



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

## Cross Currents

April 10, 2018

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

**Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am**

**Sunday April 15**

***Witnesses***

Luke 24:36-48

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### FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Church Family,

First, I want to thank each of you who have asked about my mom, Betty Pinkston, and have been keeping her in your prayers following her stroke. Mom is still at Presbyterian Novant Main in the Transitional ICU unit. After making some early progress, she has regressed slightly and is now stable. The doctors believe she may have some secondary infection which has caused the decline and are looking for the source. I ask that you continue to keep her and my Dad in your prayers. Dad is in good health, but many of you know how exhausting it is to sit in a hospital room for days. Thank you all again for your love and support.

Second, Miriam's Mom, Marie Hill, has been on our prayer list for quite some time. Miriam and I appreciate those of you who have been faithful in your prayers and support on Mrs. Hill's behalf. She is suffering from dementia and has to have someone with her 24 hours a day. They have good help during the week and she is able, for now, to remain in her home. Miriam travels to Salisbury, NC every Tuesday to spend the evening with her and once a month spends the weekend with her Mom. Fortunately, there are other siblings who help out and the family remains strong in its commitment to care for Mrs. Hill and keep her at home as long as possible. Thank you for your love and support of Miriam during this time.

Third, Mat Miller, Caroline's husband has been deployed as a member of the North Carolina National Guard out of Kings Mountain. This week they made it safely to Kuwait and will be moving in a few days to Iraq. So far, he has had a good internet connection and been able to visit with

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### HELPING OTHERS

Don't forget to bring cookies for the USO and food for Loaves and Fishes. USO recently mentioned that they are running low on cookies!

We are also continuing to collect pull tabs and Box Tops for education!

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### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will plan on meeting on April 12 and April 26 at 10:00 AM. Get these dates on your calendars now! It's fun to be together creating something that will hopefully make the life of another individual better. Hope to see all of you on the above dates.

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Caroline almost daily over Skype. A special “Thank you!” goes out from Caroline and all of our family for the candle placed in the sanctuary, by the Pastoral Care Ministry Team, in his honor and as a visible sign of our remembrance of him and all the men and women who serve this nation in the various military branches. Matt will be deployed for approximately 10 months. Thank you for your love and support of Matt and Caroline during Matt’s deployment.

Fourth, as most of you know I was away last week, after Easter. I was invited by some friends from seminary to come and preach at their church, Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel at Topsail Beach, NC. They have a neat ministry there. They do not have a “called pastor”. Instead, they offer the use of their parsonage, which is half a block from the beach, to pastors from all over the country in exchange for preaching on Sunday. Thus, Miriam and I were able to go down to the beach and enjoy God’s creation while visiting with our friends. Unfortunately, while there I was injured playing a game called “Pickle Ball”. Look it up, it’s a neat sport and easy to play and enjoyable. While playing, I managed to tear or rupture my Achilles tendon. I will have surgery on Thursday and be in a cast for 6 weeks followed by a boot for several weeks after that, while going through therapy. I ask for your prayers, especially that I can have the patience to get through all of this. Of course, my movement will be greatly curtailed, and I will not be able to go and do like I normally do. I ask your understanding. At the same time, I want to assure you that I will be able to do most of my work and still want to hear from you about what is happening in your life! I want to know how I can support you and serve you and I will endeavor to care for the church to the best of my ability.

All of our families have been through difficult times like these. I am sure all of this will help me to be more understanding and supportive in my ministry. It is also, humbling to run up against one’s limitations. Again, I ask for your prayers! Thanks for being the wonderful and caring community that I have always known you to be. May God continue to bless Steele Creek Presbyterian Church!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jeff*

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## **ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE – EXPERIENCE THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME WITH GOD!**

Get ready to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at *Rolling River Rampage* Vacation Bible School! This white-water rafting adventure includes exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life!

The adventure takes place June 10-14, 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm. Dinner will be served each night, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Go to

## **SPECIAL GIFTS UPDATE**

The following was missing from the February list:

### **IN MEMORY OF**

***Dot & J.W. Hanson***  
**10 Cents A Meal**  
**Fund by**  
Jack Fowler

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## **THIS WEEK**

**Apr 10-17**

### **Tuesday**

Ladies Circle Bible Study  
10:00a

Men’s Basketball 7:00p

### **Wednesday**

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Stewardship Team

Meeting 6:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

### **Thursday**

Praise Team Rehearsal  
6:15p

Hand Bells Rehearsal  
6:45p

Choir Rehearsal 7:30p

### **Friday**

Square Dancing 7:00p

### **Saturday**

*Woman’s Retreat*

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Strings Group Class

12:00p

### **Sunday**

*Woman’s Retreat*

Children’s Choir Practice  
9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical  
Church 10:30a

Deacons Meeting 11:45a

Session Meeting 12:45a

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Meeting 1:30p

Youth Dinner & Meeting  
5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

### **Monday**

Boy Scouts 6:00p

### **Tuesday**

our [VBS website](#) to check out dinner menus and register for all the fun. Those who register by May 15 will receive a free *Rolling River Rampage* music CD!

Scripture & Starbucks  
6:30p  
Men's Basketball 7:00p

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Adults are welcome to roll on the river with us. There are many opportunities to help with all the excitement at Rolling River Rampage. Contact Kelly Byrum [kfbyrum@gmail.com](mailto:kfbyrum@gmail.com), Ragan Haston, [raganhaston@yahoo.com](mailto:raganhaston@yahoo.com) or Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org) for more information on how you can help with our river adventure.

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### **MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE**

Our current Sunday Short Term Study takes place during Sunday School (9:30 - 10:20 am) through May 20. The study is based on Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible*. Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses often misunderstood biblical themes that will lead to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving. This study is open to all who are interested, no prior attendance in a Sunday School class or Short Term Study is necessary! The study is led by Cooper Lewis and takes place in room 207.

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### **SAVE THE DATE - May 19, 2018!**

Once again, we will be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now). This time we will pack 10,000 meals. Start time will be approximately 9:00 am. Remember, there are sitting jobs, standing jobs, and walking around jobs. There is something for all ages. Questions? Call Roger Palmer (704-588-9482).

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### **FUN BUNCH LUNCH**

Spring has arrived and it is time for the Fun Bunch gang to celebrate. We will have our April lunch at noon on Thursday, April 19. The menu will consist of ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, deviled eggs and assorted desserts. Let's kick off spring with a big turnout for lunch and then stay around to visit with friends and neighbors. Remember, there is no age requirement for being a part of the Fun Bunch Gang. If you are available at noon on the third Thursday of every month, you are welcome and encouraged to come and have fun and fellowship along with good "home cooked" food. As always, let Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church office (704-588-1290) know if you plan to attend so we can prepare the appropriate amount of food.

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## **FEED THE FIVE THOUSAND FISH FRY**

On Sunday April 22, 2018 from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. Flounder, slaw, beans, hushpuppies and drink \$10.00. PBJ bar for kids. All profits donated to support Hunger Relief agencies. Please join us for good food and fellowship in support of those in need. Matthew 14: 19-20

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## **MISSION TRIP EL SALVADOR SEPT 7-15**

Join Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Ahuachapan, El Salvador. Come experience the warmth and hospitality of the people of El Salvador. Come build houses and relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. Celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary at the Dia de los Farolitos (lantern festival) and see how others live their faith. For more information contact Aaron Salmon (704-607-0138) or [aron\\_salmon@yahoo.com](mailto:aron_salmon@yahoo.com).

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## **PRAYER UPDATE\***

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

**Trey & Whitney Neely** - C-Section today due to preterm labor (was due 6/2 - Becky & Ralph Neely's daughter-in-law)

**David Moody** - CMC Main (Recovering from surgery & infection)

**Robert Haskett** - In A-Fib (Rebecca Economom's father)

**Olivia Holzhauser** - Home (Adenoids removed)

**Andy Moore** - 6 week hike on Appalachian Trail

**Betty Pinkston** - Presbyterian Main (Stroke - Pastor Jeff's mother)

*\*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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