

1/15/2026

Happy New Year



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:208

Children:26

Nursery:4

Upcoming
Worship
Service

**Congregational
Meeting**

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



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: Act 10:34-43

Message: He Is The One

Speaker: Anne Tolland

Scripture: John 1:29-42

Message: Getting to Know / Getting Known!

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

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



Greeters:

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

Signers: Deb O'Connor
David Thompson

Counters: Donna Moody
Betsy Stewart

Flowers: Flowers will be given by Renee Daniels in celebration of Leon's birthday and given anonymously in celebration of Ben Horack, Jr's birthday.

J-Walker Leader: Mary Beth Morgan



Calling all Youth: Camp Time!!

Camp Passport (for grades 6 - 12) registration is open for only three more weeks! 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. 16	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 16	Martha Brown Funeral Service	2:00pm
Fri., Jan. 16	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Jan. 17	Officer Training	9:00am
Sat., Jan. 17	2026 Candidates	9:00am
Sun., Jan. 18	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	Fellowship 55+	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	Digging Deep	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 18	Congregational Meeting	11:45am
Sun., Jan. 18	2026 Candidates	11:45am
Sun., Jan. 18	Safety Team Members	12:00pm
Sun., Jan. 18	Girl Scouts	2:00pm
Sun., Jan. 18	Youth Group	5:00pm
Sun., Jan. 18	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 19	MLK Day - Office Closed	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	Staff	11:30am
Tues., Jan. 20	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 20	Girl Scout Troop #781	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 20	Men's Fellowship	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 20	Christian Growth Team	6:45pm
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	Fellowship 55+	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	Digging Deep	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	2026 Candidates	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 25	BASIC Training	12:00pm
Sun., Jan. 25	Sawyer Funeral Service	1:00pm
Sun., Jan. 25	Youth Group	5:00pm
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
Mon., Jan. 26	Pub Theology	6:30pm
Mon., Jan. 26	River Pointe HOA	7:00pm
Tues., Jan. 27	Staff	11:30am
Tues., Jan. 27	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm

Tues., Jan. 27	Hamilton Green HOA	7:00pm
Tues., Jan. 27	Session 2026	7:00pm
Wed., Jan. 28	Praise Team Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Wed., Jan. 28	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 29	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Jan. 29	Pleasant Hill Cemetery Mtg.	7:00pm
Fri., Jan. 30	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm

February

Sun., Feb. 1	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Feb. 1	Fellowship 55+	9:30am
Sun., Feb. 1	Digging Deep	9:30am
Sun., Feb. 1	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Feb. 1	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Feb. 1	Outreach & Fellowship	11:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	Youth Group	5:00pm
Sun., Feb. 1	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Feb. 2	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Feb. 2	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Feb. 2	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Feb. 2	Admin. and Personnel	6:15pm
Tues., Feb. 3	Staff	11:30am
Tues., Feb. 3	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Feb. 3	Girl Scout Troop #781	6:30pm
Wed., Feb. 4	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., Feb. 4	Faith & Family Night	6:00pm
Wed., Feb. 4	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., Feb. 5	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Feb. 5	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Thurs., Feb. 5	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Sun., Feb. 8	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Feb. 8	Fellowship 55+	9:30am
Sun., Feb. 8	Digging Deep	9:30am
Sun., Feb. 8	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Feb. 8	J-Walkers	10:45am

New officer training on January 17 from 9 - 3pm for deacons and elders.


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

Safety Team training sessions: January 18 after church in the choir room.

Installation / Ordination : January 25 during church service. If you are to be part of this and cannot attend, please let admin. or nominating committee know.

Odds, Ends & Events

Collected by Missions Ministry Team



Empty Medicine Bottles

Bottles can be over-the-counter or prescription. Any size. Lids must be included.
DO NOT LEAVE MEDICATIONS IN BOTTLES.

The Mission Ministry team truly appreciates all the bottles you have donated! It has become so much so quickly that the team cannot keep up with cleaning all your bottles.



Remove Labels & Clean Bottles

The team is asking for you to clean and de-label your bottles before you donate them. The team will still pack and pay for shipment to the organization that sends them overseas. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping this valuable service going.

Model A Brewing Co. for our next Pub Theology January 26



2026 Pledge
Pledge goal: \$800,000
Pledged to date: \$653,208
Number of pledges: 96




FOSTERING the FAMILY

JOIN US IN FIGHTING HUNGER

THE SALVATION ARMY

Rise AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

Christmas Purse Operation

TAKE A MISSION SURVEY HERE!! We want to see your interest, and where and how you want to serve Christ.

Music Notes

J-Music Children's Choir will run from March 1 - May 10 about 10:45a-11:30a

- ♦ J-Music Children's Choir **dress rehearsal** will occur on May 9th, 9:30a - 11a
- ♦ J-Music Children's Choir **Presentation** will occur on May 10 (Mother's Day)

Praise Team rehearsal runs from Wed., Feb. 4 - May 27, 6p - 7p

Sanctuary Choir runs from Wed., Feb. 4 - Wed., May 27, 7p - 8:30p

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

Missions

Palisades High School Careers Fair

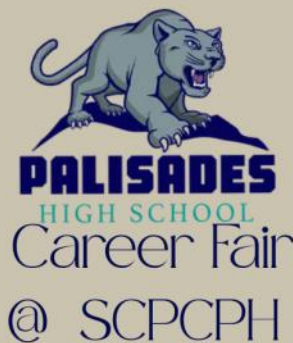
On Friday 9th January, a group of very committed and passionate students from Palisades High School organized a successful careers fair for their classmates.

There were 16 vendors from local businesses who came along to share opportunities with students from CTE classes.

These included YMCA, City of Charlotte, Carolinas College of Health Science of Atrium Healthcare System, Okuma, Aquatech, Hendricks, ACTEGA and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Many of the businesses represented enjoyed the day so much they have signed up to come again.

Margaret Lewis – the Coordinator for CTE, was so appreciative of the use of our space and a special thanks to Dave Thompson and Donna Moody who were on hand to steward and direct students.

It was wonderful to be able to assist our local high school in this venture and let local businesses get to know us.



Night of prayer and worship at Warehouse 242

January 22nd 7 – 8.30pm

2307 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28208

Opportunity to come and support the work of CFK with prayer and celebrate the work they do.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-night-of-prayer-and-worship-tickets-1963606068610?aff=oddtcreator>

Book Delivery for Foster Families

January 20th – 21st

5835 Executive Center Drive, Charlotte

Opportunity to deliver books to local foster families. A heartfelt message that God loves them, a gentle and powerful reminder of hope, love, and encouragement for the children and families who receive them.

Books can be picked up on 1/20 (between 2-3pm) or 1/21 (between 1-3pm) and need to be delivered to a pre-assigned route of 3-4 homes by 1/22.

<https://dash.pointapp.org/events/469919?token=ac286871-00b7-4c45-a8cf-a52e12a4f56a>

Mission Opportunities:

Congregations for Kids

At the start of a new year we often feel it is a good time to make resolutions and get into healthier habits – such as eating more salads, taking regular exercise, spending time to rest and reflect.

Could I encourage you to think about making it a habit to look at different mission volunteering opportunities available

each month?

We already partner with so many outside organizations and agencies, all of whom do amazing work but sometimes it is only when we spend some time 'walking in their shoes' that we really appreciate how much our partnership means.

This month we think of the work of Congregation for Kids.

Missions

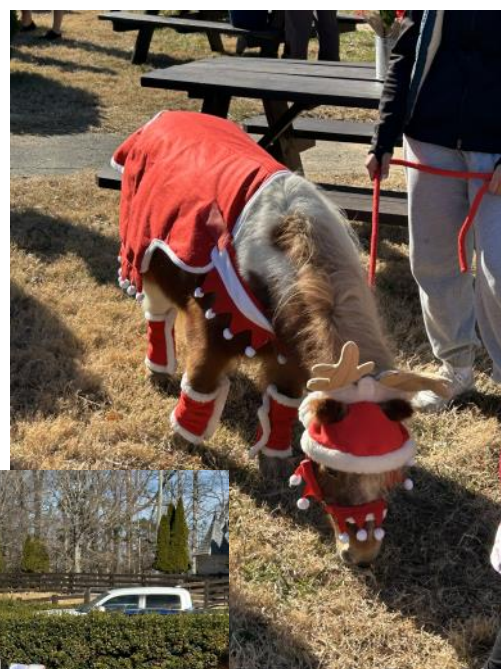
Agape Acres



On Saturday, December 14, Agape Acres welcomed children and their families from Hopekids. Hopekids is a charity aimed to support, transform and offer hope to children with life-threatening medical conditions and their families.

On a glorious sunny afternoon, families arrived with children who enjoyed petting the ponies, meeting the goats, stroking the bunny rabbit, watching the chickens and cuddling the miniature horses – Sugarfoot and Pebbles. There were plenty of cookies – all generously supplied by our church and after crafts and stories – Santa arrived. A big thank you to all who made such yummy cookies – they were so very grateful for the kindness.

There will be more opportunities to volunteer at events like this in 2026 so if you would like to find out more please speak to Anne Tolland, Director of Mission Development.





Martha Ann Patterson Brown

January 2, 1935 - January 5, 2026

CHARLOTTE – Martha Ann (Patterson) Brown, age 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, January 5, 2026. She was born January 2, 1935, to Arthur Jack Patterson and Maggie Elminer (Byrum) Patterson.

Martha grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina in the Steele Creek Community. She was a graduate of West Mecklenburg High School. She had a twin sister, Mary Lee (Patterson) Hawfield who passed away at the age of 52. They had a double wedding on October 15, 1955 at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Martha worked in the insurance field for many

years as well as the school cafeterias where her children attended school when they were young. She was a loving wife and mother. Martha loved laughing, cooking, cross-stitching, tole painting and word search among her many interests. She and her husband, Leighton, visited all 50 states and 13 countries during their 70 happy years of marriage.

Martha served as an Elder and Deacon at Steele Creek Presbyterian. She was involved in various community activities throughout her life.

Martha is survived by her loving husband, Leighton Pegram Brown of Charlotte, NC; children, Anita (Brown) McQuillen and husband, Marc of Rock Hill, SC, Gerald Brown of Charlotte, NC and Sandra (Brown) Hovis of Bluefield, WV, along with her grandsons, Chaz Hovis and Jake Hovis of Charlotte, NC.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 16, 2026, at [Steele Creek Presbyterian at Pleasant Hill](#), 15000 York Road, Charlotte, NC. The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Arrangements are in the care of Kenneth W. Poe Funeral & Cremation Service, 1321 Berkeley Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204; (704) 641-7606. Online condolences may be shared at www.kennethpoeservices.com.

Obituary copied from <https://kennethpoeservices.com/obituaries/2336-martha-ann-patterson-brown>

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 for the family and friends of Martha Brown who passed away 1/5/2026. Martha was a special part of our church family for a great number of years. She will surely be missed.
- ✝ Bob Hudson, Grace Saylor's brother-in-law, passed away January 8. Please be in prayer for his family and friends during this difficult time.
- ✝ Mother of Jonathan Thomas passed away on January 8. Please be in prayer for the Thomas family and friends.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Pray for food pantries like Nourish Up. There are many people 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 is slowly working to learn to use his prosthesis. Continued prayers are appreciated as he continues to learn 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

- ✝ Barry Small's surgery went well. The pain has lessened, and he's on the path to recovery. Prayers are appreciated.
- ✝ Mary Turner had a doctor's appointment. Her foot is doing better and she will continue to wear boot and no surgery is planned. Follow up appointment in a few weeks. Continued prayers are appreciated.
- ✝ Edward Shrum, the father of Mandy Beck needs prayer as his mobility and memory are declining.
- ✝ Lutomia, daughter of Grace and Paul Kuto. Please pray for her heart health condition. She has an appointment with a specialist in DC next week.
- ✝ Don Baker, please be in prayer for Don as he recovers from hip tendon surgery.
- ✝ Linda Clark would like prayers for improved health and positive upcoming doctors' reports.
- ✝ 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 Moore has moved into an assisted living facility since her

memory is declining.

- ✝ Ruth McGaha is home recovering from spinal surgery. Ruth has a long recovery period and appreciates your prayers.
- ✝ George Davis is in rehab at Wellmore in Fort Mill. Betty is hoping to bring him home soon. Betty and George thank you for your continued prayers.
- ✝ Carol Boot would like prayers for health concerns.

Cancer

- ✝ Grant, Jim Weeden's three-and-a-half-year-old grandson, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer in December and is undergoing treatment in Charlotte. Please be in prayer
- ✝ Mike Allman, the husband of a long time friend of Clara Giles. Mike has been diagnosed with very aggressive type of brain cancer. He will be at Duke receiving 6 weeks of radiation and chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for Mike as he receives these treatments.
- ✝ 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.

✚ 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.

✚ 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, a friend of Linda Freeman's will start her chemo treatments again on January 27th. She is struggling with strong pain and nausea. Linda is grateful for your prayer for her friend.

✚ 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.

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 HIP-PA 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.

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	

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 IntercessoryPrayer-Team@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.

Deacon Candidates' Bios

Kelly Zike

I have been a member of SCPCPH throughout my childhood and rejoined the church in July of 2024. My husband, Robert (Bobby) Zike, and I are blessed with two children, Lucas (age 7) and Ellianne "Ellie" (age 3). This church has always been a meaningful part of my life, and returning as an adult with my own family has been incredibly special. I am excited to serve as a deacon and to help our church continue to be a welcoming home for all.

Tom Settlemyre

We (Gina and I) joined SCPCPH in May of 2023. We had been attending on a regular basis for several years prior to becoming members. As Jeff said on the Sunday we joined, most people assumed we were members long before we made it official. Our daughter Ragan and son-in-law Trent are long time members dating back to big Steele Creek. They, along with our grandkids Tatum, Rowan, Piper, Ford and Knox were big influences on us attending their church. Gina and I both were raised in Christian homes and attended church on regular basis. We both felt very welcomed and at ease from the outset as the membership was very friendly and made us feel comfortable.

When David Thompson approached me about becoming a Deacon, I felt honored to be asked and felt this was a way to give back to SCPCPH. Thank you and I look forward to serving.

Allison Moody Pickens

I'm Allison Moody Pickens. I was born and raised in the former Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. I've participated in many church activities such as vacation bible school, Sunday school, mission trips as a youth, and more recently, mission trips to South Africa. I am currently in school to be a Radiation Therapist and will eventually work in Oncology. I am recently married to Daniel Pickens. Traveling, sports, being an aunt to Kinsley, and taking naps are a few of the things I enjoy. As a deacon, I look forward to the opportunity to serve.



Cheryl Simerly

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I get to honestly share that I am a native Charlottean and have lived in the Steele Creek area for the past forty-two years. I joined Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at the old campus in 1992 after visiting several churches in the

area and found my church home. I have served as a Sunday School teacher, chaired Fellowship & Rec., member of the Tithing Committee, along with several other committees, served as deacon and have previously been a member of the Session for two previous terms.

I started my own business in October of 2001 as a manufacturer's rep of architectural products in both North and South Carolina. We have had the opportunity to be a part of numerous projects that have grown our city and state.

Ozzie and I have been married for thirty-eight years, and we have one daughter, Lexie, who is currently serving in the US Army. In my spare time I enjoy being with family and friends, outdoors, reading and traveling.

Karsen Moody Pennington

My name is Karsen, and I have been a part of this church family since I was born. I have watched as my parents had roles in the church and I am blessed that the day has finally come for me to follow in their footsteps as we continue to grow the church. I am married to my best friend, Carson Pennington and we have a beautiful daughter, Kinsley Grace. Carson and I will be married 6 years in May, and Kinsley will be 2 in February. I've grown up in the church and have enjoyed participating and helping alongside Sunday School, Vacation Bible school, Youth Group, Praise Team, and other activities that the church has sponsored over the years. In my free time I enjoy anything Disney, going to the park and playing with Kinsley and spending time with friends and family. I am looking forward to being a Deacon to be able to serve the church and to be able to grow in my relationship with God and the church family.



David McCorkle

I'm David McCorkle, a third-generation member of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill.

My wife Karen and I live on Lake Wylie, our daughter Christina and Charlotte Police Officer son-in-law Ryan have 2 young children, Luke and Mia.

I was a Deacon during the church merger and a member of the Administration and Personnel Ministry team until last year. I currently serve on the property overview group where we identify and investigate ways to improve our church campus through real estate transactions. I also serve on the safety team and the historic Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery committee.

I've spent over 40 years in the Real Estate Development, Construction and Real Estate Industry, and I'm currently semi-retired.

This will be my fourth term as a Deacon. I enjoy keeping up with the members assigned to our flock, and if you know me, laughing and cutting up.



Sean Griffin

My family has attended Steele Creek Presbyterian since December 2023, and we became members in August 2024.

I have been married to my wife Elizabeth for 8 years, our son Philip is 2, and we will be welcoming a

newborn son in the next several weeks. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, before moving to the Baltimore / Washington area for 10 years where I met my wife. We settled in Tega Cay, SC to start our family, and we love living in the Carolinas. I work in finance for an Ashley Furniture licensee group based in Fort Mill.

God has blessed our family in so many incredible ways and it would be an honor to serve Him by joining this year's deacon class.



Beth Carroll

Beth Carroll has been a church member since just before the merger. Raised here in Charlotte, she can trace her family roots to the original Scottish Presbyterian settlers of Mecklenburg County. Educated at Appalachian State University, she pursued a career in

education and teaches 2nd grade at Winget Park Elementary. Beth is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she volunteers on a committee that maintains local historic cemeteries and marks the resting places of Revolutionary patriots. She enjoys music, dogs, fixing old things, genealogy, and the outdoors. She is happiest when spending time with her family, husband Thad, and children Keegan, Claudia, and Thad Jr.

Elder Candidates' Bios

Clara Giles

My husband, David and I joined Pleasant Hill Presbyterian in 1994, along with our two sons. We are happy to be part of the merged church, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to serve here. I co-teach Sunday School and have served as a deacon and elder. Currently, I am chairperson of the Preschool Ministry Team and look forward to continuing in this role. I am honored and humbled to serve our church for another term as elder.

Ellen Thomas

I am a lifelong member of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill and am married to Jonathan Thomas. We can often be seen working the Technology booth during services. I also enjoy playing handbells, have served on a number of committees and most recently served as the Clerk of Session. When not at church, I am responsible for all the technology which supports CMPD, CFD, Emergency Management in the City of Charlotte. When not at work or church, you may find me on the softball field, at Pine-

ville run club, or doing Crossfit. God has certainly been faithful and has provided a number of blessings and opportunities. I look forward to this next chapter in his book.



Carson Pennington

I have been a member of SCPCPH for 10 years. I am married to Karsen Moody Pennington and we have 1 daughter, Kinsley. I am originally from Mt. Holly, NC and have lived in the greater Charlotte region my entire life and am a graduate of UNC-Charlotte. I enjoy being a part of SCPCPH for its rich history

and mission driven approach in the community. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as an Elder and to be able to help grow the church in the coming years through a new season of change. I am also excited about the opportunity to get to better know more members of the congregation.

Ted Harkey

My name is Ted Harkey. I grew up in Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, attended Steele Creek schools and graduated from Olympic High School. After high school, I went on to graduate from UNC.

Sarah and I have been married for over 43 years and have three adult children. We joined Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in 1986. At Pleasant Hill, I served as a youth and adult Sunday School teacher and was an Elder for several years.

We have been blessed beyond measure. I am humbled and honored to return for a second term as an Elder at SCPCPH. Our church has been uniquely blessed. Luke 12:48, states that from everyone who has been given much, much will be required. I am trying to do my small part in helping our Christian community meet this challenge.

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Mandy Beck Mamie Gaver
Ryan McInnis



Becky Faircloth

My husband, Michael, and I have been members of this church for nine years. We are originally from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and have lived in Charlotte for the past thir-

teen years. We have two children and one grandchild. I am honored to serve as an elder on the Session at SCPC@PH. This church has truly become a home for both Michael and myself. It is a welcoming and active community that faithfully lives out its mission. I am grateful to be part of this church family and look forward to working together toward its continued growth and ministry.

Al Winget

Born in Steele Creek and raised in Pleasant Hill Presbyterian...

Married a good Baptist, Susan at Providence Baptist in 1976...

She is now Presbyterian through and through....

That is after she got her head around infant baptism...

CS Lewis' Mere Christianity has informed my adult faith...

Makes the case for faith in Jesus, advocating for no denomination...

My current source of inspiration is Tim Mackie and the Bible Project..

A great resource for daily study and Sunday School prep...

Our church is in an enviable position and at a crucial time...

Growing community, an inspired leadership group, new members including young families...

We have financial resources that give us flexibility...

May the Lord guide us to choose wisely and serve faithfully in this season!

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