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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

In house: 377

Children: 26

Nursery: 6

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44
Message: Wake Up, Look Up, Live Ready

Click, tap, or scan the QR code to watch last week's service.



Upcoming Worship Service

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: [Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12](#)
Message: Preparing for Christmas

Tune into our live stream on YouTube or Facebook starting at 10:28am each Sunday.



On December 7, **bring a new unwrapped toy** to church to be donated to West Blvd. Ministry. The toys need to be for children aged 3 - 15 years.



Greeters: Trey Horack, Cheryl Simerly
Ushers: Tom Burns, Allison Beach, Dale Willis, Mona Buchko, Allison Moody
Signers: Walter Neely, Leon Daniels
Counters: DeWitt Lauerman, Pam Horack
Flowers: Will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Marjorie Smith by Donna Moody.
J-Walker Leaders: **Sarah Harkey plus one more.**
Even with J-Music, we still need J-Walker leaders! Will it be you? Sign up below.

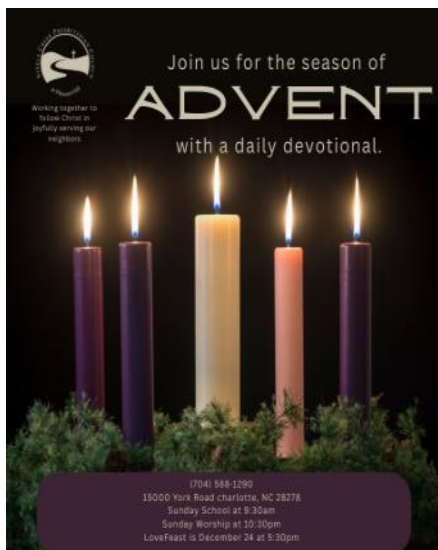
BRING A TOY ON SUNDAY!

Advent Devotional

If you would like to receive a daily email of this devotional, you must sign up here.

[Advent Daily Devotional Signup |](#)

[SCPCPH](#)



Join us for the season of **ADVENT** with a daily devotional.

Working together to make Christ's love known in joyful serving our neighbors

(704) 588-1190
15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278
Sunday School at 9:30am
Sunday Worship at 10:30am
LoveFest on December 24 at 5:30pm



J-WALKER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEW QR CODE!
SIGN UP NOW!

Calendar

To assist with the speed of assembling the weekly calendar here, I will copy the whole public calendar from Church Center. If you do not see your group's event, either it has been cancelled or it is not on the main calendar for any number of reasons. Please call the office and let's see if there is an error that needs correcting.

December

Fri., Dec. 5	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sun., Dec. 7	Birthday Party for Jesus -Multipurpose Room	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 7	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 7	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 7	Children's Choir	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 7	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 7	Outreach & Fellowship	11:30am
Sun., Dec. 7	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 8	Preschool Ministry Team	10:30am
Mon., Dec. 8	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 8	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Dec. 8	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Mon., Dec. 8	Missions Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 9	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 9	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 9	Finance Ministry	6:30pm
Wed., Dec. 10	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., Dec. 10	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., Dec. 11	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Dec. 11	Congregational Care	6:30pm
Thurs., Dec. 11	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., Dec. 12	Crafts Fellowship	10:00am
Fri., Dec. 12	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Dec. 13	Children's Music Rehearsal	8:00am
Sat., Dec. 13	Girl Scouts: Troop 1049	10:00am
Sun., Dec. 14	Holiday Luncheon	11:45am
Sun., Dec. 14	Children's Music Sunday	8:00am
Sun., Dec. 14	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 14	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 14	Children's Choir	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 14	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 14	Caroling	1:00pm
Sun., Dec. 14	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 15	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 15	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Dec. 15	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Dec. 15	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Dec. 16	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 16	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 16	Men's Fellowship	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 16	Session 2025: Meeting	7:00pm
Wed., Dec. 17	Preschool Christmas Program	8:00am
Wed., Dec. 17	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., Dec. 17	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., Dec. 18	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Dec. 18	Girl Scouts: Troop 1396	6:00pm
Thurs., Dec. 18	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., Dec. 19	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Fri., Dec. 19	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Dec. 20	Adult Music Rehearsal	8:00am
Sun., Dec. 21	Adult Music Sunday	8:00am

Sun., Dec. 21	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 21	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 21	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 21	Girl Scouts: Service Unit	2:00pm
Sun., Dec. 21	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 22	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 22	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Dec. 23	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 23	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Wed., Dec. 24	Love Feast	5:30pm
Wed., Dec. 24	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., Dec. 25	Church Office Closed	All-day
Fri., Dec. 26	Church Office Closed	All-day
Sat., Dec. 27	Girl Scouts: Troop 1049	10:00am
Sun., Dec. 28	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 28	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 29	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 29	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Mon., Dec. 29	Pub Theology	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 30	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 30	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Wed., Dec. 31	Praise Team	6:00pm

Birthday Party
FOR
JESUS

FOR PRESCHOOL
THROUGH 5TH GRADE

DECEMBER 7

9:30 A.M.
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Cupcakes, Juice,
Crafts, Story Time

Children and adults
may celebrate by
bringing a new
unwrapped toy for
West Blvd Ministries
for children ages 3 - 15
years.

Music Ministries

SCPCPH MUSIC
UPCOMING
Music Events



Sunday, Nov. 30, 10:30 am
Palisades High School
 The Palisades High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Eugene Bumgardener, will prepare our hearts for the Advent Season.

Nov
30
 2025



Sunday, December 14, 10:30 am
Children's Music Sunday
 Join us and have your hearts filled with the joy of the season as our youngest musicians present the sweetest Sunday of the year.

Dec
14
 2025



Sunday, December 21, 10:30 am
Songs of the Season
 Come celebrate the songs of the season with us at our annual Christmas Music Service as we share the timeless story of hope, joy, and peace on earth.

Dec
21
 2025

SUNDAY (all rehearsals occur during 10:30 am worship unless otherwise indicated)	AGE GROUP (ages 6+ rehearse on odd-numbered Sundays)
10/5	4 - 12
10/12	4 - 5
10/19	4 - 12
10/26	4 - 5
11/2	4 - 5
11/9	4 - 12
11/16	4 - 5
11/23	4 - 12
11/30	4 - 5
12/7	4-12
12/13 (9 - 11 am)	4 - 12
12/14	4 - 12



We always accept donations of food. The basket is in the main office lobby. Non-perishables. No glass containers. No expired foods. Donate today.



Stewardship Campaign is open through December 21. Scan or click the QR Code to make your pledge today.

Pledge goal: \$800,000
Pledged to date: \$374,430
Number of pledges: 48

Odds, Ends & Events

MINISTRY FAIR

The Stewardship Committee is hosting a Ministry Team Fair this Sunday after church. Each ministry team will be represented and have someone there to answer all your questions.

This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about each team in the church, how you can support the church's work through your time and financial gifts. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to make your pledge for next year.



The menu is as follows:
Baked turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, additional sides, and bread.

Bringing a dessert to share is requested.

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CAROLING

You are invited to a very special Christmas luncheon and fellowship on Sunday, December 14 following our church service. There will be caroling off campus following the luncheon. There is no cost, but we do ask that you sign up so there is adequate food for everyone.

Please sign-up by calling the office or using this link:

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



Agape Acres is one of the many local non-profits supported by the Missions Ministry Team. Agape Acres help horses in need, and meets people where they are and encourages and inspires the best in each person mentally, physically, and spiritually. The non-profit offers several services such as mentoring, equine assisted activities for special needs individuals, and community outreach with their Mobile Minis.

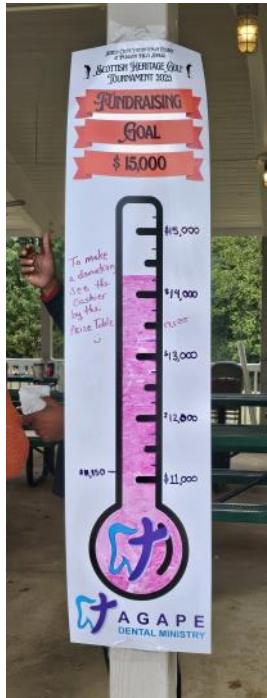
Calling all bakers!
Over 200 holiday cookies are wanted for "Hot Chocolate & Horses" open house event.
See Anne Tolland for details.

Agape Acres is holding an open house and Anne Tolland, Director of Mission Development, is supporting them through asking for bakers and crafters.

Calling all bakers! - Agape Acres is looking for 200+ Holiday Cookies for their family open event Hot Chocolate & Horses on 14th December 1-4pm. If you are able to help please reach out to Anne at atolland@steelecreekchurch.org.

Meet the horses and read more about Agape Acres at www.agapeacrescarolinas.com

Odds, Ends & Events



The Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament was able to raise **\$15,000** to give to Agape Dental Ministry. At the tournament, we posted a thermometer that was colored as the amount grew. After all the accounting was complete, we ended up raising over \$15,000 and held a little back as seed money for next year's tournament.

Would you like to get involved with our annual tournament fundraiser? Reach out to the church office, and we will connect you with a member of the golf committee and help you get involved.



Happy 22nd wedding anniversary, Randall! --Love, Tiffany

JOIN US FOR LOVE FEAST
DECEMBER 24
5:30PM

 Working together to follow Christ in
joyfully serving our neighbors
15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278

[American Legion Post 221](#) has purchased 100 wreaths to place on the graves of veterans in Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery located at 7001 Steele Creek Road. The Legion is inviting everyone from this church who wants to participate in laying a wreath on a veteran's grave at this cemetery to sign up by December 12. This will give the Legion a count of participants.

You may elect to place multiple wreaths. There is no charge for this event. You must be available December 13 to lay your wreath on your chosen or assigned veteran.

[Sign ups are open!](#)



Odds, Ends & Events

Operation Christmas Child

It's a Wrap!

So you know that SCPCPH went well above our goal of packing shoeboxes as a congregation.....but I wanted to share how our National Collection Week went since our church also served as a shoebox drop-off location for our surrounding businesses, schools, and neighbors.

Here at SCPCPH there were a total of 1,131 shoeboxes dropped off from the surrounding community. Isn't that amazing and awesome!!

Each box was prayed over as it was received, and the boxes were all delivered to the Charlotte processing center. Every one of those shoeboxes is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel.

There are volunteer opportunities to work in the processing center, not only at this time of year but all year long. Some of our own church members are year-round volunteers for Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's

Purse.

It all begins with Jesus.....

--Sarah Harkey,
SCPCPH OCC Organizer
and Drop-Off Leader



If you didn't get to fill a shoebox this year and would still like to complete one, you may go to the link and Build a Shoebox online!

[Build A Shoebox](#)

Build a Shoebox!
ONLINE

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill

Our overall goal is 250 boxes for the church. We would love to see them on the stage on November 16 to lay our hands upon and pray over every box.

We do understand families get very busy, and some years it is easier to build and buy an online box. We pray this option eases some of the hassle for you.

The purchase of online boxes will count towards our overall goal of 250 boxes. This goal page will remain available until December 25, 2025.

Joyce B Carpenter

April 6, 1943 - November 30, 2025

Joyce B. Carpenter, 82, of York SC, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2025. Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 6, 1943, Joyce lived a life marked by love, kindness, curiosity, and service to others.

She graduated from Ashley High School and went on to earn an associate degree in business from Kings College. On April 13, 1963, Joyce married the love of her life, David N. Carpenter, beginning a marriage of more than 62 years filled with devotion, laughter, and deep companionship.



Joyce dedicated her career to public service as the Clerk of Court – Probate for the State of North Carolina. She was known for her integrity, patience, and commitment to helping others during some of life's most important moments.

Gifted with a creative spirit, Joyce found joy in sewing, cooking, and square dancing. She loved ringing handbells at church and was always eager to try new things. Travel was one of her greatest pleasures, and Butchart Gardens in Vancouver held a special place in her heart for its beauty and tranquility.

Above all, Joyce treasured her family. She is survived by her devoted husband, David Carpenter; her children, Russ Carpenter (Laurie) and Melissa Ferguson (James); her cherished grandchildren, Nicholas Carpenter (Abby), Cameron Carpenter, Kalyn Carpenter, Autumn Ferguson, and Clay Ferguson; and her brother, Walter D. Belton III. Each of them carries forward her warmth, wisdom, and love.

Joyce's gentle spirit, adventurous heart, and unwavering love for her family will be remembered always. She touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of kindness and grace.

A visitation will be held on December 6, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at Carothers Funeral Home at Gaston Memorial Park, located at 2205 Williamsburg Drive, Gastonia, NC, 28054.

The funeral service will take place on the same day, December 6, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the same location.

A committal service will follow from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Carothers Funeral Home at Gaston Memorial Park.

Obituary and photo from <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gastonia-nc/joyce-carpenter-12635115>

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 Joyce Carpenter who passed away November 30th. Joyce was a longtime member of our church. Please be in prayer for Dave and the family.
- ✝ To the family and friends of Scott Dunn who passed away. Scott was a cousin of Brenda McGee's.
- ✝ To the family and friends of Shelly Marquez, the step-sister of Anne Moore. Anne asks that we be in prayer for Shelly's husband Tony, her daughter Lilly, her step-daughter Gwen, and her dad Bill. Shelly's death was very unexpected.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Please be in prayer for Jamaica and the Caribbean countries affected by Hurricane Melissa. The devastation caused by winds and water have left a number of individuals dead, property damaged and individuals without water and electricity. Pray also for the safety of humanitarian groups headed to these countries to provide help.
- ✝ Pray for food pantries like Nourish Up. With the federal government shut down and the SNAP program expiring, food banks are losing funding and supplies are limited. There are many people still in need of food.
- ✝ Pray for future peace in the Middle East, Israel, its people, and for the innocent individuals being affected in the Gaza region.
- ✝ 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 Jackson Roberts, Lynn Roberts' grandson, and the group he's traveling with for 6 months. They are teaching Christianity and life skills as they move from country to country on a mission trip. Currently, they are ministering in the country of Japan.
- ✝ Ukraine and its people.

Life's Issues

- ✝ Jenna Ainsley asks for prayer to give her strength and for the safety for her children.

Ongoing Illness

- ✝ Olivia Eiger, a friend of the Carroll family, is 19 years old and living with Juvenile Onset of Huntington's Disease. Please pray for Olivia as she lives with this debilitating disease
- ✝ Cooper Freeman, III has his prosthesis and is in therapy to learn how to use it. This has been a long journey for Cooper. What a praise to know he is going to be able to walk again. Pray for Cooper as he is in PT learning to use his prosthesis.
- ✝ Kelly Bledsoe is having a number of ongoing health issues. Brenda Bledsoe asked that we lift her daughter up in prayer.

General Health Concerns

- ✝ Larry Brigs fell and is in Piedmont Hospital in Rock Hill. Please be in prayer for Larry as he recovers from his fall.
- ✝ Dan Puetz a friend of Renee and Leon Daniel's is recovering from back surgery. Please be in prayer for his recovery.
- ✝ Lou Osborn, grandmother of Anne Marie Moore, is in a rehab facility. Unfortunately she had another fall and broke the humerus bone in her arm and had surgery November 15th. Lou needs prayer for healing of the numerous injuries she has as a result of falls.
- ✝ Linda Clark is on hold for having a valve replacement. She is having a difficult time getting around and is using a walker. Please lift her up in prayer.
- ✝ Barbara Freeman has been discharged from the hospital and is doing well. She will be continuing physical therapy at home. Please continue to pray for Barbara as she recovers.
- ✝ Sondra Gillette is out of the hospital in rehab doing good. Terry asks that we continue to pray as Son-

dra continues to recover.

- ✝ Jeffrey Hovis, grandson of Martha & Leighton Brown is still having trouble getting around and will have one more surgery. Martha & Leighton ask for prayers as he regains the use of his leg and recovers from the accident.
- ✝ Milan was diagnosed with Guillain Barre's Syndrome. This resulted from a vaccine reaction and will be treated with multiple doses of steroids and other infusions. Having a diagnosis is a relief and now treatment can begin. Continue to pray for Milan as he starts treatment.
- ✝ Baby Penelope, granddaughter of Sandra Wood, is home and doing well! She has a feeding tube, but the issue should be corrected in six months. Prayers are very much appreciated for her continued growth and development.
- ✝ Ruth McGaha is home recovering from spinal surgery. Ruth has a long recovery period and appreciates your prayers.
- ✝ Paul, the brother of Gail Brenner's daughter-in-law Kim, has moved from the hospital to a rehab facility. Please pray for Paul's recovery.
- ✝ Pat McCorkle is remaining in White Oak Manor for care. Please be in prayer for her.
- ✝ George and Betty Davis appreciate all your prayers.
- ✝ Carol Boot would like prayers for health concerns.

Cancer

- ✝ John McGloughlin has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Fred Willis asks that we lift up John in prayer during his journey with cancer.
- ✝ Charlie Taylor, Brandon Burkhart's uncle diagnosed with multiple kinds of stage 3 cancer is having chemo once a week. He has developed blood clots during his treatments. Please be in prayers for Charlie and his family through this tough, long journey.
- ✝ Rick Necklen, the husband of a friend of Ashley Bolender has finished his chemo treatments for

adenocarcinoma, a form of esophageal cancer. He is scheduled for surgery on December 15th. Ashley appreciates your prayers for Rick.

✚ Preston Meynardie, Meg Salmon's mother was diagnosed with cancer. Please be in prayer for her as she continues her cancer treatment.

✚ Mike August, a friend of Mary Turner was diagnosed with stage 3 prostate cancer. He's self-employed with poor insurance coverage. He's concerned about medical bills and the treatment he is receiving.

✚ Ava Barrett, the daughter of a friend of Ashley Bolender, is doing much better but continues chemo treatments. Her next appointment is November 7th. Ava appreciates the continued prayers.

✚ Beau Rowe, Barry Small's friend has completed his chemo and radiation. Pray for his healing and for comfort and strength for his family.

✚ Jonathan Boot's stomach cancer has returned. Carol Boot asks for prayers for strength and healing for Jonathan.

✚ Ron Freeman, a friend of Trent Haston was diagnosed with cancer. He's had surgery and is receiving treatment. The treatment makes him sick, and he's losing weight. Please pray for Ron to be able to better tolerate the treatments.

✚ Pam Garris Bland, a friend of Linda Freeman started chemotherapy treatments for a reoccurrence of lymphoma. Linda asks that we lift up Pam in prayer.

✚ Raquel Mercer, had a good report from her visit to Duke. No new cancer in the lungs and some spots had decreased in size. Liver is still clear and no new cancer anywhere else. She will continue chemo for now and her next appointment is January 26th. If her tumors continue to recede they may look at some radiation and/or surgery options on those. The family is so thankful for this news. They thank you for continued prayers.

✚ Travelle, the sister-in-law of a friend of Sandi Lauerman, please pray for her as she continues experimental treatment for stage 4

pancreatic cancer. Continue to pray for the long cancer journey she is facing.

Fostering the Family (FTF)

✚ Fostering the Family wants prayers for all of the 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, Air Force Reserve, March AFB, California

✚ Claudia Hesse, Coast Guard, Guam

✚ Olivia Hommes, Vance AFB in Enid, OK

✚ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

✚ Dennis Rawls, IV Air National Guard

✚ Lexie Simerly, Army, Tacoma, Washington. Will be transferred to Hawaii in the near future.

✚ Will Warsaw, US Navy, NC

Important

Thank you for calling the church office to make us aware when someone is in the hospital. We are certain that person and the family appreciates the visitation and prayers.

As a growing metropolis, the Charlotte area has 12 hospitals, and it can be difficult with HIPPA privacy policies to call a hospital and ask if someone is admitted. To assist our Director of Visitation, Dexter Greene, please let us know which hospital the person is admitted.

If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may:

¹Complete the prayer card in the back of any pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark it as 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.

Homebound

Joan Brown	Elaine Kotraba
Bob Capps	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

College Students

Spencer Beck	Alexa Hill
Alex Brunson	Kevin Horack
Jacob Economon	Ben Shanti
Joshua Economon	Peyton Snyder
Ethan Fenske	Charlie Warnke
Clay Ferguson	