



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

August 28, 2018

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

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

Sunday Sept. 2, 2018

**Right/Just Living
James 1:17-27**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Church Family,

The meetings are all over and the vote is in and now the real work begins. This past Sunday (8/26) the congregations of Pleasant Hill and Steele Creek voted, in separate meetings, on the Plan of Merger. The vote at Pleasant Hill was 111 in favor and 11 opposed for a 91% approval. The vote at Steele Creek was 132 in favor and 47 opposed for a 74 % approval. Combined the two congregations approved the merger by 81%.

I know this is disappointing to many who want to see us continue at our beautiful and historic campus, but the churches have made their decisions and effective January 1, 2019, we will become one church - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill. We will worship at Steele Creek, as the new church, through April 14, 2019. We will move to Pleasant Hill on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. The good news is that we now have a clear sense of direction. The challenge is that there is much work ahead to unite the two congregations and move forward in worship, ministry, and mission. I hope we can all join together, to do our part and offer our talents in service to God, the church, and one another. Our future depends on our faithfulness as we move forward.

We will be looking for individuals to serve on various transition teams ranging from worship, to Christian growth, to mission and everything in between. If you would like to be involved in this important and challenging work, please speak to one of our Elders or submit your name to the church office. We need everyone's help to bring God's

SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

Be ready to wear your plaid for our annual tradition of Kirkin' the Tartans on September 16. A covered dish lunch will follow in the Bledsoe Family Life Center. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special Steele Creek tradition!

Thanks to member donations, we now have 68 tartans in our collection, so plan to attend what has become a most colorful tradition. Some of the tartans do not have family who can carry them, so we invite you to participate in the Kirkin' of the Tartans by volunteering to carry one of those tartans. Please call Roberta Harris at 803-548-7679 or rbharris@comporium.net email to volunteer.

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to set up tables and chairs and to decorate for our Scottish Heritage lunch. If you are available to help on Wed, September 12 at 10:00

people together and unite us in service to Him as we serve His purpose. Please keep the members and leadership of both congregations in your prayers and prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to serve.

I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Steele Creek and soon the membership of Pleasant Hill. I continue to reflect on the powerful worship service and fellowship event we had at Pleasant Hill on July 1st. On a holiday weekend, with several of our families away on vacation, we had 340 folks present to worship and celebrate together. It was a glorious day and I believe God granted us just a glimpse of what the future holds. Again, let us join together in prayer, continuing to seek God's will, as we unite in Christ to serve and glorify His holy name!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

BASIC TRAINING WILL BEGIN SEPT 9

BASIC Training (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) is a fellowship group open to all children in 2nd - 5th grade. This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month after worship for various activities and service projects. This year's leaders include a fantastic team of Lori Beatty, Cindi Bridges, Kate Lemond and Cheryl Simerly. The first activity of the year will be a pool party at the Lemond's house on September 9. Look for an invitation with details to arrive soon, but if you do not receive an invitation or want more information, please contact Kate Lemond, klemond526@gmail.com.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS

The Fall session of Faith and Family nights will run from Thursday, October 4 - Thursday November 8. Dinner will be served 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm followed by studies for adults and children based on the movie "The Case for Christ." Everyone will have a chance to view the movie at a church-wide movie night on Sunday, September 30 at 4:00 pm (see related article). Additional details and dinner menus will be published at a later date. For more information about "The Case for Christ" go to www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/case-for-christ/.

A NEW YEAR FOR SCPC YOUTH GROUP

It's time to begin a new year of SCPC Youth Group! We will kick off the year and welcome our new 6th graders with a meeting for parents and youth on September 9, 5:30 pm -

am please contact Phyllis Osborne in the church office. Thank you!

VISITATION TEAM

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team is seeking to organize a group of individuals who would be willing to serve on a visitation team to go out and visit our shut-ins. Our Shepherd Teams do what they can to visit or keep in touch with members of the church on a quarterly basis. However, we have found a great need to make visits to our shut-ins more often. We currently have about 35 people who are unable to attend church regularly and many have expressed their desire to have visits and stay better connected with the church. We believe this to be a ministry that is much needed. If you could spare any time at all to visit someone and would be willing to join this group, please contact Donna Moody at 704-488-6643 or 2dmoody@gmail.com. Thank you so much for considering being a part of this ministry.

A CASE FOR CHRIST ON SEPTEMBER 30

All are invited to a church-wide movie event on Sunday, September 30 at 4:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We will be showing the movie "A Case for Christ" (for more info about the movie go to <https://www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/case-for-christ/>).

This movie will be part of the study for Faith and Family nights so will be good to view before the study but even if you cannot attend the study, it is a great movie to see! There will be a children's movie shown for preschool-2nd grade. Popcorn

7:30 pm in the Family Life Center. We will have a pizza dinner, games and then youth will break off for a short service project and review upcoming events and parents will get more details about the youth calendar, curriculum, and a time to complete forms. Please respond to Lorie Lewis (704.927.4293, lorie@steelecreekpres.org) if you plan to attend.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH KICK- OFF

Come join the Christian Growth team as we kick-off a new year of Sunday School and a new school year on September 9 at 9:30 am in the Bledsoe Family Life Center. Whether you attend a Sunday School class each week or not, this is a great opportunity to learn what will be happening in 2018-2019. Highlights of the morning include:

- Juice, milk, coffee and doughnuts will be served
- Bible Trivia games for adults and children (prizes will be awarded)
- Children and Youth will be promoted to their new classes
- Sunday School teachers will be introduced
- Blessings of the backpacks for children and youth
- **(Bring your backpacks to church with you!)**
- Information will be available about Adult classes and Short-Term Studies

Plan to attend on September 9!

SCRIPTURE AND STARBUCKS WILL RETURN SEPTEMBER 18

Scripture and Starbucks is a time of study and fellowship for women that takes place the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Billie Watt classroom. All women are invited to attend (even non-coffee drinkers)! This year we will be studying Bob Goff's book, *Everybody Always*, where Bob shares some of the stories of his life that have helped him understand what it means to truly love everybody the way Jesus loved them without fear, insecurity, or restriction. The study will be led by Lorie Lewis with Bob guiding us through a DVD component. The first session on September 18 will be an introduction to the study and you will be able to purchase a book, if desired. Please respond to Lorie Lewis if you plan to attend 704.927.4293 or (lorie@steelecreekpres.org).

and drinks will be served. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for more comfortable seating. A great time to invite friends and neighbors to church!

LADIES CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, it's almost time for Circle Meetings to begin for the fall! Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 11th, at 10:00 AM. Our new books are available in the office, "*God's Promise - I Am With You*" by Amy Poling-Sutherland. You are welcome to stop by the office and pick up your book now (please leave your name on the list), or they will be available at our meetings. Cost is \$10.00, which we will collect at the meeting. Look forward to seeing you then!

THIS WEEK

Aug 28-Sep 4

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Ethiopian Evangelical Church
10:30a

Congregational Meeting 11:30a

Session Meeting 11:30am

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Labor Day – Office Closed

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

DO YOU KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE PARABLES OF JESUS?

Sometimes our Western ears hear something different than what a first century Jewish audience would have heard. To understand the Parables and recognize their teaching and challenges for us today requires us to dig into the history and culture that surrounds them. Context matters and reveals a lot about how and what these Parables were meant to teach us. If we consider the original audience and the original setting of these stories, we hear details and challenges that we might not notice as we read them in the comfort of our homes and 21st Century life.

Come explore the parables with a new perspective in a new Sunday Short Term Study led by Cooper Lewis, September 9 - December 9 at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose classroom (off the Family Life Center). This study will explore the book "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. An introduction to the study will take place on September 9 after the Christian Growth Kick Off activities.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Josh Gaddis - Rare aggressive form of cancer, starting 1 year of chemo this week (Caroline Miller's friend's husband)

Erwin Davenport - Stroke (Home)

Family of Taylor Galvin – Killed in Iraq. Leaves behind wife & 5 children (Jana Cathey's cousin's husband)

Family of Ted Beachley (Andy Beachley's father)

Lisa Tyte - Health Concerns

Family of Joy & Larry Hein - Both killed in accident (Bill Wert's son's sister in law and husband)

**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.*