



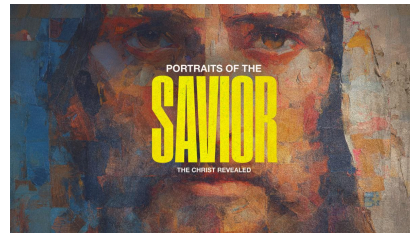
CREEK CONNECTION

April 22, 2026

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Jesus, Our Servant—Matthew 20:26-28

Jesus offered the only perfect example of what a life of service to God invites. As believers, we must choose to serve God everyday and then humbly live out that choice for God's glory.



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, April 22 / **1NIGHT WEDNESDAY** / 7PM

Thursday, April 23 / **Elevation Wilmington Trip** / 8:30 AM / Parking Lot

Friday - Sunday April 24-26 / **Emerge Worship Spring Retreat** / Atlanta, GA

Sunday, April 26 / **CreeKidz Power Planet FX** / 6 PM / The Pointe

Monday, April 27 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 28 / **Elevation Bible Study** / 10AM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 28 / **Lamplighters Circle** / 6:30PM / Fellowship Hall

Deacons of the Week

Matt Davis (919-222-2347), Blake Sutton (919-223-3961) and Ross Zacharzuk (919-921-0359). If they can be of help to you, please reach out.

GENERAL INFO

Prayer Requests

Marguerite Sullivan - recovering from gall bladder surgery

Betty Pate - heart issues

Faye Price - home from rehab

Parker Hardy - cataract surgery today
Carolyn Kirkland - home from rehab
Dawn Lanier - recent cancer diagnosis and treatment (Durwood & Diane Deaver's daughter)
Diane Deaver - awaiting test results
Brian Gilbert - health (Virginia Gilbert's son)
Sally Stevens - health
Sandy Tschumperlin - recovering from recent hospitalization
Kenneth Satterfield - UNC Chapel Hill (Kay Satterfield's husband)
Theresa Gates - vision issues (Bonnie Rollins' sister)
Family of Edward Johnson - Dean Williams' cousin
Jimmy Grantham - UNC Wayne
Our Troops & their Families, Israel & Operation Epic Fury



Join Our New Sunday Parking Team!

First impressions happen before anyone even walks through our doors. We're launching a dedicated Parking Team to help our growing church family feel welcome from the moment they pull onto the lot!

If you have a friendly smile and want to help make Sundays smoother for everyone, we need you.

Interested? Email [Pastor Josh](#) or [Mary Beth](#) this week to get involved.



Mark your calendars! Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held **Sunday, May 3, at 5 PM** in the Front Sanctuary. Come get the latest updates on church life—see you then!



It's that time again MEN! Join us for breakfast and fellowship this Saturday, April 25 at The Pointe at 8 AM. Pastor Barry will be sharing more about his trip to Israel. All ages are welcome!



Bible Recap Lunch
SUNDAY, April 26 @ 12:15 PM

Join us after church this Sunday for a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM. We will fellowship, eat lunch, and have our small group discussion. Bring a dish to share if you can. OR—if you attend an earlier service (and plan to go out for lunch), just stop back by the

church at 12:15'ish to join us for fellowship, some dessert, and our small group discussion.



MY LIFE, GOD'S STORY
Ladies Emmanuel Retreat
 July 31- August 2, 2026

Grab some friends and take a getaway to Cragmont in Black Mountain. This retreat will include powerful worship, story-centered teaching, guided reflection time and sisterhood encouragement along with lots of food and fun! Get more info and register [HERE](#) to save your spot!


Dollar General: Operation Christmas Child Simple Shopping Guide

Smart Shopping Tips:

- **The Saturday Strategy:** Always use the \$5 OFF \$25 digital coupon on the DG app. You don't need to visit the store during the week to "clip" it!
- **Clearance Events:** Watch for the 3 annual clearance weekends where already-marked-down items (including TOYS) are an extra 50% off.
- **Post-Holiday Hauls:** Shop seasonal aisles right after major holidays for stuffed animals and themed favors at 75-90% off.
- **Quality Check:** Keep items small enough for a shoebox, durable enough for travel, and fun for a child!

Top Value Items:

- **Toothbrushes:** \$1.00 for a 5-pack (Available all year).
- **Coloring Books:** \$1.00 flat (Available all year).
- **Stuffed Animals:** Often under \$2.00 during seasonal clearance.
- **Hot Wheels:** \$1.35 each (Best bought on Saturdays to lower the unit price with the \$5 coupon).



Dollar General
Operation Christmas Child
Simple Shopping Guide

Check out the picture above and snap a screen shot, or download a printable version [HERE](#) to get an easy to do, shopping guide for Dollar General. You can shop the deals all year round to help us get ready for packing season in November!

Come "brainstorm" with us!
Monday, May 4 | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

Calling all Night in Bethlehem volunteers and shop leaders! Join our Pastors and Deacons on **Monday, May 4 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We're 7 months out and ready to dream big for this year's outreach. We'll start inside for ideas, then head to the grounds to walk through logistics. Come help us plan our biggest outreach of the year!



Operation: Love in Action began as a simple way to show visible support to our troops and their families. By displaying yard signs, we hope it will be a meaningful reminder that this community stands united in gratitude, support, and care for those who serve and the families who serve alongside them. Check out more info and find out how to get a yard sign [HERE](#).



Help our 50 Stoney Creek campers get to C3 2026!

A gift of **\$440** fully sponsors one student for a week of worship and community, but any amount helps. Please make checks payable to **Christian Cadet Camp (or "C3")**. Thank you for investing in our youth!

ELEVATION ADULT MINISTRY

Helping adults 40 and over reach

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



Elevation Bible Study

This week, April 28, we will learn about the City of David, the Pilgrimage Road, Pool of Siloam, Jerusalem Tunnels, and David's battle with the Philistine giant. Can't wait to see each of you!

Come ready to receive the Word and joyful fellowship together! We can't wait to see

you!! Donuts, coffee and water will be available for your enjoyment. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Wilmington Petals, Platters, & Pier Escape Thursday, April 23 / \$10 per person*

Located along Bradley Creek and near the Intracoastal Waterway, Arlee Gardens is home to a stunning collection of natural gardens and eye-catching artworks. The gardens are dotted with thousands of camellias, magnolias, wisteria, azaleas, and other southern blooms. Explore the formal gardens, wildlife, ten acres of lakes, more than 75,000 azaleas, the tall Airlie Oak which dates back to 1545, and a seasonal butterfly house—just 2 miles from Wrightsville Beach. Walk the trails or ride a tram to discover landscapes where something is always in bloom.



- 8:30 AM – Depart for Wilmington
- 10:15 AM – Arrive at Airlee Gardens
- 12:30 PM – Lunch at Boathouse Restaurant
- 1:30 PM – Free time to walk on Johnny Mercer's Fishing Pier
- 2:30 PM – Depart for Goldsboro

*Admission includes access to the tram which makes multiple stops around the gardens. The tram is not a narrated tour.

Please sign up [HERE](#) if you hope to go. You can pay on the day of the trip.

Saturday Morning Triple Feature May 2 @ 9 AM

- 1) Free **Breakfast** at 9 AM in FH
THEN choose:
- 2) Private **Skeet Shooting Range** – Depart for range at 9:30 AM ...(OR)...
- 3) **Paper Quilling Workshop** at 9:30 AM in FH



You can choose two of the three:

Join us for breakfast and then follow us to the shooting range.
Or join us for breakfast and then stay in the FH for the Paper Quilling project with Miss Debra and Cindy Kimble.

[Register HERE](#) to join us for this event and to see more information.

Bring your shotgun and hone your skills hitting moving clay targets. Bring a pistol for target practice. Or, break out your craft skills by making a beautiful paper quill cross. Men or women can do either.

We can't wait to enjoy the morning with you!

Thank you Mr. Pat H. for use of your skeet shooting range!

For safety, please leave your shotgun/pistol locked in your vehicle during breakfast. We will have a safety talk before leaving the church for the shooting range.

**Wilson Warbirds
(Military Appreciation Night)
Parker's Barbecue
Thursday, May 14 @ 4:30 PM**



We will enjoy dinner & fellowship at **Parker's BBQ** and then head to the **BRAND NEW WARBIRDS STADIUM** for an exciting **Minor League Baseball Game** between the **Wilson Warbirds** and **Hill City Howlers** (from Lynchburg, VA). The **brand new stadium** is next door to the **Whirligig Park**. Feel free to check out the Whirligigs while at the ballpark.

Reserved Seating. Easy Access. Group Tickets — \$16 per person. [SIGN UP HERE](#) to reserve your ticket.

- 4:30 PM - Depart for Wilson
- 5:00 PM –Dinner at Parker's Barbecue (CASH ONLY)
- 6:00 PM – Leave for Wilson Warbirds NEW Stadium
- 6:20 PM – Unload & Enter the NEW Stadium Complex. Free time to explore the Stadium or Whirligig Park.
- 7:05 PM – Game Begins

2026 Elevation Adults - At a Glance

**Elevation Ministries targets adults in the 40 to 99 age range.*

- April 23 (Thursday) 8:30 AM – Wilmington Petals, Platters, & Pier Escape
- May 14 (Thursday) – Wilson Warbirds evening game in NEW stadium!
- June 18 (Thursday) – John H. Kerr Dam & Recreation Park Outing
- July 2 (Thursday) 6 PM – "We Still Love Our Flag" Cookout & Celebration
- August 21 (Friday) 6 PM – An "Evening of Appreciation for our Educators" (Everyone invited to celebrate our K-12/college teachers & administrators)
- September 24-27 – Washington DC by Amtrak (all ages welcome)
- October 11 – Raleigh after Church (Farmer's Market Restaurant, Dix Park, Howling Cow Creamery & Dairy)

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY



PLEASE NOTE!

NO EMERGE THIS SUNDAY night as many of the students and leaders are returning from the Spring Retreat.

UNITE '26 is coming!

Calling all 6th graders through college students—mark your calendars for **May 16th!** We're heading to the University of Mount Olive for an incredible day of worship, connection, and growth.



- **Where:** University of Mount Olive (634 Henderson St, Mt Olive)
- **When:** Check-in starts at 9:00 AM | Conference runs 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

- **Cost:** \$45 (Includes meal, snack, swag bag, T-shirt, and student book!)
- **IMPORTANT: Register by May 1st** to guarantee your T-shirt and swag bag!

CREEKIDZ MINISTRY



ATTENTION PARENTS: Help us keep our kids safe! Please check your child(ren) in at the CreeKidz Check In Center using the tablets provided every Sunday morning. It helps with our records and safety protocols. If you need a hand, our team is right there to help!

THIS SUNDAY | April 26 | 6 PM | The Pointe

Get ready for **Power Planet Family Experience (FX)**—the high-energy event where kids actually bring their parents to learn! It's a wild time full of singing, dancing, hilarious skits, and interactive games, all wrapped around an awesome Bible lesson.



Grab a friend and join the fun. We seriously can't wait to see you there!

- 5:45 Registration / Doors Open
- 6:00 PM Light supper (quesadillas)
- 6:30 PM Power Planet FX



Preschool Focus for April

Theme: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: "How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18



Elementary Focus for April

Theme: Celebrating Jesus and joy that never ends.

Memory Verse: "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! Philippians 4:4



For added safety, each child will receive an extra security sticker at check-in. Please keep this sticker and bring it with you when picking up your child. If you don't have your sticker, this will delay pick-up time while we verify your guardianship. At pick-up, please stay in line and allow staff to



Get ready for an unforgettable week this summer at VBS! From July 19–23, kids will dive into *Rainforest Falls*, an exciting adventure filled with engaging Bible stories, high-energy worship, fun games, and meaningful friendships—all centered on exploring the nature of God! Be sure to mark

bring your child out to you. Thank you
for helping us keep our kids safe!

your calendars—registration opens
May 17! You won't want to miss it!

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 [Mary Beth Williams](#)

Need to contact a pastor? **Email by clicking below or text/call them!**

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[Anderson Barnes, Student Pastor](#) 919-223-8980

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