

# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

SEPTEMBER 2017

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As most of you have heard already, I had a rough time near the end of July. I spent the last two weeks battling kidney stones and then recovering from surgery to have them removed. There are a lot of bad things about kidney stones (the pain, the discomfort, not being able to get comfortable or sleep), but there are also some good things about kidney stones.

First, kidney stones are a great reminder that there are better things to come (Romans 8:18-25). As I cast my eyes forward to the day when the pain would pass, we as Christians are told to cast our eyes forward to that great day when all things of this world will pass away. All of creation is longing for the day when Christ returns and everything is made new and so should we. We have a hope that transcends all of the trials of this present life.

Second, kidney stones are a great reminder of our need for a savior (Romans 5:18-21). My body could not solve the problem into which it had gotten itself. I needed someone else to help me. Thankfully, I had a compassionate urologist who scheduled last minute surgery to remove the stones from my body. Similarly, we cannot save ourselves spiritually from our sins. We need someone to rescue us. Thankfully, we have a compassionate savior Jesus Christ who does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Third, kidney stones are a great reminder of the importance of being a part of the body of Christ (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). I do not know how I would have been able to make it through this time on my own. My wonderful wife Kathy took such great care of me while also meeting the needs of our one year-old son. My children often volunteered to go and fetch what I needed. My church family took care of so many of our needs as well: they wrote cards, they called on the phone, they dropped off meals, they visited me in the hospital, they helped fulfill my pastoral responsibilities, and they prayed for me constantly. I am used to being the one helping those who are sick, but to be the recipient of the love and compassion of Pinecrest church was a great blessing.

I hope to never suffer from kidney stones again, but I will continue to remember the valuable insights and reminders they gave me for years to come.

Thank you for your love and generosity!

*Rhett Carson*

### **Cookout & Bluegrass Concert**

Pinecrest will have an exciting end of summer cookout and Bluegrass concert on, **Sunday, August 27th from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm** featuring Mike Jones. This is your opportunity to make and enjoy some *home made ice cream*. We're looking for 10 different flavors so come up with something yummy to share. Please call the church office at 692-0063 if you'd like to join us as we'll need to know how many burgers and hot dogs to grill and what flavor of ice cream you created.

### **WOCM Final Board Meeting**

The final board meeting of the 2017 WOCM will be held, Tuesday, **September 5th at 10:00 am** in the church library.

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew Brunson  
Dot Shipman  
John Johnson  
John Rogers  
Nancy Boyea



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry is beginning. Instructional material will be made available in the foyer of the church along with shoeboxes for those who may need them. Pinecrest goal this year is 100 boxes. Collection Sunday will be November 12, 2017.

For October 4th's First Wednesday Night Dinner and Covered Dish there will be a special Operation Christmas Child presentation with special guest speaker, Denise Gravely of Pisgah Forrest. Denise traveled to Rwanda with 50 other volunteers and hand delivered shoebox gifts to children in Rwanda. Mark your calendars for a blessing.

### **Election of New Church Officers**

Officers of the church play a major role in the leadership, life and health of the church. Please read over the biblical qualifications given in 1st Timothy 3 & Titus 1 then prayerfully consider serving or nominating someone to serve. Nominations for these offices and the offices of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Congregational Chairman should be submitted no later than October 22nd to our pastor, an officer, or turned into the church office. Nomination forms are included in your Sunday bulletin.



# 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-1st & 3rd  
 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 Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	4 Labor Day  <span style="color: red;">Church Office Closed</span>	5  5:00 pm WOCM Board Meeting	6 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm 1st Wednesday Night Dinner and Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	7	8  6:30 pm World Witness Fellowship Dinner—Greenville SC	9 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
10 Missionary Breakfast 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	11  4:00 pm Handbell Choir Practice	12 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library  7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	13 1:00 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Choir Practice	14	15	16 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
17 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	18  4:00 pm Handbell Choir Practice	19 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 2:30 pm Sonshine Group 6:00 pm Session	20 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Circle 5—Carson Hone 7:00 pm Choir Practice	21	22	23 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am WOCM Annual Luncheon
24 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	25  4:00 pm Handbell Choir Practice	26	27 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Choir Practice	28	29	30 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

### Circle News

Circle 2 ~ 6 members were present. Next meeting will be on September 12th at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ 9 members were present. Next meeting will be on September 13th at 1:00 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ 7 members were present. There will be no meeting in September.

Circle 5~ No meeting in August.

## September Birthdays

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| 5 Steve Simpson     | 24 Sylvia Tennille  |
| 7 John Gibson       | 25 Chuck Evans      |
| Margaret Jordan     | 26 Dale Sherrill    |
| 8 Nancy Van Oosten  | 27 Peter Hughes     |
| 10 Bill Guerard     | 28 Liz Kimberling   |
| Christie Whitehurst | 29 Dan Eichenberger |
| 11 Phyllis Coles    |                     |
| 13 Keith Davis      |                     |
| 16 Ian Pugliese     |                     |
| 17 John Johnson     |                     |
| 19 Marris Byrd      |                     |

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.

**Help us Raise the Roof over Evans Hall  
and our Classrooms!**

We are experiencing leaks in the flat roof over the nursery. The roofers have identified numerous other areas that will become problems soon. We have not had issues with the pitched roof over Evans Hall. However, that roof has many years of wear and replacing this section at a later date could damage the flat roof over the classrooms.

We received several bids and have accepted the bid from North American Roofing Company out of Asheville.

***Our goal is \$105,000***

The \$105,000 includes a contingency should unforeseen problems be found.

*All gifts toward our Raise the Roof Campaign are tax-deductible. Pledges are welcome, but we ask that they be paid by December 31st.*

As of August 23, we have received \$70,337 in pledges and contributions with 60 gifts.

**Wednesday Evenings this Fall**

Starting September 13<sup>th</sup>, Pinecrest will be holding its evening services this Fall on Wednesday Evenings from 6PM-7PM. So join us every Wednesday of the month for fellowship and discipleship opportunities for the whole family. Pastor Rhett will lead a study on the book of Matthew for adults, Tommy Harper

& Mike Hicks will lead a program for the youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), Mary Burrell will lead a program for children (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade), and nursery will be provided for children (0-4). This schedule will be in addition to our normal First Wednesday routine of a guest speaker and covered dish dinner.

**Pinecrest Choir**

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" Psalm 100 :1-2

Although I am not one to overuse exclamation points, you heard Rhett read from scripture this past Sunday, urging us to "come into his presence with singing!" To help make that happen I invite you to choir rehearsal which will resume on Wednesday, August 30, at 7 pm in the choir room. If you can sing and wish to share in our ministry of music, please join us as we prepare to offer praise to the Lord and speak to the congregation. You are most welcome and needed in all voice parts. I am praying that more people will come forward to augment our choir so that we might do justice to some of our most beautiful anthems, including two new ones that you may have heard at this summer's music conference at Bonclarken. This is our way to "Give thanks to him; (and) bless his name!

Hope to see you next Wednesday.

Soli Deo Gloria,

-Judy Roberts

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***WOCM Annual Luncheon***

*Pinecrest's WOCM would like to invite all women of Pinecrest to our Annual Luncheon, Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 at 10:30 am in Evans Hall. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet located in the atrium.*

