON TWISTERS:

12:00 TO 2 PM

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.

Praise

- David McCorkle has a new grandson Luke. Both his daughter Christina and Baby Luke are doing well.
- Annette Freeman is doing well after having COVID and pneumonia.

Condolences

- To the family and friends of Sammy Gatewood. We will miss Sammy as a devoted member of our church family.
- To the family and friends of Steve McAllister, nephew of Roger McAllister.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Burkhardt'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

Our Homebound

Joan Brown
Katharine Freeman
Louise Freeman
Hannah Maurer
Danny Martin
Joe Furr
Margaret Niell

Forrest 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.*

Lexie Simerly

US Army
South Korea

[Candle for Deployment]

Gabe White

US Army
Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Will Warsaw

US Navy
Virginia

Olivia Hommes

US Air Force Academy
Colorado

Bradley Lauerman

US Navy
Virginia

Brian Cox

US Air Force
Jordan

[Candle for Deployment]

Memorial Gifts

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