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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: 180
Children: 30
Nursery: 5
Online: 82

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: Luke 4:14-24
Message: Fulfilled in Your Hearing



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

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:21-30
Message: The Clarity and Difficulty of God's Call

Theme: God has a purpose for us from before our humble beginning. His call is both clear and difficult as we seek to share the truth of God's Word.

Greeters: Renee Daniels, Al Winget

Ushers: Tom Burns, Allison Beach, Dale Willis, Mona Buchko, Allison Moody

Signers: Bill Harraman, Pam Horack

Counters: Barry Small, Boyd Kurt

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

J-Walker Leaders: Meg Salmon, *NEED ONE MORE*

Teen J-Walker Assts: Alli Salmon, Will Salmon

WE NEED YOU
FOR FEBRUARY
TWO!

Odds and Ends

It takes a village to not only raise a child but to help maintain a building! Do you know of a repair that needs to take place? Please complete and submit a maintenance request form found in this box in the admin lobby. Box will be checked daily.



THE 2025
FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED
OUTSIDE THE
CHURCH OFFICE.
WE HAVE MANY
OPEN-
INGS!
SIGN-UP



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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.

**February 9
Super Bowl LIX**

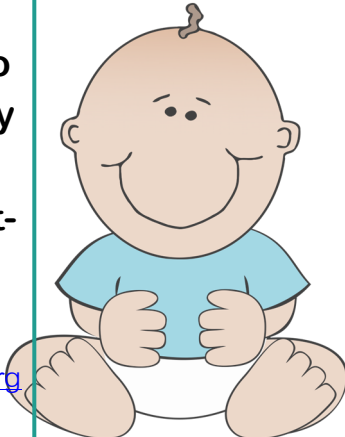
STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Pleasant Hill

**SOUPE
BOWL
OF CARING**

Your \$ stay local and serve

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



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.

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.

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

**Chicken
Parmesan
Pasta w/
Sauce
Vegetable
Salad bar
Dessert**

Steele Creek Residents Association 2025 Annual Meeting is Thursday, February 27 at Kennedy Middle School, 4000 Gallant Lane Charlotte, NC 28273 from 6pm - 8:30 pm with meeting starting at 7pm.

Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
09:30 AM - DONUTS, COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL	6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	7 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL
11:45 AM - OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP - CANCELLED	8 PM - AA
05:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP	THURSDAY
08:00 PM - AA	10 AM - BEYOND THE WORD
MONDAY	7 PM - HANDBELL REHEARSAL
11 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM	SUNDAY - SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
11:30 AM - GRIEF JOURNEY	09:30 AM - COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL
TUESDAY	10:30 AM - WORSHIP
11:30 AM - STAFF MEETING	5:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP

AND NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS AT 5 PM
IN THE PARLOR ON THE 9TH.

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

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

March

- 05 - Ash Wednesday
- 14 - Craft's Fellowship

All updates for the news-
letter are due by NOON
on WEDNESDAYS.

Save the Dates!

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| 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

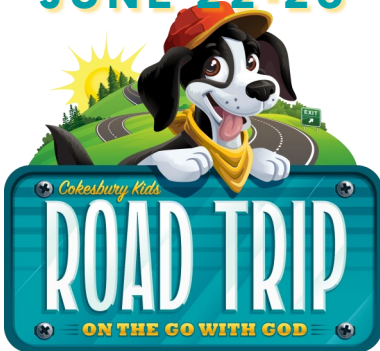
Join us for this practical, hands-on program to get your budget in order. Sessions will be 60 to 90 minutes. Outside of class, we will have an online discussion group, and we will use a simple app to help organize the emotional and the rational parts of your budget.

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.

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



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
POSTPONED
Sign-Up Today



Weekly Class Starts Feb. 3

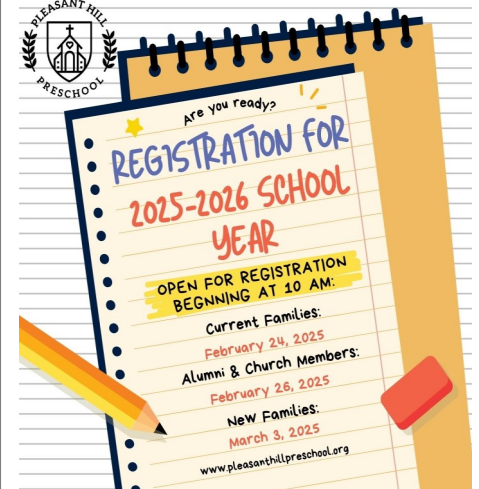
We have found in our own home...that God's blessing upon the nine-tenths, when we tithe, helps it go farther than ten-tenths without His blessing. --Rev. Billy Graham

Beyond the Word

The Thursday morning **Beyond the Word** ladies Bible study will begin on Thursday, February 6th 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

Missions & Ministries

Join us for our new quarterly book club!

Our first book will be *Be the Gift, Be the Light: Stories of My Mother's Legacy* by our very own Grace Kuto. More details will be available soon, including how to purchase the book and information on upcoming selections. Reach out to Chris with any questions at [Chris @steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:Chris@steelecreekchurch.org). Registration through Church Center will open soon.



Pen Pal Opportunity

[The Harambee Centre](#), a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon, is looking for volunteers to participate in a pen pal exchange with teenage mothers in Africa. The Harambee Centre was co-founded by our very own Grace Kuto 24 years ago. Its mission is to connect American people to the people and diverse cultures of Africa through the gift of education.

The centre needs ten more volunteers (we already have five from this congregation) to participate in a pen pals exchange for teenage mothers who are receiving [vocational skill training](#) for two years. Not limited to, but young mothers and youth are especially encouraged to participate in this cultural exchange opportunity of extending love to our marginalized global neighbors.

Please let Jamey or Grace know if you are able and wish to participate. **There is a scheduled orientation Zoom meeting on Wednesday, February 5th at 12pm (East Coast time). Once you sign up by calling the office, the meeting link will be emailed to you. Thank you in advance for your participation.**

A New Bible Study Class!

Come join Cindi Bridges and Mary Lou Pundt for *He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God*, a study by Priscilla Shirer. The class will be held biweekly on Sunday evenings at 5pm, beginning February 9. The first session will wrap up before kickoff! Register through Church Center, and reach out to Cindi or Mary Lou for more information.

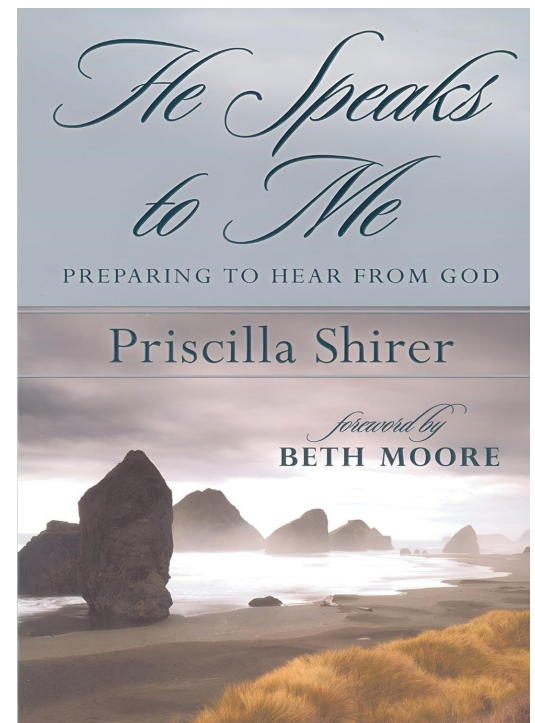
Class is open to all.

Bring a Bible, a notepad, and a pen.

Class will be in the parlor.

Dates are as follows:

February 9, 23, March 9, 23,
April 13, 27 with May 4 reserved
for make-up if needed.



Music Notes

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.

Want to know more about the music program here? Visit steelecreekchurch.org/music.

Groundhog Day is on Saturday! Will we have an



early Spring
or six more
weeks of
winter?

WANTED

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.

* 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.

Condolences

- ✝ Our condolences to family and friends of Billy Klutz who passed away last week.
- ✝ Our condolences to family and friends of Carey Wood who passed away on January 26.

- ✝ 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.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Paul Kuto left 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.

General Health Concerns

- ✝ Josane Calvert, Deborah Thrower's friend is doing better. Please be in prayer for her as she completes her recovery from her fall.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ 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's surgery went well. Her doctor's are now determining her next treatment steps. Please be in prayer for Susie as she recovers.
- ✝ Jennifer Belk caregiver for Margaret Wert and Hannah Maurer is in ICU. They have determined she had a stroke. Please pray for Jennifer's recovery.

✝ Jennifer Mullins, the mother of Will Lindsey's best friend Stacey has reoccurring breast cancer. Please be in pray for Jennifer and her family.

✝ 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 doing well. He will have his last chemo treatment for Lymphoma. Continue to pray for David as he finishes this last treatment.

✝ Kaarin Record has received her 4th chemo treatment of the 6 scheduled. Be in prayer for her and her husband Don as her treatments continue.

✝ 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, and she is looking forward to going home. Further treatment will be determined at a later date. 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.

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

Please be in prayer for a donor match to be identified.

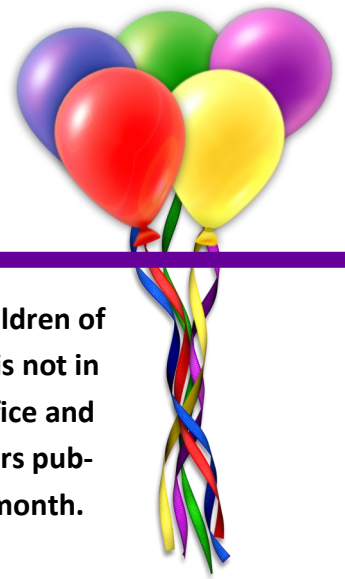
Military

*****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



Happy Birthday



Many have asked for a birthday list! I will publish members' and children of members' birthdays if they are available in our directory. If yours is not in a list and you would like it to be, please reach out to the church office and let's see if our records need to be updated. If you do not want yours published, please reach out at least one month before your birthday month.

February Babies

Pat Williams	2-Feb	MacRay Elliott	12-Feb	Jacob Cunningham Jr.	
Bob Capps	3-Feb	Reagan McAliley	13-Feb		21-Feb
Tiffany Brunson	3-Feb	John Webb	13-Feb	Megan Winget	22-Feb
Andy Beachley	4-Feb	George Roth	15-Feb	Grady Rawls	24-Feb
Dan Sturge	4-Feb	Lucas Zike	17-Feb	Betty Davis	24-Feb
Sadler Dockery	7-Feb	Lindsey McCall	20-Feb	Iola Siniarski	24-Feb
Courtney McAliley	10-Feb	Marcia Henderson	20-Feb	Caroline Herdle	26-Feb
Amelia Tuccillo	10-Feb	Mac Winget	21-Feb	Barbara Horack	28-Feb
Kinsley Pennington	11-Feb	Mary Hammond	21-Feb		

Dates and names are as accurate as in our database. If you need to make a change, please reach out to the church office.

2024 Donor Statements are ready

Please, check your email for a link to download your donor statement OR use the blue link below.

If you do not have an email address in the system or have never set up a Church Center account, your donor statement has been printed and will be available in the narthex on Sunday, or you may come by the church office to collect it.

If you do not have a printout in the narthex *and* did not receive an email link to your statement, the blue link below will take you to your Giving page in Church Center. You may download your statement there. If you still need assistance, please reach out to Sandra in the church office. Sandra@steelecreekchurch.org 704-588-1290 x 220

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