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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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Your yearly Bible reading plan

If you're reading the Bible in book order:

By next Friday read Galatians 4-6, Ephesians, Phillipians, Colossians, 1 and 2nd Thessalonians.

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

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Upcoming Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADULT MUSIC PROGRAM

ELDER GREETERS	PRICE FREEMAN, CHERYL SIMERLY
DEACON USHERS	TOM BURNS, KELLY BURKHART, CLINTON CORBETT, GENE GILLELAND, RANDALL BRUNSON
COUNTERS	BILL HARRAMAN, ANGIE NEEL
SIGNERS	BILL HARRAMAN, PAM HORACK

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY RANDALL AND TIFFANY BRUNSON IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 21ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON DECEMBER 6 AND IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR SON ALEX'S 18TH BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 14.



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 286	CHILDREN 22	NURSERY 3	YOUTUBE VIEWS 46	FACEBOOK VIEWS 19	TOTAL 351
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Odds and Ends

Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

12/6/2024: Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3
12/7/2024: Romans 4-7
12/8/2024: Romans 8-10
12/9/2024: Romans 11-13
12/10/2024: Romans 14-16
12/11/2024: Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21 & 22; Acts 23:1-35
12/12/2024: Acts 24-26
If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be Acts 27-28.



Please take time to submit a birthday card to the church office by December 29 for Forrest to be delivered to her home immediately after church. Her favorite color is yellow.

Birthday Party FOR JESUS

DECEMBER 8
9:30 AM
FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE
Cupcakes, Juice, Crafts, Story Time

Everyone! You too may celebrate by bringing a new unwrapped toy for ages 3-15 for West Blvd Ministries.



BEHIND THE MUSIC



The carol 'Silent Night' dates back to the year 1818, during a chilly winter in Obendorf, a town in Austria. A young musician (Joseph Mohr), along with a priest of a local church (Franz Gruber), were trying to figure out how to celebrate the holiday season with a broken church organ. They decided to compose a song for guitar instead and the rest is history.

LAST DAY IS SUNDAY!

West Blvd Ministry distributes toys locally to children in need at Christmas time. If you would like to assist in this mission ministry, please bring a new, unwrapped toy for ages 3-15 to church this Sunday.



Money Management Tips

We are nearing the end of 2024! The year may have held great joy or great difficulties for you. Reflect back and see how you could spread that joy to others, or how did other's gift of their joy assist you in times of great difficulties. What can you gain from this reflection going forward in life?

Through learning money management skills this year, you may have found some difficulties are not as stressful as they once were, such as the unexpected expense of towing a car. You may have also found that you're in a position to give more than before, such as buying an extra turkey for Nourish Up without impacting your budget. Were you able to buy a little extra candy to donate? Were you able to buy a new toy for West Blvd Ministries or overstuff an Operation Christmas Child shoebox? Keep up the good work!



Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Advent	Wednesday
09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School	08:00 pm - AA
10:30 am - Worship	Thursday
11:30 am - Deacon Meeting	10:00 am - Beyond the Word
12:00 BASIC Training and Youth Group	6:30 pm - Congregational Care
08:00 pm - AA	Friday
Monday	10:00 am - Crafts Fellowship
10:15 am - Preschool Ministry meeting	Saturday - Children's Dress Rehearsal
11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent
6:30 pm - Missions Ministry	09:30 am - Coffee & Sunday School
Tuesday	10:30 am - Children's music program
10:00 am - Friendship Circle	11:30 am - Christmas Luncheon
11:30 am - Staff Meeting	1:00 PM caroling.
6:30 pm - Finance committee	5:00 PM Youth Group

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

December

- 07 — Adult Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 08 — Adult Music Program during service
- 08 — Birthday Party for Jesus
- 08 -- Deacon's Meeting
- 08 -- BASIC Training and Youth Group
- 09 -- Preschool Ministry Team meeting
- 09 -- Missions Ministry Team meeting
- 10 -- Friendship Circle
- 10 -- Finance Committee Meeting
- 12 -- Beyond the Word Bible Study
- 12 -- Congregational Care
- 13 -- Crafts Fellowship
- 14 — Children's Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 15 — Children's Music Program during service

15 — Congregational meeting immediately after service. See details page 5.

15 — Congregational Christmas Luncheon after service in multipurpose room with off-campus caroling to follow - [Sign-Up Here!](#)

- 17 — Men's Fellowship
- 17 — Session Meeting
- 24 — Love Feast at 5:30pm
- 25 — Christmas (Office Closed)
- 26 — Office Closed
- 29 — 10 Cents A Meal
- 31 — New Year's Eve

January

- 01 — New Year's Day (office closed)
- 05 — Communion
- 05 — Star Sunday
- 10 — Crafts Fellowship



Advent Season



SCOPCH MUSIC
Christmas Music Schedule

Sunday, 12.1	10:30 am: Palisades High School Choir
Sunday, 12.8	10:30 am: Adult Christmas Music Presentation
Sunday, 12.15	10:30 am: Children's Christmas Music Presentation



Keep up with the music schedule for the month of December!

IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE DECEMBER 8TH OR 15TH WORSHIP, REMEMBER THERE IS REHEARSAL THE DAY BEFORE FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED.



Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary through sponsoring a poinsettia?

See the insert in Sunday's bulletin, and include your offer of donation. All slips must be turned in with payment by December 16. You may donate **HERE** (in the drop down menu choose "Flowers"), but you will still need to turn in a paper form with information regarding flower dedication.



The Christmas Luncheon and Caroling

You are invited to a very special Christmas luncheon and fellowship on Sunday, December 15 following our church service.

Santa will be making an appearance!

There will be caroling off campus following the luncheon.

The menu is as follows:

Baked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and bread.

If you would like, please bring your best dessert.

There is no cost, but we do ask that you sign up so there is adequate food for everyone.

Please sign-up using the insert in Sunday's bulletin or by following this link:

[Christmas Luncheon and Caroling - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#)



We are asking for two or three people to help pack cookies on December 11 from 10 am - noon.

We are asking for two or three people to help pour cider on December 23 from 10 am - noon.

Please reach out to the church office to sign-up. 704-588-1290.



Missions & Ministries

Christmas Joy Offering

December 1 - December 22, 2024

[Presbyterian Special Offerings - Christmas Joy](#)

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years

To learn more, participate, and give, please follow the link above or complete an envelope at church and put it in the offering plate.

Congregational Meetings: The Session has called two Congregational Meetings. The first will occur on Sunday, December 15th, immediately after church to elect the Congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee. Those individuals being considered are David Giles, Bill Harraman, Toni McCall, and Rachel Steele. They will serve with 2 members of the Session and one member of the Diaconate.

The second Congregational Meeting will occur on Sunday, January 5th, immediately



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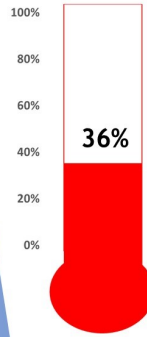
Stewardship Campaign

Goal: \$800,000
Pledged: \$285,130
Remaining: \$514,870

November 17 - December 15

Scan the QR Code to make
your pledge today

Your support makes a difference!



2025 Stewardship Campaign

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign has started. It is scheduled to run for 5 Sundays. This Sunday, December 8 will be our fourth Sun-

day of the campaign. The slide below is current as of today, December 6. As you can see we are behind. We should be about 80% towards our goal at this point. At 36% we are behind. Pledge online today! Tap or scan the QR code below to follow the link.

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after worship to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and proceed with the election of Elders and Deacons to serve in the class of 2026, if the way be clear.

Please refer any suggestion for individuals to serve as an Elder or Deacon in the class of 2026 to Al Winget or Cheryl Simerly.

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

- † Sherry Abel, Judy Watkins's sister had a recent scan that showed no progression in her cancer. What a wonderful praise!
- † Thank you and praise Paul and Grace Kuto for your presentation during the Sunday School hour on November 24th.
- † Kevin, Anne Marie's dad completed the radiation treatments for his prostate cancer. He is also completing his move to a new household in Arkansas.

Condolences

- † Our deepest condolences to Grace Saylor, her family and friends on the passing of her husband Ken on December 5.
- † Condolences to the family and friends of Andy Griffith who passed away on November 23rd.

Surgery

- † Jeff Lemond's surgery to replace his knee went well with no complications. We pray for a speedy recovery.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- † Pray for the 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.
- † 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

- † Linda Clark fell and is in Mercy Hospital.
- † Mike Morgan Jr. Is recovering from back surgery and is receiving physical thera-

py. Please continue to pray for him.

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

Cancer

- † Jim Ragan a friend of Pastor Jeff's was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma. He is requesting prayer.
- † Jeffrey Brenner, son of Gail Brenner has been readmitted to the hospital with complications following his previous surgery. Please be in prayer for healing.
- † 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.

† Kaarin Record has begun her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don as they face this new step in her treatment of cancer.

† 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, was back at Duke yesterday. They did CT scans. The spots on her lungs are disappearing. The chemo is also doing what it is supposed to do on her tumor. They were all pleased. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

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

† Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. She will start radia-

tion 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

† Cooper Freeman has returned home following surgery and rehab. Please pray for his continued recovery.

† 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

† 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 Fami-*

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 Kat Sparrow
Katharine Freeman	Mike Spratt
Louise Freeman	Margaret Wert
Elaine Kotraba	Wayne Whiteside

ly 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