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

LET'S THINK  
OUTSIDE  
THE BOX

# Last Week's Service

## ATTENDANCE

Inhouse: 225

Children: 25

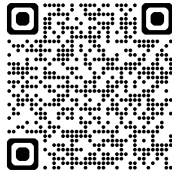
Nursery: 4

Online: 107

Speaker: Rev. Dexter Greene

Scripture: Luke 4:1-12

Message: Temptation:  
an ever present struggle



**Click or scan the QR code to watch  
last week's service!**

Greeters: Elders

Ushers: Karen Rawls, Kelly Burkhart,  
Clinton Corbett, Gene Gilleland,  
Randall Brunson

Signers:

Counters: Donna Moody, Betsy Stewart

Flowers: Were given by Leighton Brown  
in celebration of his sweet  
heart Martha's birthday on  
January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THIS SUNDAY



Scottish Heritage Sunday with the installation and ordination of the newly elected officers was last Sunday.

# Upcoming Worship Service

Join us for our Sunday service  
January 19, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Message: Do Whatever He Tells You

Greeters: Elders

Ushers: Bill Ferguson, Jennifer Irimies,  
Skylar Morgan, Becky Neely,  
David Giles

Signers: Barry Small, David Thompson

Counters: Donna Moody, Betsy Stewart

Flowers: Will be given to the Glory of God  
by Ricou Williams and in appreciation of our  
church's support of providing warm coats to  
New Life Purpose who then presented the coats  
to the Salvation Army Center for Women and  
Children during their annual dinner.

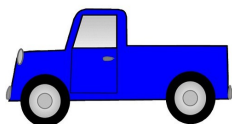
COME HEAR CHRIS AND LINDA  
PLAY A DUET ON THE TUBA AND  
PIANO THIS SUNDAY!

# Odds and Ends

I would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, meals, and construction work that we have received during my illness and rehab. It has been an adventure and it will be an adjustment. Thanks for your love and support. Love you all!

Cooper Freeman

Wanted: Small used pick-up truck with less than 200K miles; must be an automatic. Budget is less than \$8K. If you know of a good quality truck, please reach out to Ziza Epps. She needs it for hauling her trash to the local waste center. She is listed in the church directory and prefers going through the church for this.



Would you like to send cards and letters to Raquel Mercer? She would like all the extra prayers you have and well wishes are greatly appreciated. The removal of part of her liver went well and no cancer seems to be on the remaining part. Her address is:

Raquel Mercer  
1101 Princeton Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28208



BIG, BIG Thanks goes out to:

- Ellen Thomas for going to get the special cookies for Love Feast. We are so sorry we failed to mention it earlier. Ellen is a very important part of the success of Love Feast.

Thanks again!  
Happy New Year,  
Phyllis

Please let me take this opportunity to thank the congregation of SCPCPH for the beautiful cards I received for my 100th birthday. It was a pleasant surprise. I watch the services via YouTube every week with my son's help. I miss being able to attend in person due to my health. I pray for our church family everyday.

Thank you, Forrest Nunnally  
written by my son Michael

THE 2025  
FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED  
OUTSIDE THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.

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If you donated stock in December, we would like to acknowledge your gift and properly thank you. Please reach out to Sandra in the finance office or email her at [financial@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:financial@steelecreekchurch.org).

We could use a few people to sign-up to back up our nursery workers. If you are interested in assisting in the nursery, please reach out to [Chris@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:Chris@steelecreekchurch.org)

**The Flower Crew is looking for someone who enjoys helping to create & upkeep the church flower beds. If you are interested, please reach out to Gail Brenner or the church office at 704-588-1290.**



**Faith and Family sign-up is open for February 5. As soon as I hear the menu, I'll let you know.**

*Dear Congregation,*

*On behalf of the staff, I want to extend my thanks for your work in taking down the Christmas decorations, cleaning up, and setting up the tartans and stands for our Scottish Heritage Service.*

*The transformation of our worship space was seamless, and it's all thanks to your hard work and attention to detail.*

*It is through acts of service that we are reminded of the strength and unity within our church family. Your willingness to give your time and effort is a blessing to us all, and I am grateful for your support and commitment.*

*In Christ's Love, Jeff*

# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY - SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
09:30 AM - DONUTS, COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL	6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	7 PM- HANDBELL REHEARSAL
05:00 PM—YOUTH GROUP	8 PM - AA
08:00 PM - AA	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY—OFFICE CLOSED</b>	10 AM - SHUT-IN MEAL PREP
11 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM	<b>FRIDAY</b>
11:30 AM—GRIEF JOURNEY	---
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY - 10 CENTS-A-MEAL</b>
10:00 AM - FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	09:30 AM - COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:30 AM - STAFF MEETING	10:30 AM - WORSHIP
6:30 PM—MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER—JIM 'N NICKS	5:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP— ICE SKATING

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

### *January*

- 21 - Men's Fellowship at Jim 'N Nicks
- 26 - 10 Cents A Meal Sunday
- 26—Deacon's meeting
- 28 - Session meeting
- 29—Choir Rehearsal

### *February*

- 02- Outreach and Fellowship
- 02- New Mexico mission trip meeting
- 03- Admin & Personnel
- 03, 7, 17, 24 - The Other 90% Finance Class
- 05- Faith & Family Dinner
- 06, 13, 20, 27- Beyond the Word

08— 165th Presbytery Stated Meeting @  
First Pres of CLT

- 09- Souper Bowl of Caring
- 11- Finance Committee
- 14- Valentine's Day
- 14- Craft's Fellowship
- 15- VITA Latino
- 16- BASIC Training
- 18- Men's Fellowship
- 23- Blood Drive 🩸
- 25- Session Meeting



### Save the Dates!

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| April 26   | Spring Yard Sale                    |
| May 4      | Members on Missions—details to come |
| May 16-18  | Women's Retreat                     |
| June 22-26 | VBS                                 |
| October 11 | Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament   |

# Missions & Ministries

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATES JUNE 22-26



### Beyond the Word

Beyond the Word Ladies Bible study will resume on Thurs Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Conference Room. Our study will be The Twelve Disciples. Books are \$8. We are VERY eager to get back together. Missing y'all and our great discussions.

Becky and Grace



### The OTHER 90 Percent

Join us for this practical, hands-on program to get your budget in order. Sessions will be 60 to 90 minutes. Outside of class, we will have an online discussion group, and we will use a simple app to help organize the emotional and

Join the weekly class (lead by Pam Horack) that will teach you how to budget and be a good steward to the OTHER 90% of your money.

Sign-up on Church Center by Feb 2—tap the image to the left for a link.

Childcare available upon request.

### The OTHER 90 Percent



### Mastering Your Finances with Faith

A Christian Perspective on Budgeting and Stewardship



*Sign-Up Today*

**Weekly Class Starts Feb. 3**

the rational parts of your budget.

*We have found in our own home...that God's blessing upon the nine-tenths, when we tithe, helps it go farther than ten-tenths without His blessing. -- Rev. Billy Graham*

The Charlotte Rescue Mission has reached out to our Missions Ministry Team about collecting hygiene supplies. Currently, CRM is looking for full size bottles of body wash, full size bottles of lotion, and tampons. All items have to be new and sealed. A collection box will be in the main lobby.



**CHARLOTTE  
RESCUE  
MISSION**

### SCPCPH Missions Ministry Team

Is collecting certain full size hygiene items for Charlotte Rescue Mission. Collection box in the main office lobby. Follow the code for details.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF GRATITUDE, A CHILD'S DRAWING, A CLEVER JOKE OR CARTOON? THIS PAGE IS YOUR PAGE TO HELP BUILD WITH FUN NOTICES, BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY POSTINGS, LETTERS, ETC. SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

[NEWSLETTER@STEELECREEKCHURCH.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@STEELECREEKCHURCH.ORG)

# Choir Rehearsal

Our first rehearsal for the upcoming spring season will be on Wednesday, January 29th. Whether you're a seasoned singer, a shower soloist, or just someone who loves music, there's a place for you in our choir family. On the 29th we'll be listening to our spring music, building our own larynx, and, of course, having fun.

## Got Talent?

Your Music Ministry at SCPCPH is looking for a few specific people. We're in need of...

- A drummer to fit into the rotation for Praise (Play 1 or 2 Sundays a month with a rehearsal the Wednesday prior from 6-7 pm)
- A vocalist (soprano, tenor, or bass preferred) to fit into the rotation for Praise (Sing 2 to 3 Sundays a month with a rehearsal the Wednesday prior from 6-7 pm)
- A handbell ringer; we can teach you to play

## J-WALKERS NEEDS YOU!

Calling J-Walkers Volunteers! Please consider signing up to spend time with some of our youngest members in our J-Walkers program.

All you do is serve a snack, conduct an easy prepared lesson, and have fun! To sign up, please follow this QR code or talk to Chris Murphy. Youth are welcome to sign up as the second helper.

If you are 18 or older, you must pass a background check.

### Those serving:

**January 19:** Ragan Hastan & Mary Beth Morgan, and our teen helper Piper Hastan.

**January 26:** Kathy & Lindsay Jack

**February 2:** WE NEED YOU! Follow the QR code!

**February 9:** Jennifer Dennis & WE NEED ONE MORE! Follow the QR code!



SCAN ME

the bells, but some music reading ability is necessary (Rehearse on Thursdays from 7-8 pm and play 1 Sunday a month and holidays)

We rehearse cyclically, meaning this is NOT a full-time commitment. Think you have what it takes, or know someone who does? Email [kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org). Want to know more about the music program here? Visit [steelecreekchurch.org/music](http://steelecreekchurch.org/music).

When you're a part of our music team, you're surrounded by a supportive and fun musical family. You'll use your talent to inspire and uplift others while growing musically and spiritually in a vibrant worship environment.

# WANTED

### ★ RINGER ★



**SKILLS NEEDED:**

- Some music reading skills
- Ability to tolerate controlled chaos

**TIME COMMITMENT**

- Thursday evening rehearsals from 7 - 8 pm
- Play 1 or 2 Sundays a month

### ★ DRUMMER ★



**SKILLS NEEDED:**

- Must have the ability to get into a groove
- Can't be a diva; that role falls to our singers

**TIME COMMITMENT**

- Play 1 or 2 Sundays a month with a rehearsal the Wed. prior from 6 - 7 pm



### ★ VOCALIST ★



**SKILLS NEEDED:**

- Soprano vocal range
- Like to sing in the shower? Try it on a stage!

**TIME COMMITMENT**

- Sing 2 to 3 Sundays a month with a rehearsal the Wed. prior from 6 - 7 pm.

**TURN YOURSELF IN & SCHEDULE AN AUDITION!**

**PLEASE EMAIL [KAARIN@STEELECREEKCHURCH.ORG](mailto:KAARIN@STEELECREEKCHURCH.ORG)**

# 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.

## **Praise**

- ✝ Terry Gillette let us know that Baby James, who we have been praying for since August, was able to go home January 5th. Baby James weighed 1 pound 6 ounces when he was born and has been in NICU since August. He now weighs 8 pounds. What a miracle! Praise God!!!!!!

- ✝ Pray for the country of Ukraine and its people.

- ✝ Pray for the country and people of Israel. Also, please pray for the safe return of the hostages being held by Hamas and for the killing of further people to be stopped.

- ✝ Susie Boyle, Director of Outreach for Fostering the Family is scheduled to have surgery for breast cancer on January 9th. Please be in prayer for Susie through her surgery and recovery.

- ✝ Jennifer Belk, caregiver for Margaret Wert and Hannah Maurer is recovering from her surgery following discharge from the hospital. Please be in prayer for her as she recovers.

## **General Health Concerns**

- ✝ Joe Monaghan, Will Lindsay's boss was moved from ICU following a second surgery. Please be in prayer for his recovery.

- ✝ Eugene Botterio, son-in-law of Larry & Helen Shaver, needs prayers that his health issues will improve.

- ✝ Jim Ragan, a friend of Pastor Jeff's has started chemo treatments for his Lymphoma. So far he's not experiencing any bad side effects. He is requesting prayer.

## **Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns**

- ✝ Prayers for those affected by the wild fires in Coastal California as well as those fighting the flames of the consuming fires.

- ✝ Pray for the DHSS Agencies in both North and South Carolina for the challenges they are facing in carrying out their mission regarding foster children and foster families.

- ✝ Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Helene in NC, SC, FL, GA, TN and VA. Prayers for warm living space and warm clothing during the cold weather of winter.

- ✝ Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida.

- ✝ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

## **Cancer**

- ✝ Raquel Mercer, sister of Ragan Haston and daughter of Gina and Tom Settlemyre had the right lobe of her liver removed at Duke on January 14th. She is recovering well at Duke. This is only possible because God has been hearing our prayers for the last 7 months. Thanks to all. Her family thanks you for your prayers.

- ✝ David Carter, friend and co worker of Mac Winget is responding well to his treatment for Lymphoma. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

- ✝ Kaarin Record started her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don.

- ✝ Allison Spratt has completed her radiation treatments and now has 39 targeted chemo treatments before proceeding with her next surgery.

† Carol Pridgen was taken to Duke Hospital where she will have surgery on Tuesday, January 16th. This is a change from her scheduled surgery in February. Please be in prayer for Carol.

† Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan. She is able to travel and visit with family.

† Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. She will start radiation soon. Please continue to pray for her.

† Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore, has been diagnosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing 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

† Kelly Bledsoe is having a number of ongoing health issues. Brenda Bledsoe asked that we lift her daughter up in prayer.

† Cooper Freeman has returned home following surgery and rehab. Please pray for his continued recovery.

† Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is still suffering the side effects of long Covid. She and her husband appreciate all prayers lifted up for them.

† John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law has been on the kidney transplant list for some time. Please be in prayer for a donor match to be identified.

### Fostering the Family

† Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.

† Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the children that are looking to be adopted.



### College Students

Clay Ferguson	Ben Shanti
Kelly Ferguson	Regan Snyder
Alexa Hill	Andrew Tanner
Donald Horack	Charlie Warnke
Melinda Moore	

### Homebound

Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Pat McCorkle
Joyce Carpenter	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts
Katharine Freeman	Kat Sparrow
Louise Freeman	Mike Spratt
Elaine Kotraba	Margaret Wert
	Wayne Whiteside

### 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, California
- † Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- † Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia
- † \*\*Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea
- † Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina