



December 31, 2025

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

First Things First—

Matthew 6:33

This time of the year invites us to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and also the shortcomings. Before jumping headlong into a new year ripe with possibilities and self-pursuits, let's consider what it would look like for us to put God F.I.R.S.T!

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, Jan. 4 / **Bible Recap Small Group Lunch** / 12:15PM / Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan. 4 / **Emerge Worship Night** / 6:00PM / The Pointe

Monday, Jan. 5 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 6 / **Elevation Bible Study** / 10:00AM / Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Jan. 8 / **Elevation Big Birthday Bash** / 4PM / Western Sizzlin

GENERAL INFO

Prayer Requests

Howie Shaw - metastatic thyroid cancer

Martin Hooks - lung infection

Ray Brosseau - fighting leukemia at UNC Chapel Hill

Myrna Jones - recovering from recent hospitalization at ECU Health due to pneumonia and heart attack

James Hayes - recovering from recent hospitalization at ECU Health due to complications of flu and pneumonia

Becky Peed - recovering from shoulder surgery
Vickie Taylor - recovering from stroke (mother of Michael Taylor)
Jeff Sparks - recovering from Heart Attack (friend of Michael Taylor)
David Berg - cancer (Roger Lee's son-in-law)



1Night Wednesdays start January 7 at 7pm

1. Gospel of Mark study at the Pointe
2. DivorceCare in room 206 of CEC (here's the hyperlink registration for the in-person class)
<https://find.divorcecare.org/groups/285385>
3. Emerge students in the hangout space at the Pointe
4. Creekidz Ministry, 1st floor of CEC



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!

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!

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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adult
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 (no charge - all welcome)



Elevation Bible Study

Next week (Tues, 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, hear a short devotion, 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.



ELEVATION



ADULT MINISTRIES 2026 CALENDAR



January 2026

Sun., 4, 11, 18, 25 – Sunday School/Discipleship/Small Groups
Tues., 6, 13, 20, 27 – Prayer & Bible Study in FH (10 AM)
Thurs., 8 – Big Birthday Bash @ Western Sizzlin (4 PM)
Thurs., 15 – Widow/Widower Meal (CFC) (6 PM)

February 2026

Sun., 1, 8, 15, 22 – Sunday School/Discipleship/Small Groups
Tues., 3, 10, 17, 24 – Prayer & Bible Study in FH (10 AM)
Fri., 13 – International Night Dinner & Missions Stories in FH (6 PM)
Sun., 22 – I Love You Night w/Emerge Students in FH (6 PM)

March 2026

Sun., 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Sunday School/Discipleship/Small Groups
Tues., 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Prayer & Bible Study in FH (10 AM)
Thurs., 19 – Yoder's Dutch Pantry in Grifton (9:15 AM)
Fri., 27 – The Seder Experience: Messianic Passover Seder Meal & Explanation with Dr. Randy Outland in FH (6 PM)

April 2026

Sun., 5, 12, 19, 26 – Sunday School/Discipleship/Small Groups
Tues., 7, 14, 21, 28 – Prayer & Bible Study in FH (10 AM)
Thurs., 16 – Widow/Widower Meal (CFC) (6 PM)
Thurs., 23 – Wilmington Petals, Platters, & Pier Escape (8:30 AM)

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

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY



Emerge

SPRING 2026

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**

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

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

July

- 4-10: **BELIZE (tentatively)**
- 19-23: **VBS @ SCC**
- 26: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe

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**

April

- 5: **NO EMERGE FOR EASTER**
- 12: Worship Night & Small Groups
- 19: Worship Night & Small Groups
- 26: **EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Bonfire and Cookout Night**

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



EMERGE IS BACK!!

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas season with your family!! Join us **THIS SUNDAY NIGHT** for our first Emerge Worship Night back of 2026. It's going to be a great night...chicken pastry, worship, fellowship, and a great year to look forward to!! You don't want to miss it!!

Sunday, January 4th at 6:00 PM in the Pointe

CREEKIDZ MINISTRY



Preschool Focus for January

Theme/Focus: Book Fair – The Bible teaches me the best things!

Memory Verse: *"Your word is truth"*
John 17:17



Elementary Focus for January

Theme/Focus: Gameplan - Growing stronger in faith every day!

Memory Verse: *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8

POWER PLANET

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Jan. 11, for our next Power Planet FX!



Power Planet Family Experience (aka 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.

- 5:45 Registration/ door opens

- 6:00 PM Light supper
- 6:30 PM Power Planet FX

Nursery available for ages 3 and under following the meal.

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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