

15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278 704-588-1290 Reading the Bible in order? By next Friday, finish 2 Samuel 17-24 and 1 Kings 1-9.

Reading the Bible in chronological order? By next Friday, finish reading, in this order Judges 19-21, Ruth 1-4, 1 Samuel 1-17.

Next week look for the following week's plan.

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Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing, everyday disciples.

Upcoming Worship

MESSAGE: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:13-15

Elder Greeters	DEWITT LAUERMAN, CHERYL SIMERLY	
DEACON USHERS	Tom Burns, Allison Beach, Fred Willis, Kelly Andrus, Allison Moody	
Counters	Barbara Burns, Donna Moody	
SIGNERS	Walter Neely, Leon Daniels	

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD BY RON AND ROBERTA HARRIS AND
IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY LARRY MONROE AND IN CELEBRATION OF MARY BETH MONROE'S BIRTHDAY APRIL 7.

SUNRISE SERVICE HAD 56 IN ATTENDANCE.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL 6TH.

Inhouse	CHILDREN	Nursery	YouTube Views	FACEBOOK VIEWS	Total
323	33	7	89	25	437

Odds and Ends



Mother's Day is May 12.

Ladies, we are asking you to wear your hats on Mother's Day in honor of all moms.

To our new church congregation: Our family is in a season of life changes. We are now retired and adjusting to a new community here after a big move from Oregon. We are delighted to be closer to our children and grandchildren. We are also grateful to be part of this congregation which has welcomed us with so much love. This inspired us to join this very prayerful and Christ-centered congregation through the membership process last month. The Lord has been faithful as we navigate these life changes.

Thank you so much for your recent prayers for Mary's (our daughter) illness and for Paul while on a Mission trip in Kenya. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join Paul in Kenya this year due to health concerns. Thank you for being his example in our midst! Blessings to you all as we all strive to be God's Gift and the Light in the world we live in! Please stay tuned for more news of how we hope to participate in our new family. We look forward to walking alongside you all as we serve our local and global communities through God's love.

Blessings, Paul and Grace Kuto

Dear all,

I want to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Jeff and all the Mission Team members for their prayers for me, my wife Grace and my daughter Mary while she was unwell. My flight to Nairobi, Kenya was safe and sound though long and tiring. I am now ready to embark on doing the community clean and safe water project that will support a village community of about 35,000 residents. Please, continue praying for me and my family for strength and health and especially me as I start this noble work. We are so fortunate to have you as our church family members and thank God every day for it.

Thank you and God bless you all, always. With kind regards in Christ. Paul Kuto

Money Management

Tip of the Month

Let's talk lotteries! How much is the lottery this week? As of April 4, 2024 the Powerball is at \$1.23 Billion. I cannot even fathom that much money.

Don't count on it to make you rich. Lottery winners lose much of their newfound money by overestimating their winnings, making foolish investments, and spending recklessly. Proverbs 28:22 tells us: A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.

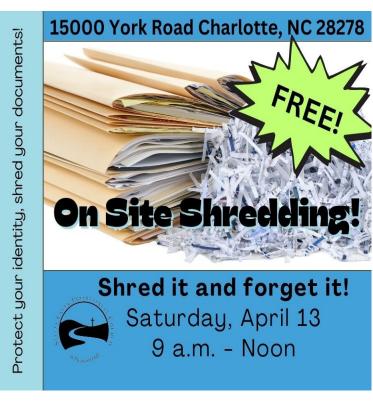
Giving to others is a better way to gain riches in heaven and avoid the struggle that unearned winnings may cause.



Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

Sunday	Wednesday		
09:00 am – Children's Choir - Meet in the Choir Suite	7 pm - Choir Rehearsal		
09:30 am – Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee	8 pm - AA meeting		
10:30 am - Worship	Thursday		
11:30 am – Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team	9 am - Beyond the Word		
8 pm - AA meeting	6:30 pm - Congregational Care Ministry		
Monday	7 pm - Handbells		
11 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	Friday		
06:30pm- Missions Ministry Team	10 am - Crafts Fellowship		
Tuesday	Saturday - April 13		
10 am - Friendship Circle	9 am - 12 pm SHRED-IT!! Bring out all your personal documents for safe, onsite, free destruction		
11:30 am - Staff meeting	Sunday		
6:30 pm - Finance Committee	09:00 am – Children's Choir - Meet in the Choir Suite		
6:45 pm - Christian Growth	09:30 am – Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee		
Wednesday	10:30 am - Worship		
11:30 am - Fun Bunch	5pm - Youth Group		
6:15 pm - Praise Team	8 pm - AA meeting		





WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

So many ways to serve.

Join our Craft Fellowship

known as Servers of Hope



This group is open to ALLLLLL! You may be of any age, any gender, and have any crafting skill level.

Have preschoolers who love to glue and color? They can surely help out with the crafts, and you get to grow new friends (and may adopt a few grandparents).

This group meets the second Friday of the month in the small dining room at 10 am.

The next meeting is Friday, April 12.

"It is for all folks, even if they are not crafters...like me! It's a good fellowship, and we even go to lunch afterwards. Most items we make are donated to nursing homes, schools, etc. During the summer, we even bring our kids, grandkids, etc. They love crafting."

-----Betty Small, crafter not crafter

Nursery Worker Needed

The church is looking to fill one position in the nursery.

This is a paid position. Your hours would be each Sunday from 9am - 12pm. You must pass a background check. If you would be interested, please contact Lindsey Lucariello through the church office.

J-WALKERS NEEDS YOU

We are still looking for 10-12 volunteers.

<u>Volunteer to work with our J-Walkers - Steele Creek</u>

Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill (churchcenter.com)

J-Walker volunteers serve on Sundays during worship service. Volunteers watch the J-Walkers (ages 3-7) after children's message, distribute snacks, help with premade crafts, and share a premade Bible lesson. You will not be alone but in pairs with another volunteer.

We need church members to volunteer to assist our J-Walkers and to give our other volunteers a chance to enjoy a Sunday worship. You must be a member of this church, clear a background check and be available during Sunday service a few times a quarter.

If you are already a cleared volunteer please go here <u>Childcare: SCPC@PH J-Walkers</u> (signupgenius.com) to signup for a time slot.

Drivers Needed

The third
Thursday of
each month
our Shut-Ins
and two volun-



teer fire departments are delivered hot meals that are made on site by Bill Harraman and his crew.

This crew needs additional drivers to help deliver and visit with our shut-ins. Deliveries start at 11:30a.m. You may have to go as far as Gastonia. If you are available one Thursday a month around lunch time, please reach out to Marion Briggs through Church Center or call the church office to sign-up.

Ministries

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. Office phone is 704-588-1290.



Women's Retreat

The sign-ups continue for our annual Women's Retreat. The guest facilitator this year is Lori Lewis, formerly of SCPCPH. The retreat will be held at William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC from May 18-19 with Friday night, the 17th, optional.

You may register online through Church Center Signups or via our paper handout found in the narthex and office lobby. Registration will close April 15 and any available balance is due by April 19. If you have any concerns or questions please call Becky Neely. Please contact Susanna in the church office, 704-588-1290 extension 220, for questions regarding scholarships.

Last opportunity for your family to appear in our church's directory. Sign up today for a photo session! Only two dates remain: Sunday, April 14 and Monday, April 15. Call Anna Seaman with any questions or help signing up.



Need Prayer?

The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can submit your prayers through the Prayer Request Card located in your pew, online through Church Center or scan the QR code. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.

SCPCPH's Automated Call System

Sometimes, your staff might need to communicate with you. It may concern the passing of a member or a snow/ice storm event, a reminder of activities coming up, etc. There may be a lag before you hear the beginning of the message, so please don't hang up. If you are away from your phone and don't answer the call, the system will call you three times before it records the message to your voice mail for

He Is Risen

Sunrise Service 2024



Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer for the following that they receive peace, comfort, support, healing, strength, and the love of Christ as He knows all the needs of all people. For more details on each, please see Church Center's Prayer List.

Condolences

- Condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Renward, a family member of Deb and Paul O'Connor.
- Condolences to Kristie Totten, the church directory photographer; and her family on the sudden death of her husband on March 18th.

Surgery

- Bo Lane, neighbor of Clinton Corbett whose wife has requested prayer for him for a hernia which will require surgery.
- Jeff Lemond had surgery and it went well. The doctor told him he could start rehab at the end of this week.
- Leon Daniels is having rotator cuff surgery in May.
- Boyd Kurt will have an atrial fibrillation ablation on April 4. Prayers are appreciated.
- Marcia Henderson, knee replacement surgery April 16th.

<u>Special, Congregational, and</u> Community Concerns

- ◆ Paul Kuto will be on a mission trip in Kenya from 3/15/2024 -7/30/2024 to work with two volunteer teams from Portland, OR. He will also work with local teams to expand a water project in his village. Grace hopes to join him if her health permits.
- ♦ The Smith family is looking to adopt a 13-year-old who is trying to sabotage her adoption.
- Prayer for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- Prayer for the country of Israel and its people.
- ♦ For Christians who are persecut-

ed 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.
- Mason Freeman, Bob and Louise Freeman's grandson. Louise would like prayers that he will be successful in college.
- Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.
- 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: Continue to pray for these three children. The oldest has run away from foster care, and her whereabouts are unknown. Please pray this child is found safely and quickly. One is struggling with behaviors, and the foster parents are challenged daily. Pray for the love of Christ to find all of them so they do have hope.
- 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 perma-

nent home for Brittany. Brittany has been in foster care for 18 months.

General Health Concerns

- Drew Martin, a 1 month old baby, was admitted to Levine Hospital with heart defects. He is scheduled to have open heart surgery in the near future.
- Sarah DeBerry is undergoing medical testing.
- Beth Spratt was to come home on Monday from rehab. Will have follow up visit with doctor to see how her kneecap is healing.
- Sammi, niece of Susan Boyle, is carrying triplets. At 30 weeks along, they are doing well.
- Felicia Clark Peaseley has returned home following rehab.
 She is still recovering from her surgery and needs prayer.
- Blanche Withers, grandmother of David McAliley, fell and broke several bones. Blanche will have to go through healing and extensive rehabilitation.
- ♦ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is not recovering well from his blood infection.

<u>Cancer</u>

- Penni Cooke the mother of Kate Lemond's co-worker was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin Lymphoma. She started chemo this week and will have biweekly treatments for 6 months.
- Carol Pridgen, sister of Betty Small, has been diagnosed with high grade pleomorphic sarcoma. She is starting five weeks of radiation treatments on March 7 at Duke. Afterwards her tumors will be removed.

- Yvette Suarez-Navis has had surgery for cancer. She will now undergo radiation treatments.
 Yvette works in our church nursery. She needs prayers for recovery and healing.
- Allyson Spratt, daughter-in-law of Mike Spratt, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be starting chemotherapy in 2 to 3 weeks.
- Todd, son of Kim who works with FTF, was just diagnosed with a brain tumor. Pray that it is treatable and for the support and love of his family to surround him.
- The father-in-law of Susan Boyle of FTF is struggling with sleep. Her mother-in-law is starting to feel the weight of what the future looks like without her husband of over 60 years.
- 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.
- Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan and nothing much has changed.
- Jim Conner, Beckie Ennis' father, has finished chemo. He is on a schedule to have a scan every three months. One cancer spot has shrunk which is a praise. Please continue to pray for Jim.
- Elaine Scarborough, friend of Becky Neely, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer had scans. The scans have shown improvement. Please pray for her.
- Teresa Hartman, neighbor and friend of Angie Neel, has completed chemo treatments for stage 4 neck/throat cancer.
- Fletcher Wilson, Ashley Rawls' father will receive radiation treatments.
- Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore has been diagnosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing chemo treatments.

- Larry Aaron, a friend of Kate Lemond, is feeling better and has started his chemo treatments.
- 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

- John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to be 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 prayers.
- Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, has ongoing medical issues.
- Pat McCorkle, David McCorkle's mother is doing much better.
 She's back at Lake Wylie Assisted Living.
- Mrs. Darrell Bonapart has congestive heart failure, diabetes, nerve damage, and high blood pressure.
- Daniel Morris, a friend of Bruce Doane, with Wegener's disease will continue his transfusions. There is no cure.
- Cooper Freeman III is home from the hospital and seems to be doing well following his procedure. He has multiple medical visits scheduled. Please keep him in prayer.

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, Washington
- ♦ Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia

Homebound

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