

11/3/2024

Your yearly Bible reading plan

If you're reading the Bible in book order: By next Friday read John 3-17.

If you're reading the Bible in chronological order: please see [page 2 or click here.](#)



# STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Pleasant Hill

Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing, everyday disciples

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## Upcoming Worship

SPEAKER:

REV. DR. CHRIS MURPHY

SCRIPTURE:

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9; MARK 12:28-34

MESSAGE:

THE INVITATION TO LOVE

ELDER GREETERS

DEWITT LAUERMAN, ELLEN THOMAS

DEACON USHERS

TOM BURNS, ALLISON BEACH, FRED WILLIS, ALLISON MOODY

COUNTERS

PAM HORACK, BARRY SMALL

SIGNERS

BARRY SMALL, DAVID THOMPSON

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF DAVID GILES ON HIS BIRTHDAY BY HIS FAMILY.



THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE CHURCH OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS WRITING YOUR NAME IN A BLANK. THE CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS AND PAYMENT. DONATION IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE  
185

CHILDREN  
21

NURSERY  
4

YOUTUBE VIEWS  
42

FACEBOOK VIEWS  
23

TOTAL  
250

# Odds and Ends

## Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

11/1/2024: Luke 18: 15 - 43; Luke 19:1-48

11/2/2024: Mark 11; John 12

11/3/2024: Matthew 22; Mark 12

11/4/2024: Matthew 23; Luke 20 - 21

11/5/2024: Mark 13

11/6/2024: Matthew 24

11/7/2024: Matthew 25

If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be Matthew 26; Mark 14.



What a blessing to be surrounded by so much love during difficult times. Thank you, church family, for all the prayers, cards, calls, hugs, and words of encouragement during Ron's hospitalization, through his Celebration of Life and following. Special thanks to Jeff and Miriam for their visit and prayers while we were at Grand Strand, to Dexter for his visit and prayers while we were at Lancaster Health, and to the Bereavement Team who hosted the beautiful reception following Ron's Celebration of Life service. God is truly great!

Thanks and Blessings to all,  
Roberta, Debbie, Don, and Rob Harris

Join us Thursday, November 14th  
for Pleasant Hill Preschool's annual

## Spaghetti Dinner

Food will be provided by Luigi's Pizza of Charlotte. Pick up and dine in options are available. Dinners must be preordered by November 7. Order forms are available in the Church office.



All proceeds benefit the Preschool. Thank you!

## Turkey Truck

IS COMING NOVEMBER 10!

We are collecting frozen turkeys (whole or part) for those who cannot afford one. Please bring in a frozen turkey no later than November 10. If the office is closed, take it to the small kitchen and put it in the larger of the deep freezers.



**GOBBLE!  
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TURKEY TRUCK!!**  
THE ANNUAL  
TURKEY TRUCK IS  
SCHEDULED TO  
ARRIVE EARLY ON  
NOVEMBER 10.  
BRING YOUR  
FROZEN TURKEY TO  
THE CHURCH  
OFFICE OR TAKE IT  
TO SMALL KITCHEN  
AND PUT IT IN THE  
LARGER OF THE TWO  
DEEP FREEZERS.

## Money Management Tips

We are winding down to the end of the year. I hope you have picked up a positive tip or two. These last two months can become your most expensive. Your grocery bill will go up, gifts may get a little out of control by quantity or cost, new outfits are a little nicer than budgeted, that fresh hair-do cost more than you expected, and the list goes on.

If you haven't, then today - now - THIS WEEKEND! is the time to BUDGET AND PLAN so that you are not surprised by your year-end expenses. Can you actually afford that whatchamacallit? If not, say no. It is okay. Your financial journey is yours. No one else's. You decide what is right for you and your family. Memories are better than stuff.



Advent season will be here before you know it! Our church will be decorated Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If you would like to help, please contact the office at 704.588.1290.



# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday -- BLOOD DRIVE 8:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Wednesday (continued)</b>
09:00am - Children's Choir Rehearsal	<a href="#">6:00 pm - Faith and Family</a> <a href="#">"Breakfast for Dinner" Sign-Up here</a>
09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School	07:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Never too late to join!
10:30 am - Worship	<b>Thursday</b>
11:45 am - Outreach & Fellowship 2025 Planning Meeting - Bring your great ideas to the dining room.	10:00 am - Beyond the Word
05:00pm - Youth Group	07:00 pm - Handbells
8:00 pm - AA	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am - Crafts Fellowship
11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	<b>Sunday - All Saints Sunday and Veteran's Recognition Service</b>
11:30 am - Grief Journey	09:00am - Children's Choir Rehearsal
06:00 pm - Admin and Personnel Ministry Team	09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School
<b>Tuesday -- Election Day</b>	10:30 am - Worship
11:30am - Staff Meeting	11:45 am - Handchimes Rehearsal
06:45 pm - Christian Growth: Youth Team Meeting	12:00 pm - BASIC Training
<b>Wednesday</b>	04:00 pm - Youth Group
08:00 pm - AA	08:00 pm - AA

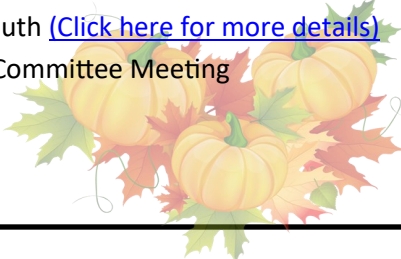
*Do not put trash in the dumpster unless you check in with the office first.*

*Do not leave any valuables in your car while you are on the church property. If you are here and can't securely lock your valuables in your car/trunk where they cannot be seen, you may bring them to the office for safekeeping until you leave.*

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

### November

- 01 — All Saints' Day
- 03 — Red Cross Blood Drive [🔴 sign up here to give](#)
- 03 — Outreach and Fellowship - 2025 Planning Meeting
- 05 — General Election Day
- 06 — Faith and Family Night
- 08 — Crafts Fellowship
- 10 — Turkey Truck! Donate a frozen turkey today!
- 10 — All Saints' Sunday
- 10 — Veteran's Recognition Service [click here for more details](#)
- 10 — BASIC Training
- 10 — FriendsGiving for the Youth [\(Click here for more details\)](#)
- 11 — Pleasant Hill Cemetery Committee Meeting
- 12 — Friendship Circle
- 12 — Finance Committee



- 14 — Congregational Care Ministry Team
- 14 — Preschool Spaghetti Dinner
- 17 — Shoebox Blessing Sunday [click here for more details](#)
- 19 — Men's Fellowship
- 26 — Thanksgiving Community Evening Service
- 26 — Session Meeting
- 28 — Thanksgiving
- 30 — Decorating Church for Advent



### December

- 01 — Palisades HS Music Program
- 07 — Adult Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 08 — Adult Music Program
- 14 — Children's Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 15 — Children's Music Program
- 24 — Love Feast
- 25 — Christmas
- 31 — New Year's Eve



# Missions & Ministries



**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are HERE! Please pick up your shoeboxes in the sanctuary lobby or main office lobby. Get as many as you wish to fill. PLUS ONE MORE!!!!**

Do **NOT** pack these items in your shoebox:

Candy	Nail Polish	counter Medicines
Gum	Liquids or Semi-liquids	Vitamins
Food	Money	Glass Aerosol Containers
Toothpaste	Over-the-	
Lotions		

If possible, a suggested \$10 donation that helps with the collection, processing, and delivering of the box can be paid online instead of leaving money in your box. [Follow this link to pay online](#) and then scroll down to step 5.

Our church will bless the boxes on **November 17**. Please take your box to the office or place them on the stage in the sanctuary.

Have fun filling your box with wonderful and useful gifts for a child to know God loves him/her and wishes to be a part of his/her life.



## NATIONAL DROP OFF WEEK

This is when boxes are taken to the processing facilities. Please bring in your box by Nov. 17 for its blessing, case packaging and delivery to our local processing facility during this week.

# Nov. 18-25

## DAY LONG MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY!

A group will be traveling to Buncombe County on November 13 to help with Helene cleanup. They will take the bus, leaving the church around 5:30am and returning around 6:00pm. The work will involve cleanup of downed trees (chainsaw operators and

limb-draggers) or mud-outs (stripping interiors of residences that have water damage). Due to the nature of disaster recovery work, we will not know the specific tasks until we arrive. We can have a maximum of 15 volunteers. Questions or interest? Please contact Donna Moody at 704-488-6643 or call the church.

**Do you HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT? Do you HAVE ENOUGH TO SPARE? THEN SHARE WITH THE TURKEY TRUCK TO HELP PROVIDE FOR SOMEONE ELSE.**



In honor of Veteran's Day, Congregational Care Ministry Team would like to have a picture of all the veterans in the church. These pictures will be displayed during service on **November 10**.

If you have provided a picture in the past, there is no need to supply another. If you have not been recog-

nized, it's because we aren't aware you're a veteran. Please let us know as soon as possible. You can reach out to Betty Small or to the church office at 704-588-1290.

Please get your pictures and information (name, branch, highest rank) to us as soon as you can. Thanks so much!

**Have a great idea for 2025 Outreach and/or Fellowship? Then join us for a lunch and planning session for the 2025 calendar of events! Meeting starts right after church this Sunday, November 3, with a light sandwich luncheon in the small dining room. Come and be a part of the fun!**

## Stewardship Campaign Starting Soon!

Finance Ministry Team is about ready to launch its annual stewardship campaign. This is a time to reflect on your many blessings and how you can give back in 2025. Your

pledge will allow our ministry teams to continue to serve the community and share the love of Jesus Christ. Look for more information to come very soon!!

# Cancer Awareness Month



## My Church Family

by Phyllis Osborne

October was our annual cancer awareness month. This year, our fundraiser was for Ronald McDonald House of Greater Charlotte. As I watch the items coming in day by day, I can't help but think of one word - "LOVE". So I looked up "love" in the dictionary, and this is what it says: "A feeling of strong personal attachment."

That is what God is. Love.

That is what Tiffany is for her beautiful art work and everything she did to help me with this.

That is what Anna Seaman is for being the coordinator with RMHC and finding out what they need.

That is what Phillip is for helping to deliver all that you have donated.

That is what the church is for making my donation box overflow! I am truly thankful.

God loves you so much.

Thanks, Phyllis

You overflowed the



BIG YELLOW

BOX!!!

In October 2013, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church hosted its first annual Cancer Awareness Month service with a multidenominational worship service, guest speakers, special music and followed by a reception offering informational materials and experts ready to answer questions.

With the passing of Phyllis Osborne's sister-in-law from cancer a few months earlier in April, Pastor Jeff Pinkston agreed to Phyllis' request to do something special in honor of and in memory of those recovered from or taken by cancer. At that time, it was planned to become an annual event. So, each year

Phyllis chooses an organization to support, and this year it is Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Charlotte.

The program may have morphed over time, but the intent is still there—to bring attention to the disease that touches so many of our lives.

Help Phyllis fill the big yellow box in the front lobby with items requested by the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Charlotte, serving the families of patients being treated in the three major hospitals in Charlotte for injuries, illnesses, and of course cancers. [See and read the full newspaper article published in 2013, here.](#)

# 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

† Jeffrey Brenner, Gail Brenner's son, underwent surgery on October 18th for cancer. He received great news this week from his doctors stating no more cancer was found other than the biopsy. He truly feels this is a miracle! He & his family are so thankful for everyone's prayers.

† Lydia Lane, great niece of David and Clara Giles most recent scans showed no change in the pre-cancerous tumors. The doctor has cleared her for 3 months. Thank you for all the prayers.

## Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

† Prayers for Danny Pogalz, the brother of Steve Pogalz, who is the son-in-law of Fred Willis. Danny lost everything in the disaster caused by hurricane Helene.

† Prayers for the people affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.

† Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida.

† Pray for the country of Ukraine and its people.

† Pray for the country and people of Israel. Also, please pray for the safe return of the hostages being held by Hamas and for the killing of further

people to be stopped.

## General Health Concerns

† George and Betty Davis would like prayers for George's health.

† Jeff Lemond is home from the hospital but needs prayer for continued healing of the infection in his leg.

† Paul Kuto injured his shoulder. Please pray for healing of this injury.

† Linda Clark is back home from the hospital and is improving daily.

† James, the infant son of Tim and Terry Gillette's niece, Jordan, is still in the NICU. He is expected to be there until December. He is gaining weight, and his breathing is improving. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers. .

† Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

† Ziza Epps has some health concerns and appreciates your prayers.

† Steve Smith is facing some health concerns and would appreciate prayers.

## Cancer

† Sherry Abel, Judy Watkins' stepsister, has stage 4 breast cancer. Continue to pray for

her as she receives treatment.

† David Carter, friend and co worker of Mac Winget is responding well to his treatment for Lymphoma. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

† Raquel Mercer, sister of Ragan Haston and daughter of Gina and Tom Settlemire, had surgery at Duke. She continues to need prayers as she receives treatments which is a process over a long period of time. Her family thanks you for your prayers.

† Kevin, Anne Marie Moore's dad, has started radiation treatments for his prostate cancer. While having treatments he will also move households.

† Kaarin Record, SCPCPH's Music Director, as she recovers from her double mastectomy and faces her upcoming treatments for breast cancer. Please be in prayer for her and her husband, Don, as they face this journey.

† Allison Spratt has completed her radiation treatments and now has 39 targeted chemo treatments before proceeding with her next surgery.

† Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan. She is able to travel and visit with family.

† Carol Pridgen, Betty Small's

sister, met with the oncologist at Duke on Tuesday, the 22nd. She will begin chemotherapy at Duke starting on the 29th. She will have it again the following Tuesday. She will then be off a week and continue the following week with the same routine. She will still have the PET scan on Nov. 8th. Please be in prayer for Carol during this time.

† Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. She will start radiation soon. Please continue to pray for her.

† Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore, has been diagnosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing chemo treatments.

† Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, had a recent cancer scan that reveals his cancer has advanced. Please pray for him, his wife and twin daughters.

#### Ongoing Illness

† Margaret Wert has moved to Pruitt Health for rehabilitation.

† Cooper Freeman is in PMC Rock Hill following his surgery. They anticipate he will move to a rehabilitation facility shortly.

† Grandmother of Kelly Burkhart who suffered a stroke is improving. She is in rehab as she recovers.

† Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is still suffering the side effects of long Covid. She and her husband appreciate all prayers lifted up for them.

† John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to be found.

#### Fostering the Family (FTF)

† Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.

† Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the children that are looking to be adopted.

#### 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, US Air Force, Italy

† Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado

† Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

† \*\*Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea

† Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina

#### College Students

Clay Ferguson	Ben Shanti
Kelly Ferguson	Casey Snyder
Alexa Hill	Regan Snyder
Donald Horack	Andrew Tanner
Melinda Moore	Charlie Warnke

#### Homebound

Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Pat McCorkle
Joyce Carpenter	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts Mike Spratt
Katharine Freeman	Margaret Wert
Louise Freeman	Wayne Whiteside
Elaine Kotraba	

*Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the main office for notices, newsletters, cards and such mailed or handed in to the office. There is a status update for Montreat, NC, information on presbyterian psych services, Agape Dental Ministry info, and how you sign up for flower sponsorship.*

If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may: <sup>1</sup>Complete the prayer card in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark if it is a private or public prayer request. The card will be sent to the Intercessory Prayer Team. <sup>2</sup>Email any prayer concerns to [IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org) <sup>3</sup>Submit a prayer concern through Church Center. On the computer go to [scpcph.churchcenter.com](http://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.



# 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 not want yours published, please reach out at least one month before your birthday month.



## November Babies



Kelly Ferguson	1-Nov	Rowan Winget	7-Nov	Heather Kauffman	21-Nov
Olivia Holzauer	1-Nov	Ezra Miller	12-Nov	Uriah Winget	21-Nov
Elizabeth Spratt	1-Nov	Bobby Zike	12-Nov	Star Gwynn	23-Nov
Joan Brown	2-Nov	Anne Moore	14-Nov	Mary Coskrey	24-Nov
Tom Burns	3-Nov	Gary Craddock	15-Nov	Sarah Middleton	24-Nov
David Giles	3-Nov	Isabelle Nielsen	16-Nov	Karen McCorkle	25-Nov
Terry Gillette	3-Nov	Evalyn Irimies	16-Nov	Paul D O'Conner	25-Nov
Al Winget	4-Nov	Jack Fowler	18-Nov	Shiloh Miller	29-Nov
Dot Earp	6-Nov	Linda Freeman	18-Nov	Charlie Warnke	29-Nov
Cooper Freeman, III	6-Nov	Roberta Harris	18-Nov	Harrison Burkhart	29-Nov
Elaine Kotraba	6-Nov	Beckham Sanders	19-Nov		
Hadley Rawls	7-Nov	William Snyder	20-Nov		