

**Weekly  
Announcements  
5-14-23**



**STEELE CREEK**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
at Pleasant Hill

**Mission/Vision Framework**

**We work together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing everyday disciples who value praise, family, grace and mission – through daily practice, weekly community, and monthly service.**

**Worship May 14**

**Sermon: Wash Behind Your Ears**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

**Sunday Bulletin** – Click [here](#) to view Sunday bulletin for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Flowers This Sunday** – are given to the Glory of God by Carson Pennington in celebration of his and Karsen’s 5th wedding anniversary.

**The Two Candles** – on the table, in the Sanctuary, are lit in honor of Lexie Simerly, U.S. Army, serving in South Korea and Brian Cox, U.S. Air Force, serving in Jordan. 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.

Elder Greeters	Christian McCall, Mac Winget
Deacons	Rachel Steele, Betty Harraman, Jessica Morgan, Gene Gilleland, Randall Brunson
Coffee and Bagels	Jon Schafer
Counters	May 16: DeWitt Lauerman, Betsy Stewart
Signers	May 18: Barry Small, Dave Thompson

**Church Attendance May 7**

Inhouse – 185	Children – 28	Nursery - 4	Online – 197	Total – 382
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**PLEASE HONOR** – the white handicap poles on the church campus on Sundays & special events. This will allow more of our senior members to park closer to the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. You will see the poles in front of the office and the parallel parks in front of the Youth Center.

**Member Info** – There is a member info bulletin board next to the men’s restroom.

**Welcome Center**– There is a welcome center where the donut table once was. Visitor gift bags and information can be found there. You can both sign-up for and pick-up nametags there and get a book for your child to read during worship. Kid’s activity bags are still on the hooks.

**Coffee and Donuts** – Please enjoy them in the lobby area in front of the church office.

**Prayer Requests**– Submit via paper or through Church Center App. Paper requests may be found in the pews and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer box in the lobby. Digital requests can be made by [clicking here](#).

Please use one of these request forms. The Intercessory Prayer Team respects confidentiality and will not publish requests without permission. Additionally, a team member follows up with each person receiving prayer, so it is important that we get all the information requested in these forms.

If you are unable to complete one of these forms, please contact our lead intercessor Sandi Lauerman directly.

## ***Church Center App***

### **Need to find a Zoom link for a church meeting?**

1. On your phone, tablet, or laptop - go to Church Center
2. Get to Church Center through:
  - a. your downloaded app (phone, tablet or iPad)
  - b. website [SteeleCreekChurch.org](http://SteeleCreekChurch.org) (laptop or desktop)
    - i. log in to Church Center there. Click [Here to Login to Church Center](#)
3. Once logged in - click "Me" and you will see your personal events
4. Click the meeting that you want to attend
  - a. scroll down to bottom
  - b. find Location
  - c. click "Attend Online" - this will take you to zoom

## ***Special Events and Promotions***

**Celebration Luncheon for Sunday School (Pre-K-High School) & J-Walker Volunteers** - Please mark your calendars and register on Church Center for this appreciation luncheon directly following service on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Families are welcome. We look forward to celebrating all your hard work and dedication to our children!

**Graduates** - If you are a member of the church and have a child graduating from High School or College, please email [keri@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:keri@steelecreekchurch.org) so that they can be included in the graduate recognition on Youth Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Mark Your Calendar

You can also find these and more on the Church Center App and the calendar on the church website. [Visit the website calendar here.](#)

<b><u>May 13, Sat.</u></b> 10:00 am – Childrens Choir Practice	<b><u>May 19, Fri.</u></b> 11:30 am – Fun Bunch Lunch & Home Bound Food Delivery
<b><u>May 14, Sun.</u></b> 09:00 am – Children’s Choir Practice 09:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship	<b><u>May 30-21, Sat-Sun.</u></b> Women’s Retreat <b><u>May 23, Tues.</u></b> 6:30 pm – Men’s Fellowship
<b><u>May 15, Tues.</u></b> 11:30 & 7:00 – Grief Journey	<b><u>May 24, Wed.</u></b> Preschool Graduation
<b><u>May 16, Tues.</u></b> 06:00 pm – Session Meeting	Door of Hope Mission Departure <b><u>June 3, Sat.</u></b>
<b><u>May 18, Thurs.</u></b> 5:30 pm – Preschool Bingo Night	10:00 am – Youth Sunday Practice Sun. June 4 <sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday

## Volunteer or Donate

**Youth Summer Trips** - There are three ways to support our youth this summer. You may sign up to pray for one student daily, write notes to students for them to receive during the trip, or donate monetarily to the cost of meals, outings and of those who need financial assistance with the cost of the trips. Email [keri@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:keri@steelecreekchurch.org) if you would like to offer prayer support or notes. For monetary donations give at the office or online through Church Center. Click on Give, enter the amount and choose Youth Scholarship donations from the drop-down menu. Thank you for the way you continuously and generously support the next generation of believers!

**Watchmen of the Streets** – Thank you all for your generous response to the mission of Watchmen of the Streets ministry to the homeless of Charlotte. The items being collected are canned meals (soup, Beanie weenies, etc.), tents, sleeping bags, flashlights, bug spray. The bins are in the lobby of the church. Thank you for supporting this ministry that is vital to the lives and wellbeing of our homeless neighbors.

**Safety & Security Team** – volunteers are needed. Please consider joining this very important team! Additional volunteers are needed on Sunday. Please see Dennis Rawls in the sanctuary lobby Sunday or contact the office if you can help.



### **Please Give!**

We are a little behind our normal food donations. Please remember to buy a little extra to give to those in need.

They also need inexpensive hand can openers. They have found people are unable to open the cans of food because they don't have an opener. Please leave your donation in the office so it can be put in the bins of food that are picked up each month.



**Volunteers Wanted! Register Now!**

June 19-23

Various times 5:30pm-8:30pm

Nursery & Shepherds

Job descriptions and specific times available in the Registration

[Click Here](#)



*There will be a registration table in the lobby to assist with volunteer registration May 7th – May 28th*

### *Family Ministries*

**The Creation Museum & The Ark Encounter** – Please join us for a fun filled trip on October 11, 12, 13 which helps you understand the Ark and its everyday workings for 40 days and 40 nights when on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth and the windows of heaven were opened. Have you ever walked across the Purple People Bridge or had a chance to interact with and pet a million-dollar horse? We will also visit Keeneland Racetrack and will see some beautiful Kentucky horse country! Don't wait to get your application in to Christian Tours, as this will fill quickly! The application will be inside this week's bulletin, but if you need a copy, please call the office right away! Your hosts for the trip will be Betty Davis and Jamey DeBerry.

#### **J-Walkers**

Please have your 3-year-old – 1<sup>st</sup> graders join us after the children's message for this time of creative, engaged, playful learning. If it is their first time, please step out with them to register.

#### **Pre-school-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School**

Please have your child join us for *Heroic*, a four-week series focusing upon the early church as represented in the New Testament. See the parent series email for tips and themes to encourage your child's learning. If you are new, please email [keri@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:keri@steelecreekchurch.org) to connect your child with this wonderful series.

#### **Middle-High School Sunday School**

Join us for *Reasonable Doubt*, a four-week study from the Gospel on doubt and questions. Find postcards to access the series devotional in the lobby on the member information table

or in the Youth Center. Be sure to check out the tip video in the parent series email! If you are new, please email [keri@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:keri@steelecreekchurch.org) to connect you student.

### **The Ben Brown Scholarship & Scholarships for Montreat and the Wilmington Youth Mission Trip**

All scholarship applications are now available on Church Center!

## **Adult Community Groups Summer Updates**

More updates and information for the summer will be coming.

Here are the updates we have so far.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Summer break beginning:</b>
Digging Deep	David McAliley	After the last chapter in the current book study
Open Forum	Clara Giles & Grace Saylor	May 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Beyond the Word	Becky Neely & Grace Saylor	May 17 <sup>th</sup> .
Saints & Aints	Jenn Michel	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Women's Fellowship Circle	Susan Kurt	June

Men's Fellowship will continue meeting throughout the summer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 6:30pm, John's Family Restaurant.

Grief Journey Groups will continue to meet throughout the summer.

## **Praise and Gratitude**

### **Praise the Lord:**

Scott Brenner, Gail Brenner's son, had a successful hip replacement surgery and is up walking.

### **Give Thanks in All Things:**

Thanks to everyone who donated blood. A total of 21 pints were donated!

Thanks to all the Not-So-Youth-Group who served West Blvd. Ministry on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Ragan Haston and Kerri Schafer.

### **Do you know someone you would like to praise or give gratitude to? Do you have a praise report you would like to share?**

You can share it here! Just email [Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org](mailto:Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org)

## *Prayer Concerns*

### **Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns**

For Christians who are being persecuted around the world.

For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.

Admin and Personnel Team as they continue to lead our church.

Agape Dental Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry

Door of Hope Mission to South Africa, departing May 24<sup>th</sup>, for safety, faith formation, and a fruitful impact from their work.

For traveling mercies, time of faith formation, and deepening of relationships. Elisa Ashley, Donna Moody, Becky Neely, Christian McCall, Megan Winget, Pam Horack, Kelly Byrum, Jenn Michel, Karsen Pennington, RachelMcAdoo, Mary Beth Monroe, Allison Beach, Cathy Farnham, Betty Harraman, Lindsay Jack, Kathy Jack, Ragan Haston, Kelly Burkhart, Sandi Lauerman, Suzy Halleland, Lindsey Lucariello, Rebecca Economon, Tina Cargill.

### **Surgery**

Brian Burns, father of Lindsay Lucariello, will have heart surgery on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Paul O'Conner had a successful shoulder surgery, as we pray for complete healing.

Betty Small will be having a pacemaker put in.

### **General Health Concerns:**

Grace Kuto, return visitor, long COVID.

Darrell Bonapart is a veteran, member of the American Legion, and friend of Bill Harraman. His wife is having heart issues due to long COVID.

Louise Freeman, Bob Freeman's wife, had a pacemaker put in – it went well, and she is at home receiving therapy.

Phyllis Osborne, staff member, is still recovering from bronchitis.

Ed Mason, brother of Dale Willis and Pat Williams, struggling with pain awaiting test results.

Bill Griener, friend, and neighbor of Betty Small, is battling kidney and cancer issues and has started radiation. Please also pray for his wife Etta.

Danita Hines, friend, and neighbor of Betty Small, is in dire health in the hospital.

Barbara Thompson is facing some heart complications.

Elaine Giles, Clara Giles sister-in-law, is in rehab after a serious fall.

Karen O'Donnell, Kari Schafer's mom, is facing some issues with her knee.

Debra Thrower is in Wellmore for physical therapy. Doctors decided not to proceed with a vertebrae procedure.

### **Ongoing Illness**

Linda Neely is doing much better with her healing and is continuing physical therapy.

Meg Salmon's dad.

Nancy Starnes, Judy Watkins' mom, in skilled nursing at Wellmore.

Harvey & Margi Cole, grandparents of Kelly Burkhart – Health concerns.

Cooper Freeman III as he faces kidney complications.

John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, is on dialysis again and awaiting a match for a kidney transplant.

Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.

Charles, friend of Deborah Thrower, still struggling with dialysis.

### **Cancer**

David Lindsey, son-in-law of Phil and Ann Seaman, has completed chemo treatment. Surgery is anticipated in three to four weeks.

Sara Aldridge, friend of Caroline Miller, is now well enough to receive a liver transplant, praying she gets one.

Donna Garrison, pancreatic cancer, starting chemo.

Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is almost finished with chemo treatments.

Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, doing well on chemo.

Diana Hunter, pancreatic cancer, is doing a bit better but still struggling.

Ruth McGaha, suffering a setback while battling lung cancer, has a port, and has started chemo.

Terri Plotkin, Keely Burkhart's best friend's mom, who is starting chemo treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Larry Aaron, co-worker of Kate Lemond.



Joan Brown	Frances Campbell	Joyce Carpenter
Frances Currie	Dot Earp	Jimmy Earp
Katharine Freeman	Louise Freeman	Joe Furr
Sammy Gatewood	Elaine Kotraba	Danny Martin
Hannah Mauer	Margaret Niell	Forest Nunnally
Gerry Roberts	Mike Spratt	Margaret Wert
Wayne Whiteside	Lois Yandle	



Brian Cox – US Air Force, Jordan

[Candle for Deployment]

Olivia Hommes – US Air Force Academy, Colorado

Lexie Simerly – US Army – South Korea

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Will Warsaw – US Navy, Virginia

Gabe White – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Bradley Lauerman, Sandi and Dewitt Lauerman's grandson, US Navy, Virginia.

### **Higher Ed Students**

Parker Beachley

Kelly Ferguson

Connor McAliley

Regan Snyder

Sarah DeBerry

Donald Horack

Melinda Moore

Andrew Tanner

Erin Whitaker

Leah Warnke

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