



December 24, 2025



The Pastors and Staff wish you all a Merry Christmas full of happiness as you gather with family and friends! Many thanks for the acts of kindness shown to us during this special season. The cards, food and gifts added to our joy! May God bless you all!

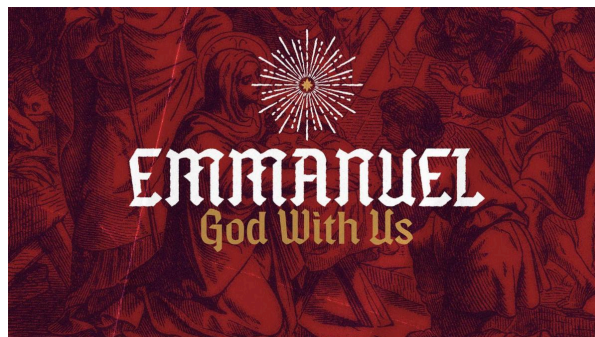
JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Emmanuel

How Soon is Too Soon?—

Luke 2:19

The big day is just hours away and when we meet for worship this Sunday, Christmas will be over. While this truth may make a few sad, most will be ready to move on. This Sunday, we'll look at the example of Mary, who offers an appropriate response in the aftermath of all the haste of the holiday season. Let's not be so hasty to pack up and move on from the things of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and step into the New Year!



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

Sunday, Dec. 28 / **Special Called Business Meeting** / 5:00PM / The Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 28 / **YAMs Christmas Party** / 6:00PM / Fellowship Hall

Monday, Dec. 29 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 30 / **NO Elevation Bible Study due to the Holidays**

GENERAL INFO

Prayer Requests

Howie Shaw - metastatic thyroid cancer

Martin Hooks - lung infection

Chip Craig - recovering from hospitalization

Brian Gilbert - health

Matt Whittle - recovering from surgery

Roger Lee - recovering from hip surgery

Ray Brosseau - fighting leukemia at UNC Chapel Hill

James Hayes - ECU Helath with complications of flu and pneumonia



Special Called Business Meeting

Please join us **THIS Sunday, December 28th** for Special Called Business Meeting. We will be voting on our next Children's Pastor candidate, Walker Honeycutt. The meeting will be held in the Main Sanctuary at **5:00PM**.

1NIGHT WEDNESDAY RETURNS

1Night Wednesdays start back on January 7 at 7pm.

More details to follow!

Belize 2026

Stoney Creek Church and Emerge are heading to Belize again!! On July 25th-31st, we will be going back to Belize for a missions trip. Anyone interested must pay a deposit of \$125.00 by January 11th. Total trip cost is \$1,700.00. All payments, cash or check, should be made out to Belize 2026. **ONLY 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR!!!**



Contact **Pastor Anderson @ (919) 223-8980** for more information!

NIB Thank You!

Last reminder! If you helped in any way with Night in Bethlehem, **please stop by the Fellowship Hall this Sunday** and pick up a special NIB 15th Year ornament as our small way of saying thanks! Ornaments are **one per family** and should be in alphabetical order by last name. If you helped and don't see an ornament with your name, please let **Mary Beth** or any of our staff know. It was certainly an oversight and we WANT you to have one. Just let us know!



Bible in a Year Small Group

2025: If you participated in our small group—and you plan to finish reading the whole Bible by December 31, please give us your name so we can publish a list in celebration of your accomplishment. Also—if you were not part of our small group—but you read through the

Bible on your own this year (2025), please give us your name also so we can celebrate. Follow **THIS LINK** to let us know you read through the whole Bible in 2025!

2025 Finishers: If you would like to order a Bible Recap “Finishers” tee-shirt, you can follow **this link** to order a shirt. They are \$14.91 plus tax.

2026: We invite you like to journey with us—and others in your SCC family—as we read through the Bible in 2026. We will explore the Scriptures together, committing about 20 minutes a day to reading the Bible. Insightful online reflections are available for each day through a Bible app you can download to your iPhone or Android. We will also be able to read or share thoughts and insights with others in our small group through our dedicated Facebook page.

This Bible reading small group will challenge and inspire you, provide you with new perspectives on the Bible, foster personal growth, and enable you to develop deeper relationships with your SCC family.

Our next Small Group Meeting:

Sunday, January 4, at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **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!

Small Group Leaders:

Barry & Lisa Williamson, Ryan & Betsy Roberson, and Curt & Trey Hinton.

How to Join:

Text Pastor Barry (919-920-4996) or Curt Hinton (919-344-2169) to express your interest and get connected. Or—just show up on January 4th. We can't wait to grow alongside you as we dive into God's Word together!

Ham Supper

It's almost time for our Annual Ham Supper and you don't want to miss it! Each plate includes Country Ham, Rice & Gravy, Field Peas, Baked Apples & Homemade Biscuits! Tickets (\$10) are available from members of the Koinonia Class, YAMs Class and the church office. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you on Jan. 24, 4:30 - 7 PM -- eat in or take out!



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

We will **NOT** meet this Saturday, December 27th due to the Holidays. We will meet again on Saturday, January 31st and resume with our regular schedule of meeting on the last Saturday of every month! Have a Merry Christmas!

ELEVATION ADULT MINISTRY

Helping adults 40 and over reach

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



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MINISTRIES

Winter 2026 Elevation Ministry Overview

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 (Tues, 12/30), we will not meet due to the holidays. The following week (1/6), we will continue our new series as we move into Daniel chapter 4.

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.

Big Birthday Bash!

We're celebrating everyone's 2026 birthday with a party at Western Sizzlin!

Thursday, January 8th...Be in line before 4 PM if you want to get the special pricing on the Special Lunch Menu items. Or show up after 4 PM if you want to take advantage of the Dinner Specials.

Go ahead through the line and order when you arrive and then join us at the tables reserved in the back. We will meet you there!

We will bring a **large birthday cake** so we can celebrate your birthday after we eat. Don't miss your chance to win a **door prize/birthday gift**, enjoy great food and get to know some **wonderful people**!



Sign-up is not necessary, but will help us better know how many tables to reserve. You can sign-up in the Connector or online by clicking [HERE](#). But please be sure to join us--even if you don't sign up.

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY



January 4: Worship Night & Small Groups 11: Worship Night & Small Groups 18: Worship Night & Small Groups 25: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Skate Night at Round About Skating	February 1: Worship Night & Small Groups 8: SUPER SUNDAY: Super Bowl Party 15: Worship Night & Small Groups 22: I LOVE YOU NIGHT with Elevation Adults
March 1: Worship Night & Small Groups 8: YTH REVIVAL @ PG 15: Worship Night & Small Groups 22: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: SMALL GROUP MEET UP 29: Worship Night & Small Groups	April 5: NO EMERGE FOR EASTER 12: Worship Night & Small Groups 19: Worship Night & Small Groups 26: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Bonfire and Cookout Night
May 3: Worship Night & Small Groups 10: NO EMERGE FOR MOTHER'S DAY 17: Worship Night & Small Groups 24: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Warbirds Game 31: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe	June 7: Grad Brunch & Grad Sunday 7: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe 15-20: C3 CAMP 21: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe 28: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe
July 4-10: BELIZE (tentatively) 19-23: VBS @ SCC 26: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe	



NO EMERGE UNTIL JANUARY

We have had a **FANTASTIC** year together, and we expect nothing less for **2026!!** Enjoy the break to spend time with your family for the holidays. Wishing you a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** from Emerge!! See you next year!!

CREEKIDZ MINISTRY



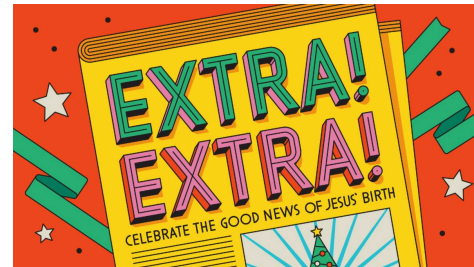


Preschool Focus for December

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!

CreeKidz Christmas Play

Wow! What a great job our CreeKidz did this past week with their play, "Christmas Eve." Everyone worked so hard and we want to say THANK YOU, CreeKidz, for blessing us all! Parents, thank you for helping them learn lines and getting them to practice and rehearsals. You made a commitment and saw it through! THANK YOU! You can check out some pictures [HERE!](#)



A HUGE thanks to our director and all those who helped for months to make this happen. YOU did it! It wasn't easy. It was hard work. But with God's help, you did it. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Those on the team include Lauren Massey (Director), Betsy Roberson, Courtney Newberry, Courtney Whichard, Pastor Josh Whitfield, Kenny Causey, Katie and Drake Wise, Maggey Wallace, Mary Shaffer and Tiffany Gibson. Also a big thanks to our sound, light and video techs – Forrest and Kaylin Honeycutt, Dale Miller, Emily Gurley, Sid Gray, Tucker Tedder, and Micah Lohse. To God be the glory, great things HE has done through YOU!

Hey CREEKIDZ PARENTS!

There are some printed pictures on the wall across from the elevator near the nurseries of our Happy Birthday Jesus Party!

If you see one of your child you'd like to have, please take it off the wall THIS Sunday! Thanks!



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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