



STAYING IN TOUCH...
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, I hope you all enjoyed a day of rest this past Sunday. Carrilea will preach the sermon she intended to give last Sunday on January 26 on the importance of community and sharing life together. I look forward to being there ! I will preach this Sunday on "The Baptism of Jesus and Its Meaning For Us Today."

In 2020, I was beginning a series of sermons on Baptism. After two weeks we suspended our services because of the Pandemic. So I began a book on baptism ! The title is "Baptism : A Living Sacrament of the Christian Life." It was my conviction that the most comprehensive symbol of the Christian life is not the Cross but rather Baptism.

So this Sunday I will trace the major meanings of Baptism I pondered in the book. Don't worry, the sermon will not go on forever, just about the length of a regular sermon. We will be having a Baptism this spring for all those wishing to be baptized. This sermon may help you reflect on your own baptism or consider being baptized. That is my wish and prayer.

The two texts are: Matthew 3: 13-17 and Galatians 3: 27-28.
 See you Sunday! Steve

A word about Sunday School this Sunday this Sunday . I am finishing a book on Worship and will offer parts of my chapter on inclusive language in worship. I know this is important to many of you. Come, let's talk about it.

Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00AM
 Worship at 11:00 AM
 Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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The week of January 12-18, 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound:
 Nancy Milstead,
 Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:
 All those affected by Hurricane Helene, James, Shakira, Rebecca Beaver, Jennifer Jolly's mother, Walter Arreaza, Alf Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in the west, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, homeless children, our nations immigrants.

Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military:
 James Pulliam, Adam Ivey, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations:

Birthdays

12 -Tipton and Ezra Tosco
 13 - Carole Hendrix
 16 - Worth E Williams II
 18 - Jon Christian Comer

Concerns:

Racial Healing.

Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the gun epidemic going on right now.

School students and staff and the community around these schools.

Prayers for people who feel unloved.

Middle East Crisis.

Teen's who are considering suicide.

All those affected by Hurricane Helene.

Lisa Brantley Onley family.

Brenda Swicegood family.

January Birthdays

- 1 - Aubrey Shoemaker
- 1 - Stephen Chesnut
- 7 - Elijah Brown
- 9 - Maya Hall
- 12 - Tipton and Ezra Tosco
- 13 - Carole Hendrix
- 16 - Worth E Williams II
- 18 - Jon Christian Comer

Steve's sermon's are always available
On Facebook and Youtube.
You can easily find it at:
www.gracestatesville.org

Budget

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Needed year to date: \$1992.00
Received year to date: \$1735.00
UNDER budget: \$257.00
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week's Offering: \$1735.00



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have Paypal! You will find a Paypal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

*Upcoming events:

Church Retreat
Will be rescheduled due to inclement weather!
6:00pm to 8:30pm
Soup!!!

Church Maintenance
Barnard

Scripture for the Week

Matthew 3: 13-17 and
Galatians 3: 27-28

Sermon

“The Baptism of Jesus and it's meaning for us today.”

Leader

Chris Brown

Reader

Kim McKinney

Mission Board News