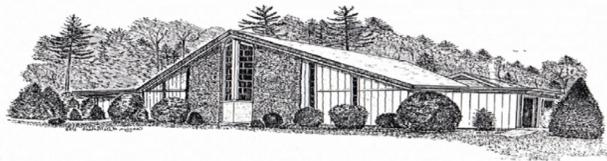


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

JULY 2018

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

One of my favorite features about Pinecrest Church is our name. I was not even born 44 years ago when a group gathered in Flat Rock, NC by the name of "Pinecrest" but I'm thankful they did.

The name "Pine-Crest" brings to my mind a picture of several pine trees sitting on the crest of a hill in clear sight of everyone. This conveys to me a great image of what a church is and what our church should strive to be. Especially a pine tree which as an evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have as believers through faith in Jesus Christ. (John 11:25-26)

First of all, a tree needs to be firmly rooted by a source of water so that it can stand strong and not be blown over by the passing storms. As Christians, we are called to root ourselves in God's Word. It is the source of strength and guidance that God has given to help us as individual Christians and as a church to stand faithfully for the Lord even as things change around us. As such, the Bible is what we need to be teaching and upon which we are to be daily feeding if we want to be successful as Christians. As we read in Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Secondly, a healthy tree, though it starts off as a small seed, grows until it is large enough to provide shelter and protection for the creatures around it. This is the illustration that Jesus used to describe the kingdom of God in Matthew 13:31-32 by comparing it to a mustard seed. In much the same way, we as individual Christians and a church need to be growing in our faith and understanding so that we can better glorify God and be of benefit to those around us who are also in need of shelter and protection.

Thirdly, a tree on a hill much like a city on a hill (Matthew 5:14) is not easily hidden nor does it intend to be. A tree does not keep to itself but spreads out its branches and scatters its seeds as far as the Lord allows it. We as Christians and as a church are also not called to keep to ourselves but to branch out and see the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ spread from us into the lives of others. The seeds of the gospel are to be spread by us into our homes, communities, and eventually the entire world so that all may

know that Jesus is Lord. (Acts 1:8)

The Session has been looking to our name of Pinecrest and all that the Scripture teaches about trees as inspiration for who we are called to be as a church today. We are considering a mission statement that would reflect our great name. It would read:

"For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to root people in God's Word, grow them in their faith, and help them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord."

If approved, this mission statement will be found on our website, bulletin, and other publications along with an image of three pine trees on a hill to remind ourselves and to show the community what we believe our goal as a church should be.

If you have any feedback or suggestions please talk to me directly or one of our elders.

Soli Deo Gloria!

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew and Norine Brunson

John Andrews

Melanie Huggins

Lee & Agnes Jones

Roberta Watson



### *Thank You*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

Thank you SO much for all your thoughtful, funny, gracious, caring cards and flowers. They really helped when in the midst of HARD daily P/T!!!!

The delivered dinners have been delicious & so helpful for the "new" cook & allowed him to store a second meal for the freezer!

Blessings to each of you for all your care and love.  
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### **Independence Day**

On July 1, 2018 at 10:55 we will have our Independence Day Service with guest speaker Rev. Tom Shoger followed by our annual pie and ice cream social. Please help by providing baked apple pies (some sugar free as well). Ice cream will be provided by Bill & Virginia Stanley and Andy & Martha Scott. So that our congregation can be unified for this special event, we will only have one service this day at 10:55am.



# 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-  
 suspended for the summer  
 Wednesday 6:00 pm Evening Worship – suspended  
 through the summer.  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 Thursday 12:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Deadline  
 Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

# JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	2  No Handbell Practice in July	3	4  Independence Day Church Office Closed  No Choir Practice in July	5	6	7 9:00 am Men's Prayer
8 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour Music Conference @ Bonclarken through 7/13	9 Youth Mission Trip Through 7/12	10 12:30 pm Circle 2— Library  7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	11  1:15 pm Circle 3— Library	12  7:00 pm Circle 5— Library	13	14 9:00 am Men's Prayer
15 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	16	17  No July Session Mtg.	18	19	20	21 9:00 am Men's Prayer
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29 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	30 VBS Through 8/3	31				

### Circle News

Circle 2~ 4 members in attendance Our next meeting will be July 10th at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ 7 members in attendance. Our next meeting will be July 11th at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ 7 members in attendance. We will not meet in July & August. Our next meeting will be September 11th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ No Report

## July Birthdays

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| 1 Rev. Jim Coad, Jr. | 27 Wilson Blevins  |
| 5 Norma Eckley       | Shirley Lamb       |
| 6 Bill McKee         | Siska Mitchell     |
| 10 J. R. Waugaman    | 29 Dale Killinger  |
| 16 Ray Burns         | Eleanor Richardson |
| 18 Dianna Dingeman   |                    |
| Cathey Bell Johnson  |                    |
| Eileen Thomas        |                    |
| 19 Tony Huntsinger   |                    |
| 20 Guenter Wadewitz  |                    |
| Pat Daniels          |                    |
| 26 Scott Reese       |                    |

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.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is almost here! The theme this year is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus, and the dates are July 30th-August 3rd. We will spend 5 mornings learning all about the love Jesus has for us through lessons, songs, games, crafts, and more! All children grades K-5 are welcome. To sign up, please visit the church website ([pinecrestchurch.com](http://pinecrestchurch.com)) and click on the VBS link under the Ministries tab. We are still in need of volunteers as well, so please contact Christian to find out how you can get involved in this great ministry!

## Youth Mission Trip

The dates for the youth mission trip are July 8th-12th. We will be traveling to Calvary Home for Children in Anderson, SC, and working alongside their staff to complete projects around campus. In the evenings, we will be staying on the grounds; and will enjoy food, fellowship, and worship together, as well as some fun games and activities. The cost for the trip is \$50. Please contact Christian to find out more information on how to sign up!

## Quest

I want to say a personal thank you to everyone who was involved in our trip to the Quest Middle School camp at Bonclarken this year. Because of the generosity of the members of Pinecrest ARP Church, Tom-

my and I were able to take our group of almost 30 to be with other believers their own age, which is a powerful experience. We had a blast playing dodgeball, paintball, swimming at the pool, and all the other great activities offered throughout the week; but we also shared in worship together, grew close in our family times at the end of each day, and confronted some hard issues that our middle school students face every day. Speaker Evan English did a series of talks of the "I AM" statements of Jesus, and related God's Word to issues like trusting parents, dealing with loss, struggling with addiction, and using technology in a responsible way. I feel blessed beyond belief to have been involved with this group of young men and women, and can't wait to see the seeds planted this week grow! - Christian Beamguard



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## Food & Clothing Focus

**Food Pantry Needs:** Canned Soup, crackers, canned pasta, and individual fruit cups. (We can store meat, fresh produce and other items in our walk-in cooler and freezer so do not hesitate to donate cold/frozen foods.) Personal care items are always needed as well such as: Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Disposable razors, Maxi-pads, and Diapers.

**Clothing Closet Needs:** Towels & washcloths, bed pillows, and sheets & pillowcases.

**School Supplies needed:** high school backpacks, 3-ring binders (1/2", 1" & 2"), notebook paper (college & wide), dividers, index cards, markers (bold & fine point), scissors (safety & sharp), pencil pouches & boxes, pink erasers, rulers, glue sticks, pens, pencils, highlighters, and crayons (24 pack).