



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

## Cross Currents

May 22, 2018

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

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

**Sunday May 27**

***Heirs***

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Romans 8:12-17

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### FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Church Family,

The music program at Steele Creek has always been a big part of our life together. We have been blessed by an abundance of talent within our membership and a succession of dedicated Directors. Once more, we find ourselves in need of leadership for this vital component of our church family experience. Music is at the very heart of our worship and the Session remains committed to providing the best music possible within the confines of our overall situation.

I am happy to announce that Administration and Personnel have found, and the Session has approved a new Director of Music. For those of you who have many years of history here at Steele Creek, that person will be very familiar to you. Beginning June 3rd, Brian McSwain will rejoin the staff of Steele Creek Presbyterian as our part-time Director of Music.

Brian was here from August of 1999 to September 2001 as our, then, Full-time Director of Music. At that time Brian agreed to serve until Lewis Bledsoe retired and he honored that commitment. Brian served a number of churches until moving into Public Education. Brian has been teaching Chorus and Drama in the schools. He is currently teaching at East Lincoln High School in Denver, NC where he has been since 2005. He has continued to keep his hand in church music, working part-time for a couple of different churches.

We are excited to welcome Brian back to Steele Creek. He understands that our worship has changed, at the direction

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### YOUTH SUNDAY AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION

June 3 will be a special Sunday at Steele Creek as we celebrate Youth Sunday and honor our high school and college graduates. If you have a graduate this year, please contact Lorie Lewis, 704-927-4293 or email her at [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org) so we can get the information we need to include them in the service.

### ASHE COUNTY UPDATE

The truck will be going to Ashe County on June 2nd. We really need some young strong people to come June 1st between 3:00 and 4:00 pm to help load the truck. Many of us are getting too old to lift some of the boxes so we need HELP!

of the Session, and thus he will be working with us to maintain and enhance our blended worship service. He will be working with the Bells, the Chancel Choir, the Praise Team, and assisting with the Children's Choir. I know you will all join with me in welcoming Brian back home and supporting him as he works to grow and expand our music program. His first Sunday (6/3) will be Youth Sunday, but after that we anticipate Brian getting to work quickly to bring his own unique perspective to our diverse music experience. We look forward to his leadership!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jeff*

### **SENIORS CELEBRATION**

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team would like to share with the congregation that we will be honoring all members of our church who will be 90+ years old by the end of this year. We will be hosting a breakfast for them on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center and recognizing them in worship. Invitations have been sent to those members. If anyone included in that age group has not received an invitation, please contact Betty Small at 704-579-1842 or [ncbesmall@gmail.com](mailto:ncbesmall@gmail.com) to be added to the list. All who received invitations will be called in the next week to confirm whether they will be able to attend. We are so excited to honor these members and let them know how much we love and cherish them as church members.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CAMP GRIER IS MAY 31:**

If your child is planning to attend Camp Grier this summer and has not registered; now is the time to do it! Most of the children from Steele Creek will attend, July 22-27. Remember that Steele Creek is an official Sustaining Congregation so you will receive a discount online by using our code - 242016. In addition, the church will provide a \$100 scholarship to all members attending camp this summer but you must register by May 31 to receive these additional funds. Please let Lorie Lewis know when your child is registered, 704.927.4293 or email her at [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org).

### **READ TO ACHIEVE UPDATE**

Thanks to your generous donations, we have surpassed our goal of raising money to provide books for the Read to Achieve project. Approximately 295 students in our 7 area elementary schools have been identified to participate in this project that encourages summer reading. With the donations from Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Central Steele

### **ALL CHURCH THANK YOU BRUNCH**

The Meck12 Girl Scouts wish to express their appreciation to the members of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church for letting them use our facilities for various events and meetings over the last few years. To show their appreciation they are providing a brunch on Sunday, June 3 following the morning worship service. All are invited to participate.

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

#### **June 3**

Grace Beaty

#### **June 5**

Louise Freeman

Leah Lunder

#### **June 6**

Trent Haston

#### **June 7**

Ken Kauffman

Kevin Whitby

#### **June 8**

Anita McQuillen

#### **June 10**

Jim Wadsworth

#### **June 11**

Jim Fowler

#### **June 13**

David Hines

Katie Keels

#### **June 14**

Erin Cain

Hester Shank

#### **June 15**

Katherine Freeman

Robby McDowell

George Thrower, Jr.

#### **June 16**

Julia Beaty

#### **June 17**

Linda Neely

#### **June 19**

Ron Harris

#### **June 20**

Reagan Harraman

Haley Higgins

Creek and Mt Olive Presbyterian, we have been able to purchase at least 7 books per student!

Our date and time for assembling the book packets will be on Saturday, June 2nd, 8:30 am - 10:00 am. It will be held in the Family Life Center at Central Steele Creek (the building behind the sanctuary). Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 8:15 am. We need to provide volunteers to help on this morning. If you are available to help on June 2, please contact Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org), 704-927.4293.

### LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR VBS

You can still register for the ride of a lifetime with God at Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School! This adventure takes place June 10-14 (Sunday - Thursday), 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm. Dinner will be served each night, 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm. Go to our [VBS website](#) to check out dinner menus and register for all the fun. **Please register by May 31** so we can have adequate supplies ready for our white-water rafting adventure. Remember to invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren!

### VBS MISSION PROJECT IS "CHARITY: WATER"

As we roll on the river all week at Vacation Bible School, we will also be collecting offerings for those who do not have clean water. Our VBS mission project this year is [Charity: Water](#). This organization funds water programs in 26 countries around the globe - in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Water scarcity, poverty, political stability and strong partner organizations all play a part in where they choose to work. *Charity: Water* focuses on providing rural communities with their first access to clean water and 100% of our donations will go directly to funding their programs. An offering will be taken up each night of VBS during dinner but anyone can donate! You can mark your donations to *Charity: Water* or VBS mission project. Thanks for your help in partnering with our children to provide clean water for the world.

### WAYS TO HELP WITH ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Adults are welcome to roll on the river with us, June 10-14, 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm. There are many opportunities that require various skills and time commitments. 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. In addition to

#### **June 21**

Harry Davenport, Jr.

#### **June 22**

Luke Huffman  
Blair McCombs  
Ellen Thomas  
Lynda Williams

#### **June 23**

Jacob Cunningham

#### **June 25**

Colin Cathey

#### **June 26**

Ann Sanburg  
Mike Spruill

#### **June 27**

Maggie Combs  
Helen McAllister  
Blakely Whitby

#### **June 28**

Betty Byrum  
Dave Earp  
Jack Fish

#### **June 29**

Caroline Brasch  
Henry Donato  
Aaron Salmon

#### **June 30**

Jeff Pinkston

### THIS WEEK

#### **May 22-29**

#### **Tuesday**

Men's Basketball

#### **Wednesday**

Olympic High School AP  
Testing 7:00a  
Staff Meeting 10:00a  
CDC Board Meeting  
11:00a

AA Meeting 8:00p

#### **Thursday**

Praise Team Rehearsal  
6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

#### **Friday**

Square Dancing 7:00p

#### **Saturday**

Girl Scouts 9:00a  
American Legion Meeting  
10:30a

Sons of Confederate  
Veterans Memorial Day  
Service 1:00p

#### **Sunday**

10 Cents A Meal Offering

helping that week, we need to collect the following items to help transform Steele Creek into a Rolling River Rampage. If you have any of these items, please mark them with your name and bring to Lorie Lewis' office. They will be returned to you after VBS: tents, life jackets, inflatable boats/rafts, oars & camping lanterns.

### **ADULT OPTION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Adults are invited to participate in a Round Table Discussion with The Session on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm in the New Fellowship Classroom. Come with your questions to initiate dialogue on a variety of topics and issues in the life of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served each night 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm. If you plan to eat dinner before the discussion, please register for dinner at our [VBS Website](#) or contact Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org), 704.927.4293.

### **PRAYER UPDATE\***

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

**Shooting Victims** in Santa Fe, Texas  
**Family of Steve Cooper** - Former member (wife Melva).  
Steve passed away on 5/18  
**Louise Freeman** - Peak Resources, Gastonia (Rehab following back surgery)

**Family of Alicia Gonzalez** (19 Year old former student of Mary Margaret Donato, sudden death 1 day before returning home from studying abroad)  
**Ann Massey & Family** - the death of her son (Annette & John Freeman's friend)

*\*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.*

Ethiopian Evangelical Church 10:30a  
Session Meeting 11:30a  
USO Benefit Dance 2:00p  
AA BBQ & Meeting 4:30p  
**Monday**  
Memorial Day Holiday  
Boy Scouts 6:00p  
**Tuesday**  
Men's Basketball 7:00p

### **MT. OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VBS**

Mt. Olive is holding its VBS June 18 – 22nd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in their Family Life Center. Dinner will be served from 6:00 – 6:30 pm each night. This year's theme is Jesus the Kingdom Builder with the focus on building strong families, churches and communities. Please let them know if you wish to participate by calling their church office.