



October 22, 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

More Than a Feeling?— Psalm 22:1-11

Whether God the Father completely turned his presence away from Jesus or not, as he hung from the cross, Jesus felt forsaken by God. In his own moment of suffering and desolation he shouted this psalm.

Jesus' quotation from this psalm shows us the importance of knowing God's word and using it in our moments of greatest need.



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)



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!

From **5:30-7:30**, come join us for our Fall Festival! This is an all-hands-on deck kind of night! Help us shine a light to our community kids and CreeKidz through games, food, and fun! 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!)

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

Wednesday, Oct. 22 / **1Night Wednesday TONIGHT** / 7:00PM / All Buildings

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

Saturday, Oct. 25 / **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** / 8:00AM / The Pointe

Sunday, Oct. 26 / **Trunk or Treat** / 5:30PM / FH Parking Lot & Grass Area

Monday, Oct. 27 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 28 / **Elevation Adult Bible Study** / 10:00AM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 28 / **Lamplighters Circle** / 6:30PM / Fellowship Hall

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)

Kenneth Satterfield - health

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

Jody Carter - recovering from eye surgery



WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations to Garrett and Taylor Tyndall, and sister Sophia on welcoming the newest addition to their family! **Sheppard Matthew Tyndall** was born on September 22, weighing 8lbs and 15oz. The grandparents in our church are Jerry and Tammy Forbis. Let's keep this growing family in our prayers!

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.

- [Next Steps](#) (Room 201) **BEGINS TONIGHT**
- [Financial Peace University](#) (Room 204)
- [Gospel of Mark](#) (Pointe Sanctuary)

Emergent 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.



JOIN OUR TECH TEAM!

Looking for a place to serve behind the scenes? This is for you!

9:45 AM Service Camera Operators for all Sundays and Camera Switcher on 1st & 3rd Sundays. Contact [Kaylin Honeycutt](#) for more info.

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



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Come join us this Saturday, October 25th at 8:00AM for our Men's Fellowship Breakfast! This month, we are pleased to have **Robin Canady of Canady Missions** (Smithfield, NC) join us as our Guest Speaker. We hope to see you there!



Come join our Christmas Choir!

We are just beginning practices for our Christmas Cantata that will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 14**. Anyone



A Message from the DR

Sidney and Aline Dias are our missionary partners from the Dominican Republic. If you currently

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!

support their ministry or would like to support them, please click [HERE!](#)

They are such a huge blessing to Stoney Creek, and we would love nothing more than to bless them.

Trunk or Treat Candy Collection

Help provide candy for our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival Outreach coming up **THIS 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-
By Appointment This Year**

Night in Bethlehem is right around the corner! 2025 dates are Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6.

- Please make an appointment using the link below. This will help avoid long wait times.
- Call **Gail Prasad at 919-920-9864** for additional appointment times.
- **Parents, please have your children fitted as soon as possible.** Kids & teens grow a lot from year-to-year and may need a larger costume! Early fittings allow our costume team time to create new costumes.



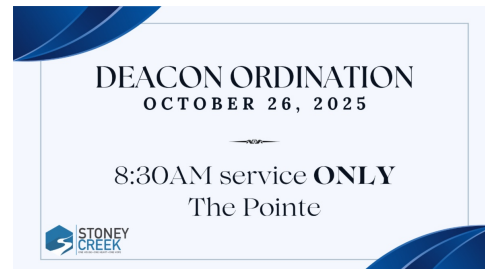
Sign Up Below:

[Sunday, Oct. 26](#) OR [Sunday, Nov. 2](#)



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](#)

COME SHOP WITH US!
Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Nov. 1st!** With **50 VENDORS** registered and Mrs. Julia's biscuits for breakfast, you **WON'T** want to miss it! Come help our Emerge Ministry by supporting this event.



[It's time for our Annual Adopt-A-Child!](#)

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!

Deacon Emeritus and Memorial Service

As you all know, with the cancellation of Homecoming, we missed out on a very special service for Stoney Creek Church. While Homecoming as we know it will not be rescheduled for this year, we still want to recognize the families of those who have passed away as well as our Deacons who will be retiring.



This special service will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd during the 11:00 service**. We ask that all family members of those who have passed away and the deacons who will be honored attend this service in order to honor these individuals, their life, and service at Stoney Creek Church to the fullest.



Quarterly Business Meeting

On **Sunday, November 2nd**, we will have our Quarterly Business Meeting. The meeting will start at **5:00PM** and be held in the Main Sanctuary. We hope to see you all there!

If you picked up a shoebox, 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.



Here are some ways to get ready for packing parties ahead **THIS WEEK!**

- Pick up an "OCC Missions-To-Go" bag for your family to complete a project that will benefit so many shoeboxes.
- Contribute an item from our Amazon Wish List that will benefit many shoeboxes packed at SCC!
- Talk to your children about this verse: *"He counts the stars and calls them by name."* (*Psalm 147:4*). He knows our names, and the number of hairs on our heads. Same with each child in every country, including those who receive a shoebox with the good news about Jesus. He knows us by name!
- Come find fellowship at any of these work days in the OCC Workshop (basement!)

Thursday, Oct 23: 1-5PM // Friday, Oct 24: 9AM-noon

Wednesday, Oct 29, 9AM-noon, 1-5PM // Friday, Oct 31, 9AM-noon

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 have several additional volunteer opportunities (for classes, groups, or families) at the Charlotte and Boone processing centers. Contact Pastor Barry if you are interested in any of these dates.

- 12/8 (2-6 PM) in Charlotte – Pastor Barry leading this group
- 12/12 (2-6 PM) in Charlotte – (Overlaps the Elevation Christmas Banquet)
- 12/18 (2-6 PM) in Charlotte
- 12/18 (2-6 PM) in Boone

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!

If you are able to donate, please send a check or money order payable to Wayne County DSS Christmas fund to:

Wayne County DSS
Attn: Kerri Bollin
1560 Clingman St. Box HH
Goldsboro, NC 27534

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 have recently begun a very



practical **NEW** mini-series on Faith Under Fire! But we will take a short break from this series for the next 2 weeks.

- October 28 – Special guest speaker.
- November 4 – OCC Shoebox Packing Party and delicious, hot lunch.

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 Packing Party Sponsored by Elevation Ministries

- Tuesday, November 4th at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall
- FREE, Hot Lunch Provided
- All are welcome to join us. Invite a friend or neighbor!
- All shoebox items will be laid out in order so

we can easily walk down the line and pack each box

- We need men and women! The more volunteers, the better.
- Several "sit-down" positions are available.

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 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.



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

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

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



NO EMERGE THIS WEEK!

We will not be having a Worship Night this week. Instead, Emerge will be serving with their small groups at the Fall Festival on Sunday night, **Oct. 26 from 5:30-7:30**. If you have questions about your group's theme or what time to be there, contact your small group leader! See you there!

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!



EMERGE BEYOND STONEY CREEK

As many of you know, The Johnson family moved to Asheville back in . Hunter has joined the marines and is currently in basic training. Let's show him some love and let him know his Emerge Family is praying for him! If you would like to send Hunter a letter of encouragement or prayer, here is his address:

Hunter Johnson
1ST RTBN DELTA CO PLT 1088
Box 16150
Parris Island, SC 29905-6150

PASSION CONFERENCE 2026

We are going to Passion!

- Arlington, TX
- January 1-3
- Ages 18 and up
- **\$685 per person** (includes room, flight, Passion ticket, rental van)
- **\$350 deposit** due **November 16th**



Text or call **Pastor Anderson (919-223-8980)** to sign up BEFORE paying your deposit!

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.



Come join the fun THIS Sunday, Oct. 26, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM for our Fall Festival! There will be games, trunk or treat, food and fun a plenty!

It's not too late to drop off candy this Sunday! Invite some friends and we'll see you there!

Our Christmas play practice is underway, but it's not too late to join us! 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

[Anderson Barnes, Associate Pastor of Students](#) 919-223-8980

[MaryBeth Williams, Interim Director of Children](#) 919-394-6932

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