



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

January 9, 2018

**Blessed by God that
we might be a
blessing to others**
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

Sunday, January 14

Hearing God's Call

1 Samuel 3:1-10

John 1:43-51

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Friends,

A New Year is upon us and as usual our church calendar remains full. In the next couple of weeks, you will have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities that may interest you. I want to highlight just a couple of these.

“Just Walk Across the Room” is a study that we will be offering during Sunday School and again during our Thursday evening, Faith and Family Night program. This study is authored by Bill Hybels the pastor at Willow Creek Community Church. He introduces the study this way: *“Just a few steps and a friendly hello may be all it takes to change someone's life—and their eternity! And the good news is, it has more to do with taking a genuine interest in another person and listening to their story than it does with learning evangelism tactics and techniques.”* Imagine what it might be like to bring someone to Christ, just by caring for them and daring to say “Hello”.

The Evangelism Ministry Team is encouraging everyone to participate in this study. Thus, the two opportunities to participate. Pastor Jeff will be leading the study during Faith and Family Night, starting on Thursday, January 18th. The class itself will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm each Thursday, through March 6th. Cooper Lewis will be teaching the Sunday School Class starting Sunday, January 21st from 9:30 to 10:20 am each Sunday through March 11th. I want to add my own challenge to each of you that you prayerful and carefully consider being a part of this study. We all know the burden of being deeply concerned for

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball is resuming its weekly Tuesday game at 7:00 pm, starting tonight.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Our Good Samaritan Fund is very low. Please give as you are able to help our neighbors who are in financial crises. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

friends and family who are outside of the church and a relationship with Jesus the Christ. Here is an opportunity to learn how God might use each of us to take some initiative and perhaps change their relationship with God forever. Pray for God's guidance and plan to join us for this important time of study and preparation.

Secondly, I want to remind you of our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will meet immediately following Worship on Sunday, January 28th. In this meeting, the Session will share a look back and 2017 in terms of membership and finances, as well as a look at our 2018 budget and the programming it will support. We will also elect members of the church to serve on the Nominating Committee. And we may have the opportunity to discuss other items, including a quick update on the Merger Discussions. This is an important meeting for our members to understand the life and health of our congregation moving forward into 2018.

Finally, I want to remind you of a few events coming up in February. On Sunday, February 4th, we will recognize Souper Bowl Sunday. Our youth will collect a Souper Bowl offering to support the hungry in our community. This is always an important annual reminder of how blessed we all are and that we have an opportunity to help "the least of these" of our neighbors. On Saturday, February 10th, we will have our Church Family Valentine's Dinner. Mark your calendar and we'll have more information shortly. Finally, on Sunday, February 11th, we will celebrate Scout Sunday and our Scouts and their families will be here to help lead us in worship.

I look forward to another great year in ministry together. It's hard to believe that I have been blessed to be with for 11 years and we're now beginning year 12. May God continue to bless and guide us as the body of Christ here at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

PRAISE TEAM AND CHOIR

After some down time during the holidays, Praise Team and Chancel Choir have resumed their weekly Thursday practice at 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm respectively. Anyone interested in participating in our music ministry is welcome to join either or both groups.

FUN BUNCH LUNCH

It is the start of a new year and the Fun Bunch cooking team is planning a menu to bring good fortune to those who join

LOAVES AND FISHES

Please help our hungry neighbors by donating non-perishable groceries to be given to Loaves and Fishes. The "Food-of-the-Month" list for January is: Canned Vegetables.

THIS WEEK

Jan 9-16

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Stewardship Team

Meeting 6:30p

Christian Growth Team

Meeting 6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:15p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Friday

Square Dancing 7:00p

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Cheerleading Practice

2:00p

Youth Dinner & Meeting

5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

MLK Holiday (Office

Closed)

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Scripture & Starbucks

Women's Bible Study

6:30p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

us on Thursday, January 18, at noon. We will be serving a traditional new year feast of pork, black-eyed peas, greens and cornbread. Please try to be there for the food, fun and fellowship. How about a resolution to come all 12 months in 2018? Think how much fun we can have. As usual, call Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church office (704-588-1290) to let us know you are coming. We don't want to run out of peas and greens!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2018, following the end of the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial and statistical reports for 2017, to receive the 2018 Budget for information, to consider changes in terms of call for the pastor, to elect the Nominating Committee, to have a meeting of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Corporation, and any other business which may arise out of these matters.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS BEGIN JANUARY 18

The winter session of Faith and Family nights will run January 18 - March 8. Dinner will be served each week 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm followed by an adult's study and activities for children. The adult study this session will be "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels (see additional article for more information on the study). Dinner reservations will be due by noon on Tuesday each week. Look for dinner menus to be published soon.

JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM

The evangelism team wants to encourage everyone in the congregation to consider attending the study "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels. Bill Hybels is founding and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. This study will explore the natural and empowering approach to evangelism that Jesus modeled himself. Participants will be encouraged and equipped to step out of their comfort zone to develop friendships and extend care, compassion, inclusiveness to people living far from God. There will be two opportunities to take participate in this study:

Sunday mornings, January 21 - March 11, 9:30 am - 10:20 am, led by Cooper Lewis

DECEMBER SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF

The Pinkston Family
Memorial Fund by
Thomas Lineberger

Marc & Lois Yandle
General Fund by
Mrs. Vicki Taylor

IN MEMORY OF

Ray Bryant
Memorial Fund by
Ms. Betty Bryant

Donna Gibson
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs.
Leighton Brown
Mr. Jack Fowler

Judy Hold
Room In The Inn Fund
by
Mr. Wayne Whiteside

Irene Lane
Memorial Fund by
Ms. Betty Bryant

Jane McDowell
Memorial Fund by
Ms. Betty Bryant

Holland Porter
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs.
Leighton Brown

Paul Small
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs.
Leighton Brown

Frank Suttle
Memorial Fund by
Mrs. Anita McQuillen

Gaye Whiteside
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs.
Leighton Brown

Thursday evenings, January 18 - March 6, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, let by Pastor Jeff Pinkston
(dinner will be served before this study as part of Faith and Family nights)

Let's begin the new year focusing on how to share the story of Jesus and his love with everyone!

FLOWERS NEEDED

Please sign up to provide flowers for a worship service. Flowers are needed for **January 21 & 28** and for most Sundays in February & March. Please put your name on the date of your choice on the flower calendar in the narthex or call the church office. And thanks to all who provide flowers. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

PRAYER UPDATE*

Please update your personal prayer list according to the information below.

Cheryl Simerly – Severe back pain
Lorie Richardson – Minor surgery this coming week (Cheryl Simerly's sister)
Family of Jim Tapp - (Becky Neely's brother in law)
Bettye Reep - Fall (Home)
Margaret Niell - Laryngitis
Marjorie Smith - Bronchitis
David Hines - TIA (Home on medications)
Louise freeman - Upcoming back surgery
Jack Ferrell - Lincolnnton Rehab for stroke (Louise Freeman's brother)
Scott and Pam Cato – Scott has mass on the brain and lung (Ann Sanburg's sister and brother in law)
Family of Danny Douglas (David McCorkle's friend)
David Warren - Hospice at home (Pancreatic cancer, Betty Warren's son)
Family of Patricia Brock (Ann Sanburg's Aunty)
Family of Donna Gibson (Debbie McDowell's Sister)
Randy Carroll - Serious Cancer (Thad Carroll's father)
**This update is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all prayer requests, as lack of space prohibits us from doing so. Prayer requests/updates will be listed here for two weeks but should remain on your personal prayer list until informed otherwise. Thank you for your understanding.*

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Elliott

Memorial Fund by
Miriam Dixon
Mr. & Mrs. John Hovis
Mr. & Ms.
Richard McCombs

Good Samaritan Fund
by
Mr. Wayne Whiteside

Loaves & Fishes Fund
by
Mr. Wayne Whiteside
