



STEELE CREEK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
at Pleasant Hill

WORKING TOGETHER TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN JOYFULLY SERVING OUR  
NEIGHBORS AS COMPASSIONATE, CONNECTED,  
CONTRIBUTING, EVERYDAY DISCIPLES.

Reading the Bible in order in one year? To catch-up,  
read Genesis chapters 1 - 41 by next week's issue.

Reading the Bible in chronological order in one year?  
To catch-up, read Genesis chapters 1 - 11, then read  
Job 1 - 34 by next week's issue.

This plans will get you through the first 12 days.  
Next week look for the following week's plan.

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Upcoming Worship

· EPIPHANY · COMMUNION · STAR SUNDAY ·

MESSAGE: LATE FOR THE PARTY  
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:1-12

ELDER GREETERS	....
DEACON USHERS	TOM BURNS, BECKY FAIRCLOTH, FRED WILLIS, KELLY ANDRUS, CLINTON CORBETT
COFFEE AND BAGEL HOSTS	OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY
COUNTERS	BARRY SMALL, PAM HORACK
SIGNERS	WALTER NEELY, LEON DANIELS

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF  
GOD BY JACK FOWLER AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS  
WIFE NANCY'S 85TH BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 1ST.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE GLORY  
OF GOD BY JAMEY DeBERRY AND IN CELEBRATION OF HER  
SON DAVID'S BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 7.



THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON THE  
BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE CHURCH  
OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS WRITING YOUR NAME IN A  
BLANK. THE CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS  
AND PAYMENT. COST IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE	CHILDREN	NURSERY	YOUTUBE VIEWS	TOTAL
127	10	4	49	176

# Odds and Ends

It is that time of year to pack away the sparkling decorations, to take down the greenery, to haul out the trees. And, to ask young people to help out with ladder climbing and lifting and hauling.



We will be taking down the big tree in the Sanctuary, taking down the wreaths outside and the wreaths in the foyer. We would really appreciate the assistance on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 10 A.M.** Since these require ladder work, we would like to have some of the younger men to help out.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you remember when Pastor Jeff walks around with those adorable babies and tells the babies how we will surround them, guide them, help them learn, support them, protect them, teach them about Jesus?

Well, we need you. We need at least 14 people to step-up and say, "I will be one of those people to guide, protect, lead and train." We need Jesus Walker volunteers.

You will be responsible for sharing a pre-planned and pre-made children's lesson to three year olds through first grade. Then watch over the children until their parents come for them at the end of a Sunday service.

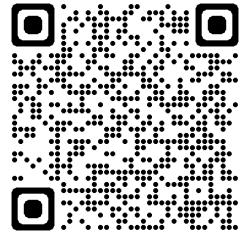
You will not be alone. Each room will have two adults to help support each other in watching over the children.

The more people we have sign-up and work on your assigned Sunday, the fewer Sundays you need to serve. This fits in with your monthly

## Lost & Found

Added three new items this week: mug, tumbler, and water bottle.


Tap or scan QR code to go to Church Center for pictures of items.



service. See the right column of page four for more on Your New Year.

You must be able to pass background check. All children are fully potty trained. Reach out to Lindsey Lucariello through the church directory for more information or to sign-up.

**As you read last week, the Kid's Corner is taking a break until the Jan. 28 issue, and then will appear the last week of each month. Have your child's art, stories, jokes, etc. sent in by the 21st of each month.**

** Money is a tool well worth understanding. It isn't to be worshipped, but having it can relieve some stresses in one's life. Twice a month there will be definitions, simple tips, and suggestions to lead you to being a better steward of the money you have. Tip #1 is basic, though not always easy: SPEND LESS THAN YOU EARN.**

This corner will never give financial advice regarding investing or any individual money advice. You will need to seek financial council for concerns relating to your specific situation.



**NEW!**

# Calendar and Events

<b>7 January, Sunday - Star Sunday</b>	<b>10 January, Wednesday</b>
9:30 am - Sunday School, Donuts and Coffee	6:30 Praise Team
10:30 am - Worship	<b>11 January, Thursday</b>
11:30 am - Outreach and Fellowship Ministry Team	10 am Beyond The Word - Ladies Bible Study
5 pm - Youth Group	7 pm - Handbells
<b>8 January, Monday</b>	7:30 pm - Tech Team
6:30 pm - Missions Ministry Team	<b>12 January, Friday</b>
<b>9 January, Tuesday</b>	10 am - Crafts Fellowship
10 am - Friendship Circle	<b>13 January, Saturday</b>
6:30 pm - Finance Ministry Team & Tithing Committee	9 am - Officer Training

**January 7**, 5 pm Youth Group for Middle & High Schoolers.

**January 7**, Open Forum class will meet Sunday, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Starting a six-week study titled Jesus – The God Who Knows Your Name. We look forward to seeing you. --Clara and Grace.

**January 7**, 11:30 am Outreach and Fellowship Ministry Team (formerly Community Engagement) meeting.

**January 8**, Missions Ministry Team meeting, 6:30 pm.

**January 9**, Friendship Circle, 10 am, small dining room

**January 9**, Finance Ministry meeting, 6:30 pm.

**January 12**, Crafts Fellowship, 10 am, small dining room (rm 302).

**January 13**, 10 a.m. We need help with Christmas tree and wreaths coming down. [See details page 2.](#)

**January 13**, Officer Training at 9 am.

**January 14**, Officer Installation and Ordination during service.

**January 14**, 9:30 a.m. Special program, with photos and Q&A in the choir room about the mission trip to Maui taken by Dexter, Donna and Tom.

**January 14**, 11:45 a.m. Door of Hope Ministry mission trip meeting in conference room. [More details - page 4.](#)

**January 18**, 10 a.m. Meals for out shut-in members are prepared in the multipurpose room, packed and then delivered by a group within the Outreach and Fellowship Ministry team. Want to help? Call the office and we will get you connected.

## **LAST WEEK!**

### **Stewardship Campaign of 2024**

The 2024 pledge drive has started. This pledge made by you/your family assists the church by allowing us to create a budget for the coming year. This budget allows the church to plan personnel, lunches, activities, VBS and support our missions, curriculums, trips, scholarships, etc.

You may pledge with the brochures in the back of the pews. You can tap or scan the QR code to pledge.

All pledges are private. Campaign ends Jan. 14.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

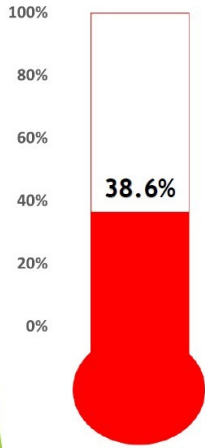
### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*The Women's Retreat will be happening May 18-19 with Friday night, the 17th, optional. The stay will be at the William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC.*

*Lori Lewis, formally of SCPCPH staff, will be our retreat leader. More details and registration information to follow.*

# MINISTRIES

You may request to join the following ministries anytime.



## Stewardship Campaign

Goal: \$700,000

Pledged: \$270,540

Remaining \$429,460

Consider your 2024 pledge today.  
See the QR code on page 3.

Your support makes a difference!



## YOUR NEW YEAR

A new year brings about a great time to start a new activity, a new way of living, a new way of thinking, a new way of conducting your daily life. Consider joining a community group to build your personal circle of support; visit with that group weekly to keep your circle close. Consider setting aside 20 minutes a day with your Bible and read through the Book by year-end. At least 12 times per year, serve. Do something for someone else that is outside your norm. Daily. Weekly. Monthly. It is as simple as that.



## THE YOUTH GROUP IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

Parents and leaders of the youth group are the primary provider of meals for our ever growing group of 6th - 12th graders. The group is asking for help from *individuals or a ministry team or another group* to provide a meal one evening. From Sign-Up Genius, they are asking for dinner and drinks (dessert optional but always appreciated) for 25-30 people. You can cook or purchase food for the group. Pizza, tacos, spaghetti, burgers, hot dogs, etc. are fan favorites. **The following dates are available: Feb. 9 and 25, March 10 and 17, April 14 and 21.**

Please sign-up below through Sign-Up Genius and give those parents and leaders a break. If you would prefer to call the church office, ask for Jamey or Tiffany. The link for sign-ups: [Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill: Youth Group Meals](#)

## Door of Hope Mission

Our first meeting for those interested in being part of the mission team to the Door of Hope Ministry in South Africa in May 2024 will be held in the conference room at 11:45am Sunday, January 14, 2024. Attending the meeting does not require you to make a commitment to be part of the team. The meeting will be on Zoom if you are unable to attend.





# Prayer Concerns

## Praise

- ◆ Renee Beach was in a multicar collision in December, and her car was totaled. She suffered no injuries, and thankfully the baby was not with her.

## Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ◆ Prayer for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- ◆ Prayer for the country of Israel and its people.
- ◆ For Christians who are persecuted around the world.
- ◆ For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.
- ◆ Agape Dental Ministry
- ◆ Kairos Prison Ministry, for the inmates and those serving in the ministry, that they would know Jesus as their Savior.
- ◆ Pray for the current foster parents and pray that more foster parents come forward. There is a drastic shortage and such a strong need.
- ◆ Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the following children that are looking to be adopted:
- ◆ Mario—pray for his adoption to be completed. Mario has been in foster care for three years.
- ◆ Laila—pray for permanency with the family she is with and

an adoption. Laila has been in foster care for four years.

- ◆ Jenifire—a child waiting for adoption—foster parent undecided about whether she can do it, but another family would be thrilled to adopt her. Jenifire has been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Princeton, Desiyah, Destiny – parent's rights were terminated, and adoption prospects are scarce for the girls. Need permanency soon. They have been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Brittany—has a court case. Parents may lose their parental rights so permanence can happen. Brittany has been in foster care for 18 months.

## General Health Concerns

- ◆ Ernie Coskrey has COVID. He is on medication and doing well. Mary is doing her best to not contract it.
- ◆ Betty Small has recovered from COVID, but is battling an ear infection.
- ◆ Danny Martin out of Presbyterian Hospital but not yet home.
- ◆ Becky Beck, the grandmother of Spencer and Gavin Beck, is in the hospital with a concussion and other health issues following a fall. Please pray for healing and rehabilitation so she can walk and become independent again.
- ◆ Johnny Simms, the brother

of Gloria Smith, is in the hospital with a serious blood infection. Please pray for healing.

- ◆ Alma Simms, the aunt of Gloria Smith, has congestive heart failure. She also had a bypass surgery. Please pray for her recovery.
- ◆ Mandy Beck's Aunt Cheryl had hip replacement surgery. Please pray for healing and continued strength.
- ◆ Anne Marie Moore's father, Kevin, is doing better but has a long recovery ahead of him.
- ◆ Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, has been diagnosed with kidney disease that may require dialysis.
- ◆ Pat McCorkle was released from the hospital to return to Lake Wylie Assisted Living

## Cancer

- ◆ Lynn Kuehl, friend of Allyson Rogers, is in hospice with glioblastoma cancer. Please pray for her husband, Alan, and their two daughters.
- ◆ Janet Harlan, friend of Kate Lemond, was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Elaine Scarborough, friend of Becky Neely, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. She has started chemo.
- ◆ Teresa Hartman, neighbor and friend of Angie Neel, has been diagnosed with

stage 4 neck cancer. Please pray for both Teresa and her husband Scott as they deal with this overwhelming situation.

- ◆ Fletcher Wilson, father of Ashley Rawls, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Ashley's prayer request is that his body responds to the chemo and radiation treatments and stop the spread of cancer and heal him.
- ◆ Ruth McGaha had surgery in October and is home resting comfortably.
- ◆ 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 in August and is continuing to heal.
- ◆ Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, had another scan and is praying for the best.
- ◆ Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, is coming to the end of his chemo treatment.
- ◆ Diana Hunter is doing well after her last round of chemo. They are looking at her entering a clinical trial.
- ◆ 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, is battling cancer. Please also pray for his wife and eleven-year-old twins.

### Ongoing Illness

- ◆ Darrell Bonapart is a veteran, member of the American Legion, and friend of Bill Harman. 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, has been 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.
- ◆ Cooper Freeman III has kidney disease and diabetes. Please pray for healing for the issues he's experiencing with his feet.
- ◆ Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.

### Homebound

- ◆ Joan Brown
- ◆ Linda Clark
- ◆ Joyce Carpenter
- ◆ Dot Earp
- ◆ Katharine Freeman
- ◆ Louise Freeman
- ◆ Joe Furr
- ◆ Elaine Kotraba
- ◆ Danny Martin
- ◆ Hannah Maurer
- ◆ Sarah Middleton
- ◆ Margaret Niell
- ◆ Forest Nunnally

- ◆ Gerry Roberts
- ◆ Mike Spratt
- ◆ Margaret Wert
- ◆ Wayne Whitesides
- ◆ Lois Yandle

### Students

- ◆ Sarah DeBerry
- ◆ Clay Ferguson
- ◆ Kelly Ferguson
- ◆ Donald Horack
- ◆ Connor McAliley
- ◆ Melinda Moore
- ◆ Ben Shanti
- ◆ Casey Snyder
- ◆ Regan Snyder
- ◆ Sydney Snyder
- ◆ Andrew Tanner
- ◆ Charlie Warnke

### 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.***

- ◆ **\*\*Brian Cox, US Air Force, Italy**
- ◆ Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- ◆ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia
- ◆ **\*\*Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea**
- ◆ Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia

