



October 29, 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. 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

Grief can Change Your Mind **Psalm 77:1-14**

In seasons of despair and silence, grief can change how we view our circumstances and how God might be working in them. Psalm 77 is written to remind the believer to not let grief be the informing factor of your faith. Truth has to inform your faith and the truth can be found in God's word and in remembering his past acts of mercy.



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. 29 / **1Night Wednesday TONIGHT** / 7:00PM / All Buildings
 Saturday, Nov. 1 / **Christmas at the Creek** / 9:00AM / Front Parking Lot & FH
 Sunday, Nov. 2 / **Business Meeting** / 5:00PM Sanctuary
 Sunday, Nov. 2 / **Emerge Worship Night** / 6:00PM / The Pointe
 Monday, Nov. 3 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Sanctuary
 Tuesday, Nov. 4 / **Elevation OCC Shoebox Packing Party** / 10:00AM / FH
 Friday, Nov. 7 / **Elevation Dinner & Movie Night** / 6:00PM / The Pointe

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

Rose Lancaster - recovering from surgery (Hugh Lancaster's mother)

Travis Uzzell - health

Roger Lee - health

Teresa Bradford Crumpler - recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer



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 **THIS 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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

What a great night! Thanks to everyone who donated candy, decorated trunks, dressed up in theme, supervised games, cooked and served food, cleaned up and more. At SCC, there is a place for everyone to be involved, and we are so thankful for 125+ volunteers who showed

up and served with a smile to make it happen. You are a blessing! A special thanks to our Fall Festival Team who planned and saw it through until clean up was completed!

Cards of Encouragement for our Dominican Republic Missionary Team

If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to support the team as they travel and minister in the DR, please drop them off at Pastor Josh's office by **November 12**.

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)
- [Financial Peace University](#) (Room 204)
- [Gospel of Mark](#) (Pointe Sanctuary)

[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.



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.



COME SHOP WITH US!

Mark your calendar **THIS SATURDAY, Nov. 1st!** With **50 VENDORS** registered and Mrs. Julia's biscuits for breakfast at 9:00, you **WON'T** want to miss it! Come get some of your Christmas shopping done early and help our Emerge Ministry by supporting this event. We want to see you there!!



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](#)

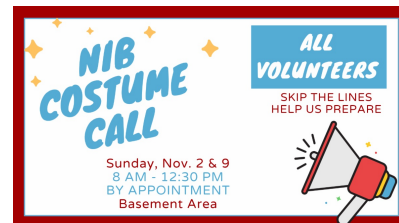
(There are a limited number of positions for each area so if there is a particular place you want to serve, please don't delay in signing up.)

- **[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

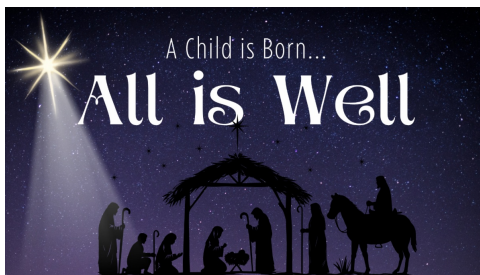
FINAL Sunday for NIB "Costume" Registration & Fittings is **NOVEMBER 16!**

- 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, Nov. 2](#) OR [Sunday, Nov. 9](#)



[Come join our Christmas Choir!](#)

We are just beginning practices for our Christmas Cantata that will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 14**. If you love the Lord and love to sing, come join us on **Sundays at 4PM** in the



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

Sanctuary for practice. Let's fill our choir loft and make a joyful noise to honor our newborn King!

[JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

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! There are only **A FEW children** available to adopt for the Christmas Party!
- 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!](#)

If you are interested in helping another way with the Christmas Party, we are in need of kitchen helpers. Contact **Kim Trent (919-223-3111)** if you'd like to help!



Quarterly Business Meeting

THIS 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.**

AND THE PACKING BEGINS! Thank you for all the great work to get us to this point!

PACKING PARTIES: Goal is 2,000 "GO" shoeboxes - each one a "Gospel Opportunity", packed with loving hands and hearts. All packing will be in the Fellowship Hall this year. If you have never been, please COME!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

- **Elevation** - for Adults and Friends: Tuesday, Nov 4, 10AM - 12PM, with lunch
- **Emerge & CreeKidz** - Students and children - Wednesday, Nov 12, 6 - 8PM
- **Final Push** - Churchwide Packing Party - Sunday, Nov 16, 5:30 - 8PM



There's Still time to Build A Shoebox Online [HERE](#). Our goal is **100**. All shoeboxes built in Wayne County should be brought to the church before **Monday, Nov 17**, when all boxes will be delivered to Freedom Baptist, our collection center.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We are still accepting AMAZON gifts - here's the [link](#). Each one makes our boxes more fun. And the more boxes, The more opportunities to reach children, families and communities for Christ!

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

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”



Elevation Bible Study UPDATE

We are taking a short break from our NEW Faith Under Fire series in order to **pack OCC shoeboxes** next week. Please join us in the FH and invite a friend! This is an AWESOME outreach project! The shoeboxes you help pack may very well change a child's life - for all eternity!

- November 4 - OCC Shoebox Packing Party

and delicious, hot lunch.

Come join us expecting to receive a blessing!

A free lunch will be provided for all volunteers!

Feel free to bring some friends to join us!

This event is open to EVERYONE - not just Tuesday Bible Study attendees!

Elevation Movie Night & Hotdog Dinner

On the “Big Screen” in the Pointe Worship Center

Friday, November 7 at 6 PM

Prepare your heart and mind for Christmas as we watch the “Just Released” movie “**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**”—the 2024 Best Family Movie award winner!



6:00 PM — Hotdogs (and the fixins), baked beans, chips, drinks (in hangout area)

6:15 PM — Popcorn and candy available

6:30 PM — Movie begins on big screen (in the Worship Center)

No charge for the meal or movie. Sign-up [HERE](#) to give us an idea for food (but come even if you did not sign-up!)

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



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

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



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.

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!

Click [**HERE**](#) to sign up
Contact Pastor Barry for more info (919-920-4996)

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! **THIS SATURDAY**

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. If you plan to volunteer, be there **NO LATER than 7:00AM!**

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 WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us **THIS** Sunday night for dinner, worship, and small groups! **Bring a friend with you!** We want to pack out the Pointe!

Dinner at **6:00** in the hangout space.
Worship at **6:30** followed by small groups



EMERGE MIKE'S FARM TAKEOVER!!

Emerge is taking over Mike's Farm! Save the date for **November 30th**. Cost is \$40 per adult and \$20 for children 5 and under. The price include transportation to Mike's Farm, dinner in the banquet room, followed by the classic hay ride with festival of lights! There's only a limited number of spots, so be on the

lookout for the sign up link next week.



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!

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



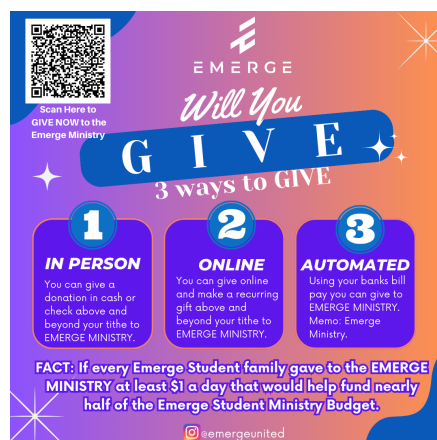
EMERGE & CREEKIDZ PACKING NIGHT

ALL parents, children and students...Come join us on **November 12th** for our Emerge/CreeKidz OCC Packing Night!

Dinner will be provided for **FREE** at **6:00PM** in the Pointe, followed by packing shoeboxes at **7:00PM** in the Fellowship Hall. It's going to be a great night...we hope you will be there!

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



Let's practice gratitude! Join our 30-Day Thankfulness Challenge by picking up a calendar at the CK Check-in table. Encourage your child to draw a picture or write down something they are thankful for each day and return it on Sunday, November 30, for a little, fun reward. It is our desire to help our children focus on the blessings in their lives so they will develop a greater sense of thankfulness. Join [CreeKidz Facebook](#) or on Instagram to get daily prompts for ideas!



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.

Sunday / Nov. 9 / 6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us for our next Power Planet Family Experience! Power Planet FX is a high energy time to sing, dance, worship and laugh while enjoying skits, games, a Bible lesson and more! Bring a friend and we'll see you there! Power Planet FX ...where kids take their parents to learn. And it's SO. MUCH.

FUN. We can't wait to see you!

- 5:45 PM Registration/Doors open
- 6:00 PM Light Supper
- 6:30 PM Power Planet FX
- Nursery Available for ages 3 and under following the meal!



CreeKidz & Emerge Packing Party

You don't want to miss our BIG packing party this year! CreeKidz and Emerge are partnering together on Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 6 – 8 PM to pack Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Everything will be provided, including a supper! Show up to be the hands of Jesus that lovingly pack these "GO" boxes.

(A Gospel Opportunity is given out with

every box!) We will start with supper at the Pointe at 6 PM and then to the Fellowship Hall to pack boxes. See you there!

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

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

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