

December 3, 2025

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Emmanuel: A Gift for Us— Isaiah 9:1-7

The work of Isaiah is filled with many wonderful prophesies of the Messiah, foretelling of the person and work of Jesus the Christ. Matthew connected the birth of Jesus with Isaiah's prophesies more than any other gospel writer, which was an amazing occurrence in Matthew's day. However, what



about our day? What hope and joy do we have today and for tomorrow?

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, Dec. 3 / **NIB DRESS REHEARSAL** / 6:15PM / Bethlehem

Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6 / NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM 2025 / 6:15PM / Bethlehem

Sunday, Dec. 7 / NIB Clean Up / 2:00PM / Bethlehem

Sunday, Dec. 7 / Adult Choir Christmas Cantata Practice / 4:00PM / Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 7 / Emerge BIG Christmas / 6:00PM / the Pointe

Sunday, Dec. 7 / CK Christmas Play Practice / 6:30PM / the Stadium

Monday, Dec. 8 / Prayer Team / 7:30PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 9 / Elevation Bible Study / 10:00AM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 9 / Alpha Circle / 11:30AM / Lane Tree

GENERAL INFO

Prayer Requests

Family of Andrew Kenley (brother of Paula Harris)

Roger Lee - recovering from hip surgery

Perry Teachey - Wayne UNC (heart)

Kenneth Satterfield (Kay's husband) - recovering from

cancer surgery Pat Matthews - health **NIB** - weather, volunteers' good health, hearts of guests





Journey of Baby Jesus

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.

NIB 2025 is HERE!

Because of many, many working behind the scenes and stepping up to volunteer, we are ready and praying for a great week in 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 330+ volunteers who are making this happen! God is so good!



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 **ASAP**. Thanks!



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, 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 by TOMORROW. 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!

Alpha Circle

Alpha Circle will meet on December the 9th at 11:30 AM at Lane Tree. Remember to bring a gift to exchange and snack for SMOC. Come enjoy a great time of fellowship!





Christmas Caroling

Adults, students, teens, and children are encouraged to join us on Sunday, Dec. 14th as we spread Christmas cheer by Christmas Caroling! Nothing lights up the eyes of our homebound members like seeing our children and teens Christmas caroling! We will split into several groups

at **4:00PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Then each group will car-pool to several locations using our SCC vans (or you can follow your group). Feel free to dress festive and bring bells as we spread Christmas joy!

Candlelight Service

Take a break from the busy, quiet your heart and take time to focus on the real

reason for the season! Our Candlelight Service is always very special with inspiring music and more, pointing our thoughts towards the Savior who was born in Bethlehem. Bring the family for this beautiful time of celebration! Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 21st at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary and come experience Christmas by candlelight.



ELEVATION ADULT MINISTRY

Helping adults 40 and over reach

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



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

- 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!

We invite everyone to join us for our annual Elevation Bible Study Christmas Party on 12/16 at 11

AM. If you have not attended Bible Study in a while, we'd love for you to join us. If you have never attended, this is a great time to come and make new friends. If you can bring a side dish or dessert, that will be great. But if not, please join us anyway. There is always plenty. Don't skip because you don't have a dish to bring. Just show up! Chicken, chopped BBQ, slaw, Brunswick stew, and tea will be provided. Our Stoney Creek Child Care Center children will also be sharing their Christmas program with us!

Elevation Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 12th 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



Waterbound Dulcimers!

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."



OCC Shoebox Processing Center Volunteer Opportunity

Trip info and a tentative itinerary was sent out Monday afternoon. If you did not receive it, please contact Pastor Barry. We have 2 additional spots available if you know someone interested.

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

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY









EMERGE BIG CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 7TH & 14TH!!!

Join us **THIS** Sunday, December 7th for our kickoff night of Emerge BIG Christmas! **SO** many awesome giveaways. All you have to do is bring the most friends to win!! Grilled cheese and chili, worship, **BIG** prizes...you **WON'T** want to miss this!!

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

- IN PERSON You can give a donation in cash or check above and beyond our tithe to Emerge Ministry.
- ONLINE You can give online and make a recurring gift above and beyond your tithes to Emerge Ministry.
- 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

Elementary 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.

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!

Jesus' Birthday Bash

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

Bash **THIS Sunday**, **December 7**th **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!

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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