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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: 147

Children: 271

Nursery: 1

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: Genesis 15:7-18 & Philipians 3:17-4:1
Message: God's Covenant

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



Upcoming Worship Service

Third Sunday of Lent

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9 & Luke 13:1-9

Message: How Much Time Do We Have?

Theme: None of us knows how much time we have on this earth. Isaiah and Luke encourage us to get right with God and be prepared for Christ's return.

Greeters: Randall Brunson, Ellen Thomas

Ushers: Karsen Pennington, Rachel Holzhauer, Crystal Siniarski, Donald Horack, Josh Gilleland

Signers: David Thompson, Leon Daniels

Counters: DeWitt Lauerman, Pam Horack

Flowers: Given to the Glory of God by Skylar Morgan in celebration of his wife's birthday, Mary Beth Morgan.

J-Walker Leaders: Kathy Jack and Lindsay Jack, thank you for serving this week.

Teen J-Walker Assts: Teens, want to help? Sign-up. Volunteering always looks good on school and scholarship applications!

Signup (CLICK HERE) to be a J-Walker leader on March 30!

Hangry

a state of anger caused by lack of food; a negative change in emotional state.



How hungry are teenagers?

So hungry we have a hard time filling them up, so we

are asking for your help!

Sign up here to sponsor a meal for the youth one Sunday evening.

Faith and Family sign-up is open for April 2.

Menu is:

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Salad Bar and Dessert



You may tap here to jump to the sign up page.

Odds and Ends

The Missions Ministry Team thanks the congregation for their generous donation of toiletries to Charlotte Rescue Mission's Doves Nest. Six good size boxes were delivered last week.

KAIROS COOKIES

Thank you to everyone who brought in cookies for Kairos. Rumor has it a church record has been broken.

Maundy Thursday Community Service will be held at Central Steele Creek Pres. Church on April 17. This service will combine Maundy Thursday and Good Friday into one service. Time TBA. SCPCPH will host an Easter Sunrise Service at 7am on April 20.



Are you interested in serving on the safety team?

Safety team could always use more members. Come to the safety team meeting on Sunday right after service in the choir room to see what it is all about.

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

Protect your identity, shred your documents!

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On Site Shredding!

Shred it and forget it!
Saturday, April 26
9 a.m. - Noon



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

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



The handbell choir is traveling on Friday to Handbell Festival 2025 hosted by the Bell Tower Ringers of First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, NC. The guest clinician is David Harris, the director of The Raleigh Ringers, which is a real treat.



On Saturday there is a free 1 hour concert open to the public at 4pm. It will be held in Lewis Hall at First Presbyterian of Salisbury. Take a short trip and come out to see hundreds of handbells ringing at once!

[Handbell Festival 2025 - Salisbury First Presbyterian Church](#)

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CALLED TO SINCERELY THANK THE CHURCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THEIR U.S. DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY. YOUR DONATIONS HELPED YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS THAT HIT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS. NOT ONLY WERE THEIR NEEDS MET, BUT THEY HEARD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS!



Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	TUESDAY
9 AM - CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL	SESSION MEETING
9:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL, DONUTS & COFFEE	WEDNESDAY
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL
11:45 AM - SAFETY TEAM MEETING IN CHOIR ROOM	7 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP	8 PM - AA
5:30 PM - EVENING BIBLE STUDY	THURSDAY
08:00 PM - AA	10 AM - BEYOND THE WORD
MONDAY	7 PM - HANDBELL REHEARSAL
11:00 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM	SUNDAY
6:30 PM - THE OTHER 90 PERCENT	TEN CENTS A MEAL
	9 AM - CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL



Preschool Ministry Team is asking for donations of uncoated paper plates, paper towels, disinfectant spray and/or wipes, hand sanitizer, and tissues to help support our preschool.

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

March

24, 31 - The Other 90% Finance Class
 27 - Beyond the Word
 21-22 Handbell Choir Trip
 25 - Session
 31 - Pub Theology

April

April 2 Faith and Family
 April 5 Spring Fling / Egg Hunt
 April 6 Youth Sunday



April 8 Friendship Circle
 April 10 Preschool Spring Program
 April 10 Congregational Care by Zoom
 April 11 Crafts Fellowship
 April 15 Men's Fellowship
 April 17 Shut-In Meals
 April 17 Maundy Thursday Community Service at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
 April 20 Easter Sunrise Service
 April 26 Shred-It Truck



Missions & Ministries

The Ben Brown Scholarship application is open for eleven more days! Do you know a high school senior or current college student who is a member of SCPCPH and continuing their education this fall? Tell them to log into Church Center and apply today.

The link is on the homepage of the app, or you can tap the graphic below to go directly to the form, or you can also scan the QR code for a shortcut to the form.



GOING TO

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY



BEN BROWN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN UNTIL MARCH 31

APPLY NOW

PUB THEOLOGY

BE SURE TO JOIN THE NEXT SESSION ON MARCH 31, 6:30 PM AT MODEL A BREWING COMPANY. LED BY PASTOR CHRIS, IT SAW GREAT SUCCESS ON FEBRUARY 24 AT MODEL A BREWING COMPANY IN TEGA CAY. COME ON OUT FOR A GREAT TIME!

Spring Fling!

The Spring Fling/Egg Hunt date and time has been set! Come out April 5 from 10am – noon for our annual church/preschool family and friends egg hunt and spring fling activities. If you have any plastic eggs, candy, and/or small prizes you would like to donate, please bring it to the church office by March 28 so we have time to stuff the eggs.

- Crafts
- Music
- Storytime
- Egg Hunt
- Picture with Easter Bunny



Missions & Ministries

Third annual Stand for Children Prayer Walk

Saturday April 12, 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm

First Baptist Columbia Church

Participants will walk the blocked streets of Columbia to the State House to pray, hear testimonies, and rally together to inspire change in South Carolina.

Sponsored by
Fostering The Families

WOMEN'S RETREAT

MAY 17-18

The Women's Retreat registration is open. There is a \$50 deposit. If you are interested in learning about or are requesting a need-based scholarship of up to \$150, be sure to mark that box when registering and an application will be sent to you with more details. You may reach out to Chris at chris@steelecreekchurch.org, and he can email you a link to the online application.

Prices are as follows:

Double Occupancy:	One Night	\$160
	Two Nights	\$205
Single Occupancy:	One Night	\$205
	Two Nights	\$295

This year's guest facilitator is Reverend Meg Wilkes, Minister of Discipleship at Clemson United Methodist Church, Clemson, SC. She will be speaking about compassion. Read more about Rev. Wilkes [here](#).

Your Sunday School Corner

What classes do we have? What are they studying? Who do they serve? Who are the teachers? And More!

For the next couple of months you will tour the Sunday School classes of SCPCPH right here. You may decide to join one for the first time or are interested in trying out another.

*The first class being introduced is "Open Forum." This class, led by Grace Saylor and Clara Giles, serves all adults and meets in the Parlor. The Parlor is just past the ladies restroom on the right side of the sanctuary lobby (narthex). The class is centered around a short video topic followed by a class discussion. Starting March 30, the class will begin a new study, **He Chose the Nails** by **Max Lucado**. Everyone is welcomed to join as they study and learn. Bring your Bible, coffee, bagel, pen and mind on March 30 to be at the beginning of this new study.*

Save the Date!

Be the Gift, Be the Light

Discussion Group Dates

Morning Group

Weds 4/2 @ 10 am
Weds 4/9 @ 10 am

Info about registration will be sent out this week

Books can be purchased at Harambeecentre.org or reach out to Chris at Chris@steelecreekchurch.org

Evening Group

Thurs 4/3 @ 6:30 pm
Thurs 4/10 @ 6:30 pm

Book Club



In addition to morning and evening groups, there will also be an

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

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.

Congratulations

- ✝ Congratulations to Ryan and Caitlin McInnis on the arrival of their daughter Sydney Claire McInnis born on March 17th. Sydney arrived early weighing 2lbs 9ozs. and is in the NICU at Novant Hospital. Caitlin asks that we be in prayer for Sydney's health and growth.

Condolences

- ✝ Condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth Hovis, a long time member of our church family.

Surgery

- ✝ Don Baker had surgery on March 20th to repair a fractured vertebrae in his back.

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

General Health Concerns

- ✝ Harry McComb the brother of Mary Turner has had several heart procedures to regulate his heart. Mary requests prayers that Harry receives the treatment needed to regulate his heart.
- ✝ Roy Epps, brother-in-law of Ziza Epps has been moved back into ICU. Please be in prayer for Roy and his wife.
- ✝ Felicia Clark Peaseley the sister of Marcia Henderson and friend of Terry Gillette, is at home now. Please pray for Felicia as she recovers from her fall.
- ✝ Annette Freeman's daughter, Kathy, is requesting special prayers for her mom regarding her ordeal with long covid.
- ✝ 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.

- ✝ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is in the hospital with pneumonia. Please be in prayer for Johnny.

- ✝ Milan is a young man who has multiple neurological health issues due to a severe reaction to a COVID vaccine. The prayer for Milan's parents is to find the right hospital to correctly diagnose and treat his condition. Their hope is to be accepted at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

Cancer

- ✝ Ron Freeman a friend of Trent and Ragan Haston's has been diagnosed with cancer. He had a successful surgery on March 3rd and needs prayer as he recovers.
- ✝ Trevel, a sister-in-law of a friend of Sandi Lauerman, has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Please be in prayer for her, her husband and two adult children.
- ✝ Annie Monroe, Larry Monroe's mother was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please be in prayer for Annie that she won't need further treatment.
- ✝ Kevin Lane diagnosed with cancer is at home recovering from surgery. Please lift him up in prayer.
- ✝ 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.

✝ Kaarin Record is continuing with her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don as her treatments continue.

✝ Amber McCraw is cancer free but will follow up with chemo and radiation treatment. Please pray for Amber as she starts her treatment plan.

✝ 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.

✝ 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.

✝ 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.

✝ 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.

✝ Carol Pridgen, Betty Small's 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.

✝ Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. Please continue to pray for her.

✝ Jennifer Belk is seeing some progress from the major stroke she had. However she still struggles to be able to speak. The family is still looking for a rehab facility to move Jennifer. Jennifer's family is requesting prayer.

Ongoing Illness

✝ Louise is out of the hospital but needs prayer for a number of health conditions.

✝ 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.

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

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	Margaret Wert
Elaine Kotraba	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



Elizabeth Lehto

Hovis

April 10, 1939 - March 7, 2025

Elizabeth Lehto Hovis, widow and beloved mother, entered fully into the presence of the Lord on Friday, March 7, 2025. She was 85 years old.

She was born in April of 1939 the daughter of Ernest V. Lehto and Hannah B. Lehto in Nichols, SC. In 1957, She graduated salutatorian from Elizabethtown High School located in Elizabethtown, NC. After graduation, she moved to Charlotte, NC where she became a roommate of Charlotte Burgess of Wilmington, NC. Through their friendship, Elizabeth met Charlotte's cousin, John Hovis of Charlotte, NC who later became the love of her life. Married in York, SC in December 1960, they celebrated 62 years of marriage and had two daughters, Lisa and Lara.

Elizabeth worked as a Bookkeeper for American Commercial Bank in 1958. She continued bookkeeping for her self-employed husband. Together they owned and sold two businesses. After retiring, Elizabeth enjoyed her hobbies. She loved baking. And if you ever received one of her delicious Lemon Iced Pound Cakes, you were loved! Her love for nature was demonstrated through her flower gardening as well as bird feeding. Elizabeth also enjoyed Square Dancing with her husband and their friends. Later in life, as a couple they enjoyed dinners with friends followed by card games.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hovis, siblings: Mary Ellen Lennon (spouse Charles Lennon) of Whiteville, NC; Ernest V. Lehto (spouse Nancy Lehto) of Oak Island; John R. Lehto of Mullins, SC. Elizabeth is survived by daughter Lisa Hovis, daughter Lara Hovis, sister-in-law Bonnie Stephenson of Mullins, SC, sister-in-law Carolyn Allen Lehto of Manning, SC, several cousins, nephews, and one niece.

On Friday, March 14, 2025, Hankins and Whittington Funeral Home located at 1111 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203 will host a visitation from 10 AM – 11 AM and a memorial service at 11 AM in the Chapel. Afterwards a graveside service will be held at Sharon Memorial Park located at 5716 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC 28212.

Memorials can be made in her honor to Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hills located in Charlotte, NC.

Copied from [Elizabeth Lehto Hovis Obituary | Hankins & Whittington Funeral Home](#)