



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

June 12 2018

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

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

Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering

Sunday June 17

**The Lord Looks
On the Heart**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

2 Corinthians 5:6-11

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Friends,

Memorial Day has come and gone. Graduations are either complete or underway this week. School is out for students and winding down for teachers and staff and Vacation Bible School is in process. Thus, we know that summer is here and for many of us that means vacation.

The Romans were the first civilization to indulge in what we'd now consider traveling for pleasure. But, rather than the one to two weeks we manage to get away for, wealthy Romans would look to get away for a staggering two years! With the Fall of Rome and the ascent of the Dark Ages, the vacation, as we know it, took a break of its own. Travel throughout the Dark Ages, and for much of the medieval period, happened for one of two reasons – finding new land to call your own or raiding the lands of your enemies. This constant threat of battle, combined with unsafe travel routes meant that for most people across Europe, the furthest they ever travelled was to their neighboring village to celebrate the occasional wedding or holy day. The exception, (and there's always an exception) was people who felt a religious calling to embark on a pilgrimage.

Over in the UK, during the Tudor period, leisure travel was reserved for royalty and the court. Vacations taken by monarchs were called "royal progress", and usually involved the King or Queen traveling to different towns where they would stay, sometimes for as long as a month. Progress usually happened twice every year, once in summer and once in winter. As summer saw London rife with diseases, uncomfortable heat and bad smells, progress was particularly popular during this season. The

KID'S TIME VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

We are currently working on our volunteer schedule for Kid's Time for July - December 2018. Kid's Time is a weekly program for our three year olds through first graders, that begins after the children's sermon, where they further explore the theme of the day through stories, crafts, and games. If you are already a volunteer, please check your email for the Sign-Up Genius link and pick some dates to serve. If you would like to join the Kid's Time Volunteer team, please contact Kate Lemond, klemond526@gmail.com.

BEN BROWN SCHOLARSHIPS

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church has long supported higher education through our Ben Brown Scholarship Fund. The fund provides money for church members who are pursuing post high school degrees and scholarships are awarded based on need and the availability of funds. Applications can be picked up from the brochure rack just inside the entrance to the office/education building or by calling the church office. Completed applications are due no later than July 31.

**MT. OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH VBS**

idea of getting out of the city during the heat of the summer spread and as prosperity and peace became the norm, more and more people took advantage of the opportunity to get out of town, trying to get out of the heat.

Depending on who you talk to, the word "vacation" grew out of the word "vacate" and was applied to either the children and staff vacating the schools or more probably the citizens vacating the city. Of course, when you're trying to get away from the heat you go to the mountains or to the water. So, we continue today the tradition of vacation to the lakes, streams, ocean or mountains. Another word associated with vacation is the word recreate, which means to reinvent oneself and of course from recreate comes the word recreation. This is what we enjoy while we are on vacation, reinvigorating, resting, and restoring our physical, mental and spiritual condition.

Thus, my challenge and request to all the families of the church, if you happen to be fortunate enough to go on vacation. Take the opportunity to renew your soul and don't take a vacation from the church. I know it's tempting, but it is also very rewarding to visit other churches while you're away. Miriam and I look forward to visiting different churches. With the internet it's pretty easy to do a little research and we try to find a church with a different worship experience than the one we enjoy at Steele Creek. Sometimes we go to very contemporary services and at other times we visit traditional services. The point is to remember and teach your children that worship is important, even when you are on vacation. I realize that your schedule may not always allow for a time of worship on Sunday morning, but if you can work it out – I think you'll find it highly rewarding. If you like what you experience come back to SCPC and share it with us. If you don't like the service, then you can celebrate the fact that you still went to church and perhaps learned a new appreciation for what we have at Steele Creek. Finally, if you do go to church while you're away on vacation, bring me a bulletin from the service. I'm always interested in what other churches are doing and how they create the worship experience. So, enjoy your vacation and as you are planning your trips and activities, plan to attend church as well.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR OUR YOUTH MISSIONARIES

We are looking for individuals to help support the five youth who will be representing Steele Creek Presbyterian at Port City Project in Wilmington, NC, July 8-14, 2018. We would like to provide a care package for each of them as they participate in this urban mission experience of

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.

COMMUNITY AIRPORT MEETING

Residents of SW Charlotte are organizing a meeting for residents concerned about the change in flight paths that has increased the number of departures going over populated neighborhoods at lower altitudes. Not only does this subject more people to airport noise and emissions, it may also affect health and property. Learn about the changes and what you can do to express your concern and dissatisfaction. 7:00 pm Thursday, June 14 at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian church. See flyer on Church bulletin outside the office. RSVP at <https://steelecreekairportnoise.eventbrite.com>.

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 May is: Boxed Cookies & Crackers.

COOKIES FOR USO

Please continue to help honor our traveling soldiers by donating packages of cookies for those serving in our military and their families.

THIS WEEK

May June 12-19

Tuesday

NO Men's Basketball

Vacation Bible School 5:15p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Vacation Bible School 5:15p

Stewardship Team Meeting 6:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

serving the homeless and impoverished. Contact Lorie Lewis if you can help provide a care package and you will be assigned a youth and given information about them so you can purchase items for their care package and pray for their specific needs and desires for this trip. (lorie@steelecreekpres.org, 704.927.4293)

VBS MISSION PROJECT IS "CHARITY: WATER"

As we roll on the river all week at Vacation Bible School, we are also 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.

ADULT VBS OPTION CONTINUES

Adults are invited to continue to participate in a Round Table Discussion with The Session on Tuesday and Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm in the New Fellowship Classroom. This past Sunday, a lot of our discussion centered around the Airport and our possible merger with Pleasant Hill. 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, 704.927.4293.

JUNE FUN BUNCH LUNCH

Summer time is here and it is time for easy living. June 21 at noon is the next Fun Bunch Lunch. We will be serving chicken pot pie, broccoli with cheese sauce and a salad bar for your enjoyment. A variety of desserts will complete the menu. Call the church office at 704-588-1290 or Frances Campbell at 704-588-4686 to advise of your plan to attend. We need an accurate count so we can prepare properly for all. We look forward to spending time together.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00a
Vacation Bible School 5:15p
Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p
Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Father's Day

Mother's/Father's Offering

Ethiopian Evangelical Church 10:30a

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00a

THANK YOU

From the students and staff at Steele Creek Elementary, thank you for donating books to our rising second, third, and fourth graders. The books were distributed yesterday to our Read to Achieve students along with teacher created summer work packets. Our students now have a fantastic resource that will eliminate the summer reading slide. Thank you again for all that you do for our school community.



Can you spot the SCPC folks who helped pack the book bags?

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Family of Paul Brown

Family of Eloise Stilwell

Frances Campbell - CMC Pineville (Health concern)

Louise Freeman - Home with continuing rehab

Norma James - Health concerns (Karen Cline's mother)

David Carpenter - Home following knee surgery

Heidi Moody - Chemo treatments & surgery scheduled for July 9th (David Moody's cousin's wife)

Family of David Suddreth Sr. (Former member)

Mark Yandle - Sharon Towers (Edema issues)

**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.*
