

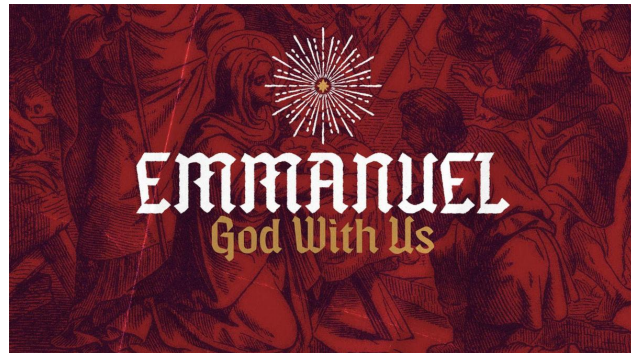


**November 26, 2025**

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

### **Emmanuel: God with Us— Matthew 1:23**

There was a period of time between testaments of 400 years when God was silent. God does not remain silent forever, however, and when he spoke he fulfilled his promises. The message of Christmas is the message of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of Christ's birth, God's incarnated presence with us. The birth of Jesus affirms God's faithfulness to his people and reassures us that God is with us always.



**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-Friday, Nov. 26-28 / **OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

Saturday, Nov. 29 / **Men's Prayer Breakfast** / 8:00AM / the Pointe

Sunday, Nov. 30 / **Adult Choir Christmas Cantata Practice** / 4:00PM / Sanctuary

Sunday, Nov. 30 / **CK Christmas Play Practice** / 6:30PM / the Stadium

Sunday, Nov. 30 / **Emerge Mike's Farm Takeover** / 4:15PM / the Pointe Parking Lot

Monday, Dec. 1 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 2 / **Bread Wrapping for NIB** / 9:00AM / the Pointe Hangout Space

## GENERAL INFO

### **Prayer Requests**

**Family of Ray Sullivan**

**Family of Andrew Kenley** (brother of Paula Harris)

**Roger Lee** - Hip surgery today

**Perry Teachey** - Wayne UNC (heart)

**Hunter Johnson** - going through The Crucible for Marines



**Chris Mozingo** - recovering from recent hospitalization at ECU Health  
**Raymond Stilwell** - Willow Creek Rehab  
**Kenneth Satterfield** (Kay's husband) – recovering from cancer surgery  
**Sharon Price** - recovering from surgery  
**Steve James** - recovering from laser stone procedure  
**Ray Brosseau** – in-patient cancer treatments at UNC Chapel Hill (Jody Carter's family)  
**Pate Sasser** - health issues  
**Timmy Sasser** - recovering from open heart surgery



### **Journey of Baby Jesus begins THIS Sunday!**

During the most wonderful time of the year, we too often forget the most wonderful reason we celebrate, which is the gift of Christ. Several years ago, we started a church-wide tradition called the Journey of Baby Jesus. Our "Baby Jesus" will travel in a basket to as many homes of our church family as possible: young, old, men, women, single, family...anyone can receive Jesus! Baby Jesus will

spend one day (no longer than 24 hours) at the home of each family who receives him, and then will be passed on to another home, (within our church family.)

During your time with the baby, welcome him into your life. Take him to work, school, to visit a shut in, even the grocery store! This is a great way to spread the story of the birth of Christ to our community! **Don't forget to fill in the journal about your time spent with the child, and most importantly, to pass him along to a new home of your choosing within our Stoney Creek Church family within 24 hours.**

**His journey must continue so that he can be brought to the manger at our Candlelight Christmas Service on Sunday, December 21st.** We pray that this experience will help us all remember to invite Christ into our home, and our hearts, this Christmas season.

### **Eeeeeek...NIB is NEXT WEEK!**

Are you as excited as we are about the impact NIB will have on our community? Every year we hear just how meaningful it is to families. It's amazing to hear the comments from visitors near and far as they experience Bethlehem! **Would you like to help**

**with this ministry financially? Make your donations payable to the church and put NIB on the memo line or envelope so we get it to the right place!** Thanks in advance for giving and helping this ministry to continue. It's almost go time and we are so very thankful for our **300+** volunteers who are making this happen! God is so good!



### **Tuesday, December 2 @ 9 AM in the Pointe**

Volunteers needed to help wrap bread for the NIB Bakery Shop.

- **THIS Tuesday, December 2, at 9 AM at the Pointe.**



- If you cannot arrive at 9 AM, drop in when you can. Many hands make light work.
- Enjoy great fellowship while serving together.
- Lunch provided for all volunteers.
- You can sit while doing this job. It involves putting a small loaf of bread in a plastic bag, then in a brown paper bag, then wrapping it with twine and adding a label.



### Propane Tanks Needed

Do you have a propane tank and/or a heater that sits on top we can borrow for Night in Bethlehem? We try to help our shop keepers and guests to stay warm!

If yes, please label with your name and drop off under the portico shelter between Dec. 1-3. Thanks!

### Desserts Needed

**BE A SWEETIE!** Desserts are needed to serve at supper on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for our volunteers. Individually wrapped is great, but if not, that's ok, too!

If you can provide a dessert or two, that would be amazing! **Please text or call Crystal Casey at 919-222-9814** and let her know she can count on you. Drop off desserts in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Thanks in advance!



### Bible Recap Update

Anyone interested in joining The Bible in a Year Small Group (The Bible Recap by Tara Leigh Cobble), join us in the Fellowship Hall for a brief info session on **Sunday, December 7** at the beginning of one of the three services (*pick which time is best for you*). We will show you how to get started

and give you all the info you need!

Bible Recap 2025 participants will be meeting on **Sunday, January 4** for lunch. We invite all 2026 participants to join us for a kick off/celebration lunch! Bring a dish to share and come hungry for lunch and God's Word!





We are wrapping up a season of joyful packing of shoeboxes at Stoney Creek Church. Thanks to your generosity, **3,180** "Gospel Opportunities" are headed to destinations around the world, serving as an introduction to the Greatest Gift, **JESUS**.

God is using these boxes, with literature in each language, as tools to grow communities of faith in more than 100 nations. *"Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:40

We are blessed beyond measure to live in the USA. We are **SO THANKFUL** for each group and each one of you! All of these groups gave to bring joy and knowledge to children:

- Individuals & Families
- Sunday School Classes
  - CreeKidz & Emerge
  - Elevation (adults 40+)
- Wayne Christian School Beta Club
- Stoney Creek Childcare Center ("SC3" students & staff)
  - Classical Conversations (homeschoolers)
  - ECA Baseball Academy
  - UMO's Student Ministry
- Scout Troop 581 (that meet Monday & Tuesday evenings)

There are still spots to help at the Charlotte Processing Center on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 8-9. **Contact Pastor Barry** if you'd like to help. Hotel & meals are the only costs. Volunteers process 3 million boxes there in 30 days!



Sunday School Classes/Individuals



Emerge/CreeKidz Night





UMO Student Ministries



ECA Baseball Academy



SC3 Students



WCS Beta Club



Classical Conversations



Troop 581

## 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

**Thanksgiving Blessings to You & Your Family from Elevation Ministries!**

**Fall 2025 Coming Events Overview**

**December 12 (Fri) – Elevation Catered Christmas Banquet & Christmas Celebration by “Waterbound Dulcimers”**

**January 8 (Thursday) 4 PM – Big Birthday Bash at Western Sizzlin**

**February 13 (Friday) 6 PM – International Night - Catered Dinner and Special Guests Don & Sarah Reed – Career missionaries to Africa**



### **Elevation Bible Study**

- Next week (12/2), we will meet at the **Pointe** at **9 AM** to wrap bread for NIB.
- Back in the FH for Bible Study on 12/9 at 10 AM.
- Christmas Party, Lunch & Desserts in the FH on 12/16 at 11 AM. **NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 11 AM** for the Christmas Party!



## Elevation Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

A free event for adults 40 and over!

Hot, catered dinner and dessert by "Something Different" in Wilson  
Inspirational, Christmas Concert by "Waterbound Dulcimers" of Eastern NC

New to SCC, only been here a year or two—or a lifelong member—this is a great opportunity to get to know (and grow closer) to your SCC family. "Connections" and "Community" are two of our core values at SCC. This is a great way to connect with others and experience community. It's also a great way to continue to prepare your heart for Christmas!

Please sign up [HERE](#) or at the Elevation Info Center in "The Connector."



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

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



### OCC Shoebox Processing Center Volunteer Opportunity

**Itinerary info will be sent to participants on Monday, 12/1.**

**A few spaces still available:** Join us on **Monday-Tuesday, December 8-9**, as we travel to Charlotte to volunteer Monday afternoon (2-6) 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.

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



### HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM EMERGE!

Thank you to everyone who was able to celebrate with us for our Emerge Thanksgiving Feast! We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday weekend. Emerge is THANKFUL for YOU!



**EMERGE MIKE'S FARM TAKEOVER!!**  
**THIS SUNDAY, November 30th!**





If you have registered for Mikes Farm and said you are riding the van, please be at the Pointe by **4:15** to go to Mike's Farm! If you are riding in your personal vehicle please be at mikes farm by **6:00pm** for dinner! The staff can direct you to the correct room.

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

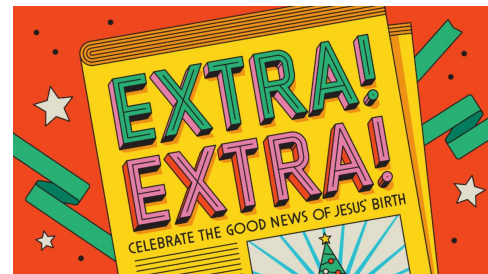


### Preschool Focus for December

**Theme:** Christmas Shapes

**Memory Verse:** *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. John 3:16*

**Bottom Line:** God gave us Jesus.



### Elementary Focus for December

**Theme:** Extra! Extra!

**Memory Verse:** *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11*

**Bottom Line:** Celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth!

### Thankfulness Challenge

The challenge is over, but don't stop giving thanks! If you've been working on your Thankfulness Challenge, be sure to return it **THIS Sunday** for a reward! (If you aren't here, return it the next time you come to church!) See Mrs. Mary Beth as you enter church for Family Worship! We hope you are now in the habit of giving thanks EVERY day! Not just on Thanksgiving!







### Family Worship

This Sunday, **Nov. 30**, is 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Worship Day! Come worship as a FAMILY together on this First Sunday in Advent. Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend BIG church with their parents. Clipboards and crayons will be available on the way in and parents, we recommend they don't start these until the message time! Have them stand and worship with you, pray when it's

time to pray and then when it's time to sit still and listen, they will have something to engage their hands while still hearing the Word. Please note, nursery will still be available!

### Jesus' Birthday Bash

Join CreeKidz as we kick off the Christmas season with **Jesus' Birthday**

**Bash on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM.** Kids will celebrate the true reason for the season with games, worship, and fun! Let's celebrate Jesus' birth with joy and faith this Christmas!



### Christmas Candlelight Service PreK Nativity

We are excited for our K3-K4 Preschool children to participate in the Nativity at our special Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 21 at 7PM in the Sanctuary. Your child will sit with you until it's their time to shine and then they will come to the stage! It's really very simple and a great

way for them to participate. Our whole church looks forward to this each year! If you would like your child to participate, [sign up HERE](#), no later than Wednesday, Dec. 10. We need Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wisemen, angels and of course lots of animals! They will be the cutest!

### Countdown to Christmas!

Advent is a season of expectation---we're eagerly waiting for Christmas day and Jesus' birth. In other words, Advent is a countdown to Christmas! This **Sunday, Nov. 30**, is the **FIRST** Sunday in Advent. Be sure to pick up The Advent Countdown at the CreeKidz Check-in Table. This paper chain activity will be fun to put together and will also help your family countdown to Christmas with simple, super-doable activities to help you unwrap meaningful moments together during this busy season. We hope it will be a blessing to your family!



## 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!**

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