



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

## Cross Currents

February 13, 2018

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

**Sunday February 18**  
**Believe**  
Genesis 9:8-13  
1 Peter 3:18-20 & Mark 1:9-15

### FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Church Family,

This Wednesday (2/14), tomorrow, is not just Valentines' Day. It is also the beginning of Lent! We kickoff this important season of repentance and reflection with a Community Service for Ash Wednesday. This year the service will be at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm. I hope to see a big contingent of Big Steele Creekers there to worship. And don't forget to pick up your Lenten Devotional at church this Sunday! This devotional will help you in your personal spiritual journey as we prepare to celebrate the defining event in Christianity, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Our series of Lenten Noonday Services will begin next Wednesday (2/21) at Steele Creek. Dr. Greg Busby from McClintock will be preaching, and our church will provide a light lunch following the service. Please make plans to join us as SCPC sets the pace for the remainder of the Lenten Season. I hope to see you all there!

On Thursday of this week (2/15) we will have our Fun Bunch Lunch at 12 noon. This fellowship meal is open to all our members and is a great way to get to know one another and enjoy a great meal. Remember you need to make a reservation and you need to do that before Thursday. Call the church office or Frances Campbell to do so. Check out the message from Frances about Fun Bunch in another article in this newsletter.

We continue our Faith and Family nights on Thursday (2/15) evening. We have a meal and activities for our children as well as a personal evangelism study entitled, *Just Walk Across the Room*. You do not need to have

### IT'S A GIRL!

Page & Monty Sanders are the proud parents of a daughter, Emmerson Sloane Sanders, born January 23, 2018 at 7 lbs. 13 oz. Emmerson was welcomed by her proud Grandparents, Kim & Harry Davenport and Great Grandmother & Aunt, Brenda & Kelly Bledsoe. Congratulations to all!

### LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS ARE HERE

This year's devotional book is *Psalms for Lent* by Jane Wilke. These daily reflections for Lent will focus on repentance, reconciliation, and renewal as you explore this ancient songbook that speaks directly to our journey with the Lord. You are invited to pick up a book in the narthex or on the table outside the church office. We hope you will be able set aside some time during the 40 days of Lent to reflect and prepare

attended the earlier session in order to benefit from the study each Thursday night. Come out and join us for some simple suggestions on how to share your faith that won't intimidate you or those you are trying to reach for Christ.

Finally, as we enter into the season of Lent, I would like to suggest that rather than try to find something to "give up" for Lent, you instead find one person in your life that doesn't know the Lord or have a church family and that you pray for them. Lift them up every day during the season of Lent and then invite them to join with us for worship on Easter Sunday. Studies show that 80% of people who visit a church do so because someone personally invited them to attend. Let this be your season of Lent commitment and see how God might bless your efforts!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jeff*

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### **LENT SCHEDULE**

#### **February 14, 2018**

Ash Wed. Com, Betty Meadows, PHPC 7:00 PM

#### **February 21, 2018**

Lent Noon Service, Dr. Greg Busby, SCPC 12:00 PM

#### **February 28, 2018**

Lent Noon Service, Dr. Bob Jack, MOPC 12:00 PM

#### **March 7, 2018**

Lent Noon Service, Rev. British Hyrams, MPC, 12:00 PM

#### **March 14, 2018**

Lent Noon Service, Dr. Jeff Pinkston, PHPC 12:00 PM

#### **March 21, 2018**

Lent Noon Service, Mr. Billy Grier, CSCPC, 12:00 PM

#### **March 29, 2018**

Maundy-Thursday, Community Service, MPC 7:00 PM

#### **April 1, 2017**

Easter Sunrise, Community Service, PHPC 7:00 AM

Easter Worship Service, SCPC 10:30 AM

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### **ATTENTION FUN BUNCH FOLKS!**

It's February and Fun Bunch is scheduled for the 15th at noon. We can pick what we want to celebrate, as February has several possibilities. We can celebrate Mardi Gras a couple of days late and party like we are in New Orleans; we can celebrate love and Valentine's day; or we can be patriotic and celebrate President's Day and the births of Lincoln and Washington. So many ideas -- so pick one and join us. We will be serving baked chicken, vegetable casserole and scalloped potatoes. As always, the salad bar and a variety of desserts will be available for your enjoyment. All we ask is that you let either Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church office (704-588-1290) know of your plans to attend so we can be properly prepared. Ask a friend or neighbor to join us. The more the merrier!

for the celebration of Easter.

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### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR CAMP GRIER**

Now is the time to begin planning a trip to camp for your child this summer! There are many date options open for camp; however, a group from Steele Creek will attend July 22-27. Steele Creek is an official Sustaining Congregation for Camp Grier and our code is 242016. You will need to enter this code when registering your child to receive the Sustaining Congregation discount. In addition to this discount, an additional \$100 per camper will be provided by the church! You can register at [www.campgrier.org](http://www.campgrier.org). Please let Lorie Lewis know when you register.

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### **FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS**

Faith and Family Night dinners are served each Thursday, 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm followed by the adult's study and activities for children. Look for a reservation card in the bulletin or call the church office by Tuesday at noon.

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### **STEELE CREEK NIGHT AT THE CHARLOTTE CHECKERS GAME**

Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day together at the Charlotte Checkers Game! The Checkers will be

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## **YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS DEPOSITS DUE FEBRUARY 18**

Middle School Mission Trip - July 8-14. We are headed back to Port City Project, an urban mission experience in the heart of Wilmington, NC designed to love and serve the poor and to challenge youth to do the same. In this week long experience, we will feed the hungry, serve the homeless and restore dignity to the urban community through home repair and beautification projects. This trip is open for all youth who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade, plus a few high schoolers can attend as assistants. A \$75.00 deposit is due by February 18 to hold a spot on this trip. Total cost for this trip is \$325 but each youth will receive \$100 from fundraising projects, making the total \$225.

Montreat Youth Conference - July 22-28. MYC is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship. This event is open to youth who have completed 8th - 12th grade. A \$75.00 deposit is due by February 18 to hold a place at the conference. Total cost of this trip is around \$375 but each participant will receive \$100 from fundraising projects, making the total \$275.

Contact Lorie Lewis with any additional questions (704-927-4293 or [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org))

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## **WHAT IS SMALL GROUP MINISTRY?**

Have you heard the term Small Group ministry and you are not sure what that means for you? Small Group Ministry is a movement to live in a community similar to the first churches that we read about in the book of Acts. These communities of believers lived as a family as they ate together, prayed together, sang together, laughed together, grieved together and encouraged one another. Basically, these groups shared everything — their processions, their time, and their love. They supported each other in the good and the bad. How could your life change if you had a place where you could totally be yourself and know that you were supported no matter what is going on in your life? How could your life change if you had a group that could pray with you when making tough decisions or choices, and could offer their advice and encouragement? The goal of Small Group Ministry is to provide the opportunity for communities of believers to organize and flourish. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to hear from several individuals and their past experiences with small groups. The first small group at Steele Creek is meeting the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm. If you would like

playing the Binghamton Devils on Saturday, March 17 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.50 and include a free Checkers baseball cap. Please reserve your tickets with Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org), 704.927.4293. You can meet at the church and ride together or just meet us there. Looking forward to a fun evening with our church family!

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT CHANGE**

We want to thank Wanda Kinard for her service as our Sunday School Superintendent. Wanda has spent many Sunday mornings greeting everyone and keeping our Sunday School organized. We wish her the best in Wilmington! We now welcome Henry Cathey as our new Sunday School Superintendent. We are grateful for his willingness to serve in this position! Cooper Freeman will remain as an assistant to Henry and we appreciate his continued dedication to Steele Creek.

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## **JANUARY SPECIAL GIFTS**

**IN MEMORY OF  
*Linda Hartley*  
Good Samaritan Fund  
by  
Mr. & Mrs. George Davis  
*Nancy Fowler*  
Good Samaritan Fund  
by  
Mr. Jack Fowler  
*Jane Price***

more information, you can contact Sandi Lauerman at [sandolauerman@gmail.com](mailto:sandolauerman@gmail.com) or 803.370.0367.

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## 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 part in this study:

**Sunday mornings**, through March 11 at 10:20 am, led by Cooper Lewis (Multipurpose classroom)

**Thursday evenings**, through March 15, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, led by Pastor Jeff Pinkston (Billie Watt Classroom)

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

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## PRAYER UPDATE\*

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

Family of Agnes Byrum  
Hester Shank & Family (death of her sister)

## PRAISE REPORT

Skinner Smith may be removed from the prayer list at this time. She has had some positive results.

*\*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.*

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**Good Samaritan Fund**  
by  
Wayne Whiteside  
**Gaye Whiteside**  
**Good Samaritan Fund**  
by  
Wayne Whiteside

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## THIS WEEK

**Feb 13-20**

**Tuesday**

Hand Bells Rehearsal  
6:30p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

**Wednesday**

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Ash Wednesday

Community Service @

PHPC 7:00p

AA Meeting 8:00p

**Thursday**

Fun Bunch Lunch 12:00p

Faith & Family Night

5:30p

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:15p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

**Saturday**

Girl Scouts 9:00a

**Sunday**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Deacons Meeting 11:45a

Session Meeting 12:45p

Meck12 GS Leader's

Meeting 1:30p

BASIC Training – Ice

Skating 1:30p

Cheerleading Practice

2:00p

Combined Youth Group

@PHPC 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

**Monday**

Boy Scouts 6:00p

**Tuesday**

Hand Bell Rehearsal

6:30p

Scripture & Starbucks

Ladies Bible Study 6:30p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

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