

State of the Church

Quarterly Report to the Congregation
Submitted 17 August 2025 by Timothy Steele



Mission: To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Vision: To be a church where unchurched and churched people love to attend.

- **Environments:**

- **Worship**

- September 21 – Be Rich Sunday.
 - Upcoming Worship Message Series: “Come & See” – August 24 – September 14 (Jesus invites us to follow him and we become extensions of that invitation for others with their first step.) “In the Meantime” – October 5 – November 6 (What do we do in the meantime with our faith when our personal world falls apart?)

- **Kids and students**

- **Pingo Land and Xtreme** – Fall startup on Sep. 14 and then meeting 1st Sunday of every month. Sarah Vitt is leading Xtreme. Debbie Irgens and Dierdre Condone co-leading Pingo Land.
 - **Confirmation** – Evan Bliese, Elle Penninger and Addison Wiles will begin their first year. Michael Steele, Joseph Ziemann and Everrette Erickson will begin their final year.

- **Adults**

- **Midweek** – Begins September 10. Mark Spelzhausen leads.
 - **Converge** – Startup coming soon.
 - **Community Groups** – Scoops from Groups event coming September 24.

- **College Student Sponsorship** – Carol Schweickert leads a team of adults sponsoring UNCW college students creating meaningful connections with students and providing a home away from home. Classes begin August 18.

- **Be Rich** – Impact of 2nd quarter gifts to nonprofits will be published soon. We will honor Fire Station #7 for Patriot Day on Sunday, Sep. 7. We will collect snacks and treats and deliver them in person.

- **Cambridge Village Worship Services** – 30-minute service provided once a month for residents of the assisted facility located in Mayfair. Average 10-20 in attendance.

- **Air Force Chaplain Corps** – Thank you again for all of the gifts and kind words with my promotion to Colonel. I appreciate your support as I represent you in my duties. Also thank you to our TECH team (Melissa Reid and David Bliese) who took charge in my absence of our equipment during our worship services. My position as

Command Chaplain for the Air Force Reserve Command (Robins Air Force Base, GA) now allows me to work closely with the synod in St. Louis and potential recruiting of future LCMS chaplains in the Air Force through the chaplain candidate program which all Air Force chaplains (active duty, reserve, and Air National Guard) must work through.