



September 3, 2025



This week, Pastor Josh celebrates seven years of faithful service as our Senior Pastor! What a blessing he has been to each of us! Gathering photos for the collage above was difficult, because there are so many of him "doing life" within our church (which made it hard to narrow it down to just seven).

From preparing a message from God's Word and preaching every Sunday to serving alongside us at Night in Bethlehem, packing shoeboxes, on Missions Trips and Hearts Apart Meals until every dirty dish was washed, dried and put away. From being with us in happy times celebrating births, baptisms and weddings to holding our hands and hearts in prayer during the difficult times of sickness, funerals, broken relationships and more. Whether meeting a member for lunch, sitting at the coffee shop or simply leaving his office door open he purposefully makes himself available to encourage, discuss concerns or help carry burdens. Pastor Josh sacrificially does so much for church and our people throughout each week that many do not realize.

How can we truly say thank you? **PRAY** for him, **ENCOURAGE** him, **SERVE** alongside him, **INVITE** others, **FAITHFULLY** attend, **GIVE** generously, Be **INVOLVED. THIS! THIS** is how we thank a Pastor who gives so much.

Congratulations, Pastor Josh! We love you and appreciate you and your family. We pray God continues to bless your ministry here at Stoney Creek Church and we are thankful to be a part of all God will do through you. To God be the glory!

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Becoming: Conformed to the Image of Christ - Hebrews 6:11

"And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end."



Without any effort at all, while you are reading this, you are growing older! Growing up, or maturing is not quite as easy. Spiritual maturity, just like learning in education, becoming a better athlete, or building a strong relationship, it takes intentional effort over a period of time. Over the next four Sundays this series will help us understand that spiritual maturity is the process of becoming more like Christ every day.

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

Wed. / Sept. 3 / **1Night Wednesday Fall Session Begins TONIGHT** / 7 PM

Sun. / Sept. 7 / **Emerge Worship Night** / 6-8 PM / the Pointe

Mon. / Sept. 8 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Tues. / Sept. 9 / **Elevation Adult Bible Study** / 10 AM / FH

GENERAL INFO

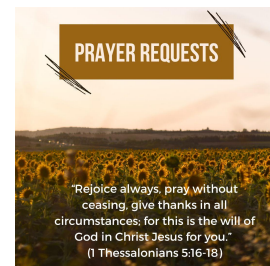
Prayer Requests

Debbie Evans - upcoming surgery on Friday

Julie Matthews - Rex Hospital (Hunter Matthews mom)

Ray Sullivan - home hospice

John Pate - Wayne UNC



Could you serve for just 1 hour per month? Join our volunteer team today and make a difference!

We have some openings in **CreeKidz** (Nursery & Elementary) and **Connect Team** (greeting on Sunday Mornings).

Please see the specific needs by clicking the links above or stop by the Fellowship Hall this Sunday and choose a hand to let us know you can help!

You can also reach out to **Mary Beth** to volunteer or ask question. Thanks for saying YES to serving the Lord at Stoney Creek!



Love Never Ends. Neither Does Laundry.

YOU can serve in an outreach ministry right here in Wayne County! Laundry Love has a place for you to help during the month of August. Come with willing hands and heart and they will teach you how to help! [Sign up HERE](#) to help in September!

OLD SHEETS & CLOTH MATERIALS NEEDED FOR NIB COSTUMES

- Any color, any size, any shape
- Drop off in costume room



It's time to clean out your linen closets and craft stash! Our costumers can use most anything when creating costumes for our yearly Night in Bethlehem. If you have any old sheets (any size, any color, any shape) or extra material lying around, drop it off in the costume room in the basement in the clear tub just inside the door. Thanks!

Growth Groups for 1Night Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday Nights from 7 - 8 PM for a time of fellowship and growing in God's Word. **Find a place. Commit to be here. Be blessed with a mid-week charge to your spirit!**



DivorceCare Led by Casey Owens & Kevin Speight (Room 207)

- "DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making. [Sign up HERE](#)

Financial Peace University (Room 204)

- Class size limited to 10 individuals or couples
- Through this **FREE 9 week class** you'll learn how to: pay off debt once and for all, invest wisely for your future, give with outrageous generosity, and live out what the Bible says about money. Weekly attendance is strongly encouraged as all course materials for participants will be provided for free! [Sign up HERE](#)

Gospel of Mark (Pointe Sanctuary) Led by Pastor Josh

- The Gospel of Mark is the briefest of the four Gospels, and much of the best-known and most-beloved material about Jesus is missing. What does this gospel have to offer believers today? What does this gospel say about Jesus?

Ladies Bible Study *When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible* (Room 206)

- [Sign up HERE](#) to help us know how many books to order, or just show up even if's last minute.
- **Facilitators:** Melanie Watson, Brittany Laughrun, & Lisa Williamson
- **Structure:** Each session includes a 25-40 minute video, and group discussion. Also included is 6 weeks of personal study (between each session).
- **Focus:** The study delves into six specific prayers found in the Bible, providing examples of how to pray and offering guidance on various prayer styles like praise, lament, and intercession.
- **Goals:** The study aims to help participants understand the purpose of prayer, learn how to pray effectively, and overcome challenges in their prayer life.
- **Key themes:** The study explores themes like the importance of prayer in uniting believers, the different ways to approach God in prayer (praise, lament, etc.), and the power of prayer to strengthen faith and deepen one's relationship with Christ.

Next Steps Class Led by Pastor Barry (Room 201)

- Whether you're new to our church, or you've been coming for a while, our 3-week "Next Steps" class is designed just for you. It is your "next step" for

getting more connected and involved here at Stoney Creek and learning more about your new home. Think of "Next Steps" as the official growth and membership track geared to help you know, grow, and belong.

- **Register [HERE](#)** or just show up. Contact Pastor Barry (919-920-4996) for any questions

Emerge Students will meet in the hangout space with Pastor Anderson and **CreeKidz**, ages 4-5th Grade will be in the Stadium and ages Birth - 3 will be in Nursery, Room 101.



VENDORS NEEDED! Help spread the word and mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 1st for our Annual Christmas at the Creek. Sponsored by our Emmerge Student Ministry, last year over 1000 people attended! If you are a vendor or know someone, **[register soon!](#)**



Amish Country Trip Participants
Please check your email this week to view your final travel information for our upcoming trip to Pennsylvania. Please contact Pastor Barry with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Needs

- **Still need 235 COLORING BOOKS** 120 Boys and 115 Girls! For kids ages 5-9. This is the first coloring book that belongs JUST to them! (\$1 @ Dollar General & Walmart)
- **HOT WHEELS** (\$1.25 at DG & WM) are always needed

A BIG THANKS for all the crayons and colored pencils donated in July & August!



Mark your calendar for Friday, Sept. 5, 10AM - 12PM and 3PM - 5PM and join us for an OCC work day in the basement. Come for any amount of time!!



Becoming A King Men's Retreat
Sept. 25 - 28 / Cragmont / \$275
Come get away from it all and grow your relationship with God. Contact Chris Myers at 919-580-8934 with questions. Get all the details and register **[HERE!](#)** Cost includes, lodging, meals, materials & more!



Donating blood is a simple, yet impactful way to make a difference in the lives of others. It is a *lifesaving act* that supports medical care, promotes community health, and can also provide personal benefits. If you are eligible, plan to give at our Oct. 3 Blood Drive! **[REGISTER HERE](#)**



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COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY! Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Help us deliver more than just a meal, bring a smile, a check-in, and hope to a neighbor in need. **Even one day a week** makes a huge difference! Training is simple, routes are short, and the reward is priceless.

- Goldsboro Routes: Monday–Friday
- Fremont Route: Mondays
- Mt. Olive Route: Tuesdays

To sign up or learn more, call 919-734-1178 Ext: 281. Together, we can keep our community fed and connected!

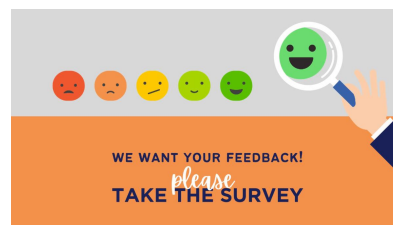


Join our Bible Recap Small Group as we begin our journey through the New Testament. We usually meet on the 4th Thursday of each month to share and discuss what we've learned. The reading plan for the New Testament is designed to take three months, from October 1 to December 31.

To join The Bible Recap for the New Testament starting in October, you can choose between a digital option using the YouVersion Bible App or a print option using a downloadable PDF. [Get all the details and sign up HERE!](#)

Church Wide Survey

In order to grow and improve worship, ministry, and programming at Stoney Creek Church, we must be willing to hear feedback from YOU our important partners in ministry. Please take some time to **complete this survey** to help identify blind spots, growth edges, and ways to improve what is offered here and beyond. Our desire is to “make it better” and we can do that with your participation. Thank you! (Paper copies are also available.)



Winners: Please stop by Lynn's office to pick-up your prize (or check the table outside her office)

Guessing Games Winners

These winners win the box of school supplies guessed and a \$10 Chick-fil-A card!

Brian Duffy – Paper Clips (900)

Lynn Thaxton – Rubber Bands (280) Exact Guess!

Dawn Anderson – Erasers (180)

Christy Gandy – Push Pins (346)

Joanne James – Crayons (144) Exact Guess!

Kim Wells – Index Cards (330)



Brain Game Winners

You won a \$10 Chick-fil-A card!

Bob Herndon - Word Power

Door Prize Winners

Lanell Brown – \$50 gift card to Longhorn or Olive Garden

Lisa Bailey – Bible
Michael Taylor – Picture Frame
Lauren Wolfe – Coffee Mug
Sarah Neider – Vase

BEST EVENT OF THE FALL

we hope you will encourage your student to be a part of it all! Let us partner with you to draw them closer to Jesus in these important years where they make critical life choices. Check out the [FALL CALENDAR](#) and mark the dates so you don't miss a thing this fall. See you there!

All MS, HS students and Young Adults are invited to Register for **Emerge United Weekend!** Only \$40 for the entire weekend! Only \$25 for Saturday only! Every person will receive a t-shirt, meals, snacks, transportation, lodging and amazing messages and worship sessions!

6th Grade Fun Time at Frankie's of Raleigh, Saturday, September 6

All 6th graders are invited to go with us for an afternoon of fun! We will leave church @ 4 PM on the church bus and head to Frankie's of Raleigh. Parents are welcome but not required. Bring money for supper and \$20 for the fun card which includes Mini Golf, Laser Tag, Arcade and Go-Carts. [Sign up HERE!](#)



CREEKIDZ MINISTRY

THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday / September 7 / 9:45 AM

We will celebrate kids moving up to new grade levels and in some cases, new classes! Kids will enjoy popsicles on the playground and interaction with their teachers and friends. We will have a special recognition for our 5th graders moving up to Emerge!



Preschool Bible Basics Focus for September

Theme: Construct & Create - Follow God's Plan for Me

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord." - Jeremiah 29:11

Bottom Line: God has plans for me.



Elementary Focus for September

Theme: On the Move - Brave the Unknown with God

Memory Verse: "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." - Psalm 56:3

Virtue: COURAGE - be brave enough to do hard things by trusting God.

It's BAAACK! All families are invited to join us for our FIRST Power Planet FX of the season on Sunday, Sept. 14.

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. We can't wait to see you there!

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

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[Anderson Barnes, Associate Pastor of Students](#) 919-223-8980

[Trey Millard, Associate Pastor of Children](#) 919-920-7348

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