

JANUARY 28, 2024



STEELE CREEK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
at Pleasant Hill

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

Your yearly Bible reading plan:

Reading the Bible in order: By next Friday finish  
Exodus and start Leviticus chapters 1-15.

Reading the Bible in chronological order:  
By next Friday finish Genesis and start Exodus  
chapters 1-9. Next week look for the following  
week's plan.

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Upcoming Worship

MESSAGE: HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE WHO HAD AUTHORITY

SCRIPTURE: MARK 1:22

ELDER GREETERS	
DEACON USHERS	MEGAN WINGET, RACHEL HOLZHAUER, CRYSTAL SINIARSKI, DAN STURGE & RACHEL MCADOO
COFFEE AND BAGEL HOSTS	OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY
COUNTERS	BARRY SMALL, PAM HORACK
SIGNERS	WALTER NEELY, LEON DANIELS

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF EMMA  
BRACKETT'S BIRTHDAY BY HER PARENTS, MARK AND  
KRISTINA BRACKETT



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 202	CHILDREN 29	NURSERY 4	YOUTUBE VIEWS 54	FACEBOOK VIEWS 33	TOTAL 322
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# Odds and Ends

## **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 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.

## **CHALLENGE**

Our 4th and 5th graders have been challenged by their teachers to memorize the books of the New Testament.

Parents - please encourage and help them with this challenge! They will be recognized in the newsletter once the challenge has been completed. (Might be a little something extra for them, too!)

## **Lost & Found**

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



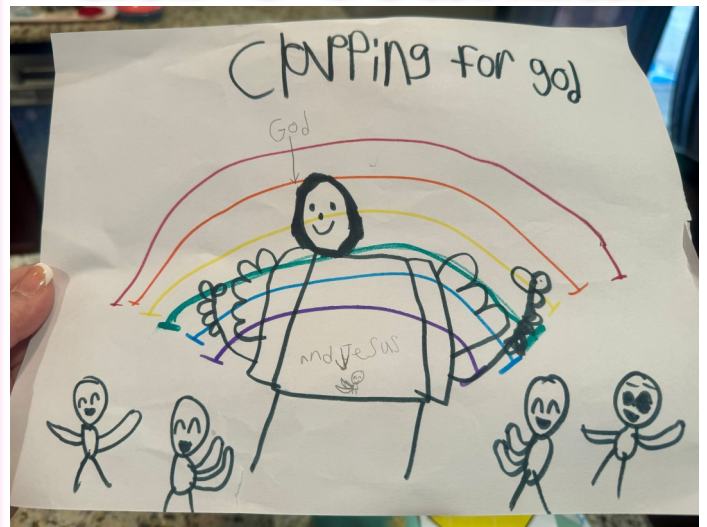
Congratulations to Alex Brunson for his induction into the American Christian Honors Society of the American Association of Christian Schools. This academic honor society is only for 11th and 12th graders. In order to be inducted, you must complete your sophomore or junior year with a 4.0 or higher.

He is a member of SCPCPH, in 11th grade at Walnut Grove Christian School in Fort Mill, SC and son of Randall and Tiffany Brunson.

***WHAT ARE THE "ODD'S & END'S" YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?***

***Retirement announcements?  
School successes? Celebrations?***

## **KID'S CORNER!**



**Heaven**

By Lucy Burkhart, age 7

In Sunday school on January 7, 2024 Lucy, daughter of Brandon and Kelly Burkhart, drew what she thinks Heaven looks like.

# Calendar and Events

<b>28 January, Sunday</b>	<b>31 January, Wednesday</b>
9:30 am - Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee	6:00 Praise Team
10:30 am - Worship	7:00 Choir - all welcome! Age 14+
5 pm - Youth Groups: Ice Skating	<b>01 February, Thursday</b>
<b>29 January, Monday</b>	10 am Beyond The Word - Ladies Bible Study
11 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	7:00 Handbells Choir
<b>30 January, Tuesday</b>	<b>02 February, Friday - Groundhog Day!</b>
11:30 am - Staff meeting	2:45 pm- Meal for Palisades Sports Team

**January 28, Sunday Ten Cents A Meal Sunday.** If you are unfamiliar with this Sunday, in this church the last Sunday of every month, the children race around the sanctuary collecting money to support people without the finances to have three regular meals per day. Can you afford 10¢ per meal per month? This comes, on average, to \$9 per month per person.

**January 28,** Youth Group will be ice skating at Whitewater Center. Don't forget your thick socks and warm clothing.

**January 31,** Choir, you have a new time! Choir will meet at a half hour earlier, now at 7 pm. Come out and join the Choir at this earlier time.

**February 9,** Youth Group will have a Late Night Game Night on Friday from 7pm-10pm.

**February 9,** Crafts Fellowship at 10 am in the small dining room. Come, make friends, do crafts.

## **February 13,**

Friendship Circle will meet on Tues Feb 13. To help you prepare we will combine two lessons, chapters 4&5.

## **A Word of Caution**

*Please keep your cars locked anytime you are on campus.*

*Do not leave valuables in your car.*

A person stopped by the preschool to conduct business on Thursday afternoon. In the less than five minutes this person was away from their car, this person had personal affects removed from the car.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Men's Fellowship Dinner has changed to the 3rd (third) Tuesday of each month starting in February. Mark you calendar for February 20 for the next dinner at John's Restaurant located at 2002 Westinghouse Blvd.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The guest facilitator this year is Lori Lewis, formerly of SCPCPH. The women's retreat, held at William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC, will be May 18-19 with Friday night, the 17th, optional. Registration will open March 1 (online and in paper handouts) and run for six weeks. Watch your Church Center App "sign-ups" page for more details as they come out. Details will post there first.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

I know it seems crazy to bring up VBS now, but we have had people call the office to plan their summer trips around our VBS.

VBS will be July 7-11 each evening from 5:30 - 8:30. Registration will be online and open in several months. Watch your Church Center App "sign-ups" page for more details as they come out. Details will post there first.

# MINISTRIES

You may request to join the following ministries anytime.



We have a number of men in our church family and Men's Fellowship group who have honed their home maintenance skills over the years and are willing to share them with you. We know from experience if you call a repairman, whether it's electrical, plumbing or almost any other problem, you'll pay a service charge around \$100 or more, then you have to pay for the repairs.

Our men are ready and eager to help you avoid that expense on small maintenance and repairs that we can accomplish for you. Now, we're not talking about building a deck or roofing your house or repairs that require city/county permits.

What we are talking about is things like:

- An electrical outlet that doesn't work
- A leaky faucet
- A commode that runs too much
- Changing filters in the a/c or furnace
- Changing batteries in the smoke detectors
- Installing battery operated smoke detectors if you don't have them
- Mounting a ceiling fan
- Other repairs/maintenance that you might identify.

If you can make use of this service, please feel free to phone Barry Small (704)351-8575 or call the church office at 704-588-1290.

We're ready to serve when you need us!

Barry Small

## YOUTH GROUP

### THE YOUTH GROUP SAYS

### THANK YOU!

Just a HUGE shout out to all who signed-up to provide a meal to the youth and youth workers in our church. We know teens can really put away some food, so this is greatly

appreciated by the parents and leaders of the youth group. The parents and leaders tend to be the primary provider of meals for our ever growing group of 6th - 12th graders, and it is so nice to have that shared amongst the congregation.

The group has NO more slots available. Thank you all, who stepped up to serve the future of our church!

### ACOLYTES ARE BACK!

B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) Training is a children's group for grades 2-5 to learn and grow as Christians.

Our B.A.S.I.C. Training group trained last Sunday to serve as acolytes. The children did well and are ready to go! The children serving will be escorted from their Sunday School class each week by Mary Beth to the sanctuary.

If your 2-5 grade child did not have an opportunity to train, please contact Mary Beth Monroe through the church directory or call the church office.

Please let our kids know how much we appreciate their help with our worship service! See page 2 about our 4 & 5 graders' CHALLENGE!

## Congregational Care Ministry Team

The Congregational Care Ministry Team is updating its list of church members who are willing to provide transportation to our members. From time to time there are needs for rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, rides to church on Sunday or events during the week. This isn't an everyday thing, but it's something that is greatly needed. If you are willing to help with this mission, please let the church office know. You will be included on a list of available folks who can help. Your willingness will mean a great deal to those in need and to all church members. Thanks for your consideration. Also, if you are aware of anyone who needs this kind of assistance, please let the office know as well. We can't help folks if we don't know they need us.



# STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN OVER!

How did we do on our annual Stewardship Campaign? Details to be released shortly. We have a few pledge cards that are still rolling in via mail. The Stewardship Committee, a subgroup of the Finance Ministry team, would like to extend its most heartfelt thank you for all your support this year. If you would still like to make a pledge, feel free to reach out to our finance office at 704-588-1290x220.

## *Music Notes*

### GENESIS

Do you have interest in ringing handbells just for the fun of it? Maybe for the fellowship and exercise? Email with the link below to our music director, Kaarin Record or our assistant music director, Laura Thompson to be included in our upcoming communications about the formation of [Genesis: the beginner handbell group](#).

### NAME CONTEST

As announced in church this past Sunday, the music department is holding a contest to name that handbell quartet. Prize? The honor of knowing your suggestion was chosen! Play with alliterations, Biblical allusions, onomatopoeia, handbell references and more. Submit your ideas here: [Contest](#)

### CHOIR

The Choir has enjoyed a break since Christmas. They will start singing again on Wednesday, January 31. Meet in the choir room before 7 pm if you like to chat, but be in a seat ready to go at 7 pm to make the most of our time together. If you have wanted to join, this is an excellent time to do so. New year, new season of music. Open to all 14 and older.



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# Prayer Concerns

## 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.
- ◆ For teachers.
- ◆ Kairos Prison Ministry, for the inmates and those serving in the ministry, that they would know Jesus as their Savior.
- ◆ Prayers for Mason Freeman, Louise Freeman's grandson, who is a student in a college in Charleston, S.C. Louise would like prayers that he will be successful in college.
- ◆ 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/Malachi: adopted on December 28th. His new parents are so happy to have him as part of their family. Mario's name has been changed to Malachi which means messenger of God. Malachi had been in foster care for three years.
- ◆ Laila: found a permanent home. Please pray for her adoption to be completed by summer. Laila has been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Jenifire: still waiting for a permanent home. 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: her parents have a termination of parental rights scheduled for April 11th. Please pray for this. Though sad, it is the right decision. Pray for a permanent home for Brittany. Brittany has been in foster care for 18 months.

## General Health Concerns

- ◆ Jamie, daughter of Paul and Deb O'Conner, was hospitalized with a brain bleed. The brain bleed had subsided but Jamie is still experiencing severe headaches. The doctors have ruled out an aneurysm. Please pray for complete healing for Jamie.
- ◆ Barry Small is scheduled to have a heart catheterization this coming week. Please pray for Barry as he's going through this diagnostic procedure.
- ◆ Gerry Roberts, husband of Pat Roberts, is in Atrium Hospital in Pineville suffering a number of medical conditions.
- ◆ Kim, daughter-in-law of Gail Brenner, is suffering from a GI bleed. Gail would like prayer that Kim would be able to get all tests completed and be healed so she and husband can make their planned visit to Charlotte to see Gail.
- ◆ Blanche Withers, grandmother of David McAliley, fell and broke several bones. Blanche will have to go through healing and extensive rehabilitation. David asks for prayer.
- ◆ Margaret Wert has been admitted to Pruitt Health Care for rehab.

- ◆ Linda Clark has pneumonia and was admitted to ICU at Atrium Hospital in Albemarle. She has improved enough to now be in a regular room. All prayers greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Jim and Carolyn Baber have COVID. Carolyn is asking for prayers for their recovery.
- ◆ Danny Martin is currently in Carolina Continue Care. His stay is projected to be 10 to 14 days. Please continue to pray for Danny who is dealing with many health issues.
- ◆ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is home recovering after a two-month hospital stay for a blood infection.

## Cancer

- ◆ Both Darryl and Jan Emory, friends of Betty Harraman, have been diagnosed with cancer. Darryl is currently undergoing advanced chemo. They have both also been diagnosed with COVID on top of dealing with the cancer treatments.
- ◆ Andy Griffith, neighbor of Cheryl Simerly, has had cancer return and has other medical issues. Please pray for his wife and children.
- ◆ Janet Harlan, friend of Kate Lemond, had a lumpectomy for early-stage breast cancer. She is recovering well from surgery. She will start radiation treatment on January 29th for three weeks.
- ◆ Jim Conner, father of Becky Ennis, is coming to the end of his chemo treatment.

- ◆ 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, is receiving treatments for stage 4 neck/throat cancer.
- ◆ Fletcher Wilson, Ashley Rawls' father, finished his chemo treatments. He started and receiving radiation treatments this past week. Following the completion of radiation, he will have a scan to determine his progress. Please prayer for the spread of cancer to stop and healing to take place.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Dan Baird's, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, last cancer scan was good. He still has cancer, but it's contained and not spreading. His quality of life is good. Dan's wife Ann has a number of medical issues. She has dementia and recently fell and fractured her hip. She was taken to the hospital in tremendous pain. Currently she is in rehab and doing well. In fact, she may get to come home. Kate Lemond asks that we remember Dan and his wife Ann in prayer.
- ◆ Diana Hunter, a friend of David McCorkle, has taken a turn for the worse. She is in tremendous pain, and the cancer has spread. David McCorkle asks that we pray for Diana.
- ◆ Larry Aaron, a friend of Kate Lemond, is struggling with cancer. He's had to stop work due to his condition. He is feeling better, and the doctors feel that he's healthy enough to start chemo soon. Please pray for Larry.

- ◆ Ruth McGaha is doing well. Her next cancer scan is scheduled for February.
- ◆ Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, had a recent cancer scan that reveals his cancer has advanced. Please pray for him, his wife and twin daughters.

### Ongoing Illness

- ◆ Donna Garrison is doing well after her surgery in August and is continuing to heal.
- ◆ Becky Beck, the grandmother of Spencer and Gavin Beck, is suffering from a number of different health issues and appreciates all the prayers you can send.
- ◆ Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, needs prayer for ongoing medical issues.
- ◆ Pat McCorkle, David McCorkle's mother, is suffering from issues with her legs. She resides at Lake Wylie Assisted Living. Please keep Pat in your prayers.
- ◆ 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, diagnosed with Wegener's disease is doing well and scheduled to go off steroids in March. They will continue his transfusions and see how he progresses. There is no cure for this disease. Please continue to pray for Daniel and his family.
- ◆ Cooper Freeman III has kidney disease and diabetes. Please pray for healing for the issues he is experiencing with his feet.

### Students

- ◆ Clay Ferguson
- ◆ Kelly Ferguson
- ◆ Donald Horack
- ◆ 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

### Homebound

Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Sarah Middleton
Joyce Carpenter	Margaret Niell
Dot Earp	Forest Nunnally
Katharine Freeman	Gerry Roberts
Louise Freeman	Mike Spratt
Joe Furr	Margaret Wert
Elaine Kotraba	Wayne Whitesides
Danny Martin	Lois Yandle