

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

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# Last Week's Service

**ATTENDANCE** 

Inhouse: 169

Children: 17

Nursery:

Online: 92

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message: Love

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



# **Presbytery of Charlotte** https://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/

The 165th Stated Meeting Was February 8, 2025

Highlights of the meeting



# Worship Service **MEAL SUNDAY!**

Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston Speaker:

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-15 & Luke 6:27-38

<u>Message</u>: God's Hidden Purpose

Theme: God always has a purpose to accomplish, and He works that purpose out in our lives even through some of the most difficult of Blood Drive in the multipurpose circumstances.

room 8:30am - 12:30pm

Renee Daniels, Al Winget Greeters:

Ushers: Karsen Pennington, Rachel

Holzhauer, Crystal Siniarski, Donald Horack,

Josh Gilleland

Signers: Bill Harraman, Pam Horack

Counters: Barry Small, Boyd Kurt

Flowers: Given to the Glory of God by Mamie

Gaver in loving memory of her parents, Don &

Alice Weber. Also will be given to the Glory of God

by George Davis and in celebration of his wife's,

Betty's, birthday.

J-Walker Leaders: Lindsay Jack, WE NEED YOU March 9&16

Kathy Jack

Teen J-Walker Assts:

Teens, want to

help? Sign-up.

# Odds and Ends

# SGRA Steele Creek Residents Association

2025 Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm Meet & Mingle at tables 7:00 – 8:00 pm Meeting and Presentation

8:00 – 8:30 pm Follow up conversations

Where: Kennedy Middle School, a CMS school

4000 Gallant Lane Charlotte, NC 28273

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Javier Lopez - President, Steele Creek Residents Association Kevin Sudimack - Principal, Kennedy Middle School

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Today!

My Dear Church Family. John and I want to thank you for all the love you've shown us during these last five months. We are still trying to recover from long-covid. It's been a rough journey! Thanks for all the calls, visits, meals and especially the many prayers. We felt them! We couldn't have gone through this without you. Sending love to each of you.

Annette Freeman

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.

Creek Division | Elon Recreation Center | Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation | Central Fine Arts Academy | Charlotte Douglas Airport | Charlotte Housing & Neighborhood Services | Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management | CMS - Planning | Storm Water Services | CMPD - Animal Care and Control | McDowell Nature Center | Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation - Capital Planning | Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Management Program | Southwest Charlotte Association | Steele Creek Athletic Association | Steele Creek Community Place | Steele Creek YMCA | Trees Charlotte | Unity Classical Charter School

Meet and Mingle Participants include: Steele Creek Fire Department | NCDOT | CMPD-Steele

For more information visit: www.steelecreekresidents.org

Scan here to become a member:



Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross Blood drive February 23 in the multipurpose room. Eight appts are still available!

Faith and Family signup is open for March 5. Menu is:



Bacon
Eggs
Grits
French Toast
Biscuits &
Gravy

### **COMMUNITY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

The Ash Wednesday service will be March 5 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary following our Faith and Family dinner in the multipurpose room at 5:30 PM. QR Code to the left is your shortcut to your Church Center sign up or call the office. Multiple churches are invited to the dinner. Please RSVP by noon March 3.

# Calendar and Events

#### UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

SUNDAY - BLOOD DRIVE ♦ & 10 CENTS A MEAL	WEDNESDAY		
09:30 ам - Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee	6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL		
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	7 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL		
5:00 pm - Evening Bible Study	8 рм - АА		
5:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP	THURSDAY  10 AM - BEYOND THE WORD  7 PM - HANDBELL REHEARSAL  SUNDAY  09:30 AM - COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL		
08:00 рм - AA			
MONDAY			
11:00 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM			
06:30 рм - Pub Theology at Model A Brewing Co.			
TUESDAY	10:30 AM - WORSHIP		
11:30 AM - STAFF MEETING	11:45 AM - OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP		
07:00 рм - Session	05:00 рм - Youth Group		

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:



23- Blood Drive

25- Session Meeting

27 - Beyond the Word



### 02 - \$100 deposit for youth camp due

03, 7, 17, 24 - The Other 90% Finance Class

05 - Faith and Family dinner

o5 - Ash Wednesday - An evening community service will be held here at 6:30 following the

Faith and Family meal at 5:30.

o6, 13, 20, 27 - Beyond the Word

og - Communion

og - Stepping Stones: A Fostering the Family

Care Group

og - Evening Bible Study

10 - Missions Ministry meeting

11- Friendship Circle

13 - Congregational Care meeting

14 - Craft's Fellowship

17 - St. Patrick's Day

### **Upcoming Dates**

April 6 Youth Sunday April 20 Easter Sunrise Service April 26 Shred-It Truck onsite May 11 Mother's Day Women's Retreat - LADIES, COMPLETE May 16-18 YOUR SURVEY PLEASE. LINKED HERE. **Graduation Sunday** June 1 June 15 Father's Day June 22-26 **VBS** July 6-8 Camp Bethelwoods for first - third graders Camp Bethelwoods for third - fifth graders July 13-18 July 13-18 Camp Passport for the youth October 11 Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament

Community Yard Sale

October 18

# Music Notes



### Hear ye! Hear ye!

there ye, hear ye! Gather ye, good folk, and east thing eyes upon this most regal of visages! Behold, Lady Laura, she who doth reign with wisdom and grace o'er the sacred harmonies of our music and the mystic wonders of our modern devices.

Crowned in splendor befitting her noble station, she sitteth upon her throne, a sovereign of song and steward of sound, guiding both voice and vessel with steady hand. Verily, by day she doth impart the wisdom of ages to the youth, and by eventide, she leadeth the faithful in melody and mastery of the

This most glorious portrait, a tribute most fitting of her noble service, hath been gifted unto her by none other than her most esteemed liege, Lady Kaarin Record, Music Director of our hallowed church. Let all who witness this likeness give honor and acclaim to our most esteemed Assistant Music Director, Tech Team Lead, and Scholar of Histories! Long may she reign!

unseen arts.

SOUND BITES

DID YOU KNOW?

George Friderick Handel
wrote his famous oratorio
wrote his famous oratorio
/Messiah' in only 24 days!

'Messiah' runs about 2 hours and 20 minutes in length, so that means Handel composed about 45 minutes of music per week. He finished it on September 14th, 1741.



### Sanctuary Choir

The sanctuary choir comprises singers from all walks of life, ages 14 and up. The choir meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm - 8:30 pm in the choir room. Rehearsals are infused with a wide range of repertoire styles, along with educational opportunities for vocal technique, choral sound production, music theory, sight reading, and reflection on why music moves our hearts. JOIN THE FUN!!

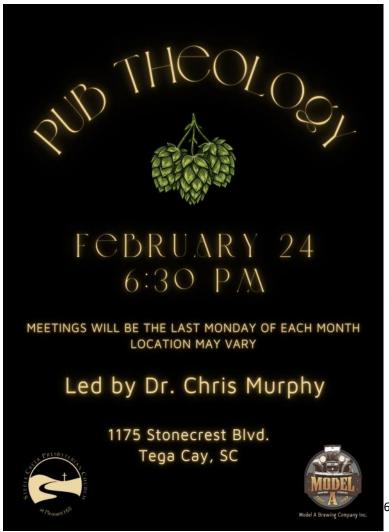
Follow this link and request to join to be in the know!

LOOKAT THE FUN YOU ARE MISSING!

# Missions & Ministries



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



# The OTHER 90 Percent

Your personal finances are private. At no time during this series will you be asked to divulge any personal finances. Join us for great lessons in money manage-

Join us for this practical, handson 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 that will teach you how to budget and be a good steward to the OTHER 90% of your money.

Sign-up on Church Center - tap the image to the left for a link or scan the QR Code.

Childcare available upon request.

We are proud to announce a new program outside the church, known as Pub Theology. This open discussion led by Dr. Chris Murphy will take place on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Our first event will be THIS COMING MONDAY, February 24 at Model A Brewing Company in Tega Cay.

The location each month may change, but the first two sessions February and March 24 will be at Model A Brewing Company 1175 Stonecrest Blvd. Tega Cay, SC.

# Missions & Ministries



### Join us for our new quarterly book club!

First meeting will be in later April. This gives you plenty of time to start reading. The 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 <u>Chris @steelecreekchurch.org</u>.

Please go here to buy the book online directly from Grace's non-profit site. https://harambeecentre.org/book-order

# Outreach and Fellowship

How would you like to get involved in a ministry team? Outreach and fellowship is looking for energetic people to brainstorm ideas and plan events that actively engage our community. Outreach and Fellowship organizes things such as the fall festival, craft fair, and Spring egg hunt. We need your ideas and energy!! Ages 13 and up invited! The next meeting will be March 2.



# **Bi-Weekly Bible Study Class**

Come join Cindi Bridges and Mary
Lou Pundt for *He Speaks to Me: Pre- paring to Hear from God*, a study by
Priscilla Shirer. The class will be held
biweekly on Sunday evenings at
5pm. The second session Is February
23 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.

# Missions & Ministries



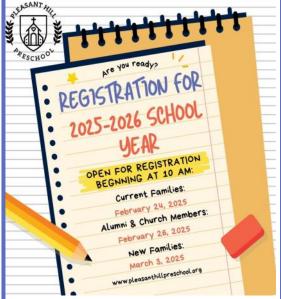
#### Time for Summer camps!

Registrations are open for the youth summer camp known as PASSPORT with a \$100 deposit due March 2 (July 13-18 in Spartanburg, SC). Tap the image above to be sent to the registration page and to read more details.

Save the date for Camp Bethelwoods! This is the elementary aged camp that the Christian Growth Team/Church recommends. The camp registration is completed directly through the camp. Reach out to Christian Growth for sign-ups, details, and links.

- If your elementary student has completed first, second or third grade, consider attending the July 6-8 session for approximately \$400.
- If your elementary student has completed third, fourth, or fifth grade, consider attending the July 13-18 session for approximately \$600.

By attending one of these weeks, your student will attend the same week as a number of the children in the church and will be sure to have another camper there that they know.



Pleasant Hill Preschool enrollment is almost here! February 24 current families will enroll for '25-'26 school year. *Church members and alumni's enrollment will start Wednesday, February 26*! All new families can start registering on March 3. Follow the link to their website by tapping the picture above.

The Preschool Ministry Team is sponsoring a collection for the preschool for the next two weeks.

- Uncoated paper plates
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant spray
- Disinfectant wipes



ALL ladies! Christian Growth is asking you to complete the VERY short survey to the left. You may tap the image to the left or scan the QR code to take you to a 3 question survey about the upcoming Women's Retreat. This survey is to judge interest in this year's retreat before moving forward with planning details.

Come on out April 26 from 9am - 12pm and bring your personal papers for onsite destruction - helping to prevent identity theft as compared to tossing them in the garbage.

When you have boxes and boxes of files that need destroying, paying for a service or using a small paper shredded can seem daunting. We are bringing out the BIG shred truck and doing it for you! Event over at noon OR when the truck is full. Limit of 4 banker boxes. Staples do not need to be removed.



# Mike Spratt

(1949 - 2025)

James Lee (Mike) Spratt Jr. (1949-2025), of Fort Mill, SC, died peacefully at home Thursday, February 13, with his beloved family by his side. There to help ease his passing were his cherished wife of 53 years Elizabeth Sutton Spratt, dear son Zachary Sutton Spratt, adored daughter-in-law Dr. Allyson Thomas Spratt and two precious grandchildren, Sutton Oliver Spratt and Harper Hurst Spratt. Mike was a vital and enjoyable part of so many people's lives. He was a golfing buddy, a public school teacher and administrator, a card player, member of a close cadre of college basketball officials, Chairman of the Riverview Fire District Board, Deacon and Elder at Riverview Presbyterian Church, and a devoted friend to many. He was a true patriot, serving in the US Air Force from 1969-1973, and he loved a few hours spent with a good patriotic book or movie. He lit up rooms with his smile, humor and engaging personality and was always quick with a joke. He was a voracious reader, a trivia champion and loved showing off his knowledge of who sang that 60's song and when. He had a keen mind and could remember details of every golf game he played and Alabama football play he ever saw. One of his most favorite things to do though was take care of his family by planning and cooking delicious, healthy meals. He was always delighted to offer help to anyone who needed it. All in all, his life was one of service. He graduated from Fort Mill High school in 1967, earned a bachelor's degree from The University of South Carolina, an MAT from Winthrop University and an EdS from Converse College. He was predeceased by his father James Lee Spratt, mother Barbara Jean Herron Spratt, devoted stepmother Frances Griffith Spratt and older sister Jean Spratt Jackson (husband Billy). In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by his brothers Tom Spratt (wife Alexa), Ed Spratt (wife Karen), and Charles Spratt (wife Shannon) as well as sister-in-law Cathy Bryant and brother and sister-in-law, Chuck Bing and Vicki Sutton. He adored his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He loved and was dearly loved by this family and blessed with his grandchildren living close by and able to visit often with "Pop." When asked how he was, particularly as his health declined, he would answer that he was one of the most blessed people in the world and that he couldn't think of anybody he'd trade places with. Mike's family mourns his passing and is thankful for the wonderful years they spent together. The family will be holding a drop in visitation at 375 N. Sutton Rd where he always felt so loved, on Sunday, February 23, between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. A private burial service is being planned for the immediate family.

# **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**

Susie Boyle is now cancer free and back to work full time at Fostering the Family. Thank you Lord.

### **Condolences**

Condolences for the family and friends of Mike Spratt who passed away February 13, 2025.

#### Surgery

- Debbie McAliley, David McAliley's mother is having surgery February
   21. Please pray for a speedy and complete recovery.
- Rebecca Economon's surgery went well. Please pray for a quick recovery.
- Roy Epps, Ziza Epp's brother-inlaw will have a procedure to remove the blood clot fr So interesting version, click on. om his leg on Thursday, February 20th. Please be in prayer for Roy.
- Kathy Cuff, daughter of Annette Freeman, had surgery today, February 20, to attempt to regain her eyesight in her right eye. Pray for success.

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

Paul Kuto is working on the water project in Kenya. They have had some delays but the Lord is answering prayers and the project is moving forward. Please continue to pray for this ministry, Paul and his family.

- 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.
- 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**

- Allyson Roger's mom fell and broke her arm. Please be in prayer for her as she recovers.
- Josane Calvert, Deborah Thrower's friend is home and doing so well. She wants to thank all of Deborah's church family for their many prayers. Thank you all.
- \* Karen Barnett, the mother-inlaw of Allyson Roger's son is doing well. The doctors are treating her heart with medication.
- Joe Monaghan, Will Lindsay's boss has been moved to a PT facility. He is improving greatly

- and is in good spirits. Thanks for your continued prayers.
- Eugene Botterio, son-in-law of Larry & Helen Shaver, needs prayers that his health issues will improve.
- Dohnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

#### <u>Cancer</u>

- Annie Monroe, Larry Monroe's mother was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please be in prayer for Annie that she won't need further treatment.
- Elizabeth Hovis, the radiologist plans to use radiation to treat her cancer. At this time a date to start treatment hasn't been determined. Please be in prayer for Elizabeth as she waits for further information.
- Kevin Lane, a co-worker of Trent Haston and Kate Lemond had surgery last week. The surgery went well, and he is home recovering. Please be in prayer for Kevin as he recovers.
- Dan and Ann Baird, the parents of a co-worker of Kate Lemond's, needs our prayers. Dan's cancer has returned, and he is in a lot of pain. Anne suffers from dementia.
- 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 learned on her last

visit to Duke that she will be continuing treatment for her cancer with chemotherapy pills and radiation. Raquel has a long journey of treatments still ahead of her and needs our prayers.

- Dennifer Mullins, the mother of Will Lindsey's best friend Stacey has reoccurring breast cancer. Please be in pray for Jennifer and her family.
- Dennifer Belk, caregiver of Margaret Wert and Hannah Maurer had surgery for cancer. She has now had a stroke which has left her with some challenges. She has been moved from ICU to a regular room. Now the doctors are talking about rehab. Please pray for Jennifer's recovery.
- Jim Ragan, the husband of Miriam Pinkston's friend was diagnosed with Lymphoma. He has started his chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for Jim as he continues his cancer treatments.
- Kaarin Record is continuing with her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don as her treatments continue.
- Carol Pridgen, Betty Smalls sister is home recovering from surgery. She is weak but doing OK. Further treatment will be determined at a later date. Please continue to pray for Carol as she recovers.
- Allison Spratt has completed a number of her targeted chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for Allison as she completes these treatments. Following the treatments she will have surgery.
- Ruth McGaha, friend of Annette Freeman, is home now after a recent hospital stay with pneumonia. She is doing well, but prayers for

her strength to return is requested.

- Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. 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.

#### **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 a wound on his foot that needs prayer for healing. Cooper continues rehab following his surgery.
- Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is still suffering the side effects of long Covid. She and her husband appreciate all prayers lifted up for them.

#### Fostering the Family (FTF)

- Please pray for the organization Fostering the Family and all children that are looking to be adopted.
- Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around vulnerable families.

<u>College Students</u>					
Clay Ferguson	Ben Shanti				
Kelly Ferguson	Regan Snyder				
Alexa Hill	Andrew Tanner				
Donald Horack	Charlie Warnke				
Melinda Moore					

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

### <u>Military</u>

\*\*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.

March Babies

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	Skylar Morgan	1-Mar	Hannah Maurer	15-Mar	Mary Beth Morgar	1 23-Mar
	Phiddy Webb	1-Mar	Trey Rogers, III	16-Mar	Gavin Beck	23-Mar
	Piper Haston	2-Mar	Adair Morgan	16-Mar	Mamie Gaver	24-Mar
	Trey Morgan	3-Mar	Michael Walker	16-Mar	Knox Haston	24-Mar
	Donald Baker, Sr.	3-Mar	Mike Morgan, Sr.	17-Mar	Pam Horack	26-Mar
	Olivia Hembree	3-Mar	Sophia McAdoo	18-Mar	Benjamin Shanti	26-Mar
	Bob Thompson	3-Mar	Nancy McNulty	19-Mar	Judy Spruill	26-Mar
	Miriam Pinkston	8-Mar	Jared Smith	19-Mar	Rachel Howell	29-Mar
	Mona Buchko	8-Mar	Matt Warnke	19-Mar	Allison Beach	30-Mar
	Crystal Siniarski	9-Mar	Kathy Jack	20-Mar	Aiden Lucariello	31-Mar
	Jim Weeden	13-Mar	Parker Mae Allen	21-Mar	Jane Jackson	31-Mar
	Annette Freeman	14-Mar	Ragan Haston	22-Mar	Nicholas Wrenn	31-Mar
	Peyton Freeman	15-Mar	Janis Haynes	22-Mar		