



# The Scroll

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From Pastor Rob

It is astounding how fast the summer has passed. Here we are in August. Our Cabarrus children will back in school on the 13th. Our CMS students will be back on the 26th. Even though the weather and all else tells us summer is still in full swing, the season is coming to a close. For many of us, Labor Day weekend marks the end, switching over to fall and winding down the year.

Man...

It all goes too quickly...

But, the turning season is also a time of new beginnings. Some of our children are embarking on grand new adventures—toddlers are beginning preschool; middle schoolers are now HIGH schoolers; some are beginning college; and some are old enough to be starting work—work that may well be a new vocation. Others of us are starting a new season of finding what sparks our passion for life. Others are embarking on new relationships. Some of us entered a new phase of life—I myself turned 60 this summer, and that feels significant—I am in a new place and stage. Some of us are looking with hope this fall—maybe the Panthers might actually be GOOD! And, is it possible? The Hornets might field a DECENT basketball team?

That may be too much wishful thinking.

The truth, though, is that God has new things in store for us as the summer winds down and fall approaches. God never ceases to be with us. God never ceases shaping us and sharpening us. God continually refines us. God continues to work with us so we might fulfill all the promise and possibility our lives encompass.



Maybe this fall might be the chance to try something new at church. Maybe this is the year you read the WHOLE Bible. Maybe this is the year to sing in the choir. Maybe this is the year to join a mission project. Maybe this is the year you delve more deeply into prayer. Maybe this is the year you reach out to our homebound folks to keep them in the loop.

The truth is that the possibilities are nearly endless.

Come and see what God has in store for us.

## Hunter's Thoughts

Recently, Susan and I had the chance to visit Savannah for 3 three days - the first visit there for both of us. The historic area is amazing - from its beautiful homes and stately live oak trees filled with Spanish Moss in the many residential squares to the vibrant waterfront area with its touristy but very fun shops and activities. From the B&B where we stayed, we could comfortably walk anywhere - even late at night after taking a "Ghost" tour. And the food was wonderful! It was a great visit and we really enjoyed Savannah and it's deep history.

But in the midst of that history there was an undercurrent of sadness. It is impossible to spend time on that riverfront area and not be aware of the thousands of people who arrived on these shores to be sold and owned. As we learned the history of the cotton trade that had made Savannah, we heard about the thousands of slaves who made that cotton industry possible in the first place. When we admired the beautiful homes on quiet streets, we were also told of the carriage houses and shacks in the back yards where people lived without choices or freedoms.

It caused me to stop and think about how we deal with our history-collectively and individually. As a whole, our nation and our culture have been arguing about how we address our past. What can we celebrate of the positive and what do we need to acknowledge of the negative. It is a struggle that is far from finished and there is much passion involved.

But it is the personal tussle with our individual past that can most affect our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with each other. It seems we cannot grow and thrive without being honest with ourselves and with God about the challenges we have faced. We will have had successes, but if you are anything like me, you've made many mistakes as well. Thankfully, our God is a loving God who asks us not to dwell in our errors. Instead, we must honestly confess them, place them in God's hands, and know that through Christ's forgiveness we can continue to move forward - enhancing God's creation.

What a blessing that we can be open about where we have fallen, how we have learned from that, and then how we have been forgiven to move ahead with the Holy Spirit.



*North Carolina*



Do you LOVE children, want to earn some extra money, and work with an amazing team in a Christian environment? If so, WE NEED YOU on our Substitute Teacher list. Please contact Kristy at [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org) or call 704-549-9741 for more information.

We are busy preparing for the upcoming school year and anxiously waiting for our students to return and fill the hallways with their big smiles, laughter, and excitement again! God has blessed us with an awesome teaching staff, full classes, and long waiting lists and we cannot wait to get started!

Even though the first day of school for our preschoolers is not until September, there is A LOT going on in the preschool this month.

- Thursday, August 15th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—New Hire Orientation.
- Monday, August 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Staff Orientation.
- **Thursday, August 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—CPR/1st Aid**  
*(if you would like to attend this class, email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org) for more information.)*
- Wednesday, August 28th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Open House for Pre-K Classes.
- Thursday, August 29th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Open House for 2's & 3's Classes.
- Tuesday, September 3rd—1st Day of Preschool! 😊

THANK YOU for your continued support of our preschool as an outreach ministry program of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church! Our mission is to provide a loving, learning, Christian environment where children can test themselves in their world, gain self-confidence, and develop as a whole person. At MCPCP, we emphasize the development of young children spiritually, mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically through a developmentally appropriate curriculum under the leadership of experienced teachers. We look forward to working with our church family during this school year!



***Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”***

# LET'S TALK ABOUT FINANCE

THANKS TO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WE ARE ABLE TO SEND MONEY TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THESE



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. - Romans 12:12

Dear friends from Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the United States to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can—and will—change lives.

Sincerely,

Rick Santos  
President and CEO  
Church World Service

To stay informed on how you're helping people in need, at home and around the world, visit [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



## Gift Receipt

Date of Gift: May 20, 2024

Amount: \$ 1,168.00

Purpose: Blankets

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church  
1600 W Mallard Creek Church Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28262-2341

## Thank you!

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift. Receipts are given to donors for tax purposes. Please keep this receipt for your records.

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"Keep up the good work in the world; we need it. Thank You for everything, and I will never forget."  
- Former Shelter Resident

Dear Friends at Mallard Creek Presbyterian,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500!

Your support means a lot to the families at CVAN. As the shelter resident who wrote in a thank you note to us after her stay, "keep up the good work in the world."

We are able to do the work in our part of the world, here in our community, because of caring folks like you. Just last year, we provided support for 1,630 women and children.

From answering our Hotline and providing Shelter 24/7, to our many other services, we are grateful. Your support helps battered women and their children to rebuild their lives free from violence.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Moffett  
Assistant Director

Received From: Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church - \$500.00 check - received July 5, 2024. No goods or services were provided to you in return for this contribution. This is your receipt. CVAN is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Tax ID #57-0749088.

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CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

July 1, 2024

Reverend Robert M. Watkins  
Mallard Creek Presbyterian  
1600 West Mallard Creek Church Road  
Charlotte, NC 28262-2341

Dear Reverend Watkins and Friends,

When Nikki's family was facing eviction and had nowhere else to turn, people like you gave her hope

"Thank you. Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for seeing me past my circumstances, seeing me past my transition, because I've come out on the other side." - Nikki

Not so long ago, Nikki found herself in need of help to keep her family housed as she transitioned from one job to another. While she was excited about a new career path, her new pay schedule was further than anticipated. Nervous and a little bit scared, she reached out to Crisis Assistance Ministry, knowing what to expect.

Thanks to community support, a caseworker talked to Nikki about her situation, provided emergency rent payments to stop a pending eviction, and helped her connect to additional community-based services and resources. But just as importantly, she made Nikki feel like she was going to get through this.

Your gift of \$1,750.00 will provide help and hope for other neighbors in Charlotte-Mecklenburg who are struggling to make ends meet. For families like Nikki's, it is the difference between making rent and avoiding utility disconnection. Because of your generosity, families will receive emergency financial assistance for rent and/or utilities to remain stably housed.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about your gift at work, please contact me anytime at 704-594-4272 or [acline@crisisassistance.org](mailto:acline@crisisassistance.org).

We know you have many options for where to donate money and appreciate you choosing to help prevent homelessness and preserve dignity for Charlotte-Mecklenburg residents!

Sincerely,

Adam Cline  
Chief Advancement Officer

cc: Carol Hardison, Chief Executive Officer

\$1,750.00 donated by Business Check 5031 received by us on June 24, 2024. Name on Check: Presbytery of Charlotte. Please make the letter for your tax purposes: EIN 96-141671. No goods or services were received in exchange for this financial contribution.

15-Jul-24

## Financial Position

### Year To Date Income

SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$1,037.00
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$146,806.45
ONLINE GIVING	\$74,859.96
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$19,384.68
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$23,313.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$265,401.84</b>

YTD INCOME	\$265,401.84
YTD EXPENSES	\$339,737.62
<b>Reserves Spent</b>	<b>(\$74,335.78)</b>

### Contributions

January	\$27,665.50
February	\$32,286.00
March	\$66,374.06
April	\$42,196.75
May	\$23,407.50
June	\$32,641.35
July (1/2 a month)	\$21,446.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$246,017.16</b>

To Quote Taylor Swift...

# ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

**The Mallard Creek BBQ**

October 24

News Coming Soon...

# Mission Committee Volunteer Day!

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21  
9-11AM



Come help us sort food at the  
Nourish Up warehouse!  
901 Carrier Dr, Charlotte

Sign up in the gathering space, call the church office, or use the link below:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABA62CA0F85-50316580-nourish#/>

## Let's End Food Insecurity

Two long-standing non-profits with a rich history of fighting hunger, Loaves & Fishes and Friendship Trays, joined forces with a new name, **Nourish Up**. Lifting up our community through food, we provide [groceries](#) to our neighbors in need in Mecklenburg County through the largest network of food pantries in North Carolina, grocery home delivery, and delivering healthy meals each weekday through our [Meals on Wheels](#) program.

Transportation Will Be Available  
Ages 14 +

## **“It’s not about the Quilts – It’s all about the Prayers”**

Prayer is a powerful tool that God has provided for us. But can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its warmth and comfort? Well, you can answer that question with a definite “yes” if it’s part of a Prayer Quilt.

*In late June the Prayer Quilt Ministry gave out it’s 1,000th quilt. Our total to date is 1,005. The first quilt was given to David Ray Helms on October 14th, 2013. This averages out to not quite 100 quilts a year!!*

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will begin meeting regularly again on Tuesday, September 10th in the dining hall at 9:30 AM. We welcome our regular members back and look forward to seeing new faces that would like to participate in the Ministry. You don’t have to quilt, sew, or come anywhere near a needle or thread to participate. Along with sewers we need “pressers, cutters, pinners, as well as Pray-ers.” If you are not able to attend the meetings we have kits available that you can sew the quilt tops at home.

Come and join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month Sept thru May from 9:30 – 2:30 PM. We break for fellowship time and enjoy lunch together between 12:30 – 1:00 PM.

**Contact Sue Oehler (704-564-1555 or [csoehler@bellsouth.net](mailto:csoehler@bellsouth.net)) or Doris DeArmon (704-787-2980 or [dearmonrag@aol.com](mailto:dearmonrag@aol.com)) for more information.**



**JOIN US FOR  
THE DEDICATION OF OUR HOMECOMING QUILT  
AUGUST 4 10:30**

KICK OFF MEETING



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

AUGUST 25 AT 3:00  
DINING HALL

like to sing in the shower?  
are you musically inclined?  
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™ Pastor Rob

**Recruiting Choir Members!**

You're Invited

# FRIDAY NIGHT RECESS

Mallard Creek Presbyterian

Aug 16 7-9pm

Fellowship Hall  
1600 Mallard Creek Church Rd



## Open Gym

Basketball, Dodge Ball, Kick Ball



## Game Night

Board Games and Puzzles

Open to Young Adults 18+

for more info contact Phil Ashley  
philashley94@gmail.com 704-773-8464

# Presbyterian Council

is still searching for a

*Vice  
Moderator*

for the next circle year

Contact

ROBIN FULLER

OR

CONNIE WALLACE



For those that are new to our Mallard Creek family, Backpack Blessings is a Presbyterian Women's mission. Every week we put together bags with non perishable food to feed underprivileged families over the weekend who otherwise wouldn't get much to eat. We are currently feeding children from Parkside Elementary and University Meadows Elementary Schools.

For the month of August we are collecting school supplies and gently used clothes. As you are getting ready for the cooler weather and going thru your children's clothes, please remember these needy students who sometimes come to school not prepared for the weather. Bins will be in the Gathering Space labeled "School Supplies and Clothing".

Clothes sizes needed are 5T thru 16. The bin in the sanctuary for non perishable food remains.

Thank you again for your continued support. Without you we would not be able to help these schools. If you are not able to donate items but want to assist with this ministry, please write a check made out to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church and in the memo section write "Backpack Blessings."

If you are interested in learning more about this mission program or what kind of food to donate, please call Maria Menconi 704-560-3961. We usually meet on Wednesday morning to put these bags together.

Thank you and God's blessings.



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A Matter of Balance

Beginning in September, a free eight-week workshop called “A Matter of Balance” will be held in the MCPC Dining Hall. The workshop is limited to 12 participants.

At the May Lunch Bunch, the signup sheet quickly filled up, and we have added a **second workshop** due to the interest level! Below are the details:

**Thursday MOB Workshop:** Begins September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm in the Dining Hall. We will skip BBQ day, so the final session will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday MOB Workshop:** Begins September 18<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm in the Dining Hall. We will skip the Wednesday before BBQ day, with the final session on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**If you want to sign up or have questions, please call/text Keri Wass at 704-564-1590 or email at [keriwass86@gmail.com](mailto:keriwass86@gmail.com).** If you signed up at Lunch Bunch, your name on

# Special Prayers



Cy Alexander	Jean Helms	Rob Moore
JW and Vivian Avant	<b>The Family of Carlita Hunter</b>	Donnie Oehler
Linda Benfield	Shirley Hunter	Judith Rankin
<b>Jackie Brand</b>	Phyllis Jones	Donna Seaford
<b>Ann Brown</b>	<b>Lynn Kelley</b>	<b>The Sheehan Family</b>
Bobby Brown	Betsy Killian	Lois Spradley
<b>Donny Brown</b>	Merle King	Nicole Stillman
<b>Ken and Suggie Christenbury</b>	Roy Kinnamon	Earl Thomas
David Clemmer, Jr.	<b>Cecil &amp; Beth Massey</b>	<b>Tracy Tucker</b>
Bill Cochran	<b>Dale &amp; Lucy McLaughlin</b>	<b>Juanita Untz</b>
Ruby Downing	Pam Melton—Linda Wallace’s sister	<b>Keri Wass</b>
Brenda Garrison	<b>Steve Misenheimer</b>	<b>Caroline Williams</b>

**AUGUST OFFICERS ON DUTY**

**ELDERS:** Jamie Garrison, Mark Johnson, Jack Miles

**DEACONS:** Joe Crapster, Jordan Maddux, Charlotte McConnell, Lee McConnell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: #00AEEF;">September Birthdays</h1> 						
1 Martin Oehler Brian Wasko	2 Teddy Preslar Aurienna Alexander	3 Doug Martin Will Busch Jake Crapster Cole Scholand	4 Karen Trimble	5	6 Kathleen Crosier Cy Alexander Ernie Jones Kat Corbin (Beard)	7 Ginny Brooks Leigh Johnson Carl Corbin
8	9 Charles Kimrey	10 Doug Sheehan Lauren Oehler	11 Lois Spradley Joshua Baker Carlene Clark Kelly Jones Lewis Smith	12 Barbara Walker Anye Ndingwan	13 Sarah Alexander Alice Oehler Michael Kostrzynski	14 Brodie MacNeil Caroline Johnson
15	16 Sheri Rose	17 Alec Trimble	18 Carl Hatton	19 Tom Busch	20	21
22 Michel Lapalombella	23 Nancy Garrison	24	25 Cameron Mitchell	26	27 Benjamin Baker	28
29	30 Sue Bishop					

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**The Rev. Hunter Roddey**  
**Ms. Amanda Booth**  
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**Mrs. Kristy Maddux**

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