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Happy New Year



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ATTENDANCE


Last
Week's
Service

In house: 152
Children: 9
Nursery: 1

Upcoming
Worship
Service

Epiphany, Star Sunday
& Holy Communion

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



Speaker: Dexter Greene

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Message: Do We Have Room for Jesus?

Epiphany

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

Message: What star are we following?

[Read the scripture on Church Center or follow this link.](#)

Pledge goal: \$800,000

Pledged to date: \$611,288

Number of pledges: 87



**Stewardship
Campaign**

**There is still
time to pledge!**

Greeters:

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 celebration of Martha Brown's 90th birthday by Leighton.

Mission Trip Meeting

If you are interested in going on a summer 2026 mission trip, a meeting will be held in the conference room at noon on Jan 11th. If you cannot attend the meeting, it will also be available by Zoom. Link to be announced.



Our Christmas Eve service known as "Love Feast" was celebrated with 296 attendees in our sanctuary. Thank you all for coming out.

If you are watching from home this week, be sure to prepare your elements for communion.

Calling all Youth: Camp Time!!

Camp Passport (for grades 6 - 12) registration is OPEN!! I know summer plans seem far away, but this camp is filling fast! We have a group headed out to Camp Passport at Converse College in Spartanburg from July 12-17, 2026. Are you going? If so, please register at the link below. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.

[Camp Passport - Youth Camp - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#)

If you are interested, but the registration is full, please reach out to Chris early.

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.

January

Fri., Jan. 2	Girl Scouts	6:30pm
Sun., Jan. 4	Star Sunday	All-day
Sun., Jan. 4	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	Communion	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 4	Outreach & Fellowship	11:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 5	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 5	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Jan. 5	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Jan. 5	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Mon., Jan. 5	Admin. and Personnel	6:15pm
Tues., Jan. 6	Stewardship Meeting	6:00pm
Tues., Jan. 6	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 6	Christian Growth	6:45pm
Thurs., Jan. 8	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 9	Crafts Fellowship	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 9	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Jan. 10	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sun., Jan. 11	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 11	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 11	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 11	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 12	Preschool Ministry Team	10:30am
Mon., Jan. 12	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 12	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Jan. 12	River Pointe HOA	5:00pm
Mon., Jan. 12	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Mon., Jan. 12	Missions Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 13	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 13	Finance Ministry Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 15	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Jan. 15	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Fri., Jan. 16	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 16	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Fri., Jan. 16	Girl Scouts	6:30pm
Sun., Jan. 18	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 18	Girl Scouts	2:00pm
Sun., Jan. 18	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 19	Office Closed - MLK Day	All Day
Mon., Jan. 19	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 19	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Jan. 19	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Jan. 20	Preschool Pancakes & Pajamas	8:00am
Tues., Jan. 20	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm

Wed., Jan. 21	Shoppes of the Landing HOA	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 22	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 23	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Jan. 24	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sun., Jan. 25	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 25	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 26	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 26	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Jan. 26	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Jan. 27	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 27	Hamilton Green HOA	7:00pm
Wed., Jan. 28	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 29	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 30	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Fri., Jan. 30	Girl Scouts	6:30pm

Safety Team training sessions: January 4 and 18 after church in the choir room. If you are on the team, you only need to attend one of these sessions.

Want to carry a tartan on January 11? Call the office to sign up and specify which tartan you are carrying.



Congregational meeting on January 18 following church service to elect deacons and elders to the diaconate and session.

New officer training on January 17 from 9 - 3pm for those nominated to be a deacon or elder.

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.

Odds, Ends & Events

Join this
DYNAMIC
group!

Beyond the **WORD**

This ladies Bible study group meets weekly on Thursday. Join us Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. in the conference room for the start of the new study: Heaven.



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Work on our Education building has started again. Most of the permits have been approved. This is allowing work to start up again. Plumbers are doing what plumbers do, and Roby is saw-cutting floors. More details to come as I have them. Thank you for your patience on this project.

Do you love to do crafts?!

We have the perfect group for you! The second Friday of a month at 10am we have a Craft Fellowship group that comes together to craft for service. Many of the projects are made to give to shut-ins, children, etc.

All ages & all people are invited.

Music Notes

J-Music Children's Choir will run from Sunday, March 1 - Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

- ◆ J-Music Children's Choir **dress rehearsal** will occur on Saturday, May 9th from 9:30 am - 11 am
- ◆ J-Music Children's Choir **Presentation** will occur on Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

Praise Team rehearsal runs from Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Wednesday, May 27, 6 pm - 7 pm

Sanctuary Choir runs from Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Wednesday, May 27, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Handbell rehearsal runs from Thursday, Feb. 5th - Thursday, May 28, 7 pm - 8:15 pm

Missions

Palisades HS Cards and Coats Distribution

On the last day of school, 65 gift cards donated by Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill were distributed to students at Palisades High School. The cards were paid for through your donations to the Good Samaritan fund.

Stephanie, the social worker, sent some photos of them receiving the gifts and coats that you provided. She said *'so many smiles, hugs and tears. Some eyes nearly popped out of their heads. Every single child was genuinely surprised happy and grateful. Thank you so much for making something we thought was impossible happen. My heart is so full.'*

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Christmas a little bit brighter for these young people and thank you for supporting the work of the social workers Howard and Stephanie. As they said *'we felt like you have adopted us.'*



Sixty-five \$100 retail gift cards were provided with individual greeting cards from the church. Your donations to the Good Samaritan fund made this possible. The church and PHS truly thanks you.

Message inside each of the cards gifted to students with their gift card.



NO FAITH & FAMILY DINNER THIS MONTH. OUR NEXT DINNER AND GAME NIGHT WILL BE FEBRUARY 4.

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

- ✝ Sondra Gillette is doing so very well. Terry thanks everyone for all the prayers for her mother's recovery. God is great!
- ✝ Johnny McNeely, Toni McCall's cousin, had a great report and is now on maintenance chemo.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Please be in prayers for the people of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. Over 1100 people have been killed by the devastating floods and landslides. Many people are still missing and searching is difficult.
- ✝ 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. 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.
- ✝ Taylor and Rachel Steele's foster children have upcoming court dates in January and February.
- ✝ Jeffrey Brenner asking for prayer concerning his job.

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

- ✝ Bob Hudson, friend of Grace Saylor, is in the hospital and would like prayers.
- ✝ 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 recovering from her surgery but needs continued prayer.
- ✝ 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.

- ✝ 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.
 - ✝ Ruth McGaha is home recovering from spinal surgery. Ruth has a long recovery period and appreciates your prayers.
 - ✝ 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 been sick so his surgery has been rescheduled to January 30. Ashley said the family appreciates the 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 recurrence 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

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

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.

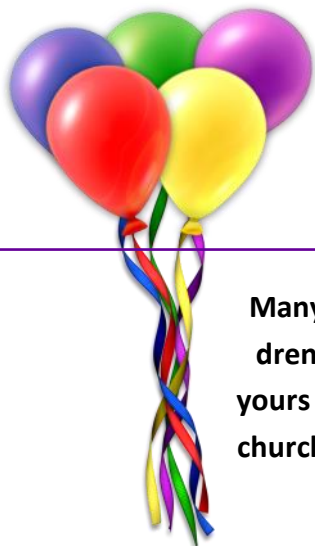
The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.

Homebound

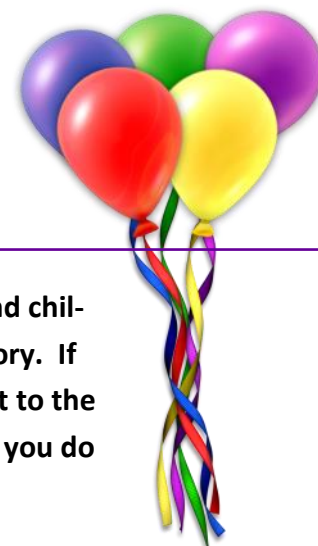
Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Bob Capps	Pat McCorkle
Linda Clark	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts
Katharine Freeman	Kat Sparrow
Louise Freeman	Margaret Wert
Elaine Kotraba	Wayne Whiteside

College Students

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



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

January Babies

Martha Brown	2-Jan	Jacob Economon	11-Jan	Allison Pickens	15-Jan
Steve Smith	2-Jan	Joshua Economon	11-Jan	Ben Horack, Jr.	18-Jan
Melanie Wallace	2-Jan	Bob Freeman, Jr.	11-Jan	Melissa Ferguson	19-Jan
Christopher Howell	3-Jan	Lynn Roberts	11-Jan	Mary Lou Pundt	19-Jan
Angie Neel	3-Jan	Fred Willis	11-Jan	Ella Kauffman	22-Jan
Barbara Freeman	4-Jan	Ginny (Virginia) Lindsay Wimmer	11-Jan	Carson Economon	23-Jan
Linda Elliott	5-Jan	Thad Carroll	12-Jan	Leon Daniels	23-Jan
Zoey Farnham	5-Jan	Matthew Lucariello	13-Jan	Carson Pennington	23-Jan
Bill Ferguson	7-Jan	Ford Haston	13-Jan	Brady Farnham	23-Jan
Peggy Reid	7-Jan	Lindsey Lucariello	14-Jan	Clinton Corbett	25-Jan
Rory Byrum	8-Jan	Jackson Burkhardt	14-Jan	Cathy Farnham	27-Jan
Jim Robson, Sr.	8-Jan	Harper Farnham	14-Jan	Bonnie Thompson	27-Jan
Randall Brunson	10-Jan	Grace Saylor	14-Jan	Charlie Wilson	30-Jan

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