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Calendar

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
Wed., May 13	Staff	10:30am
Wed., May 13	Staff	11:01am
Wed., May 13	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., May 13	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., May 14	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., May 14	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., May 15	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Sat., May 16	Rise Against Hunger	9:00am
Sun., May 17	Blood Drive	8:00am
Sun., May 17	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., May 17	Worship	10:30am
Sun., May 17	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., May 17	Girl Scouts	2:00pm
Sun., May 17	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., May 17	AA	8:00pm
Mon., May 18	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., May 18	Grief Journey	11:30am

Mon., May 18	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Tues., May 19	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., May 19	Girl Scout Troop #781	6:30pm
Tues., May 19	Men's Fellowship	6:30pm
Tues., May 19	Christian Growth Team	6:45pm
Wed., May 20	Staff	10:30am
Wed., May 20	Staff	11:01am
Wed., May 20	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., May 20	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., May 21	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., May 21	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Thurs., May 21	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., May 22	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Sat., May 23	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sun., May 24	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., May 24	Worship	10:30am
Sun., May 24	Communion	10:30am
Sun., May 24	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., May 24	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., May 24	AA	8:00pm
Mon., May 25	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., May 25	LWAA Basketball	5:30pm
Mon., May 25	Pub Theology	6:30pm
Tues., May 26	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., May 26	Session 2026	7:00pm
Wed., May 27	Staff	10:30am
Wed., May 27	Staff	11:01am
Wed., May 27	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., May 27	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Wed., May 27	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., May 28	Palisades HS Senior Award Banquet	5:00pm
Thurs., May 28	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., May 29	Palisades High School Band Banquet	6:00pm
Sat., May 30	High School Graduation Service	All-day

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FAITH AND FAMILY
Dinner will be
TUESDAY, May 5

Town Hall Event to follow!



Last Week's Service

ATTENDANCE

In house: 167
Children: 14
Nursery: 2

Upcoming Worship Service

Speaker: Dr. Chris Murphy
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10
Message: "Christ the Shepherd"



Watch last week's service here. [————>](#)

Speaker: Dr. Jeff Pinkston
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Message: "From Hunger to Purpose"

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

Greeters: Sandi Lauerman & Mamie Gaver
Ushers: Matt Miller, Dale Willis, Mona Buchko, Allison Pickens, Mandy Beck
Signers: Deb O'Connor & David Thompson
Counters: Barry Small & Boyd Kurt
Flowers: On Sunday, the flowers will be given for the glory of God by Toni and George McCall in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary and George's birthday on April 30th.
J-Walker
Leaders: Jacob Cunningham, Tiffany Brunson, Cheryl Simerly
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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
space is limited! sign up early!
Dates: June 14-18
Last day to register is May 31.
Ages: 3 - 11
If potty trained 5th grade
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
Cokesbury Kids
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

J-MUSIC
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
A DIVISION OF SCPCPH MUSIC MINISTRIES

MAY 3, 2026

THIS SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP!

OUR J-MUSIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MAY 3RD.
They will be called up DURING worship - there is no rehearsal beforehand!
This is in addition to their Mother's Day presentation next week!



MOVIE NIGHT

May 23
free outside community movie night at SCPCPH!

KONA ICE truck will be here 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

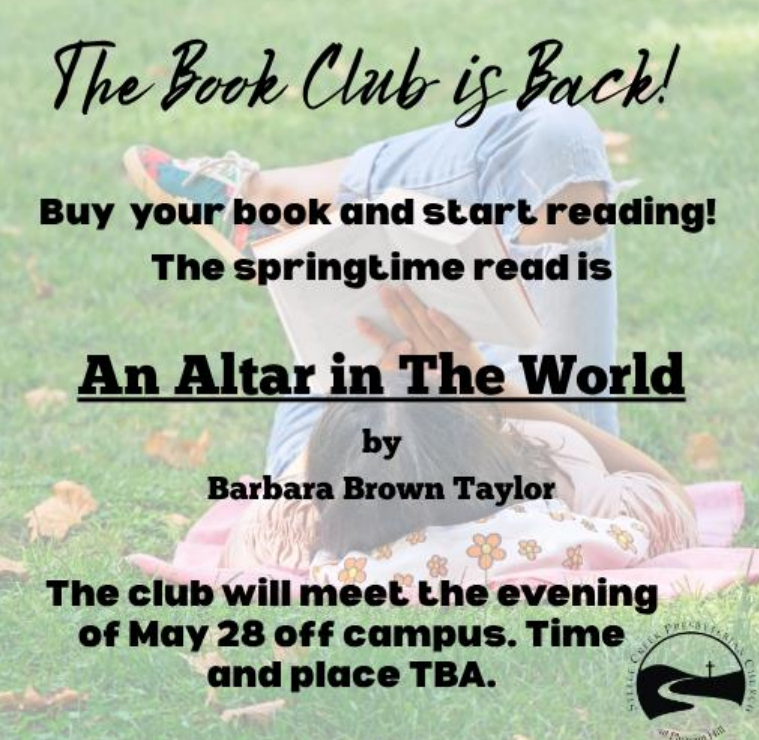
Showtime: 8:30PM

Bring your chairs, blankets, pillows, picnics and bug spray.

Glow sticks available for all ages!

Family Friendly Movie: TBA

Invite your neighbors, family, and friends!

The Book Club is Back!


Buy your book and start reading!

The springtime read is

An Altar in The World

by **Barbara Brown Taylor**

The club will meet the evening of May 28 off campus. Time and place TBA.



J-Music Rehearsal and Concert

The J-Music kids have been very busy learning their songs these past few months and are excited to share all their hard work on Mother's Day! We have an important rehearsal Saturday, May 10th from 9:45 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and then we'll warm up on Sunday, May 11th at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Email kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org.

Summer Music Program

The music department will be transitioning to summer music programs while the larger groups take a break. Do you love to sing alone or maybe in a group? Do you have an instrument that no one knows you can play? Do you love music but you just don't know how to share it? Talk to Kaarin, and she'll get you started on the path to offering music during the worship services this summer.

Palisades High School Choral Concert

Our high school neighbors across the street are having their final choral concert of the year on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and it will be one you don't want to miss. In addition to their always spectacular singing, it will be director Eugene Bumbardener's final concert as he heads off into a much-deserved retirement. And not only will you get to see Aubrey, Isabella, Daniel, and Liam (our Sanctuary Choir section leaders) on the stage, Alli Salmon will be there, too, along with Kaarin at the piano. We're looking forward to seeing you there! \$7 per person (children not in school free).



DON'T MISS IT!
SUNDAY, MAY 11TH, 2026

MAY 11TH

J-MUSIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR
MOTHER'S DAY
PRESENTATION

DURING 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Join us for the sweetest Sunday of the year as our children share their musical gifts with the congregation!

Missions

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!

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
MAY 16
9AM - 11AM

Volunteer Release & Waiver



WE WILL PACK 15,000 MEALS WITH YOUR HELP

American Red Cross Blood Drive
May 17
8:30 am -12:30 pm
 15000 York Road Charlotte, NC
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?zipSponsor=28278>

Blood Drive 🩸

Our quarterly blood drive is back! You may give in one of two ways on May 17.

You can give *Blood*: The most common type of donation, during which approximately a pint of 'whole blood' is given. This type of blood donation usually takes about an hour.

You can give *Power Red*: A Power Red donation collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor. These donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg, or O blood. Red cells from a Power Red donation are typically given to trauma patients, newborns and emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and anyone suffering blood loss. [Learn more about types of blood donations here.](#)

DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU TO CURRENT AND FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL THIS MAY.

May is National Military Appreciation Month
 Send your thanks and gratitude to our military personnel.

Missions

Serve at Agape Acres

One of our latest partnerships has been with Agape Acres, based in the old Palisades Equestrian Center on Youngblood Road.

The Tithing Committee funded money for a mobile mounting ramp to assist children and young people with limited ability to be able to ride one of the many rescue horses and ponies.

Mentoring can be so much fun. You get to know children and

their families, journey with them through their challenges and at Agape Acres, you get to play with the most adorable and trusting ponies and horses. Just look at the smiles on those faces.

Members of our congregation have already been involved in all of these outreaches. If you would like to find out more, please reach out to Anne, Director of Missions Development.



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.

Fostering the Family's Stand for Children Prayer Walk

By Anne Tolland

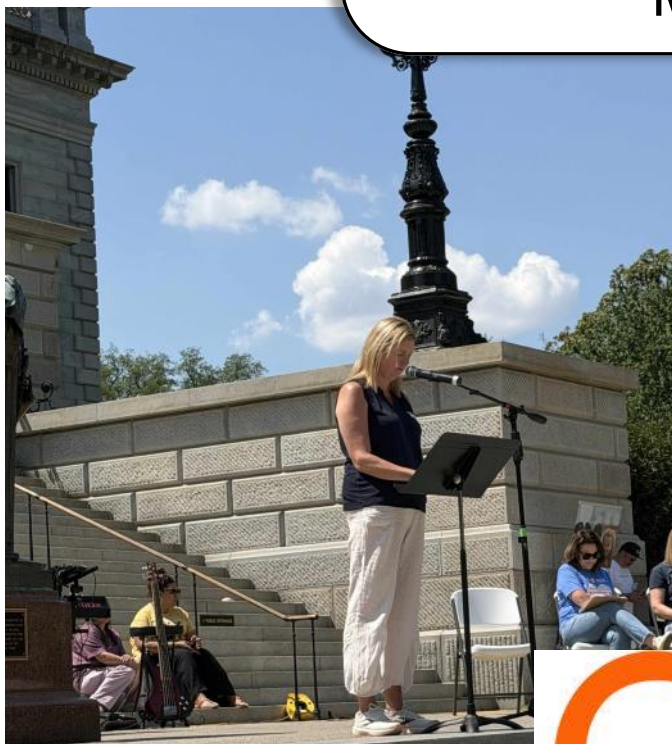
Columbia, SC Saturday, 25th April

The start of the journey to South Carolina's State Capitol started at 7:15 a.m. so that the group could take part in the 4th Annual Prayer Walk for Children. Tom, Barbara, Betsy, Mamie and Anne arrived at First Baptist Columbia where they handed out pinwheels, signs and prayer cards before setting off to the State House.

Around 100 people walked to the steps of the Capitol for a time of worship and prayer. Our speakers included, Alan Wilson (Attorney General SC), Rebekah Weigel (Author of Sound of Hope: The Possum Trot) and Tony Catone (SC DSS State Director), who encouraged churches, groups, families and individuals to get involved. An early start, but it was good to be part of a big group highlighting the need for foster families.



Missions



Fostering the Family's Stand for Children Prayer Walk took place Saturday, April 25 in Columbia, SC.



Above: The representatives from SCPCPH.

Below: The representatives from the church and 2 Fostering the Family members.



Construction Updates

AC Units

The new AC system for the sanctuary building is still underway. The choir suite has been the focus of the contractors attention for the past couple of weeks. Rooms have been emptied, ceiling tiles removed, holes in walls, but the new system will be enjoyed by all when this is completed.



Church Renovation Update

Work on the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church addition and renovation continues to progress, with demolition nearing completion and transition into structural work actively underway. Coordination between trades has advanced, and preparations for concrete and steel installation are in progress.

Current Progress:

- Interior demolition substantially complete, including soffits, fascia, and wall openings
- Continued slab cutting and cleanup of footing areas
- Footings cleaned out and prepped for rebar installation
- Door opening cut at fellowship hall and temporary wall installation in progress
- Electrical conduit repairs, rerouting, and wire pulling ongoing
- Material deliveries received (steel, piping, electrical components)
- Framing continues in classroom areas
- Exterior façade openings and prep work progressing



Upcoming Work:

- Installation of rebar and anchor bolts in footings
- Third-party inspection and coordination
- Concrete pier and footing pours
- Interior structural steel installation
- Continued framing and MEP rough-ins



The project continues progressing toward concrete placement and structural steel installation. With demolition largely complete, the focus is now on footing preparation, inspections, and coordination of building systems. Visible vertical construction will increase over the coming weeks.

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

- ✚ Lutomia, Paul and Grace Kuto's daughter, is doing well on her new medications. Thank you for all your prayers.

Condolences

- ✚ Our condolences to the family and friends of Leighton Brown. Leighton will be greatly missed by his church family. Please remain in prayer for the Brown family.

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.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Pray for food pantries like Nourish Up. There are many people in need of food.
- ✚ 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 is leading missions as a leader for YWAM, a group of global youth who know the Lord

and have a passion to make him known to others.

- ✚ Ukraine and its people.
- ✚ Pray for the Christians being persecuted and murdered in Nigeria.
- ✚ Pray for our country and the safety and protection of our leaders.

Life's Issues

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

Ongoing Illness

- ✚ Bella Hutchinson, Barbara Thompson's great-granddaughter, is 7 yrs old and is in kidney failure. Bella just got out of the hospital and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please 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.
- ✚ Linda Clark is in a rehab facility after a hospital stay. Please be in prayer for Linda as she deals with health issues.
- ✚ 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

- ✚ Elizabeth, Grace Kuto's sister, recently had pacemaker surgery that has complications doctors in Kenya are unable to resolve. Elizabeth is being referred to a US hospital. Please pray for speedy visa authorization for medical needs.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Larry Monroe, please pray for the resolution of 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 Rodriquez, the 10 month old daughter of Brian Rodriquez, a friend of Trent Haston was diagnosed with a cancerous mass in her abdomen. She is not responding to chemo. There is discussion of a possible liver transplant. Please pray for Magnolia and her parents as options for treatment are decided upon. Pray for her healing.
- ✚ McKinley Emerson, 12-month old niece of Mona Buchko's son-in-law Forrest Boll, was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. McKinley is a new big sister! Her mother, Caitlin, had a healthy baby girl - Delaney Jane - and both are doing well. McKinley continues to go through tests as she awaits spinal surgery to remove the tumor. Please remember all the family at this time.
- ✚ Grant, Jim Weeden's four-year-old grandson was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. He just complete surgery and is going to St. Jude's in Memphis for 3 months of treatments. Please be in prayer for Grant and his family.

- † Mike Allman, husband of a long time friend of Clara Giles needs prayer as he continues his fight against cancer. Mike is continuing treatment and will look for results from his next scan.
- † Charlie Taylor, Brandon Burkhart'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 has experienced a long journey in fighting cancer. She is continuing chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her family as they seek other options.

- † 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
- † 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

<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	

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.

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.



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

May Babies

Michael Morgan, Jr.	3-May	Eric Brody	9-May	Thad Carroll, Jr.	22-May
Betty Harraman	4-May	Greg Hommes	10-May	Gerard Roberts	22-May
Parker Beachley	4-May	Hamilton McCall	11-May	Price Freeman	23-May
Donna Roth	5-May	Josh Shaver	12-May	Karen Shaver	24-May
John Henry Morgan	6-May	Deborah Thrower	12-May	Kathy Kaylor	25-May
Bruce Doane	6-May	Goldie Weeden	14-May	Liza Smith	25-May
Judy Martin	6-May	Belle Tuccillo	16-May	Kylie Dennis	25-May
Dorinda Snyder	6-May	Will Salmon	19-May	Kate Lemond	26-May
Sydney Snyder	6-May	John Clark	20-May	Rowan Morgan	26-May
Hannah Thompson	6-May	Ted Harkey	20-May	Sandi Barry	26-May
Christian McCall	7-May	Will Lindsay	20-May	Pat McNulty	28-May
Saundra Doane	7-May	Maddalynn McAliley	21-May	Rachel McAdoo	29-May

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