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# Last Week's Service

## ATTENDANCE

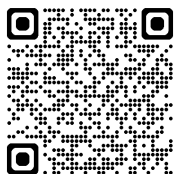
Inhouse: 191

Children: 28

Nursery: 2

Online: 72

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston  
Scripture: John 2:1-11  
Message: Do Whatever He Tells You



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

## Presbytery of Charlotte

<https://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/>

The 165th Stated Meeting

Will be February 8, 2025

First Presbyterian Church  
of Charlotte



# J-WALKER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEW QR CODE!  
SIGN UP NOW!



# Upcoming Worship Service



10 Cents A  
Meal Sunday!

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: Luke 4:14-24

Message: Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Theme: The power of the Messiah is released  
in every person who truly hears the Word (Jesus) of  
God.

Greeters: Elders

Ushers: Karsen Pennington, Rachel Holzhauer,  
Crystal Siniarski, Dan Sturge, Kelly Burkhart

Signers: Barry Small, David Thompson

Counters: Donna Moody, Betsy Stewart

Flowers: Will be given to the Glory of God by the  
people of God.

J-Walker Leaders: Kathy Jack, Lindsey Jack

WE NEED YOU  
FOR FEBRUARY  
TWO!

# 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!

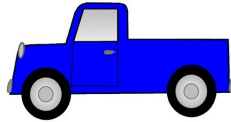
Cooper Freeman

THE 2025  
FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED  
OUTSIDE THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.

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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



**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).**

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.

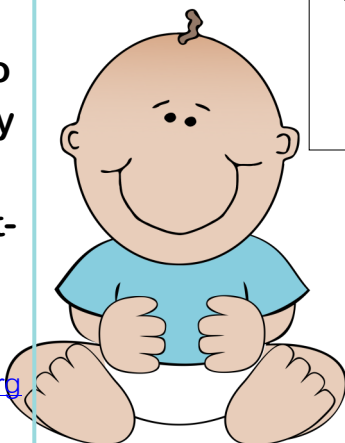


Faith and Family sign-up is open for February 5.

As soon as I hear the menu, I'll let you know.

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)



2024 Donor Statements will be ready by the end of next week. When the statements are ready, you can find yours here.

[Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#)

## New Mexico Mission Trip

Are you going to New Mexico this summer to serve on the mission trip? Trip dates are July 7 - 12 and July 14 - 19.

There is a meeting February 2 right after church in the choir room.

# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY - 10 CENTS-A-MEAL</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
09:30 AM - DONUTS, COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL	6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	7 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL
11:45 AM - DEACON MEETING	8 PM - AA
05:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP - ICE SKATING	
08:00 PM - AA	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	7 PM - HANDBELL REHEARSAL
11 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	09:30 AM - COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:30 AM - STAFF MEETING	10:30 AM - WORSHIP
7 PM - SESSION MEETING	5:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

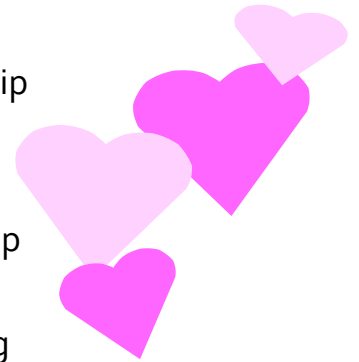
### *January*

- 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!

- |            |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| TBA        | Spring Yard Sale date             |
| May 4      | Members on Missions - tentative   |
| May 16-18  | Women's Retreat                   |
| June 22-26 | VBS                               |
| October 11 | Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament |



# Missions & Ministries

## 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 the rational parts of your budget.

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 or scan the QR Code.**

Childcare available upon request.

## 10 Cents a Meal on Sunday

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.

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

## The *OTHER* 90 Percent



## Mastering Your Finances with Faith

A Christian Perspective on **Budgeting and Stewardship**



*Sign-Up Today*

**Weekly Class Starts Feb. 3**

*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*

## Beyond the Word

The Thursday morning **Beyond the Word** ladies Bible study will begin on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Our study lesson is The Twelve Disciples. Your books are in and are \$8. We'll be in touch and have them available to you soon.

Friends, we have missed each of you and are eager to get back into the Word and to enjoy our fellowship time together.

Blessings.....Becky and Grace



**Safety team needs more members.**

**Please see Dennis Rawls or call 704-588-1290 for more details.**

## 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:

[NEWSLET-](#)

[TER@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:TER@steelecreekchurch.org)

## 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 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).

## 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.

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**

# CHOIR

Rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, January 29th at 7pm

SteeleCreekChurch.org/Music • 15000 York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278  
Kaarin Record, Director of Music • kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org

## Choir

**No auditions required!** If you have a voice and a heart for music (or just a desire to hang out with some awesome people), you're qualified. Bonus points if you know the difference between a hymn and a heron. Rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, 1.29, from 7pm - 8:30. This Choir Season runs through Palm Sunday (April 13th). No full-time/year-long commitment.

# 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.

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

- ✝ Paul Kuto leaves for Kenya on Friday 1/25/25 to complete the water project started last year. Please be in prayer for this ministry and his family. This water project will serve at least 30,000 people.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ 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.

## **General Health Concerns**

- ✝ Josane Calvert, Deborah Thrower's friend fell, and Deborah was with her in the emergency room of the hospital. They think she fractured her L3 vertebrae. Deborah asked that we be in prayer for Josane.
- ✝ Karen Barnett, the mother-in-law of Allyson Roger's son is in the hospital with abnormal heart rhythm. Allyson asks us to pray that the doctors diagnose the problem and are able to get her heart rate back into normal rhythm.
- ✝ Carey Wood, a friend of George and Toni McCall needs prayer for recovery from a stroke.
- ✝ 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.

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

## **Cancer**

- ✝ Amber McCraw, the niece of George and Toni McCall was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Please pray for Amber as she starts her cancer journey.
- ✝ Billy Klutz, a friend of George and Toni McCall's was diagnosed with cancer. Please be in prayer for Billy.
- ✝ Raquel Mercer, sister of Ragan Haston and daughter of Gina and Tom Settlemyre's surgery to remove the right lobe of her liver went well, and she was scheduled to be discharged from the hospital. Raquel still has a long journey of treatments ahead of her and needs our prayers. Her family thanks you for all your prayers.
- ✝ 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 in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. Once she has recovered, she will start radiation treatment for cancer. Please be in prayer for her as she recovers and starts treatments for cancer.

† 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.

† 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, Betty Small's sister's surgery went well on Friday. The biopsy results came back negative. Please be in prayer for Carol as she recovers.

† 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.

### 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