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Calendar

April

Fri., Apr. 17	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Sun., Apr. 19	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Apr. 19	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Apr. 19	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Apr. 19	J-Music Children's Choir	11:00am
Sun., Apr. 19	Girl Scouts	2:00pm
Sun., Apr. 19	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., Apr. 19	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Apr. 20	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Apr. 20	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Apr. 20	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Tues., Apr. 21	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Apr. 21	Girl Scout Troop #781	6:30pm
Tues., Apr. 21	Men's Fellowship	6:30pm
Tues., Apr. 21	Christian Growth Team	6:45pm
Wed., Apr. 22	Staff	10:30am
Wed., Apr. 22	Staff	11:01am
Wed., Apr. 22	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., Apr. 23	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Apr. 23	Meal Prep for Defend the Fatherless	2:00pm
Fri., Apr. 24	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Sat., Apr. 25	Women's Retreat	All-day
Sat., Apr. 25	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sat., Apr. 25	Stand Up for Children Walk	10:00am
Sun., Apr. 26	Women's Retreat	All-day
Sun., Apr. 26	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Apr. 26	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., Apr. 26	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Apr. 26	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Apr. 26	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., Apr. 26	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Apr. 27	Preschool's Muffins for Mom	8:00am
Mon., Apr. 27	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Apr. 27	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Mon., Apr. 27	Pub Theology	6:30pm
Tues., Apr. 28	Preschool's Muffins for Mom	8:00am
Tues., Apr. 28	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Apr. 28	Session 2026	7:00pm
Wed., Apr. 29	Preschool's Muffins for Mom	8:00am
Wed., Apr. 29	Staff	10:30am
Wed., Apr. 29	Staff	11:01am
Wed., Apr. 29	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., Apr. 29	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., Apr. 30	Preschool's Muffins for Mom	8:00am
Thurs., Apr. 30	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Apr. 30	Handbell Choir	7:00pm

May

Fri., May 1	Preschool's Muffins for Mom	8:00am
Sun., May 3	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., May 3	Worship	10:30am
Sun., May 3	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., May 3	J-Music Children's Choir	11:00am
Sun., May 3	Outreach & Fellowship	11:30am
Sun., May 3	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., May 3	AA	8:00pm
Mon., May 4	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., May 4	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., May 4	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Tues., May 5	Faith and Family Dinner	6:30pm
Tues., May 5	Girl Scout Troop #781	6:30pm
Wed., May 6	Staff	10:30am
Wed., May 6	Staff	11:01am
Wed., May 6	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., May 6	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., May 7	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., May 7	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Thurs., May 7	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., May 8	Crafts Fellowship	10:00am
Sat., May 9	J-Music Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal	9:30am
Sat., May 9	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sun., May 10	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., May 10	Worship	10:30am
Sun., May 10	J-Music Children's Choir Presentation	10:30am
Sun., May 10	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., May 10	AA	8:00pm
Mon., May 11	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., May 11	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Mon., May 11	Missions Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tues., May 12	Runoff Elections (if necessary)	All-day
Tues., May 12	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., May 12	Finance Ministry Team	6:30pm

Men's Fellowship

April 21 at 6:30 p.m.



4830 Berewick Town Center
Suite B



Last Week's Service

ATTENDANCE

In house: 168
Children: 26
Nursery: 1

Upcoming Worship Service

Speaker: Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Message: "A Living Hope"



Watch last week's service here. ———>

Speaker: Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Message: "Imperishable Seed"

Dear Church Family,

THANK YOU for all your prayers, calls, and texts. I truly appreciate all the beautiful cards that were sent. They were a comfort to me, brought me joy and lifted my spirits. I am truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Blessings to all,

Betty Davis

Dear Church Family,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your prayers for journey mercies as I traveled. By God's grace, I arrived safely in Nairobi, Kenya, on Saturday, March 28th. I am truly grateful for your continued love, support, encouragement and prayers.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks for taking care of my wife, Grace, while I am away. It brings me great comfort knowing she is surrounded by such a caring and loving church family. Please let her know how much I miss her, and I look forward to being reunited soon with her and my church family.

As many of you know, I am here to continue mission work in the village. This coming week, I will be heading there to begin work on completing the church building—specifically the flooring, windows, and other essential parts. For many years, the congregation has been worshipping in a makeshift structure made of iron sheets, and it is a blessing to be part of helping provide them with a more permanent place of worship.

In addition, I will be assisting with the community water project that we helped establish last year. Unfortunately, one of the water tanks was destroyed by strong winds, so part of my work will involve helping restore and stabilize that system for the community.

Grace and I are deeply thankful for how God has used all of

Greeters: Trey Horack & David McAliley

Ushers: Tom Settlemyre, Sean Griffin, Skylar Morgan, Sarah Harkey, Jennifer Dennis

Signers: Bill Harraman & Pam Horack

Counters: Donna Moody & Betsy Stewart

Flowers: On Sunday, the flowers will be given for the glory of God by Leon and Renee Daniels in celebration of their 13th Anniversary on April 20th and the roses are given in memory of George Davis by his lovely wife, Betty Davis.

J-Walker

Leaders: Allyson Rogers and Tiffany Brunson

Reach out to [Tiffany](#) to be added to the J-Walker service list and serve your community once a month, once a quarter or once a year. You may serve as often as you like!

EASTER FERNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

FERNS ARE \$25.

**REACH OUT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SEE
PHYLLIS TO PURCHASE.**

you—through your prayers, generosity, and partnership—to make these efforts possible. Our church truly feels like family to us, and we are so blessed to be part of this congregation under such faithful leadership our Pastor Dr. Jeff Pinkston.

I will keep you updated on the progress of the work and will share more as things develop. Please continue to keep the mission, the village, and the team in your prayers.

May God bless each one of you abundantly.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Paul Kuto

Nairobi, Kenya

Odds and Ends



Stand for Children
4th ANNUAL Prayer Walk
Location:
First Baptist Church
1306 Hampton St, Columbia, SC

the FOSTERING FAMILY

kids ZONE

- Fun
- Networking
- Community

April 25 10am

susie@fosteringthefamily.org



RUN FOR LIFE

5K RUN
10K RUN
FAMILY FUN WALK

HELP THE LIONS CLUB HELP THE CHILDREN WITH DIABETES & CANCER

Apr 25, 2026

Starts at 9am at Camp Thunderbird



The upcoming Stand for Children Prayer Walk is just around the corner - Saturday, April 25!!!!



This will be a powerful, hope filled event as we gather to pray for vulnerable children and the families who care for them. We're expecting an encouraging morning of unity, purpose and impact. Tap picture above to go to sign-ups!

Join the RUN FOR LIFE run. There is a 1 mile Family Fun Walk and 5K and 10K runs available. Net proceeds help support The Lions Club's efforts on behalf of Type 1 Diabetes and Childhood Cancer Programs. The funds raised by "Run For Life" will sponsor children with type 1 diabetes to go to "Camp Sweet Escape", a camp designed for children of this disease. Tap picture above to go to sign-ups!

Looking for 100 amazing volunteers!
Rise Against Hunger is returning! The event will run from 9-11am, but we are going to need people in as early as 7:30am to help set up tables and more as well as stay late to help clean-up. So, if you can't be here from 9-11am, we have you opportunities for you to serve on both ends of this event!



COME ON OVER FOR A NSYG

PIZZA PARTY

WITH OUR FRIENDS AT

WBM

MAY 8TH | 6PM
2813 OLD STEELE CREEK RD

*CONTACT RAGAN HASTON
704-301-3444 (OR EVITE)
TO RSVP

West Boulevard Ministries

Come out for a Not-So-Youth-Group (NSYG) Pizza Party with the friends at West Boulevard Ministries. Contact Ragan Haston to RSVP or tap on the evite above left.



MAY 16 9AM - 11AM

Volunteer Release & Waiver



WE WILL PACK 15,000 MEALS WITH YOUR HELP

Missions

Need a monthly service to practice being an Everyday Disciple? Here are some opportunities:

Defend the Fatherless

Here are upcoming opportunities to volunteer:

Respite Care for Parenting Group

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, May 19th, June 2nd, June 16th
- **WHERE:** Silver Morning Counseling - Rock Hill
- **TIME:** 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM
- **WHAT'S NEEDED:** 3 Volunteers each date (set up, childcare, serve dinner, clean up)

If you are interested in this opportunity, [please sign up at this link](#). You will need to have or create an account with Bloomerang for this signup.

Family Walk and Talk

- **WHEN:** Wednesday, June 3
- **WHERE:** Riverwalk Piedmont Trail - Rock Hill
- **TIME:** 9:45AM - 11:30AM
- **WHAT'S NEEDED:** 2 Volunteers (support the event by playing with the kids during the walk, while caregivers talk)

If you're interested in this opportunity, [please sign up at this link](#). You will need to have or create an account with Bloomerang for this signup.

We also need 4 volunteers to help sort clothes at the Defend the Fatherless closet on Tuesday, May 26th 10am- 12pm. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Anne Tolland, Director of Missions Development.



Serve at Agape Acres this Saturday.

Walk a horse. Help a child.



Missions

Pinwheels on Wheels - Congregations for Kids

By Anne Tolland,
Director of Missions Development

This month is an opportunity for us to get involved with the Pinwheels on Wheels project. We have planted fluttering pinwheels on our church campus where they will remind us and passersby about the need for foster homes, social workers and wraparound care for foster children and their families.

This week we are taking part in the Pinwheels on Wheels project.

The pinwheel is a symbol of a stable, healthy, protected childhood. You might begin to see pinwheels throughout the area, and we will have displayed ours at the entrance to our campus. By planting pinwheels around our city, we can create awareness and remind our community that every child deserves a safe, supported place to grow.

April is child abuse awareness month, and Congregations for Kids is encouraging us to remember that not every child knows safety and security and



Pinwheels planted in front of the church.

kind-
ness. They have prepared a prayer which focuses our attention on the plight of children caught in abusive situations. There will be copies available on Sunday.

As we look at our own children and recognize the joy they bring and the innocence they share, let us seek to reach out to those little ones who are in unsafe circumstances and find ways to assist those agencies that reach out in love and support.

To learn more about Pinwheels on Wheels, [go here](#).

To read the pinwheel prayer, "A Prayer for Protection and Healing", [go here](#).



L to R: Jonathan (friend of Anne), Donna M., and Anne T.
"A big thank you to Jonathan who placed all the pinwheels and signs – nothing like an Irish man to get the job done!" -Anne, Director of Missions Development.



Construction Updates

As reported this past Sunday in church, there was an impromptu church workday where a few men of the church came together to pour a larger slab for the new AC units being installed for the sanctuary building. These new units are better sized to accommodate the large space and preferred temperatures, but it also meant our existing slab was too small.

Thank you to those who stepped up when invited to help.



The first newly installed HVAC unit for the sanctuary.



Expanded slab for new units coming .



Top right and right: Trenching of sanctuary floor.

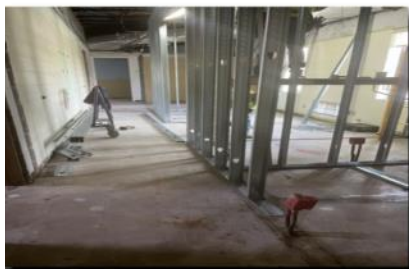


Top: New cement poured on top of trenching.



Left: Metal framing behind (?) the sanctuary

Below: Metal framing separating the kitchen from the dining room.



Church Renovation Update

I have some exciting news to share!

I have a few pictures and details to share with you of how the renovation is going. Because of the scheduling of the report-outs and publication of the newsletter, what you see will be up to two weeks behind what is actually happening.

The construction has marked a key milestone as the project has shifted from demolition to vertical construction. Over the coming weeks, defined rooms and building systems will begin to take shape.

There was still interior demolition happening over the winter months. The concrete slab was trenched to allow for new plumbing and other systems to be buried. Layout markings for new walls are now in place, and metal stud framing has begun.

Upcoming is the installation of rebar and anchor bolts, concrete pier inspections and pours, interior steel structure installation, and framing and MEP rough-ins.

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

- ✝ Jared Lipuku gives thanks for the continued support of his Church family.
- ✝ Thank you for the continued prayers for Lutomia, daughter of Paul and Grace Kuto, and the improvement in her heart condition.

Condolences

- ✝ Our condolences go out to Ziza Epps for the loss of a dear friend, George Gardner. George passed away April 15 due to complications of open-heart surgery. Please pray for George's family, and for Ziza as she has lost a friend.

Surgery

- ✝ Thad Carroll, Jr, son of Beth and Thad Carroll will have surgery on his eyes April 21 to correct strabismus. Please be in prayer for Thad and the Carrolls.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ At this time, please remember the many service men and women who have been and are being deployed. Pray for safety and peace to abide. Remember also their families – parents, spouses, siblings and children.
- ✝ Pray for future peace in the Middle East, Israel, its people, and for the innocent individuals being affected in the Gaza region.
- ✝ Pray for all the families of the fallen in the recent bombings in the middle east. Pray for world leaders, service personnel, and all the individuals caught in between to find their peace.
- ✝ Pray for Paul Kuto as works with his church community on a water project, and church and library constructions with a team from NY. Pray for safety and that this will be a blessing for all.
- ✝ Pray for food pantries like Nourish Up. There are many people in need of food.

- ✝ Please remember the people of Cuba who are on the brink of a potential humanitarian collapse as they deal with a daily reality of fuel shortages, blackouts and intensifying food shortages. Pray for avenues to open which can bring help and aid to those in need.

- ✝ 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.

- ✝ Jackson Roberts, Lynn Roberts grandson has applied to Youth With A Mission to lead missions for one year. YWAM is a group of global youth with a passion to know the Lord and make Him known to others. Please be in prayer for Jackson and this organization as they work to make God known to others.

- ✝ Ukraine and its people.

Life's Issues

- ✝ The Steele family and the challenges they face as they foster children.

Ongoing Illness

- ✝ Bella Hutchinson, the great-grand-daughter of Barbara Thompson, is 7 yrs old and is in kidney failure. She will need a kidney transplant in the next few years. Pray that a donor will be found when she is ready for surgery.
- ✝ Carol Diamond, Allison Beach's stepmother has ongoing health issues. Allison asks that we pray for strength and healing
- ✝ Edward Shrum, the father of Mandy Beck needs prayer as his mobility and memory are declining.
- ✝ 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

- ✝ Neill Anderson had an aortic valve replacement. Please remain in prayer for he and Sue for his healthy and speedy recovery.
 - ✝ Grace Kuto needs prayers as she attends doctor and hospital appointments. Please pray for health and healing.
 - ✝ Bill Snyder and Dorinda appreciate continued prayers during this challenging time. .
 - ✝ Leighton Brown is home from the hospital. He will have PT at home. Please continue to pray for Leighton as he recovers.
 - ✝ Larry Monroe appreciates prayers for a diagnosis of the health issues he's experiencing.
 - ✝ Ruth McGaha is home recovering from spinal surgery. Ruth has a long recovery period and appreciates your prayers.
- ## Cancer
- ✝ Magnolia Rodriguez, the 10-month old daughter of Brian Rodriguez and friend of Trent Haston, has not responded well to the chemo and plan for treatment. Her parents are now looking at new options. Pray that the right option will be found and that this family will know strength, wisdom and God's peace.
 - ✝ McKinley Emerson, the 12-month old niece of Mona Buchko's son-in-law Forrest Boll, was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. She is halfway through chemo. Her mother Caitlin is scheduled to give birth to their fourth daughter on April 20. Please remember all the family at this time.

† Grant, Jim Weeden's four-year-old grandson was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in December. Will return to Memphis to continue chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for this precious child and his family.

† Skip Spencer, a lifelong friend of Beth Carroll's surgery went well and he's home recovering. Please continue to pray for Skip as he finishes his recovery.

† Susie Parker, a neighbor of Linda Neely's caregiver Ronnie, is a breast cancer survivor and has now been diagnosed with metastatic cancer in her back. Please be in prayer for Susie as she moves forward in her cancer journey.

† Mike Allman, husband of a long-time friend of Clara Giles, came home from Duke on March 6th. He will continue his infusions for brain cancer in Charlotte and return to Duke at the end of March for follow-up scans. Please be in prayer for Mike and his wife.

† Charlie Taylor, Brandon Burkhardt's uncle diagnosed with stage 3 cancer in multiple locations is now in an assisted living/nursing home facility. Charlie needs prayer as he continues his cancer journey.

† Rick Necklen, Ashley Bolender's friend's husband is recovering from his surgery. He will start chemo next week to ensure they kill anything that could possibly be left. Please continue to pray for Rick.

† Ava Barrett, the daughter of a friend of Ashley Bolender spent 2 weeks in the hospital in March. Ava's counts are finally bouncing back. She will begin maintenance once her counts have returned. Ava, her family, and the Bolenders appreciate your continued prayers.

† Pam Garris Bland a friend of Linda Freeman's is continuing chemo treatments. Linda is grateful for prayers for her friend.

† Raquel Mercer is continuing chemo treatments. The side ef-

fects of the treatment are making her very sick. Please be in prayer for Raquel and her family.

Fostering the Family (FTF)

† Pray for the prayer walk in Columbia on April 25th to bring awareness to the need for foster families.

† 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 National Guard, Biloxi, Mississippi - grandson of Mike and Polly Morgan

† Claudia Hesse, Coast Guard, Guam - daughter of Thad and Beth Carroll

† Olivia Hommes, Vance AFB in Enid, OK - member

† Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia - grandson of DeWitt and Sandi Lauerman

† Lexie Simerly, Army, Oahu, HI - daughter of Ozzie and Cheryl Simerly

<u>Homebound</u>	
Joan Brown	Elaine Kotraba
Bob Capps	Sarah Middleton
Linda Clark	Forrest Nunnally
Dot Earp	Gerry Roberts
Cooper Freeman, III	Kat Sparrow Margaret Wert
Katharine Freeman	Wayne Whiteside
Louise Freeman	
<u>College Students</u>	
Spencer Beck	Alexa Hill
Alex Brunson	Kevin Horack
Jacob Economon	Ben Shanti
Joshua Economon	Peyton Snyder
Ethan Fenske	Charlie Warnke
Clay Ferguson	

† Will Warsaw, US Navy, Guam - member

† Zack Gross, Air National Guard, Middle East - member

† Dennis Rawls, IV Air National Guard, Middle East - son of Dennis and Karen Rawls

† Jordan Heredia, 82nd Airborne, US Army, Fort Bragg, NC - grandson of niece of DeWitt and Sandi Lauerman

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.

To submit a prayer request, private or public: 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.

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 call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Anne Toland, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.