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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: 25

Nursery: 3

Speaker: Rev. Dexter Greene

Scripture: Luke 19 : 28 - 39

Message: It's Time

Click (aka TAP) or scan the QR code to watch last week's service!



Happy Easter!

The children seem to have had a great time at the Egg Hunt held on April 5. I asked for photo submissions last week and thank you to those who were able to send in some snapshots. I know not all children enjoy picture time. The pictures are scattered freely throughout the newsletter. All parents have given permission to share what you see and read.



Click Here!!

J-WALKER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tapping the code works, too!

NEW QR CODE!
SIGN UP NOW!



Upcoming Worship Service

Easter Sunday

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: John 20:1-18 & 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Message: The Last Enemy to be Destroyed is Death

Theme: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has set in motion the final sequence of events for humankind. Soon Christ will return, subjugate the whole earth, and destroy death!

Greeters: Trey Horack, Cheryl Simerly

Ushers: Bill Ferguson, Jennifer Irmies, Skylar Morgan, Sarah Harkey, Jennifer Dennis

Signers: Bill Harraman, Pam Horack

Counters: Donna Moody, Betsy Stewart

Flowers: Will be given to the Glory of God by Leon Daniels and to Renee Daniels, his wife, and in celebration of their 12th anniversary today.

J-Walker Leaders: No leaders have signed up!! Please sign up to serve the children of the church. Tap the graphic to the left for a shortcut.

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

Signup (CLICK or TAP HERE) to be a J-Walker leader on April 20 or anytime in May. We need you.

Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY	7 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL
7 AM - SUNRISE SERVICE	7 PM - ONLINE BOOK CLUB
NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL	8 PM - AA
9:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL, DONUTS & COFFEE	THURSDAY
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	10 AM - BEYOND THE WORD
08:00 PM - AA	7 PM - HANDBELL REHEARSAL
MONDAY - OFFICE CLOSED	SATURDAY
11:00 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM	9AM - SHREDDING DAY!
11:30 AM - GRIEF JOURNEY	SUNDAY - TEN CENTS A MEAL
TUESDAY	9 AM - CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
06:30 PM - SESSION MEETING	9:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL, DONUTS & COFFEE
WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE
6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL	08:00 PM - AA



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

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

April

April 19	Registration Opens for VBS!
April 20	Easter Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden at 7 am
April 21	Office Closed
April 23	Book Club
April 26	Shred-It Truck 9 a.m. to noon
April 27	10 cents a meal
April 28	Pub Theology
April 30	Book Club

May

May 1	Beyond the Word
May 3	Trail Church
May 4	Blood Drive
May 10	Rise Against Hunger



May 11
May 25

Mother's Day Children's Program
Pub Theology

Other

June 22-26	VBS
July 13-18	Camp Bethelwoods
July 13-18	Camp Passport
September 13	Community Yard Sale
October 11	Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament



Philip, son of Elizabeth and Sean Griffin.

Odds and Ends



250th Anniversary of the signing of the *Mecklenburg Declaration*

The members of SCPCPH are invited to a commemoration event on Saturday, May 17, 10a.m. - 4p.m. at historic Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

Steele Creek Presbyterian is considered one of the seven sister churches established by Alexander Craighead. Two signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration were members of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Robert Irwin and Elder Zaccheus Wilson, Sr.

The Mecklenburg Historical Society is working in conjunction with Hopewell Presbyterian Church and other local sites to commemorate this historic event. All local area Mayors, Senator Thom Tillis and Congresswoman Alma Adams are invited to this event.

A parade down Beatties Ford Road is also being planned at 10 am!

A tentative schedule is available. Please reach out to office@steelecreekchurch.org to see the draft. Times are 10a- 4p.

(promo flyer page seven. You may also see it on the bulletin board outside the church office.)

Presbytery of Charlotte **<https://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/>**

The 166th Stated Meeting

Will be May 20 at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church 7400 Mt. Holly Road, Charlotte, NC 28130

Central Steele Creek Presbyterian at 9401 S. Tryon has invited us to attend their The Stations of the Cross experience tomorrow, April 18.

This is a self-guided experience for individuals to experience the final days of Jesus' life through scripture, prayer and reflection. There will be 8 stations set up in the Family Life Center and people are welcome to proceed at their own pace through each station. You are welcome to come any time between 12 and 3 p.m.

The Family Life Center is located behind the sanctuary building. We hope to see some of your members on Friday.



**Angelo,
grandson
of Allison
Beach and
great
grandson
of Kathy
Jack.**

Events

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to take a moment to appreciate everyone who has been reading my new book, *Be the gift, Be the Light: Stories of My Mother's Legacy*. Thank you also for the donations to Harambee Centre towards education scholarships in exchange for the book. If you have a book and have not figured out how to donate for it, please talk to Pastor Chris or Grace to guide you. Thank you so much for your support!

The discussion groups have been so inspirational, even to me who wrote the book. I literally went back home and started reading my book again! We have two more discussion sessions via Zoom coming up on Wednesday April 23rd at 7PM and Wednesday April 30th at 7PM. All are welcome to attend in the comfort of your own home, whether you have read the book or not, or whether you have attended previous discussions or not. Pastor Chris has been a great discussion facilitator in how he is helping us pull out some parallels in how we serve community within our own congregation. There are many cultural nuggets imbedded in the writing as well. I look forward to seeing you at the Zoom meetings.

Have a blessed Easter weekend!

Grace Kuto

Be the Gift, Be the Light

Morning Group

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

Discussion Group Dates

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

Weds 4/23 @ 7pm
Weds 4/30 @ 7pm
Via ZOOM

The Next Book Club Book

The next book in the new book club series by Pastor Chris is [The Anxious Generation](#) by Jonathan Haidt.

You may find that book on Amazon and other retailers.

This book will be discussed in the July-September time frame.

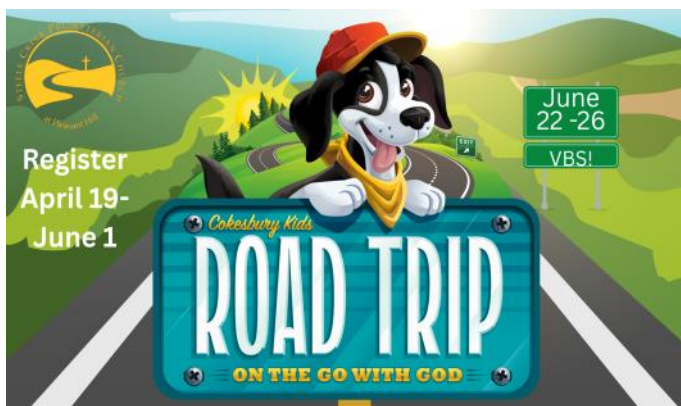
START READING.



Photos provided by Carson Pennington of the music session of the Egg Hunt event on April 5.



Kinsley and Karsen working on arts and crafts.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-26

REGISTRATION

OPENS SATURDAY!

VBS ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS.

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

Missions & Ministries



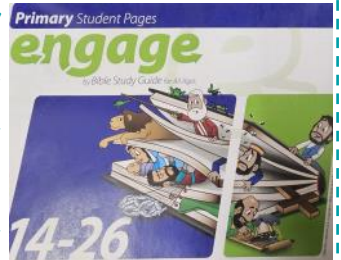
Kinsley, left and right,
is the daughter of
Karsen and Carson
Pennington and grand-
daughter of Donna
Moody.



Your Sunday School Corner

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

The fifth Sunday school corner will introduce you to the Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grade classes. All these children are studying a four-year curriculum called Engage. This is the first year it is being used and therefore the pre-k classes will get to experience the full scope of this program. Over four years the children will go through the complete Bible in age appropriate lessons. These classes will let out for the summer around the end of May and start back after Labor Day in September. There are amazing teachers for all these classes who help lead our young children through the many teachings of Jesus Christ.



Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday, May 10th, 9AM - 12PM, we will pack 15,000 meals and need all

hands on deck! There are jobs for everyone. Mark your calendar.

We anticipate needing 100 volunteers over the course of the morning. You do not need to be available the whole time.

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/SteelCreekPres2025>

**Volunteer
Release
& Waiver**



Tapping the code works, too!

Registration closes Saturday!! Last chance to sign up!



Women's Retreat registration will close April 19. If you are interested in attending you have until Saturday to sign up!! All payments and forms need to be submitted before the trip on May 17.

Missions & Ministries



April 20
Easter Sunrise Service at 7am in the Memoria Garden with the main service following at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
Sunday School is still at 9:30am!

Shred Day is a week away! (almost)

When you have boxes and boxes of files that need destroying, paying for a service or using a small paper shredded can seem daunting. Outreach and Fellowship is bringing out the BIG shred truck and doing it for you!

Come on out **April 26 from 9am - 12pm** and bring your personal papers for onsite destruction. The event is over at noon OR when the truck is full. Share with your neighbors!



250TH ANNIVERSARY OF MECKDEC

MAY 17, 2025
10AM TO 3PM



FREE — ALL ARE WELCOME!

EVENT SCHEDULE



10:00 AM - Parade from Turner's Creek to Hopewell (1 mile)
11:00 AM - Program & Meck Dec reading (lawn chairs recommended)
12:15 PM - Lunch at Family Life Center (pre-order BBQ or BYO)
12:45 PM - Program: Lake Norman Sings & Meck Dec Story
1:00 PM - Games, living history, local groups, treats, trucks & souvenirs
3:00 PM - Event ends

BBQ Lunch from Mac's - \$18

Pre-order at MeckDec.org

- Pork BBQ, beans & slaw
- Chicken BBQ, beans & slaw

Parking marked along
Beatties Ford Rd

Disclaimer This event will be filmed, if you do not wish to be filmed please notify the camera person upon arrival.

On April 12, Mamie Gaver and Sandi Lauerman, the leaders of our own Fostering the Family community group known as Stepping Stones attended the prayer walk sponsored by Fostering The Family of South Carolina.



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

Are you ready to step up and help?

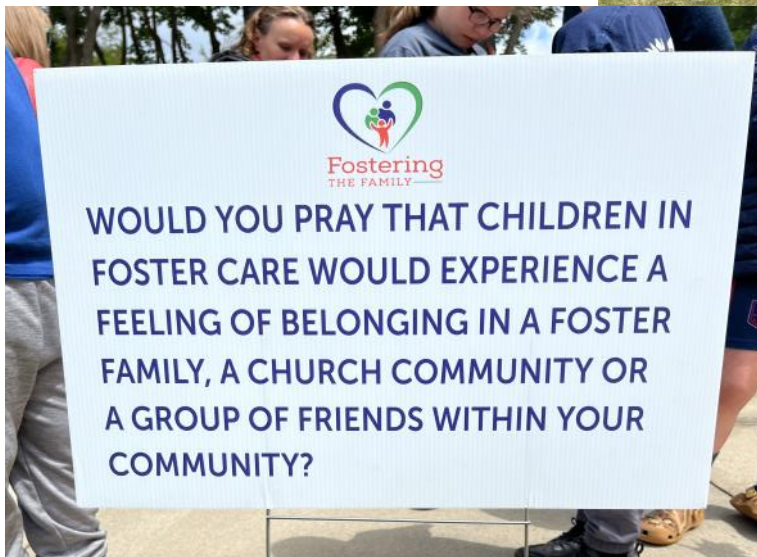
Reach out to Sandi and Mamie to see how you too can assist in the cause.



Above, is You Tube influencer *Insane Shane* catching marshmallows in his mouth. Maybe for a video?

Left, is a group who are part of a mime performance.

Pictures provided by Mamie Gaver.



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

- ✝ Condolences to the family and friends of Jay Puckett. Jay was a high school friend of Carson Pennington.

Surgery

- ✝ Judy Watkins will have surgery on her knee April 17, 2025. Please be in prayer for Judy during the surgery and the long recovery period following surgery.
- ✝ Randall Brunson will have surgery on April 29th for prostate cancer. Please be in prayer for Randall and his family as they prepare for this surgery.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Prayers for the people in Myanmar and Thailand affected by the earthquake. Prayers also for those working on rescue efforts among the rubble.
- ✝ Prayers for those affected by the wildfires currently burning in Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina.
- ✝ Paul Kuto has completed the initial water project he went to Kenya to support. While he's there other projects have asked for his support. Continue to pray for Paul and his ministry in Kenya. Pray also for his family as he is away.
- ✝ Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Helene in NC, SC, FL, GA, TN, and VA and for the challenges they face as they rebuild.
- ✝ 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.

- ✝ 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

- ✝ Judy Watkins will have surgery on her knee April 17, 2025. Please be in pray for Judy during the surgery and the long recovery period following surgery.
- ✝ Ryan, Caitlin and Sydney McInnis want prayers as Sydney remains in the NICU. Sydney is gaining weight; the doctor checks her every day and says she's doing well.
- ✝ Roy Epps, brother-in-law of Ziza Epps has moved from the hospital to a rehab center. Please pray for Roy as he heals from his surgery and regains strength from physical therapy and can go home. Please also be in prayer for his wife Robin.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ 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 finally in rehab after 4 weeks in the hospital. Please be in

prayer for Johnny.

- ✝ Milan a young man who has multiple neurological health issues due to a severe reaction to a Covid vaccine. His parents have finally been able to schedule an appointment with a neurologist from Yale who specializes in long Covid and Covid vaccine reactions. The appointment is scheduled for August. Please be in prayer for Milan and his parents.

Cancer

- ✝ Al Winget has been diagnosed with cancer. Please be in prayer for Al and his family as they discuss specific treatments with his physician.
- ✝ Beau Rowe a friend of Barry Small's. Barry asked for prayer for Beau for healing powers from cancer. Beau started chemo and radiation treatments on March 31st. Please pray for his family's strength and comfort through this process.
- ✝ Kaarin Record has completed her chemo and will move on to the next step in her cancer journey. Please be in prayer for Kaarin and her husband Don.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Allison Spratt will complete her targeted chemo treatments in

June. Following her treatments she will have surgery. Please pray for Allison as she continues her treatments.

✚ 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 began her radiation treatments that are 5 times a week for 6 weeks. Please continue to pray for Carol.

✚ 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 doing better. She is able to eat puréed foods. She moved to Pavillion Rehab Center on April 14, 2025. Please pray for Jennifer's continued healing from her stroke.

✚ Randall Brunson, as he prepares for surgery to remove the cancer in late April.

✚ Trevelle the sister-in-law of a friend of Sandi Lauerman's has seen significant improvement with her cancerous tumors shrinking 10 and 30 percent following 2 months of experimental treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Her enzyme level is almost back to normal and her blood work looks good. This is a true blessing allowing her to start doing chemo treatments every two weeks instead of weekly. She is thankful for all of the prayers lifted up. Please continue to pray for the long cancer journey she is facing.

Ongoing Illness

✚ Louise Freeman needs prayer for a number of health conditions.

Please pray for Bob as he is her caregiver.

✚ 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

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, VA

✚ **Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea

✚ Will Warsaw, US Navy, NC

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

If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may: ¹Complete the prayer card in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark if it is a private or public prayer request. The card will be sent to the Intercessory Prayer Team. ²Email any prayer concerns to IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org ³Submit a prayer concern through Church Center. On the computer go to scpcph.churchcenter.com and select the "Prayer Works" image. If you have the app, scroll down for the "Prayer Works" image on the homepage and select it.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.