

FEBRUARY 11, 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 read
Numbers 5-21

Reading the Bible in chronological order:
By next Friday, Exodus 30-40 and Leviticus 1-10.

Next week look for the following week's plan.

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Upcoming Worship

MESSAGE: LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

ELDER GREETERS	MEG SALMON, AL WINGET
DEACON USHERS	KAREN RAWLS, KELLY BURKHART, CLINTON CORBETT, GENE GILLELAND, RANDALL BRUNSON
COFFEE AND BAGEL HOSTS	OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY
COUNTERS	BILL HARRAMAN, ANGIE NEEL
SIGNERS	BARRY SMALL, DAVID THOMPSON

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION COURTNEY
AND REGAN'S BIRTHDAY BY DAVID MCALILEY.

THE FLOWERS ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF
GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF SUTTON EPPS, SON
OF ZIZA EPPS.

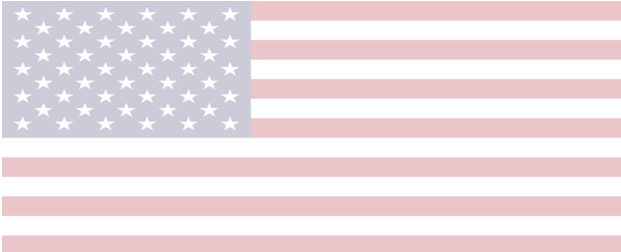


THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE CHURCH
OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS WRITING YOUR NAME IN A
BLANK. THE CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS
AND PAYMENT. COST IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE 208	CHILDREN 27	NURSERY 5	YOUTUBE VIEWS 51	FACEBOOK VIEWS 23	TOTAL 282
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Odd's and Ends



WELCOME HOME LEXIE SIMERLY!

We are happy to have the opportunity to welcome home Lexie Simerly. Lexie has been posted to South Korea as a member of the Military Police --- U. S. Army. She will report to Fort Lewis, Washington in the coming weeks for her next assignment. Thank you, Lexie, for your service to our country!



Letter from Operation Christmas Child



Happy New Year – from Operation Christmas Child! We praise God for the generous partnership with Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill! Because of your commitment, we collected **11,330,126** shoeboxes last year! That means more than 11 million children will hear the name of Jesus for the first time, and we pray they are called to follow him.

We are also grateful for Barbara Burns and her Drop Off Team! They cheerfully greeted shoebox donors, prayer with them and invited them to know Jesus more fully. What a blessing!

We believe Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill has enabled us to see God do “Immeasurably more” around the world.

Thank you for making such a difference in this world and please know how much OCC and I appreciate you and our partnership.

In Christ, Renee Daniels – OCC Volunteer

“Declare His glory among the nations” Psalm 96:3



Happy
Valentine's
Day

Money Management Tip of the Month

Financial Wisdom from
Proverbs 21:20 NIV

“the wise store up choice food
and olive oil, but fools gulp
theirs down.”

Save Today, Secure Tomorrow

One of the best things you can do
is SAVE. Conventional wisdom is
to set aside 10-15% each month
for your



WHAT ARE THE “ODD’S & END’S” YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Calendar and Events

11 February, Sunday - Souper Bowl Collection	14 February, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday
9:30 am - Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee	11:30 am - Fun Bunch - Small Dining Room
10:30 am - Worship	5:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Community Service (no praise rehearsal)
11:45 am - Deacon's Meeting	7:00 Choir - all welcome! Age 14+ (yes, choir rehearsal)
12 February, Monday	15 February, Thursday
11 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	10 am Beyond The Word - Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm - Mission Ministry Team	10 am Shut-In Meal Delivery
13 February, Tuesday	7:00 Handbells Choir
10am - Friendship Circle	17 February, Saturday
11:30 am - Staff meeting	2 pm -- Jack Caldwell Funeral Service
6:30 pm - Finance Ministry Team	18 February, Sunday
7 pm - Tithing Committee Zoom Meeting	12 pm - BASIC Training

February 12, Missions Ministry Team monthly meeting 6:30 pm. Meet in conference room or via Zoom.

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

February 13, Tithing Committee Zoom Meeting 7 pm.

February 14, Fun Bunch, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Come out and enjoy a meal and fellowship with this monthly group. You may reserve yourself a spot by calling the church office. The menu is baked chicken, baked potato, salad bar, bread, dessert and drinks.

February 14, Ash Wednesday:

We will host the Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 pm in our Sanctuary.

There will be no Praise Team rehearsal. However, Choir will rehearse at 7 pm.

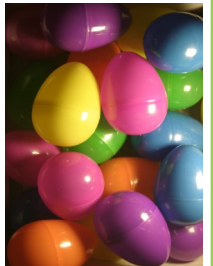


February 17, Funeral Service for Jack Caldwell, 2 p.m. Please [see details on page 5](#).

February 20, Men's Fellowship Dinner will be the 3rd (third) Tuesday of each month. Dinner at John's Restaurant located at 2002 Westinghouse Blvd.

March 16 We will have a Spring Festival with egg hunt for our children. This will be from 10am-11:30am and open to two year old through fifth graders.

We could use some small items such as candy and prizes to put inside eggs. We could use plastic eggs, too. Donations accepted until March 12.



April - Outreach and Fellowship ministry will host a FREE shred day in April. Date to be announced. There will be a truck onsite to accept your papers that you need securely shredded in order

to protect your information.

April is also tax month, so maybe you have old taxes, business papers, old ledgers, etc. from many years past that could be shredded. Start pulling together your papers and be ready to bring them onsite in April for secure shredding.

Ministries

Church Directory!!

Congregational Care has created a committee to build and publish a traditional directory with family photos of our church members. The last directory published was five years ago in 2019. You will hear much more about this project in the future.

Digital forms are in the works for members to complete. Paper forms are also in the works, and both will be made available in the future.

J-WALKERS NEEDS YOU

We need at least 14 people to assist with guiding, training, leading and protecting our three-year-olds through first-graders on a Sunday morning. By asking for so many volunteers we can create a rotating schedule so that no one small group has to do it every Sunday.

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

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 must be able to pass background check and a member of the church. All the children are fully potty trained. At this time, call the church office to be put in touch with Lindsey Lucariello.

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 (continued on page 5)

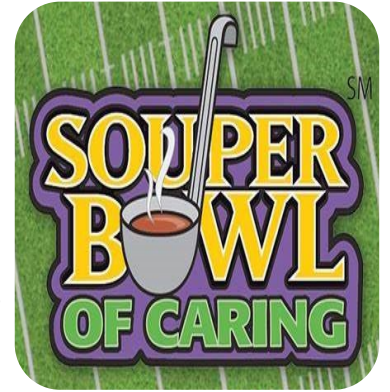
Our Youth will collect for Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11. The Youth Group have chosen to share with West Blvd. Ministries.

Help support the youth and their cause through your donation.

From Wikipedia: "The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:

Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.^[2]

22 churches raised \$5,700 in the first year. The number of groups involved has steadily grown each year, and so has the amount raised and put back into the communities.^{[2][3]} As the Souper Bowl of Caring programs have grown over the years to cover more than one annual event, the name and logo changed to reflect the growth.^[4] The name currently used is Tackle Hunger: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring or shortened to Tackle Hunger."



Men's Fellowship Group

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 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.



Door of Hope

After weeks of trying to adjust and accommodate work schedules, weddings, graduations, etc., we finally have hard and fast dates for the mission trip to the Door of Hope!

We will depart Charlotte, Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and return May 24, 2024. For those who choose, we will be going to Kruger National Game Reserve on May 9 and returning to the Village of Hope on Sunday, May 12. For those who need to return to the States prior to May 24 that can be arranged. There are still spaces available if you would like to join this mission trip. You need to reach out to Dexter Greene for some more details. You may find his contact information in the church directory or call the church office at 704-588-1290.

We will be accepting new and gently used baby clothing for the Door of Hope Ministry. These clothes need to be for children birth to 3-years old. Thank you everyone for helping with this mission effort.

Please do pray for our team as we make preparations and for the Door of Hope Ministry as they struggle with government officials over a variety of issues and that a new place will be found and approved to re-build the original baby house.

Congregational Care (cont.)

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

Donuts and Coffee

Our church would like to extend a thank you to Phyllis Osbourne and Jamey DeBerry for taking time out of their busy Friday's to go and get doughnuts and setup the table for us each Friday. Thank you, ladies!



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JACK L. CALDWELL

On Saturday, February 17, 2024, the funeral service for Jack L. Caldwell will be held in our sanctuary, with interment following in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the service beginning at 2:00 p.m. The service will be conducted by Jack's and (his wife) Jolene's former pastor from Gaffney, S. C.

Many Pleasant Hill folks will remember Jack, his wife Elaine, and their daughters Nancy, Linda and Susan. After Elaine's passing, Jack married Jolene Allen, and they had a daughter, Karen. All the children grew up in Pleasant Hill Church, and Jack was a member of the Choir and taught Sunday School. Jack served for 28 years in the Charlotte Fire Department, and retired as a Captain at the age of 49.

Jack passed away in Knoxville, Tennessee on January 3, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Jolene, his daughters Linda, Nancy, Susan and Karen and nine grandchildren.



Prayer Concerns

Condolences to

- ◆ R. Edward Barry's wife (Sandi), family and friends.

Surgery

- ◆ Joan Hoover had abdominal surgery on Wednesday, February 7. Lynn Roberts asks that we keep Joan in our prayers, and that this surgery will alleviate Joan's constant pain.

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, Bob and Louise Freeman's grandson, who is a student at the College of 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:
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Barry Small will have open heart surgery on February 20 at 8 am. Please pray for Barry and Betty they traverse this surgery and recovery.
- ◆ Felicia Clark Peaseley, sister of Marcia Henderson, is in rehab. Marcia asks for prayers for her sister's strength, comfort, and healing.
- ◆ Bob Freeman has COVID.
- ◆ Louise Freeman fell and hit her shoulder. She is bruised and sore. Please be in prayer for Bob and Louise.
- ◆ Jamie, daughter of Paul and Deb O'Conner, is doing much better. Please continue to pray for complete healing for Jamie.
- ◆ Gerry Roberts, husband of Pat Roberts, is doing better and his wife Pat hopes to bring him home soon. Please pray that Gerry continues to improve.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is home recovering after a two-month hospital stay for a blood infection.

Cancer

- ◆ Darryl and Jan Emory (Wilson Byrum's daughter and son-in-law) both have cancer. Please be in prayer for them.
- ◆ 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, Beckie Ennis' father, has finished chemo. He is on a schedule to have a scan every three months. One cancer spot has been shrunk which is a praise. Please continue to pray for Jim.
- ◆ Elaine Scarborough, friend of Becky Neely, diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers, 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 radiation treatment. He has a PET scan scheduled for January 31st with results to follow. Please pray 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

- ◆ Danny Martin has been readmitted to the hospital. Please pray for Danny and his wife Judy.
- ◆ John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to found.
- ◆ 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, was discharged from the hospital. She is back with 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