

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

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Your yearly Bible reading plan

If you're reading the Bible in book order: By next Friday read John 18-21 and Acts 1-11.

If you're reading the Bible in chronological order: please see page 2 or click here.

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Upcoming Worship

SPEAKER:

REV. DR. JEFF PINKSTON

SCRIPTURE:

JOHN 14:1-6

MESSAGE:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SERVICE &
VETERAN'S RECOGNITION SUNDAY

| Elder Greeters | DEWITT LAUERMAN, ELLEN THOMAS |
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| DEACON USHERS | Karen Rawls, Kelly Burkhart, Clinton Corbett, Gene Gilleland, Randall Brunson |
| Counters | PAM HORACK, BARRY SMALL |
| SIGNERS | BARRY SMALL, DAVID THOMPSON |

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY LARRY MONROE IN CELEBRATION OF HIS AND MARY BETH'S 46TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



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 | CHILDREN | Nursery | YOUTUBE VIEWS | FACEBOOK VIEWS 25 | Total |
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| 181 | 24 | 2 | 40 | | 246 |
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Odds and Ends

Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

11/8/2024: Matthew 26; Mark 14

11/9/2024: Luke 22; John 13

11/10/2024: John 14 - 17

11/11/2024: Matthew 27; Mark 15

11/12/2024: Luke 23; John 18 - 19

11/13/2024: Matthew 28; Mark 16

11/14/2024: Luke 24; John 20 - 21

If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be Acts 1-3.

Would you like to submit a letter of gratitude, a child's drawing, a clever (and clean) joke or cartoon. This page is your page to help build with fun notices, birthday or anniversary postings, letters, etc. Send submissions to:

Have your submission in by Thursday at hood. Notices will run 2 weeks have a break and may run two more weeks.

tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org

Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the main office for notices, newsletters, cards and such that have been mailed or handed in to the office. There is a status update for Montreat, NC, information on Agape Dental Ministry, where you sign up for flower sponsorship, and more!



Advent season will be here before you know it! Our church will be decorated Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 am. If you would like to help, please contact the office at 704.588.1290 OR sign-up on Church Center! It always helps to have a count of volunteers.

THIS SUNDAY!!



GOBBLE! GOBBLE! 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

Last week's tip was about budgeting and planning for the holidays. Did you take time to make a plan? Let's brainstorm things you may have forgotten.

1.Batteries for toys, electric candles, light up wreaths - it adds up when you buy a lot of them. 2.

The extras for a gift you've planned to give, but you didn't consider the "items not included." I think sometimes those become more costly than the gift itself. 3. Mailing cards - buying a pack of cards is reasonable.

Have you taken into account the price of stamps, lately? Do you

know the price of a stamp? I did

not! 73¢ per first class stamp. Mailing 30 cards could cost you about \$40. 4. **Wrapping** paper, gift bags, tags. Oh, I do love fresh paper, but there are thriftier (and greener) methods. 5. **Travel**!! Are you expected to travel for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's or all of them? How much is the ticket or gas, hotel, car rental (and the insurance), dining, parking fees, tips, shipping gifts there or back, etc?

Setting aside an hour to make a plan, can save you a lot of stress in December or January.

The tomorrow You will thank the today You.

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Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

| Sunday - All Saints Sunday and Veteran's Recognition Service | Wednesday | |
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| 09:00 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 pm - Praise Team | |
| 09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School | 07:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Never too late to join! | |
| 10:30 am - Worship | 08:00 pm - AA | |
| 11:45 am - Hand Chimes Rehearsal | Thursday | |
| 12:00 pm - BASIC Training | 10:00 am - Beyond the Word | |
| 04:00pm - Youth Group (FriendsGiving - must register and | 06:30 pm - Congregational Care Ministry Team | |
| complete forms. Click here for more details) | | |
| 8:00 pm - AA | 07:00 pm - Handbells | |
| Monday | Friday | |
| 10:15 am - Preschool Ministry Team | 10:00 am - Crafts Fellowship | |
| 11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team | Sunday | |
| 06:30 pm - Missions Ministry Team | 09:00 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal | |
| 06:30 pm - Pleasant Hill Cemetery Committee | 09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School | |
| Tuesday | 10:30 am - Worship | |
| 10:00 am - Friendship Circle | 11:45 am - Hand Chimes Rehearsal | |
| 11:30 am - Staff Meeting | 05:00 pm - Youth Group | |
| 06:30 pm - Finance Committee | 08:00 pm - AA | |

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

November

- 10 Turkey Truck! Donate a frozen turkey today!
- 10 All Saints' Sunday
- 10 Veteran's Recognition Service
- 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 the Church for Advent Sign-Up Here!

December

- 01 Communion
- 01 Palisades HS Music Program
- 07 Adult Music Program DRESS REHEARSAL
- 08 Adult Music Program
- 08 Birthday Party for Jesus
- 14 Children's Music Program DRESS REHEARSAL
- 15 Children's Music Program
- 24 Love Feast
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve



Future Dates

March 4 - <u>TENTATIVELY</u> Mobile Mammography Bus will be onsite from 9-3. Plan your appt and share with a friend! May 16-18 - Women's Retreat at Montreat!

Missions & Ministries

BLESSING DATE

Be sure your boxes are in by

Nov. 17



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:

CandyNail Polishcounter Medi-GumLiquids or Semi-
cinescinesFoodliquidsVitaminsToothpasteMoneyGlass AerosolLotionsOver-the-Containers

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now, Ladies -May 16-18, 2025!

Black Mountain and Montreat are still recovering from Helene, but we are happy to share that the William Black Lodge hopes to be up and running in time for our annual Women's Retreat! More exciting details to follow!



2025 Stewardship Campaign

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign kicks off on Sunday, November 17! Each year, we ask our congregation to make a pledge for the following year. Your pledge plays a vital role in shaping our annual budget, giving us a clearer picture of the

financial support we can expect in the coming year. This budget funds our day-to-day operations and supports our various ministry teams, helping us fulfill our mission together.

Please consider making a pledge to support our church's mission of joyfully serving our neighbors as we work together to follow Christ.

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Missions & Ministries

Members of the Congregation,

Your Property Overview Committee would like to update you on the Hopper Communities Land Swap Deal. You may recall that the congregation voted for the corporation to sign the contract to swap 4.5 acres of property in exchange for a deceleration turn lane, sewer connection, remediation of the current septic system, and a landscape buffer between the church and the new townhomes. Armed with your input from the congregational meetings held on June 30th and July 21st, the contract was updated as follows:

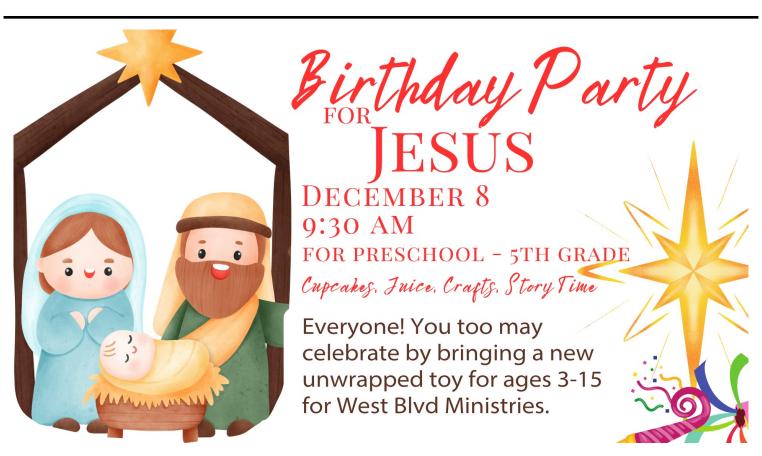
- 1. After further negotiations, the escrow amount was raised from \$275,000 to \$450,000 to address concerns.
- 2. Whereas the intent was always to have a sidewalk running alongside the deceleration turn lane, a member of the congregation

pointed out that the contract did not explicitly state as such. The language in the contract was updated to specify that a sidewalk would be installed.

- 3. The deceleration turn lane was extended from 150 feet to 200 feet to address any concerns about the length of the turn lane. Whereas the taper into the turn lane was originally planned to start after the 1st entrance, it now starts before the 1st entrance.
- 4. Finally, it was agreed that Hopper would complete the deceleration turn lane within 12 months of closing (by next fall) and sewer connection within 18 months of closing (by the spring of 2026).

Thank you all for your input and participation in this process. We now have a signed contract allowing the projects to move forward.

-Jacob Cunningham



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

Deffrey 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.

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.

<u>General Health</u>

Concerns

Michael Morgan, Jr. is recovering from back surgery and would like prayers.

- 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.
- 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 Settlemyre, 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.
- Carol Pridgen, Betty Small's sister, met with the oncologist at Duke on October 22. She began chemotherapy at Duke on Oct. 29. She had it again the following Tuesday. She will be off next week and continue the following week with the same routine. She had a PET scan on Nov. 8. Please be in prayer for Carol during this time.

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

| <u>College Students</u> | | | |
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| Clay Ferguson | Ben Shanti | | |
| Kelly Ferguson | Casey Snyder | | |
| Alexa Hill | Regan Snyder | | |
| Donald Horack | Andrew Tanner | | |
| Melinda Moore | Charlie Warnke | | |
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| <u>Homebound</u> | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Joan Brown | Hannah Maurer | | | |
| Linda Clark | Pat McCorkle | | | |
| Joyce Carpenter | Sarah Middleton | | | |
| Dot Earp | Forrest Nunnally | | | |
| Cooper Freeman, III | Gerry Roberts Kat Sparrow | | | |
| Katharine Freeman | Mike Spratt | | | |
| Louise Freeman | Margaret Wert | | | |
| Elaine Kotraba | Wayne Whiteside | | | |
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If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may: ¹Complete 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. ²Email any prayer concerns to IntercessoryPrayer-Team@steelecreekchurch.org ³Submit а prayer concern through Church Center. On the computer go scpcph.churchcenter.com and select the "Prayer Works" im-

age. 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.