



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Remembering the Past, Serving in the Present, Anticipating the Future

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May 2, 2017

**This Coming Sunday
April 30, 2017**

**Blessed by God
that we might be
a blessing to
others**

Sunday School 9:30a
Worship 10:30a

1 Peter 2:19-25

**When Life
Isn't Fair**

**Flowers Needed
For Worship**

Please sign up to provide flowers for a worship service. Flowers are still needed for **this Sunday, May 14**, June 6, 11, 25 and several days in July. You can put your name on the date of your choice on the flower calendar in the narthex or call the church office.

This Week

**May 2-9
Tuesday**

Christian Growth Team
Meeting 6:45p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Praise Team 6:15p

Choir 7:00p

From Pastor Jeff

Dear Church Family,

We had a productive Congregational Meeting last Sunday (4/30). We elected Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2019. We got an update on our 2017 Budget needs and we celebrated those who had responded with extra gifts or an increase to their pledge for 2017. We are still projecting a deficit for 2017, so if you have not yet responded to the letter that was sent out to the congregation asking for members to consider an additional gift or pledge increase, please prayerfully contemplate if you might be able to help us.

We did not vote on the sale of the manse, because we have not yet heard back from the Airport about our counter offer, based on an independent appraisal. It is possible, that we might hear back from them before we meet again on Sunday, May 21st. If so, we will vote on whether to sell the manse at that time.

We do have a Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. The purpose of that meeting is to vote on the Session's recommendation to approve the concept of merger with any of our sister Presbyterian churches in the community that choose to join with us and to develop a plan of merger which will then be brought back to the congregations for a final vote to approve or disapprove.

The Session will soon adjust the purpose of this meeting to include the manse vote, if we have an offer and to include the election of one additional Deacon. Check back with your Cross Currents next week for the updated call of the Congregational Meeting and final wording on the proposal regarding the merger plan.

Please continue to pray for our church family and leaders. Let us all commit to seeking God's will, not just His blessing on what we want to see done. Remember, God has seen us through times of turmoil, war, strife, famine, flood, economic hardship and revolution. He who is always faithful, will surely see us through our current challenges! Thanks to all of you for your love and support of this great church community.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

Please Note - Last Cross Currents from Constant Contact

We have made the change to a new delivery service for sending out mass emails, including our Cross Currents each week. **This will be the**

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Children's Choir 9:00a

Confirmation Class 9:30a

Membership

Exploration Class 9:30a

Youth Group 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Hand Bells

Rehearsal 6:15p

Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00p

Tuesday

Moms & Dads

Bible Study 9:30a

The Circle Lunch and

Bible Study 12:00p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Upcoming Events

Need to know more than just a week ahead? [Click here](#) to go to the church calendar.

last issue you will receive unless you sign-up to receive our emails through MailChimp. MailChimp requires that you confirm that you want to receive emails from Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.

If you have not yet signed-up, please [click here](#) for the signup form. Fill in your name and email address. After you submit the form you will receive another email from **Steele Creek Presbyterian Church (Judy@SteeleCreekPres.org)** asking you to confirm that you did request to receive email from SCPC. This email will be sent through the MailChimp system. Follow the instructions to confirm your signup. MailChimp is very committed to anti-spam and wants to make sure someone else did not use your email address to sign you up.

(You may also sign up from the church website. Home page, scroll down to Newsletter section, click on blue sign up button. The procedure will be the same as above.)

Membership Exploration Class

Pastor Jeff will host a Membership Exploration Class on Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor. There are Sunday School Classes and a Nursery for those with children. This is an opportunity for those interested in learning more about our church to come, hear a presentation, and have those questions answered. Attending the class does not mean that you have decided to join the church. The class is intended to provide the information you need to help you make that decision. Please call the church office at let us know if you plan to attend.

Love Offering

A Love Offering will be collected for the Hedger family over the next couple of weeks. As you know Rhonda has been fighting a brain tumor since the fall of 2015. Her long illness has taken a toll on the family and we would like to support them as best we can. If you are able please turn into the church office, or the offering plate, gift cards or monetary donations with the Hedger's name on it. Rhonda has recently been admitted to Hospice House in Huntersville. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Attention Circle Ladies

Our study, *Who is Jesus*, is coming to an end on May 9th. As is our usual custom, we will be ending our circle year with a covered dish luncheon. Please prepare a favorite dish or two and bring them to share. We will plan on eating at 12:00 and have our study afterward. We aren't setting a menu so it will be strictly "pot luck". As is usually the case, I'm sure we will end up with a great mix of dishes! Brenda Bledsoe will be leading us in Lesson 9 - According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations. Please make an effort to attend and get an extra dose of fellowship before we break for the summer.

Read to Achieve Project

You can make a difference in the life of a child at risk of failure. Steele Creek is partnering with our sister churches in a project to provide help to third graders, who are students at the 7 area elementary schools and are in danger of failing their grade. This project will give these children an opportunity to progress over the summer with the hope of advancing to the fourth grade at summer's end.

On Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. we will gather at Mount Olive Presbyterian Church to pack nylon book bags with books and other school supplies to distribute to students who didn't pass their third grade EOG test. The books are from the CMS approved list and will assist these children in improving their reading skills. After the packing is completed, a hot dog lunch will be provided.

Two ways that you can help:

1. Attend the packing event on May 6.
2. Made a donation for the supplies needed for this project by designating your gift "Read to Achieve."

Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition - May 21, 2017

We look forward to recognizing all those graduating from High School and College on Sunday, May 21. If you have a family member who is graduating this year, please let us know so they can be honored on this special Sunday. Email or call Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekpres.org, 704.927.4293 with their name, what school they are graduating from, and any future plans. Thanks!

Register for VBS



Hero Central

**Discover God's
Strength in You!**

Vacation Bible School

**This superhero adventure will
include music that will energize your
ears, interactive Bible fun, super
science, cool crafts, mission work,
great games and more.**

**Registration will go live Monday, May 1 at:
www.cokesburyvbs.com/steelecreek
Register by May 31 to receive a free music CD!**

Registration Deadline for Camp Grier

If your child is planning to attend Camp Grier this summer and has not registered; now is the time to do it! There are many date options for camp; however, a group from Steele Creek plans to attend July 24-29. Steele Creek is an official Sustaining Congregation so you will receive a

discount on-line by using our code - 242016. In addition, the church will provide a \$100 scholarship to all members attending camp this summer. To receive the scholarship from the church, you must register by May 31. Please let me know when you register so I can be aware of when our children are going to camp! -Lorie Lewis

Ashe County Update

We will be taking the truck to Ashe County on Saturday, June 17th. Any clothing or household goods you do not need, will be much appreciated by the mountain people. Please bring these things to the Church office. If you have time to help, we will load the truck on Friday, June 16th around 3:30 pm. Thank you for all you do to help the people in Ashe County.

Thank you,
Marion Briggs

Armed Forces Day Concert

The Disciples - Community Men's Gospel Chorus is presenting an Armed Forces Day Concert on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church (corner of South Tryon Street & Westinghouse Blvd.). All Active Members & Veterans of the Armed Forces will be honored.

Prayer Update

Rhonda Hedger - Hospice (White Oak Manor, Charlotte)
Lenora Fincher - Sharon towers Health Care (Fall)
Family of Louise Marlow (Bernard Simmon's Aunt)
Bob Freeman - Home (Knee surgery 4/26)
Louise Freeman - Home (Vertigo & Foot)
Linda Neely - Home (Broken ankle)
Lacey Long - Cancer (Infant grandniece of Judy Misra)
Ruth Griffith - Home (Cancer treatments)
Pete Griffith - Home (Cancer treatments)
Karen Cline - Home
Betty Byrum - Home
Bill & Margaret Wert - Home
Jeff Moery - New trial treatment for brain cancer (Sandi Lauerman's brother)

Tom Applegate - Home (Radiation completed)
Bob Ingram - Cancer (Anne Marie Moore's biological father)
Bill Shubert - Home (Cancer treatments)
Keith Cain - Home
Wayne Whiteside - Health concerns
Anne Preslar - Home (Decreased mobility)
Frank Suttle - Lake Wylie Assisted Living
Betty Burgess - Homebound
Gerry Roberts - Home (Rehab)
Eloise Stilwell - Health concerns
John & Beth McKay - Sharon Towers Health Care
Marian Hines - Cancer treatments
Query Byrum - Health concerns

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