

5/21/2026



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SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS COMPASSIONATE,
CONNECTED, CONTRIBUTING, EVERYDAY DISCIPLES

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M-F 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 3:30pm
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Calendar

May

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	One-on-One Private Prayer Time	11:30am
Sun., May 24	AA	8:00pm
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day (Office closed)	All-day
Mon., May 25	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., May 25	LWAA Spring Cheer Practice	5:00pm
Mon., May 25	Pub Theology (@ Model A)	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	11:00am
Wed., May 27	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., May 27	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., May 28	LWAA Spring Cheer Practice	5:00pm
Thurs., May 28	Palisades HS Senior Award Banquet	5:00pm
Fri., May 29	Palisades H.S. Band Banquet	6:00pm
Sun., May 31	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., May 31	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., May 31	Worship	10:30am
Sun., May 31	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., May 31	South Dakota Mission team meet	11:30am
Sun., May 31	One-on-One Private Prayer Time	11:30am
Sun., May 31	Youth Group Sunday	5:00pm
Sun., May 31	AA	8:00pm

June

Mon., June 1	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., June 1	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., June 1	LWAA Spring Cheer Practice	5:00pm
Mon., June 1	Admin. and Personnel Ministry	6:00pm
Tues., June 2	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Wed., June 3	Staff	10:30am
Wed., June 3	Staff	11:00am
Wed., June 3	Praise Team	6:00pm
Thurs., June 4	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Fri., June 5	LWAA Spring Cheer Practice	5:00pm
Sat., June 6	American Legion District Meeting	10:00am
Sat., June 6	Young Burial Service	2:00pm
Sun., June 7	Worship	10:30am
Sun., June 7	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., June 7	Outreach & Fellowship	11:30am
Sun., June 7	One-on-One Private Prayer Time	11:30am
Sun., June 7	Girl Scouts	2:00pm
Sun., June 7	AA	8:00pm
Mon., June 8	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., June 8	LWAA Spring Cheer Practice	5:00pm
Mon., June 8	Missions Ministry Team	6:30pm

Tues., June 9	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., June 9	Finance Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed., June 10	Staff	10:30am
Wed., June 10	Staff	11:00am
Wed., June 10	LWAA Spring Cheer Practice	5:00pm
Wed., June 10	Praise Team	6:00pm
Fri., June 12	Crafts Fellowship	10:00am
Sat., June 13	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sat., June 13	Queen City Corvette Club	1:00pm
Sun., June 14	Adult Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., June 14	Worship	10:30am
Sun., June 14	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., June 14	One-on-One Private Prayer Time	11:30am
Sun., June 14	VBS Dinner	5:00pm
Sun., June 14	Vacation Bible School	6:00pm
Sun., June 14	Adult VBS	6:30pm
Mon., June 15	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am

**REGISTRATION CLOSING IN
10 DAYS!
SIGN UP TODAY
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!**



**JOIN US FOR
WINTER IN
SUMMER!
JUNE 14-18**



Three-year-olds and older who are potty trained are eligible to participate in the free VBS program at SCPCPH.

Last Week's Service

ATTENDANCE

In house: 206
Children: 20
Nursery: 5

Upcoming Worship Service

PENTECOST SUNDAY ³



COMMUNION

Speaker: Miss Tatum Haston

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-22

Message: "The Church that Built Me"

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



Speaker: Anne Tolland

Scripture: Acts 2:1-11

Message: "What Language Do We Speak"



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.



We welcome Monica Burton to our staff as the new bookkeeper. She will be here during most business hours. Drop by and say hi in a few weeks. Let's let her settle in a bit, first.

Ever try to pray and just feel... stuck? Feel like you are praying wrong or not perfectly?

Not sure where to begin? Let's start with the Lord's Prayer.

Join us June 14–18 from 6:30 to about 7:45 p.m. for a class and discussion led by Dr. Chris Murphy. Together, you'll explore the Lord's Prayer.

Adult VBS

Building a foundation for your prayers through understanding the prayer we were taught by Christ

The Lord's Prayer



Greeters: Sandi Lauerman & Mamie Gaver

Ushers: Karsen Pennington, Ryan McInnis, David McCorkle, Beth Carroll, Josh Gilleland

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

- Sandi and DeWitt Lauerman in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary on May 27.
- Anna and Phillip Seaman in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on May 26.
- Gerry Roberts's family in celebration of his 85th birthday on May 22.

J-Walker

Leaders: Need 2

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!

If you would like someone to pray with you after Sunday's service, members of the Intercessory Prayer Team will be available in the Parlor Room to pray with you.

A Summer Sunday School class will be offered during the summer months again. As all our classes closes for summer break, this will be a short term class led by Dexter Greene. It'll be in the choir room, 9:30am, starting June 14. You'll study the book of Acts, the history of the early church as it faced challenges and experienced growth during its earliest days.

Adult VBS registration is open! This year, adults will meet in the multipurpose room. June 14- June 18. Start time is about 6:30pm and it should wrap up by 8pm. Theme is "The Lord's Prayer". Adult VBS will be led by Dr. Chris Murphy.

Odds and Ends



May 23
free outside
community
movie night
at SCPCPH!

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

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

Glow sticks available for all
ages!

Family Friendly Movie
**Invite your
neighbors,
family, and
friends!**

**Showtime:
8:30PM**

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

**IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE RAIN DATE IS JUNE 6. WE WILL
DO OUR BEST TO MAKE YOU AWARE BY 2PM SATURDAY.**



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 group will meet
May 26 in the AM and
May 28 in the PM.**



Join Chris Murphy in discussing the book *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Most of us spend less than a couple of hours a week in a church building. That's one thing, but how do we encounter God the rest of the week?

In *An Altar in the World*, you'll explore how to be aware of the presence of God in your everyday lives. With Taylor as your guide, you'll see how altars are present everywhere you go and in nearly everything you do as you learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world you live in. This book is available

wherever books are sold. But, Chris's favorite online stores for books

are [Thriftbooks](#) and [Better World Books](#).

There are also audiobook and e-book versions available. If you have any issues locating a copy, reach out to Chris. Location TBD Questions? Email

chris@steelecreekchurch.org

[Sign Up here for the morning session, to be held at Javesca Coffee Roasters, May 26 from 9:00AM-10:30AM.](#)

[Sign Up here for the evening session, to be held at a private home, May 28 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM.](#)

Odds and Ends

Tatum Bliss Haston is graduating from Gaston Christian School with a 4.49 GPA. She served as Secretary of the Student Government Association, Communications Director for the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Club, and Marketing Manager for the Furnish For Good Youth Council. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and BETA Club and served as a Junior Marshal last year. Tatum was a member of the varsity golf team, earning All-Conference honors, and the varsity track team, where she earned the MVP award. Next year, Tatum will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she plans to pursue a degree in Business Administration.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

This Sunday is Pentecost. When you enter the sanctuary, notice how it is decorated in reds and ready for our Pentecost service. Join in by wearing reds/oranges this Sunday.

**END OF YEAR
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

3rd Qtr Honor Roll Celebrations
May 20-22
3 volunteers/day

Final Exam Testing
Jun 4th and 5th
15 volunteers/day (critical need!)


Please sign up!



Thank you also to those who contributed to the Palisades Fund. We were able to donate deodorants, heating pads, feminine hygiene products, snacks and water to the Social Workers Stephanie and Estell. They regularly are approached by the most vulnerable students for food and toiletries and it is wonderful we can support them in such a practical way.

We have the opportunity to support the wider school in volunteering opportunities. Please see the flyer at right. The school needs volunteers during Third Quarter Honor Roll Celebration (May 20-22) and final exams (June 4 -5).

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C054EAAAE2DABF8CE9-60040513-volunteers?useFullSite=false>

PUB THEOLOGY
GETTING TOGETHER IN
CASUAL SPACES FOR OPEN DISCUSSIONS
AROUND FAITH

**MODEL A
BREWING CO.**

1175 Stonecrest Blvd.
Fort Mill, SC 29708

6:30 P.M.
LAST MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH





Model A is a family friendly restaurant. Bring the whole family out for dinner and a great discussion.

Missions



By Anne Tolland

It has been another busy week for Missions as we gathered together on Saturday to pack over 15,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

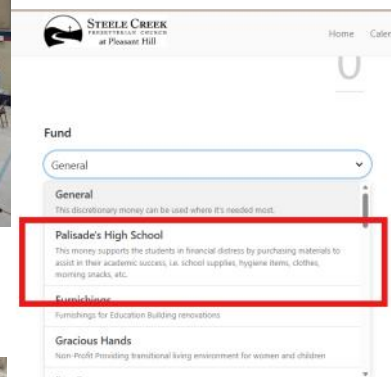
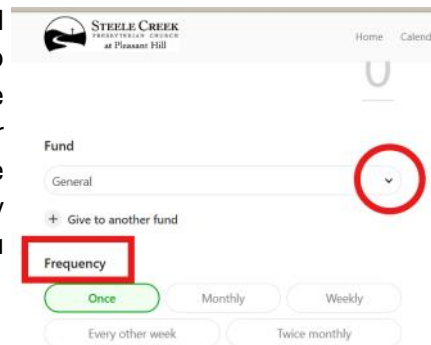
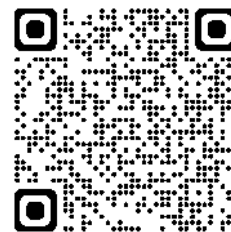
Over 100 volunteers of all ages arrived and donned their orange hair nets to begin a smooth operation where dry rice, dried vegetables, soy and vitamins were funneled into a bag before being carefully weighed, heat sealed and packed in a box. There was a job for everyone – the youngest to the oldest and as well as providing much needed, nutritious food for many vulnerable school children in Africa, we also had an enormous amount of fun.

This has been the 24th year of supporting Rise against Hunger and in that time almost 300,000 meals have been provided by the generosity of Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill. As you can see from the photos – there were a lot of smiles so if you missed out this year, plan on being there in 2027!

Also, we celebrated on Sunday with your Youth Group who did an amazing job throughout the worship service, and we were privileged to support and celebrate with Tatum Haston on her graduation from High School – well done Tatum, see page 5 for more on Tatum. We also remembered our college students with the Ben Brown Scholarship and now we have the opportunity to remember 12 senior students from Palisades High School who hope to graduate this summer. All of them are homeless – some

living in hotels, some sleeping on sofas at friends houses, some living in cramped conditions as they wait for homes of their own. We plan on providing 12 graduation gift packs to each one, and if you would like to support this ministry you can donate through Church Center Giving- Palisades High School, or put a donation on the offering plate on Sunday with a note saying it is for Palisades. And thank you for continuing to have a heart for these young people.

The QR code here will take you to your Giving Page. You will need to use the drop down box as pictured right. Select Palisades High School as pictured lower right. Be sure to choose the appropriate frequency so that your payment is a once time or auto pays repeatedly at the frequency you desire.



Military Appreciation

THE AMERICAN LEGION INVITES YOU TO COME OUT AND PLACE FLAGS

May 23 the American Legion Post is placing US Flags in the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery located at 7001 Steele Creek Road. Anyone that wants to help is invited to participate. Please arrive at 9 AM. The American Legion Post is providing all the flags.

If you hear someone mention “the old cemetery” this is the cemetery they are referencing.



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



Poppy Program

The poppy was adopted as a symbol of freedom and blood sacrificed by troops in war-times after a teacher read the poem “In Flanders Field”.

For almost a century, The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program has provided a way for all Americans to honor and assist past and present members of the military by wearing a poppy. The poppy flowers shared are handmade by veterans and some auxiliary members throughout the year to pass out. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of all money collected through the poppy program is used to assist veterans or active-duty military personnel and their families when financial and/or medical needs are evident.

Members of the Post 221 Auxiliary will be out front on Sunday, May 24th, to share poppies and collect money to donate to the Charlotte USO facility housed at Char-

lotte Douglas International Airport.

The Charlotte USO is one of the busiest centers in the US! It provides multiple services for all active-duty military men and women and retired military personnel and their families. It offers complimentary snacks and beverages, as well as comfortable recliners for relaxing and a children’s play area. Other amenities include desks, laptops, WIFI, Skype, phones, a library, gaming options, and toiletries. This USO has three full time staff members, assisted by over 250 volunteers!

As we celebrate Memorial Day, please consider making a donation in exchange for a poppy at our church on May 24, 2026.

Members of the Post 221 Auxiliary meet at SCPCPH on the fourth Wednesday of each month if you would like to participate. You must have had a family member that was in the military.

Please help the Auxiliary contribute to this program by offering support to the poppy program.

Construction Updates



Church Renovation Update

Construction continues steadily progressing, with footing preparation, inspections, and coordination activities advancing. The project is transitioning into vertical construction.

Current Progress:

- Footer excavation and preparation completed in mezzanine areas
- Footer building inspection passed and concrete placement completed
- 26 yards of concrete poured into mezzanine footings on May 6
- Metal stud framing progressing throughout classroom and support spaces
- Temporary enclosures installed at connector openings
- Existing wall modifications and structural prep work ongoing
- Electrical and mechanical coordination continuing for new layouts and routing
- Site cleanup and material staging ongoing

Upcoming Work:

- Continue metal stud framing throughout classroom areas
- Begin structural steel installation in mezzanine
- Continue MEP rough-ins and system coordination
- Continue wall modifications and build-out activities
- Prepare for next phase of interior finishes

The project continues making steady progress toward vertical construction and classroom build-out completion.

Recent concrete placement and ongoing framing activities represent major milestones as the renovation spaces begin taking final shape.



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

- ✝ Larry Monroe gives thanks that doctors have discovered the cause of his recent health issues.
- ✝ Give thanks for Paul Kuto's continued good health while in Kenya and pray for speedy resolution to obtaining land deed title for new student center at Harambee.

Condolences

- ✝ Condolences to the family and friends of Casey McMillan. Jessica McMillan, the wife of Casey, is a friend of the Pinkston family. Miriam ask for prayers for the family. Jessica is expecting their third child in a few weeks.
- ✝ Our condolences to Kaye Harper on the loss of her 24 year old grandson who died in a car accident last week. She was like his second mom after he lost his mom (Kaye's daughter) a few years ago due to heart failure. She was very close to him and needs our prayers.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Palisades HS 12 seniors graduating this summer who are dealing with challenges of homelessness, domestic abuse and difficult home situations. Give thanks that they have continued to work towards their HS diploma and pray for continued guidance and protection.
- ✝ 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 20 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

- ✝ Please be in prayer for Cathy Robinson, cousin of Jeff Leonard's. Cathy suffers from lupus, heart issues, diabetes and is legally blind.

- ✝ Larry Briggs is still in Piedmont Hospital but the plan is to transfer him shortly to Encompass Rehabilitation Center. Please be in prayer for Larry and Marion.

- ✝ Larry Russ, a friend of Trent Haston, has suffered a stroke. Please pray for healing at this time.

- ✝ 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 appreciate prayers for a rehab bed in the right place to become available as he recovers from two strokes. His wife, Dorinda, and family are grateful for the prayers and healing thoughts.

- ✝ 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 had vascular surgery last Tuesday. They were able to remove 98% of the tumor from around the artery! Praise God. She is in ICU. They have removed her breathing tube. All is going well. At a later date, neurosurgeons will remove the small remainder from around the spine. Please continue to pray for McKinley and her family as she recovers from this major surgery and give thanks for the skill and dedication for the medical staff.
- ✦ Grant Weeden is now at St. Jude's in Memphis where he is undergoing 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.

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 National Guard, Biloxi, Mississippi - grandson of members Mike and Polly Morgan
- ✦ Claudia Hesse, Coast Guard, Guam - daughter of members Thad and Beth Carroll
- ✦ Olivia Hommes, Vance AFB in Enid, OK - member
- ✦ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia - grandson of members DeWitt and Sandi Lauerman
- ✦ Lexie Simerly, Army, Oahu, HI - daughter of Ozzie and Cheryl Simerly, member
- ✦ Will Warsaw, US Navy, Guam - member
- ✦ Zack Gross, Air National Guard, Middle East - member
- ✦ Dennis Rawls, IV Air National Guard, Middle East - son of members Dennis and Karen Rawls
- ✦ Jordan Heredia, 82nd Airborne, US Army, Fort Bragg, NC - grandson of niece of members DeWitt and Sandi Lauerman

Homebound

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

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.