



October 15, 2025



It's October and that's when we celebrate **Pastor Appreciation Month!** It's a great time to show our pastors how much we care. By expressing our gratitude and appreciation, we can let them know that their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

This is also an opportunity to encourage them in their faith and let them know that they are making a difference in your life and the lives of others. Let's use this month as a way to build up our pastors and show them the impact that they have made in our life. A heartfelt note, a meal or anything special you choose to do would be an encouragement to them!

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY



Silence-Psalm 130:1-2

What are Christians supposed to do when God seem silent or far away? How do we survive the seasons of silence or distance and come through them stronger and closer to God? The psalms give us permission to cry out in despair and at the same time offer us hope in our faithful God.

Three services every Sunday! Can't attend in person? Join us online!

[8:30 AM Contemporary Service](#) (in person only)

[9:45 AM Contemporary Service](#) (in person & online)

[11:00 AM Traditional Service](#) (in person & online)

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

Wednesday, Oct. 15 / **1Night Wednesday TONIGHT** / 7PM

Thursday, Oct. 16 / **Crusaders for Christ Widows & Widowers Meal** / 6PM / FH

Sunday, Oct. 19 / **Security Team Meeting** / 11AM / The Pointe

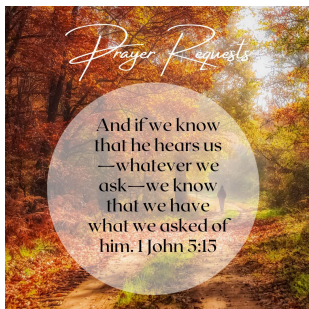
Sunday, Oct. 19 / **Emerge Worship Night** / 6PM / The Pointe

Monday, Oct. 20 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 21 / **Elevation Adult Bible Study** / 10AM / Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Oct. 23 / **Elevation Feast at Mike's Farm** / 3:15PM / Parking Lot

GENERAL INFO



Prayer Requests

Robert Thaxton - Travis Thaxton's father

Ray Sullivan - home hospice

Jerry Barefoot - fell off roof (Dennis/Doris Wheeler's brother-in-law)

Raymond Stilwell - UNC Wayne Health (heart related)

Kenneth Satterfield - health

David Berg - undergoing chemo (Roger Lee's son-in-law)

Lindsay Ervin & Family - mother, Rita Herrin, passed away Sunday morning

Jody Carter - recovering from eye surgery

Growth Groups for 1Night Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday Nights from 7 - 8 PM for a time of fellowship and growing in God's Word.

- [Godly Priorities – Study of Haggai](#) (Room 201) **ENDS TONIGHT**
- [Next Steps](#) (Room 201) **BEGINS OCT. 22**
- [Financial Peace University](#) (Room 204)
- [Gospel of Mark](#) (Pointe Sanctuary)
- [Ladies Bible Study](#) (Room 206) **ENDS TONIGHT**



[Emerge Students](#) will meet in the hangout space with Pastor Anderson and [CreeKidz](#), ages 4-5th Grade will be in the Stadium and ages Birth - 3 will be in Nursery, Room 101.

JOIN OUR NEXT STEPS CLASS

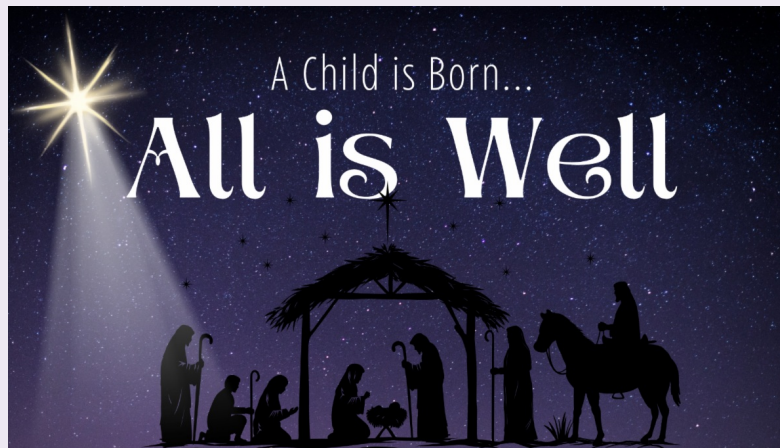
Wanting to get more involved in SCC?
Thinking of uniting in membership?

Whether you're new to SCC, or you've been coming for a while, our 3-week "Next Steps" track is designed for you. It



is your “next steps” for getting more connected and involved at Stoney Creek and learning more about your new home. Think of “Next Steps” as the official growth and membership track geared to help you know, grow, and belong. Highly recommended for anyone thinking about membership.

Register [HERE](#) or just show up. Contact [Pastor Barry \(919-920-4996\)](#) for more info.



Come join our Christmas Choir! We are just beginning practices for our Christmas Cantata that will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 14**. Anyone who loves the Lord and loves to sing is invited to join us for practices on **Sunday afternoons at 4PM** in the Sanctuary for practice. Let's fill our choir loft and make a joyful noise to honor our newborn King!



JOIN OUR TECH TEAM!

Looking for a place to serve behind the scenes? Currently needed:
9:45 AM Service Camera Operators for all Sundays and Camera Switcher on 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact [Kaylin Honeycutt](#) for more info.

11:00 AM Service Computer Operator and Sound Tech on 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact [Kenny Causey](#) for more info.



Security Team Meeting

This team plays a vital role in the safety and security of our church each week. If you are already a part of our Security Team, or you are **interested in serving on this team**, join us **THIS SUNDAY @ 11:00AM** in the Pointe for some important updates and information.

For questions or more info, contact [Jesse Massey \(919-583-1462\)](#).

[Trunk or Treat Candy Collection](#)

Help provide candy for our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival Outreach coming up on **Sunday, Oct. 26**. Drop-off candy in the donation bin located in the educational wing

hall by Mrs. Lynn's office. Individually wrapped, all kinds welcome!

See CreeKidz info below and check out other ways you can help, too!



THIS IS A BIG, HUGE OUTREACH EVENT AND WE NEED YOU!

We are so excited about NIB 2025! Last year went great and we expect this year to be even better!

If you call Stoney Creek Church home, partner with us and volunteer for this outreach event. This is a church-wide event and we can use ALL AGES! Many volunteers will be needed for each night of the event and we will need some to help with tasks ahead of time to prepare, too!

If you're new to Stoney Creek, you may be asking what IS Night in Bethlehem? Night in Bethlehem (NIB) is a live Nativity and more. It is an outdoor, walking journey that will take visitors back to the time when Jesus was born. They will experience the sights, sounds and smells as they interact with the merchants, carpenters, bakers, Roman soldiers and others. They will feed the animals, see the camel and get warm by the fire. They will enjoy some refreshments in the Inn (if there is any room) and finally, visit the manger and witness the new born child, Jesus! Kids get to participate in hands on activities and gather goodies along the way.

WE as a church, serve in the shops, as soldiers, in the census, as townspeople and more--- all dressed in provided costumes---to make the experience real. It's a great time. This will be our 15th year!

We hope YOU will be a part of NIB 2025!

[REGISTER HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

(There are a limited number of positions for each area so if there is a particular place you want to serve, please don't delay in signing up.)

- [Share this link](#) with friends so they can register to attend!
- Follow NIB on Facebook [HERE](#) to see updates! Like and share to help us get more publicity.

Volunteer Costume Fittings

Night in Bethlehem 2025 will be here before we know it! The dates for this huge, annual event this year are Dec. 4-6.

We are encouraging **all volunteers** who plan to participate, to go ahead and get costumes fitted. This will **help you** avoid long lines and **help us** make sure we have enough costumes before the last minute. If you have children and missed fittings last



week, **please** sign up ASAP for a fitting so we can make sure we have enough costumes too.

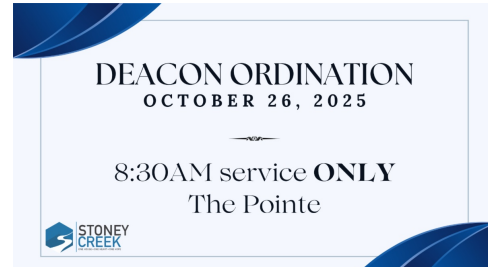
Sign Up Below: Sunday, Oct. 19 OR Sunday, Oct. 26

Choose a time slot that works for your family. If you are unavailable on both of these dates, please reach out to **Mrs. Gail** at **919-920-9864** to work out a better time.



Help us spread the word! Anyone interested can reach out to Pastor Josh at 252-286-3014 or email a resume to josh@stoneycreekchurch.net
[JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

OUTSIDE VENDORS NEEDED!
Help spread the word and mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 1st! Sponsored by our Emerge Student Ministry, last year over 1000 people attended! If you are a vendor or know someone, [register soon!](#)



It's time for our Annual Adopt-A-Child!

This is a great project for small groups, civic groups, families, Sunday School classes, etc.

Here is how it works!

- Contact **Phil James (919-273-2142)** or **Leah Grimmer (919-273-3792)** to adopt!
- Spend \$100 on gifts from their wish list and fill a tote with the gifts.
- Totes should be dropped off at the church on **Nov. 14th** from 6-8PM or **Nov. 15th** from 12-3PM for the party. Contact Leah if you need to set up another time for drop off!
- If you want to adopt a child, but are unable/don't want to shop, we have some elves willing to shop with your money so you can still participate!

[More details HERE!](#)

The Ordination of New Deacons

Sunday, October 26 is a special day as we will be ordaining our newest Deacons: Jennifer Gainous, Blake Sutton, and Thomas Pilkington. Ordination will take place during the **8:30AM** service.

This ordination recognizes their calling, dedication, and commitment to serving Christ and His church.

ALL current and previous Deacons, as well as family and friends, are invited to attend this special service to support and celebrate our new Deacons as they begin their journey!

Lives are being changed thanks to these Gospel Opportunities distributed around

the world by ministry partners. Turning hearts toward Jesus is the path to Changing the world.

If you picked up a shoebox on Sunday, please return filled shoeboxes by **Sunday, November 9**. Donations toward shipping can be made to the church (to forward) or directly to Samaritan's Purse.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All packing parties will happen in the Fellowship Hall this year!

- **Elevation Packing Party** / Tues. / Nov. 4 / 10 AM - 12PM
- **Emerge & CreeKidz Packing Party** / Wed. / Nov. 12 / 6 - 8 PM
- **Final Push Church Wide Packing Party** / Sun. / Nov. 16 / 5:30 - 8 PM



Stoney Creek Church's ONLINE Build-a-Shoebox is now available for members and friends! Our goal is **100 shoeboxes**. You pick the gender and age of the child, school supplies, WOW present, and other toys. \$30 donation includes shipping.

Get started on your shoe box [HERE](#).

Friendship Fridays

November is quickly approaching and there is **SO MUCH** to get done for the OCC Packing Parties. Join us on **Oct. 17 and Oct. 24** for Friendship Fridays from 9AM-12PM and 1-5PM. Meet us in the basement under the main sanctuary. Park by the fountain for the easiest entrance.



We get so much done and enjoy time together. If you can sort or count and have a love for children, you are qualified! We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



As the Holiday Season gets closer, the anticipation and joy of the Christmas Season grows. Unfortunately, for DSS Foster Children and Disabled Adults, there are no public funds available to purchase gifts. In order to make this Holiday Season as memorable as possible, Wayne County DSS needs our help!

By donating to the Wayne County DSS Christmas Fund, you will be an instrumental part in making a difference this holiday! If you are able to assist, please send a check or money order payable to Wayne County DSS Christmas fund to:

Wayne County DSS

ELEVATION ADULT MINISTRY

Helping adults 40 and over reach

- UP in worship to God
- OUT in service to others
- IN to develop spiritually



**elevation
adult**
MINISTRIES

Fall 2025 Coming Events Overview

October 23 (Thurs) – Dinner Feast at Mike's Farm Dinner (Beulaville)

November 4 (Tues) – Elevation OCC Shoebox Packing Party & Lunch

November 7 (Fri) – Elevation Movie Night (& Hotdog Dinner)

December 12 (Fri) – Elevation Catered Christmas Banquet & Christmas Program by "Waterbound Dulcimers"



We are beginning a very practical **NEW** mini-series on Faith Under Fire! As we look at the life of Daniel, we will talk about how to stand strong in our faith in a nation that is increasingly hostile to Christians and our belief in God and the authority of the Holy Bible.

Come join us expecting to receive a blessing! Donuts, coffee and water will be available for your enjoyment. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Dinner Feast at Mike's Farm
Beulaville, NC / Thursday, Oct 23
Depart SCC at 3:15 PM.
Dinner at 4:30 PM

Come get to know your SCC Family by spending some time with us on the farm!

[Sign up HERE](#) or at the Elevation Table so we can make reservations.



The all-you-can-eat, family-style, country dinner includes fried chicken, pork loin and gravy, country ham biscuits, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, beverages, and a sweet dessert! Adults 18.99 Seniors 17.99 Ages 7-11 10.99

After dinner, take a little while to relax on the front porch rocking chairs—or enjoy the huge Country Store and Gift Shop, Bakery & Fudge Shop, NC Products Store, or feed the chickens, ducks and goldfish at the pond, see the turkeys, sheep, goats, cows and donkeys.

OCC Shoebox Processing Center Volunteer Opportunity

Join us on **Monday-Tuesday, December 8-9**, as we travel to Charlotte to volunteer Monday afternoon at the Samaritan's Purse OCC Shoebox Processing Center. If you have never



Monday: Volunteer at an OCC Processing Center to inspect and ship OCC boxes

Tuesday: Visit The Billy Graham Library/Museum before returning home



been, this is an incredible volunteer opportunity! You will see how OCC processes the hundreds of thousands of shoeboxes that are donated by churches like us. We will receive them, inspect them, add to them, scan them, and prepare them for shipment all over the world.

We will also visit the Billy Graham Library/Museum on **Tuesday morning** before returning to Goldsboro on Tuesday afternoon. The only cost is your meals and hotel room for 1-night. Great Fellowship & Serving for a Great Ministry!

Contact Pastor Barry for more info (919-920-4996)

GOT IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

The Elevation Adults Ministry Team will be meeting soon to work on the 2026 Calendar of Events. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share with **Pastor Barry!**

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY



THIS SUNDAY!!

Join us Sunday night at 6:00PM for an **Emerge Baptism and Testimony Service!** You won't want to miss it! If you would like to be baptized or share your testimony, **TODAY** is the last day to sign up. [Email](#) or [text](#) Pastor Anderson to join the list!

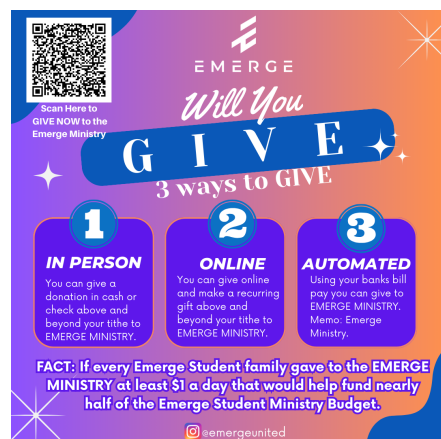
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Christmas at the Creek is a big fundraiser for Emerge, but we can't pull it off without help. Pastor Anderson needs student volunteers from 7:00AM - 2:30PM. By signing up to help, you will automatically be placed in a drawing to have your Emerge Mike's Farm night **FULLY PAID FOR!** **3 winners** will be selected!



Consider giving today! Three ways you can support our Emerge Student Ministry Financially!

1. **IN PERSON** - You can give a donation in cash or check above and beyond our tithe to Emerge Ministry.
2. **ONLINE** - You can give online and make a recurring gift above and beyond your tithes to Emerge Ministry.
3. **AUTOMATED** - Using your banking bill pay, you can give to Emerge Ministry. (Payable to SCC and put Emerge Ministry on Memo Line.)



Fact - If every Emerge Student family gave to the Emerge Ministry at least \$1 a day. That would help fund nearly half of the Emerge Student Ministry budget!

CREEKIDZ MINISTRY



Preschool Focus for October

Theme: Super Kids

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid ... for the Lord your God goes with you" (Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV).

Bottom Line: God can help me be brave.



Elementary Focus for October

Theme: Wisdomland

Memory Verse: It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. Proverbs 16:16 (NIV)

Bottom Line: God can help you make the wise choice.



FALL FESTIVAL

Sun. / Oct. 26 / 5:30 - 7:30 PM

This is an all-hands-on deck kind of night! The more trunks and games we have, the better it will be, and we want to shine a light to our community kids and CreekKidz, too! This is an OUTREACH event. Like MISSIONS, but local! Come serve while having fun!

[Sign up Here](#) (Bonus! Everyone serving gets to eat **first** at 5 PM before we open!)

We are collecting CANDY starting NOW! Drop off in the bin by Mrs. Lynn's office.

We are getting excited! Our **FIRST** official practice is **TONIGHT**, Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 7 – 8 PM in the Stadium. If you are interested in a speaking part, plan to read for us on Sunday, Oct. 19 starting at 9:30 AM. We will pull you from the Stadium for just a few minutes. Check out the resources below:

- [Info Packet](#)
- [Music Link](#)
- [Script Link](#)



K-5th graders, [please sign-up](#) to let us know you want to be a part of the program so we can prepare for roles, spacing, and costuming. This year, our program will be held on Sunday morning, Dec. 21. We can't wait to see your name on the list!

For any questions, please email [Lauren Massey](#) or reach out by text or phone at 919-915-4417. Let's make it a great year!

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

How can we pray for you? [Submit a PRAYER REQUEST](#)
Want to receive occasional texts? [Sign up for SCC TEXT MESSAGES](#)

Change of email, address, phone? [Submit a CHANGE OF INFORMATION](#)
Are you interested in serving at SCC? [Start HERE](#)
Building need? Contact Facilities Manager, [Steve Pate](#) (919-502-9588)
Need something added to the Creek Connection? Contact [Kaylin Honeycutt](#)
Need to contact a pastor? **Email by clicking below or text/call them!**
[Josh Whitfield, Senior Pastor](#) 252-286-3014
[Barry Williamson, Associate Pastor](#) 919-920-4996
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