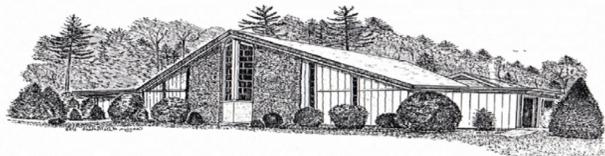


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

DECEMBER 2017

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,
Once again, it is time to prepare for the Christmas Season. As great and as wonderful as this time of year is, most people find it rather stressful. I believe it is stressful to many because they have high hopes for what Christmas could be. This causes people to feel significant pressure to make this holiday meet their own and other people's expectations.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and Christmas season. I hope you receive the gift you want and find the perfect gift for someone else. I hope your house looks and smells great. I hope your meals are delicious. I hope you get to spend some wonderful time with friends and family.

But above all, I hope that you remember this Christmas season that the greatest gift has already been given. God has already given us His perfect son Jesus Christ. He came so that we could be forgiven of our sins and be given a place in God's kingdom through his intercession on the cross.

If we remember and realize this, then it'll be ok if someone buys us the wrong size clothes, our favorite ornament breaks, the Christmas dinner gets burned, or even if we get sick over the holidays. Why? Because we have a hope that transcends this holiday season and even this world, we have eternal hope because of what Christmas is really all about: A Savior has been born to save us from our sins!

Merry Christmas!

Rhett Carson

Christmas Potluck at the Carsons' Home

Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck dinner at the pastor's home on Sunday, December 17th at 5:30 pm. The Carsons will provide a turkey, but we will need extra main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. Please sign up in the church atrium to let us know that you are coming and what you will bring.

Christmas Card Exchange

The Christmas Card Exchange box is in the atrium! Save yourself some postage by filing your Christmas cards according to last name. Remember to check each week for your Christmas cards!

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Brunson
Betty Andrews
Eric Dingeman
Jim Hart
Mel Zwart
Eileen Thomas
Kathy Guerard's sister Jo Ellen
Brian & Kathy Graces' daughter Chelsea



Thank You

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" —Colossians 3:14

Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for coming and serving during our Family Retreats this summer! It means so much to these families to have a meal uninterrupted by the duties of caretaking. Thank you for showing the love of Christ to these families and for being such selfless servants.

In gratitude, Andria Eason—Joni and Friends Charlotte

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry has concluded with 108 boxes!! Wow, this has touched my heart that so many of the Pinecrest family packed this many boxes for children around the world. The children receiving these boxes will be blessed and hopefully will receive Jesus into their hearts. Thank you to everyone who made a difference in a child's life. Dottie Kent, OCC Director.

Hanging of the Greens

Our 1st Wednesday Covered Dish and Program for December 6th will center on decorating the church, singing Christmas songs, and making Christmas baskets for our shut-ins. Our dinner will be soups, salads, and desserts. Please plan to come and be a blessing for those who can't be here by hand-packing baskets for our beloved friends, and decorating the church for all to enjoy. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Please let us know if you can attend and what soup, salad, or dessert you can bring by signing up on the sheet in the atrium.



Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Service at 6:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th

Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

Sundays

8:30 am	Early Morning Worship
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:55 am	Worship Service/Children's Church
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour

Weekly Meetings & Events

Monday	4:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	2:30 pm	Sonshine Small Group-every other week
Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting - 1st & 3rd
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	12:00 pm	Sunday Bulletin Deadline
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Prayer Group

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
3 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	4 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	5 2:30 pm Sonshine Group	6 11:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish and Presentation 7:00 pm Choir Prac-	7	8	9 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
10 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party	11 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	12 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	13	14	15	16 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
17 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour 6:00 pm Carsons' Christmas Dinner	18 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	19 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 2:30 pm Sonshine Group 6:00 pm Session Meeting 7:00 pm Circle 5—Carson's	20 11:00 am Prayer Group No Evening Services	21	22	23 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
24 Communion 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 No Evening Services	28	29	30 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
31 New Year's Eve 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour						

Circle News

Circle 2 ~ No report.

Circle 3~ 6 members were present. Next meeting will be on December 13th at Kathy Guerard's home. Members will carpool from the church leaving at 11:30 am.

Circle 4~ No Report

Circle 5~ Circle 5 will be hosting a Girls Night Out on December 8th at 6 pm at the Flat Rock Wood Room. Please let Kathy Carson know if you'd like to attend.

December Birthdays

6	Shery Voris	29	Betty Andrews
8	Pam Danz		Bob Brogi
	Gwen Hicks	31	Jim Brice
9	Dennis Dodd		Bill Kent
12	Phyllis Dingeman		
21	Ashley Harper		
	Susan Sanders		
	Imogene Wallace		
23	Mary Burrell		
28	Jeff Allers		
	Pastor Rhett Carson		
	Roberta Watson		

If your name or family members name is missing and you'd like to have it included in future publications, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Church

We currently have a rotating schedule every six weeks but would love to have a few more people willing to teach Children's Church. Please contact Ruth Anne Gibson at 828-697-6134.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

When we sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," I imagine the angels gathering around the manager anxiously awaiting their first peek at the Messiah they heralded for so long. I see them rejoicing in boundless anticipation. Two thousand years later we have an advantage. When the refrain starts "Rejoice!" we are able to look back and rejoice with the angels. The second "Rejoice!" is the way I feel about the joy that long-ago birth has given to me! This Advent join me and the whole choir in the loft as we all "Rejoice! Rejoice!" together. Peggy Cramer

Christmas Choir

The choir invites you to join them in singing Christmas music during the month of December. If interested, please come to choir rehearsal from November 29th through December 20th at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in the choir room. We'd love to have some additional singers for this special time of year.

2017 Contributions

All contributions for 2017 should be dated and post marked by December 31, 2017. All contributions must be received by our financial secretary by January 2nd for 2017 credit. Contribution statements will be available as soon as possible once the deposit has been made but no later than January 31, 2018. In order to reduce the ex-

pense of postage, statements will be printed, stuffed in envelopes, and placed in a file box that will be located in the atrium. If you'd like the church to mail your contribution statement, please call the church office (after January 2nd) at 828-692-0063.

2018 Offering Envelopes

Your numbered offering envelopes will be available in the atrium of the church soon. Please pick up your envelopes before the end of this year to ensure proper credit for 2018. If you do not have an envelope number and would like to have one, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary ready for you to fill in the dates you'd like to provide flowers for worship services in memory or in honor of someone you love.

2018 Holy Land Tour

Making a journey to the Holy Land is one of the most rewarding and exhilarating experiences of a lifetime. It's a special opportunity for bringing the gospel of Jesus to life. Join Rev. Matt Kuiken, Senior Pastor of First Gastonia ARPC, as one of the hosts for this tour of Israel in October 2018. The tour will follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. Dates of this tour are October 1-10, 2018 at \$3,879 from Charlotte, NC. For a detailed brochure and itinerary for this trip, email Pastor Matt at mkuiken@firstarpcchurch.org or call the church office at 704-864-3468.

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Food & Clothing Focus for December

Food Pantry Needs: December—Hams, Turkey Breasts, Small Turkeys, Chickens, Peas, Green Beans, Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pie Crusts & Fillings, Cake Mixes, Milk, and Eggs. (We can store meat, fresh produce and other items in our walk-in cooler and freezer so do not hesitate to donate frozen foods as well.)

Clothing Closet Needs: The clothing closet distributes blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, warm clothing, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, heavy socks, and boots during the winter. As the weather turns colder, please consider donating these much needed items so they will be available to those in need. We are also in great need of clothing for teenage boys, sizes 14-16, and men's clothing in small through extra large sizes.