



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

September 4, 2018

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

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

Sunday Sept. 9, 2018

**Crumbs!
Mark 7:24-30**

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 email rbharris@comporium.net to volunteer.

SUPPORTING STEELE CREEK ELEMENTARY

We are continuing our partnership with Steele Creek Elementary with two ongoing projects.

- **Providing baked goods for their monthly staff meetings.** If you are able to help provide cookies, brownies or bar desserts (things that do not need utensils to eat), please contact Lorie Lewis to be assigned a date to bake. You can bring items to the church and they will be delivered to the school.
- **Collecting Box Tops for Education.** You can find these labels on many products that you probably already buy at the store! Look for the Box Top for Education labels on your packages and boxes, cut them off and bring them to the collection boxes that will be in the narthex or outside the church office. The box tops will be used by the

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 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

school to receive cash to buy new equipment for their science department.

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/.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Awakening the light: Claiming your #metoo Going-Forward Story

This Retreat is for women survivors of sexual abuse who have:

- Felt encouraged by the collective voices of women claiming their sexual abuse/ harassment stories,
- Wrestled with their story keeping them stuck and unable to live life fully and with vibrancy, and
- Desired to awaken and claim their Going-Forward Story through journaling exercises, reflection and story boarding in an intimate, safe space

Retreat details (3 opportunities THIS FALL)

- All retreats are held on Saturdays from 9:00 – 5:00 and include lunch
- September 22nd, October 27th, and November 17th, 2018
- Location: Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Rd, Charlotte, 28207
- Registration: Contact Tambry Harris at tambryharris@bellsouth.net or 704-281-9637
- Space is limited to 10 participants and costs is \$100 (includes lunch and all materials)

Facilitator Tambry Harris has a master's degree in applied psychology, has been a certified coach for 18+ years and a certified Spiritual Director for 4+ years. She teaches a course on retreats at the Charlotte Spirituality Center.

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 -

group, please contact Donna Moody at 704-488-6643 or 2dmood@gmail.com. Thank you so much for considering being a part of this ministry.

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.

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 and drinks will be served. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for more comfortable seating. A great

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 (lorie@steelecreekpres.org) or 704.927.4293.

time to invite friends and neighbors to church!

THIS WEEK

Sep 4-11

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

6:30p

Christian Growth Team Meeting

6:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Promotion &

Backpack Sunday

Ethiopian Evangelical Church

10:30a

BASIC Training 11:45

Youth Group Kick Off 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Ladies Circle Fellowship &

Bible Study 10:00a

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.

Family of Alice Griffith Threadgill - Bob Freeman's cousin

Family of Jim McGee

Sharon Sneed - Quick recovery from foot surgery (Karen Cline's sister)

Dave Carpenter - Recovering from 2nd Knee replacement surgery

Phyllis Haugh - Recovering from stroke (Sue Tanner'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.*