

## A Word From Pastor Scott

### “Let’s not do a “do-over”

“Let old acquaintance be forgot...” claims the infamous “Auld Lang Syne” we sing every New Year’s Eve/Day. I get it, of course. It’s an attempt to get us on a road that says we get to rid ourselves of the old year to start afresh with the new. And that is well, and it is good. It’s also Christian and Biblical, right? I mean, “when you put on Christ you are a NEW Creation” (emphasis mine). And Jesus said, “...you must be born again.” (John 3:15). So much of our understanding of the Christian faith is about repentance and starting over!

Here’s a sidebar thought, though. What if we really do a good job of living the life God intends so we don’t have to keep on repeating the sins of our past? No more “do-overs”! God’s intention for us, as best I can decipher, is not to HAVE to go to our knees in repentance as much as we DESIRE to go to our knees in thanksgiving; for being able to live a **blessed life**. Don’t read this the wrong way. I can’t count how many days I went to my knees in repentance in 2021! God stands always at the ready, like a loving and caring Father, to help us learn, grow, be forgiven and be victorious. Our free will enables the choice for sin...or NOT. It enables us to lead lives of bitterness, envy, greed, hostility and unhealthy pride...or NOT. And herein lies my point: I believe fully that Jesus went to the cross to pay the penalty for the willful choice of sin we’ve made. But He also went to the cross for His willful desire for us to reject our future sinful choices! That, my friends, is God’s gift of HOPE. He hopes we will one day “get it” and stop HAVING to do “do-overs”!

What if 2022 is the year we just do “Do Unto’s!” “Do unto others as you would do unto you”. Love. Be honest. Be generous and slow to anger. Be forgiving. Be faithful. Be helpful. Be kind. This is not just a good thing to be and do, it’s the blessed life God joys for us to **live**.

Know I go to my knees in thanksgiving for you! Live a blessed life this year and always.

Pastor Scott



## FALL REGISTRATION

School Year  
2022 ~ 2023



Preschool Hours: 9am - 12:30pm  
Monday - Thursday

Call to Schedule a Tour  
or for more information  
704-821-1365

stallingspreschool@gmail.com

Train up a child in the way he  
should go; and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs 22:6

# Overview continued...

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Andrea Gray	01-03	Nicole Kobel	01-13	Paulette McLelland	01-19	Hannah Graybill	01-29
Bleu Mosley	01-04	Barbara Lee	01-14	Rylee Vigil	01-19	Allison Surratt	01-29
Sue Intihar	01-05	Jimmy Evink	01-15	Katherine Tice	01-20		
Larry Evans	01-07	Wynter Lauzon	01-15	Amy Creel	01-25		
Sharon Powell	01-08	Michelle Martin	01-15	Bill England	01-26		
Kenza Proctor	01-08	Lindsay Davis	01-17	Clyde Rogers	01-27		
Lynda Paxton	01-09	Tyler Ferguson	01-17	Terry Evans	01-28		
Kenny Proctor	01-10	Sarah Williamson	01-18	Victoria Tenorio	01-28		
Joyce Wilson	01-11	Cherie Berry	01-19	Albert Upchurch	01-28		



Giving		
Date	Budget/Tithe	Building Fund
Dec 05	\$ 2,791.85	\$ 355.00
Dec 12	\$10,832.41	\$ 319.00
Dec 19	\$10,286.49	\$ 3,205.00
Dec 26	\$12,820.89	\$ 4,705.00

**\*Please do not forget your church when you go out of town, on vacation OR during this pandemic.**

## The Church being THE CHURCH

Once again Stallings Church Family was made aware of a need close to Christmas, and you showed up to BE THE CHURCH. Instead of the typical Angel Tree, this year you came together rather quickly and met the need of an eight year old child that one of your church family is fostering. It amazes me how swiftly you go into mission mode to meet a need once it is announced. To the right you can see a picture of all the gifts collected sitting under the angel tree. I think I can say with full assurance that this little boy will have a Christmas like he has never had before because of the Stallings Church Family. Thank you for your part in this endeavor.



In addition to the Angel Tree Project, we challenged you at the end of November to help load up the Red Wagon in the Connector Wing. It already had many items from the weekday Preschool Children's drive. You added to their collection and again to the right is a picture of your efforts combined with the Preschool. All this food was delivered to Common Heart Ministries the week of Christmas. Many families in the local community will have food to eat because of your faithfulness to give. Thank you for taking time to think of the needs of others! These are two simple ways that we can do "mission work" right here in our own back yard. Let us go into the new year with eyes wide open to the opportunities the Lord puts before us to be His hands and feet to those hurting and in need. God bless you all!



## In Loving Memory of



### In Memory of Jan Brownlee:

- ◆ Gregg & Michele Forwerck

### In Memory of Curtis Estep:

- ◆ Gregg & Michele Forwerck
- ◆ Ricky & Linda Inman
- ◆ Tommy & Judy Stilwell

### In Memory of Dennise Matzke:

- ◆ Roy & Mary Sleeper

### In Memory of Jean Capps:

- ◆ Gregg & Michele Forwerck
- ◆ James & Connie Guinn

### In Memory of Lynn Deason:

- ◆ Gregg & Michele Forwerck
- ◆ Ricky & Linda Inman

### In Memory of Divi Pillsbury:

- ◆ Ricky & Linda Inman

*Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of His saints.*

~Psalm 116:15



## In Honor Of...

### In Honor of Gayle Boles:

- ◆ The Leith Stinson Class