



The Scroll

Mallard Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Rob

As you read this, I am beginning my sabbatical. I hope to return with some new insights, new ideas, and some ways to reimagine old truths that will help us to be a strong and faithful congregation in the years to come.

Something that is inescapable is that the world has changed immensely. We literally see those changes just standing in the church parking lot. Where once there were woods adjacent to the church, there are now apartments and townhomes. Where once there were farms, there are now shopping centers. Things keep shifting. The landscape actually morphs into something other than what it was.

The same is true for the people around us. The people who live in these new apartments are not the same as the people who lived around here even two decades ago. They come from all over. They come with skills in technology, business, and banking. They speak many languages. They are a variety of ages. They have families. They are single. They are certain they know how the world works. They are utterly confused by how the world works.

Yet, our church has sat on this spot of land for two centuries. Yes, the building has changed over time, but the church has remained. There is something old and stable about us.



And that is something to share.

The Gospel is 2000 years old and timeless at the same time. The truth of Christ is eternal. The way of self-compassion is even older than Christ himself—something God wove into the very fabric of creation.

So how do we take these ancient truths and speak to an ever-shifting landscape? How do we make it make sense to people who may not even know the first thing about the Gospel or the Church or even God?

Those are the questions I will be thinking about. Why don't you join me in thinking through them? Let's put our heads together and come up with something fresh and new and inspiring.

Let's be the Church—at once ancient, but simultaneously evolving and becoming.



Well, it is time for us to open our doors to start another exciting preschool year. Our staff has been working hard to get everything ready for our first day on September 2nd. The staff took CPR/1st Aid training, attended a great workshop, "Teacher Talk," that was provided by Child and Family Resources, a workshop about Handwriting Without Tears and Centers, and spent countless hours planning, decorating, and preparing for their students. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone and kicking off another wonderful year at MCPCP!

Our parent representatives again this year are Ms. Erika Miller and Ms. Jackie Tiece. Erika's daughter is in one of our Pre-K classes and Jackie's daughter is starting in one of our 2's classes. We are so grateful to each one of them for all that they do for us throughout the school year. THANK YOU!

If you love children and would like to earn a little extra money, we would love for you to be a substitute teacher at the preschool! We have Substitute Trainings coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, and Wednesday, Sept. 17th, at 9:30 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call our office at 704-549-9741 or email kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org.

We also have a few openings in our Pre-K program so if you know any children who turned 4-years-old by August 31st and are interested, please have them call 704-549-9741 or email paiget@mallardcreekchurch.org.

THANK YOU for your continued support of our preschool as an outreach ministry program of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. We look forward to another wonderful year of working with each of you and seeing where God leads us.

The Bible stories that Ms. Robin Fuller will tell the children in Children's Church this month are Isaac Chooses Not to Fight, The Poor Woman Gives All She Has, and Jesus Helps the Blind Man See.

Our Bible verse for this month is: I am a child of God. ~ Psalm 82:6

The 2025-26 Preschool Staff



Mark 6:7 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

SEPTEMBER OFFICERS ON DUTY**ELDERS**

Suzanne Curtis, Harvey Alexander, Greg Armistead

DEACONS

Julie Mingus, Sue Bishop, Kim Tucker, Susan Mach, Tracy Tucker

August 15, 2025	
Financial Position	
Year To Date Income	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$2,604.73
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$151,264.61
ONLINE GIVING	\$86,963.00
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$28,293.90
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$65,773.57
TOTAL	\$334,899.81
YTD INCOME	\$334,899.81
YTD EXPENSES	\$381,818.08
Reserves Spent	(\$46,918.27)
Contributions	
January	\$28,170.00
February	\$32,380.12
March	\$76,191.90
April	\$39,521.00
May	\$26,810.69
June	\$48,755.45
July	\$44,697.75
August (1/2 a month)	\$10,079.00
Total Contributions	\$306,605.91

Elder Class of 2028

Perry Deaton

My family has attended Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church for nearly 90 years, and I grew up participating in Sunday School, catechism classes, both Cub and Boy Scouts, and youth programs. Although I moved to Charleston, Savannah, and spent twenty years in New Jersey, where my daughter Georgie was born, I always returned to Mallard Creek when visiting home. After moving back from New Jersey, I resumed regular attendance and have served as Deacon, Elder, and the committee chair of both Fellowship and Property. I look forward to serving as Elder again and continuing my service to the Lord.

Drew Dowling

My wife, Debbie, and I joined Mallard Creek upon relocating from Atlanta in the summer 1998. Since that time, we have been members of the choir. We have raised two children in this congregation. Our son, Ward (22), is pursuing a degree in Hospitality Management at CPCC and also sings with us in the choir. Our daughter, Janie (19), is a Political Science major in her second year at Clemson University. We are both originally from small towns in South Carolina. I serve on the Scouting America Troop 148/248 Committee as the Troop 148 Advancement chair. I have been a member of the Technology subcommittee, volunteered with the breakfast crew at Room at the Inn, and enjoy working at the BBQ almost as much as Clemson Football. I work in IT for a healthcare improvement company, Premier INC., and my hobbies include gardening, woodworking, and home brewing. I look forward to serving a community that we have been blessed to be a part of for 27 years.

Alan Garrison

I have been a member at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church all my life, have two children and two grandchildren, and retired from the Charlotte Fire Dept with over 25 years of service. I am currently on the Session as an Elder, serving as the Chair of the Property Committee. I am committed to helping the church grow thru faith and the love of God. May we all join hands and make Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church the best it can thru faith, fellowship and the love for each other.

Jamie Garrison

I am a lifelong member of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. My parents are Alan and Terri Garrison. I have been involved in the church in many ways over the years. I attended the preschool and was involved in the Youth Club and Teen Fellowship during my younger years. As an adult, I have served as a Deacon and an Elder. I help teach the adult Sunday School classes and have chaired the Youth and Children Committee for the past 2 years. I have also served on the Nominating Committee and the Pastor Nominating Committee. I work professionally as an MTSS Instructional Coach for an elementary school. I am a proud aunt of a niece and nephew, as well as a dog mom to my pit bull, Ford. I am looking forward to continuing to serve as an Elder and helping MCPC be the best it can be.

Kristy Maddux

My name is Kristy Maddux, and I've been a Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church member for nearly 30 years. I've served on various committees, as both Deacon and Elder, and I continue in my role as Preschool Director after working at MCPCP for 29 years. Originally from South Charleston, WV, I grew up in the First Presbyterian Church, played on its girls basketball team, and married my husband Mike there 37 years ago. Our family includes one son, two daughters, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, four grandchildren, my mom, a few grand dogs, and Lady, our dog—all living in Charlotte. I cherish time with them, especially with my grandchildren. I am grateful for Mallard Creek Presbyterian and look forward to serving as an Elder again, supporting our church and youth programs.

Elder Class of 2027

Keri Wass

I am honored to be nominated again for Elder at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. Since joining in 1996, I have volunteered in VBS, served as a Teen Advisor, participated in the BBQ, and went on a Mission Trip with my son, Taylor. My involvement includes roles as Circle Co-Chair, Circle Treasurer, and 11 years on the PW Council, where I currently serve as Moderator and Treasurer. I enjoy being a part of the Older Adult Ministry and the Historical Room Committee. I served as a Deacon from 2014 to 2019, chaired the Diaconate in 2019, and am currently a member of the Elder Class of 2025. After leaving corporate America in 2015, I became a small business owner and now reside in Kannapolis. I look forward to continuing to serve and grow in faith at MCPC.

Elder Class of 2026

Terri Garrison

I became a member of MCPC after I started dating Alan Garrison, who is now my husband of 45 years. We have two adult children, Elliott Garrison and Jamie Garrison, both of whom were raised in the church and actively participated in Sunday school and youth activities. Additionally, we are blessed with two grandchildren, Zeek and Zoey Garrison, with whom we cherish our time together. Professionally, I worked as a medical clinical assistant with Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat for 25 years. My involvement at church has included teaching Sunday school at the nursery, elementary, and adult levels. I have participated in Presbyterian Women and am currently involved in Prayer Quilt Ministries. I have also served two terms as a Deacon and will be honored to serve as an Elder.



A Congregational Meeting

is called for Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 10:20am in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Nominating Committee.

They will nominate five people for the Elder class of 2029, one person for the Elder class of 2027, and one person for the Elder class of 2026, and floor nominations will be taken. If only seven are nominated, they will be elected by acclamation.

If more than seven persons are nominated, congregational meetings will be called each Sunday at 10:20am until seven are elected.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

at
MCPC

“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.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will begin meeting again on Wednesday, 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 “cutters, pressers, pinners, as well as **Prayers**”.

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

**Due to the Mecklenburg County Municipal Election held at our facility on the 9th,
we will be meeting on Wednesday, September 10th.**



Youth and Children Committee

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING

**Sunday, September 7
11:30 in the Sanctuary**

This training is a requirement for all Church Officers, as well as anyone (including teens) who will have *any* interaction with children at *any* event. Please consider events you may only participate in once, such as:

- ♦ Children’s Christmas Musical
- ♦ Vacation Bible School
- ♦ Helping with Bonappeteens
- ♦ Helping at a Preschool event
- ♦ Room In The Inn (we often have children who spend the night)

It will take about an hour—we’ll watch a video and complete a few forms.
Background checks are required for anyone over 18 years of age.



**September 12 would have been Rev. Craig's 96th birthday.
Please help celebrate by sharing your favorite memory of
Rev. Craig with the Historical Room Committee!**



Happening in SEPTEMBER at MCPC

Sept 2	1st Day of Preschool	8:00am	Preschool
Sept 2	Circle of Mary-Anna	10:30pm	Garrison-Martin
Sept 3	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Choir Room
Sept 7	Child Safety Training	11:30am	Sanctuary
Sept 8	Set Up for Election Day	8-5:00pm	Dining Hall/Gym
	Circle of Rebekah	6:00pm	Gathering Space
	Admin Committee Mtg	7:00pm	Parlor
Sept 9	Election Day	7am-9pm	Dining Hall/Gym
	Deacons Meeting	6:30pm	Parlor
Sept 10	Prayer Quilt Ministry	9:30am	Dining Hall
	Scout Court of Honor	6:00pm	Dining Hall
	Choir Open House	7:00pm	Choir Room
Sept 12	Friday Night Pickleball	7:00pm	Dining Hall/Gym
Sept 16	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Dining Hall
	Session Meeting	6:00pm	Garrison-Martin
Sept 17	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Choir Room
Sept 22	PW Council Meeting	6:30pm	Parlor
Sept 24	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Choir Room
Sept 27	Older Adults Day Trip	11:30am	Kings Mountain

PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US!

Preschool Carpool Line

Our parking lots are always challenging to navigate during the first couple of weeks of Preschool, as new parents are being oriented to the carpool drop off and pick up lines. Strict guidelines have been put in place by the Preschool Staff for both safety and efficiency, but it takes a bit of time for the parents to learn the ropes, for our teachers to get to know the new students, and for the little ones to understand the process, and get everyone in/out of car seats. It won't take long for everyone to settle in, so please be patient as our new parents and children learn the routine.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

September 9, 7am-9pm

We will once again be a voting site for the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections.

The church office will remain open from 8:30-4:30,

The Kitchen, Dining Hall and Gym will be unavailable for church use during this time.

CHOIR OPEN HOUSE

September 10, 7:00

If you're interested in what's involved in being a member of our choir, please come check out a choir rehearsal at our Open House!

The Choir Room is located just behind the Sanctuary, and next to the Parlor. Please join us!

LUNCH BUNCH

September 16, 12:00

Our lunch will be catered by TinTin Café (Hibachi chicken, etc)

The cost of the luncheon is \$8.00 per person.

The entertainment will be Jeff Whittington—a one man band!

If you are NOT on our permanent list, and cannot attend,

Please call Margaret Hatton at 70614-537-5363 or Jimmy Walker at 704-651-6678

If you have not attended in the past, and would like to attend, please give Margaret or Jimmy a call to make a reservation—we'd love to have you join us!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

September 7

We're celebrating all our grandparents with a slideshow before the 10:30 service. Be sure to send in your photos by 4:30 on Thursday! **Email them to: terris@mallardcreekchurch.org**

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

Every Sunday

If you'd like to contribute flowers to grace the Chapel and Sanctuary to celebrate, honor, or remember a loved one or occasion...you are welcome to bring in any arrangement you like, from anywhere you choose.

However, we are now able to offer an option for Saturday delivery, so you don't need to bring them in yourself. Graces' Florist is a long time friend of MCPC, and they will deliver flowers to us on Saturday, eliminating the need for you to pick them up and bring them to the church yourself.

Billy Smith can be reached at 704-596-5332

OUR CHOIRS

Every Sunday

Would you like to sing in the choir instead of just in the shower or car?

Or play the Handbells?

Do you play an instrument that may work with our Worship Team?

Rehearsals are starting again!

Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, beginning Aug. 6

The Handbell Choir also rehearses on Wednesday evenings, beginning Sept 3 at 6pm

Have questions?

Contact our Music Director, David Barnaba at davidb@mallardcreekchurch.org

OR call the church office at 704-547-0038

FRIDAY NIGHT PICKLEBALL

September 12, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Gym

Join us for Open Court Pickleball in the Gym!

This outreach program has been a growing success, with attendees playing pickleball and enjoying our new GIANT sized games in Fellowship Hall.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a fun evening of friendly competition.

No experience necessary, and snacks are provided!

Adults age 18 and up

OLDER ADULTS MINISTRY

Day Trip, Saturday, September 27

Join us on Saturday, September 27th, for lunch at Love's Fish Box and a matinee at the Joy Performance Center, both in King's Mountain! The matinee is Liberty Mountain, the Revolutionary Drama, which tells the story of the battle of King's Mountain. Tickets are \$22 per person, and lunch is on your own. See Keri Wass to get signed up today!

<https://www.libertymountaindrama.com/>

The church bus will be available, and carpooling is also suggested. You can give cash or checks (made out to MCPC) to Keri Wass, or drop it off in the church office.



BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Every Week During the School Year

As we're about to kick off our 12th year of Backpack Blessings, we first want to thank the Mallard Creek family for the contributions made during the 2024-2025 school year; the program absolutely cannot continue without your support! This past year we averaged about 60 backpacks a week, with each containing food for 4 children. Our expenses have been about \$700.00 a week.

The coming school year is going to be especially challenging. Parkside Elementary is merging with another school and will have around 720 students, up from about 330 last year. As a result, the food need will be greater; anticipated to be approximately 85 bags each week. Parkside has also changed its name to Dorothy J Vaughn Academy of Technology at Parkside. As far as University Meadows, we will have figures closer to the start of the school year.

This program has been supported by the generous donations of church members. Due to the growing number of bags and the rising food prices your continued donations are even more important. While there are many worthwhile projects to support - both in and out of the Mallard Creek family-serving the children in our immediate area is one of the best ways to spread Christ's love around us.

How can you donate?

- § Bring food items and place them in the bin in the gathering space.
- § Write a check payable to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, and in the memo section put Backpack Blessings
- § Donate Online, noting the funds are designated for Backpack Blessings

Thank you for your support to Backpack Blessings.

HAVE YOU HEARD???

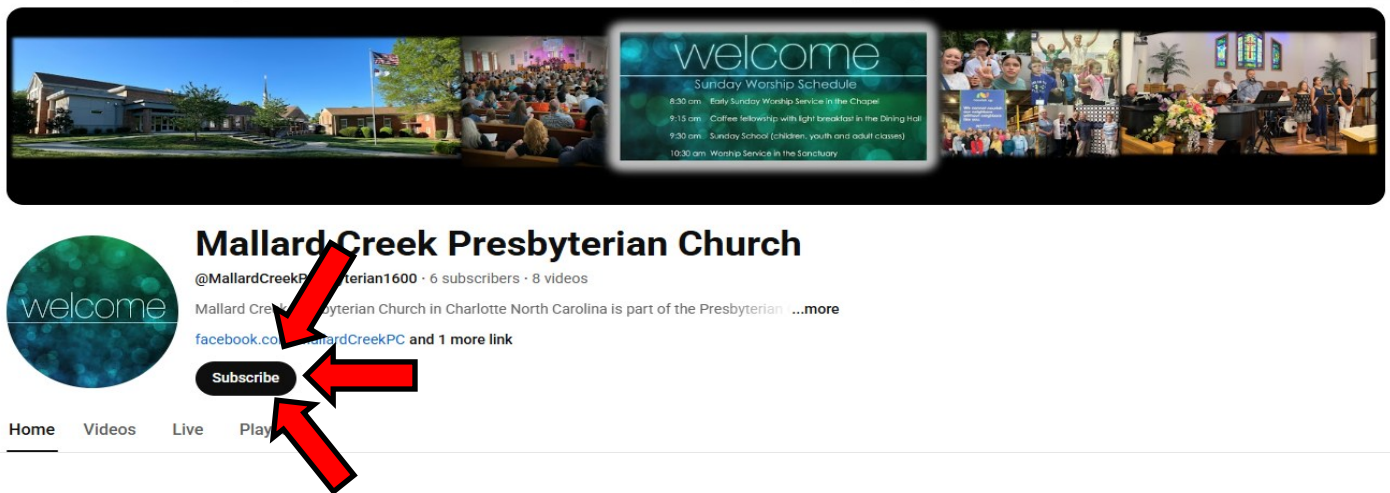
Mallard Creek Now Has a You Tube Channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/@MallardCreekPresbyterian1600>

Our Tech Team has been working *for months* to get this up and running in an effort to grow the visibility of our church and ministry, and YouTube offers us a host of new possibilities!

Sunday services will be live-streamed and the channel will feature recordings of all of your favorite Mallard Creek videos, from Tuesday Reflections to Wednesday Service of Prayer and more. You can help us increase our exposure and support us in expanding our reach.

Here's how you can help: Click the link above, and this is what you'll see:



Then click on the SUBSCRIBE button.

Next, click on each of the videos below—the church services, the Tuesday Reflections, etc. Once you open each of them, we'd ask you to “LIKE” each one, giving it a thumbs up:



What this does is “bump” us to the top of the list any time someone is searching for a church in the Charlotte area, and helps lead them to us.

Special Prayers

September 2025

Avonda Albright

David Alder (Bobbi Lisi's cousin)

Baby Sloane Alexander

JW and Vivan Avant

Linda Benfield

Jessica Booth

Ann & **Jimmy Brown**

Bobby Brown

Ken & Suggie Christenbury

Bill Cochran

Guy Eberhart

Brenda Garrison

Jane Geracimos

Ben Hatton

Carl Hatton

Brittany Heath

Jean Helms

Janet Hunter

Shirley Hunter

Phyllis Jones

Betsy Killian

Lana Lamkin (friend of Doris DeArmon)

Sheila Letica

Elaine Lord

Cecil Massey

Tamara Massey

Debbie McCrary

Bobbie Misenheimer

Katie Moore

Penny Muschett

Donnie Oehler

Tommy Oehler

Jenny Parker

Donna Seaford & **Lane Seaford**

Lois Spradley

Linda Taylor (Nancy Busch's SisterInLaw)

Earl Thomas

Lois Treadway

Michelle & Lane Winter

Dave York (Nancy Busch's BrotherInLaw)



2025
October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Peter Shankey Amanda Murray	3 Will Oehler Kimberly Stiffel	4
5 Lynn Davidson Terry Wilkinson Justin Alford	6	7 Madelyn Lazarus	8 Jack Miles Janet Dalelio Brittany Heath	9	10	11
12	13 Jessica Booth	14 Trent Spittle Andrew Shoupe	15 Bobbie Misenheimer Tammy Alford	16 Linda Baker	17 Pam Whitmire Alex Busch	18 Jane Isenhower Mathew Sheehan Charlotte McConnell
19 Bobby Brown	20 Aubrey Wasko	21 Jimmy Walker Alison Messick-Watkins	22 Ed Gullede Adelynn Zevan	23	24	25 Elcie Pavlick
26 James DeArmon	27	28 Lorraine Ndingwan Erin Mitchell Phil Ashley McKenzie Kimrey	29 Doreen Smith Blaine Kimrey	30 Jamie Garrison Austin Alexander	31 Suggie Christenbury	