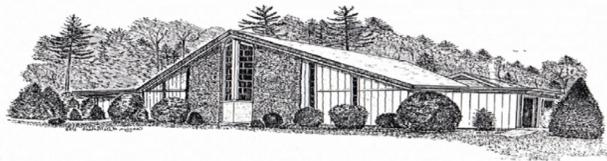


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

OCTOBER 2019

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As many of you know, Pinecrest will be working with Outreach North America (one of our denomination's agencies) to undergo a church revitalization process. As the pastor of Pinecrest, I find the idea of church revitalization exciting and daunting. I find it exciting because I love Pinecrest Church and I want to see it flourish. I also find it daunting because I know it may involve some changes. And as a "good Presbyterian" myself, I know that change can be hard even sometimes downright painful.

Because of this, I am so thankful that the ONA revitalization process began the way it did. ONA started by gathering all six pastors and their wives who are going through the revitalization process to a retreat at a house on Holden Beach. The house and the beach were beautiful, the food was delicious, and it was a rare treat to have my wife's attention without her trying to take care of five children at the same time. However, what I enjoyed the most and didn't realize how badly I needed was to be reminded of the gospel message and the gospel mission.

Much like a chef who has to cook the same dish every week, a pastor can become so familiar with the gospel that they forget how beautiful and delicious it is. I needed to be reminded that I am loved by God and have a right standing with him through Christ by faith alone. This means that none of my successes as a pastor or human being will add to my standing with God and that none of my mistakes and failures as a pastor or human being will take away from my standing with God. What hope and peace this brings to me both as a pastor and a human being!

Remembering the promises of the gospel makes me even more excited about what God can do through Pinecrest- he can use us to change people's eternal standing with God. Remembering the promises of the gospel makes change seem less daunting both because the gospel reminds us that our standing with God is fixed no matter what changes we go through and because the gospel reminds us that God sent his son not to keep us the same but to change us. Being changed by God is ultimately a good thing!

Please continue to pray for Pinecrest Church, the session, and myself as we begin this revitalization process. The next step will be to identify 8-12 people to serve on

the church's vision team. This group will be tasked with evaluating our church and our community so that we can best reach those around us with the exciting, life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Henry Arnott
Dee Barker
Mark Kennedy
Jeri Lotze
The Family of Thelma Singer
Eileen Thomas



Book of Remembrance

The following have contributed towards the General Fund or other fund as noted below:

In Memory of Mrs. Rosemary Pierce from Mrs. Liz Kimberling and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice

In Memory of Mr. JR Waugaman from Mrs. Liz Kimberling.

Thank you

Pinecrest family, Ray and I would like everyone here to know that we are extremely grateful to everyone for all the prayers, cards of well wishes, the extreme gifts of food, and love that has been shown in our time of need.

The blessings are more than we could ever imagine...Thank you so much to EVERYONE.—Ray & Salley Burns

Dear Pinecrest family, Words can not express my gratitude towards each of you. Having your prayers and support means so very much to me.

Thank you for supporting our family during our transition from Scotland to the US and thank you for your support of my new state side ministry here in the World Witness office.

We hope to see you soon! Much love and prayers—Ashley Olson

Franklin Graham's Decision America Tour

Franklin Graham will be making a stop in Asheville, NC on Sunday, October 13th as part of his Decision America Tour. Pinecrest Church is planning to take our 24 seat van and attend this event if there is enough interest. There is a sign up sheet located in the atrium, please let us know if you'd like to ride with us. Registration for this event is required by Saturday, September 28th. You may email your RSVP to RSVPAshevilleSP@samaritan.org.

Stewardship Article of the Month

Everybody Has a Buddy

I've known Buddy all my life. Believe me, you don't want to get Buddy started on Evolution. He's not a scientist, although he once wanted to be. Somewhere back in his formative years, he got diverted to a business career. He is now a businessman. However, he has a high appreciation for the orderly elegance of science. From the tiny microcosm of the chemical element to the vast cosmic universe, Buddy sees this orderliness as the work of God's creative hand. It's not only Intelligent Design, but it's Loving and Righteous Design. There is no other explanation for hum. Not randomness, not evolution, not natural selection. God created all, and all was good, orderly and elegant from the get-go. The Bible says so, and Buddy sees it with his own eyes and believes it whole-heartedly. Buddy blames the schools for not teaching this.

A while back, when Buddy and I were at Bible study, I ran across a passage from Proverbs that I found interesting. Based upon his business background, I thought it might interest him, too.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord with your wealth with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine

(Prov. 3:5,9-10)

Well, Buddy exploded. He claimed this was the craziest financial advice imaginable. In a blathering rant he protested that accumulating wealth was not so easy. Furthermore, God had answered his prayers by sending him to business schools and by preparing him for tests and getting him through his career. "With God's help, I made it through. Was all that 'understanding' worth nothing?" he lamented. "This Proverb has no consideration for internal rates of return, discounted cash flow, investment theory, or financial analysis. After all that help learning these things, does God now expect me to ignore all those important 'understandings'?"

"Bubby, Buddy", I interrupted. "All that understanding is important to have under your belt, but God is saying don't lean on that. Use it certainly, but don't lean on it. Trust God. He created all things so that we can use them for His glory. Whatever you have received as your wealth so far, lift it up first to the Lord. Glorify Him with it, and it says here that He promises full barns and brimming vats of it in return.

"Preposterous!" Buddy exclaimed. "Sure, God has a place in business, and I pray to Him a lot at work. Like during my company's negotiations with that French outfit when we couldn't reach agreement on equivalent contributions for the pending joint venture. I prayed for a solution to this impasse. Luckily, I remembered an old international business course just in time. Or, when I lost that big contract, but went ahead with my commitment to the church without a dime in my bank account. Fortunately, I was rescued by that regional manufacturing deal coming through in the nick of time. That was business, pure and simple. It's what you know that counts. Don't give me this crops-in-the-barn mumbo-jumbo. If that were true, why don't they teach it in

schools?"

Buddy and I are still real close and I reckon we always will be. But sometimes I see that Buddy is a little inconsistent. The scientific side of Buddy believes God created the universe with all its scientific grandeur. Buddy is assured that this is true because the Bible says so, and he has a little bit of scientific understanding to affirm it. Yet, when it comes to personal finances, Buddy doesn't think the Lord gets much involved, even though the Bible says he does. The financial Buddy just can't bring himself to trust the Lord's word completely, even when he can see a little bit of its fruits. That's just Buddy. Somewhere along the way, Buddy should have been taught this. I'm thinking that we should blame the schools. Pray for Buddy and me.

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Glen Smotherman, author of

Steward Shipp of Peachtree Corners

Operation Christmas Child

A display table has been set up in the atrium of the church. Shoebox supplies are available including instructional brochures, boxes and lists of shoebox ideas. A personal letter and photo are an important part of your box. Last but not least pray over your box. Pinecrest goal this year is 125 boxes. Dedication Sunday will be November 17. Any questions please contact Dottie Kent.

New Members/Inquirer's Class:

Starting October 6th, Pastor Rhett will be teaching "Pinecrest 101" during the Sunday School hour in the library. If you are interested in finding out more about our church, its history and beliefs, please plan to join us. For more information speak to Pastor Rhett.

1st Wednesday Covered Dish and Presentation

Please join us on October 2nd at 5:30 pm for a Meet & Greet with a few of the local residents who are running for village council seats, including our own Tom Carpenter.

Stamps for Children

Pinecrest is collecting used stamps as suggested by Sarah Jacober, a retired missionary. The stamps will be sent to the Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) in Florida. They sort through the stamps and sell them to a stamp dealer. The money for the stamps helps to purchase Sunday school material for the children in South America and Spain. The material would be in the Spanish language. The stamps from an envelope or the Precentor need to have a 1 inch border around the stamp or you can just tear the envelope in half. The box for collection has been relocated to the table under the secretary's office window in the atrium.

Financial Statement as of August 2019

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$27,471	\$33,411	\$5,940

YTD Financial Statement

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$243,639	\$276,063	\$32,424

Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

Sunday 10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Sunday School
 6:00 pm High Schoolers
 Discipleship Group

Weekly Meetings & Events
Monday 4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 2:30 pm Sunshine Small Group—Every other week
Wednesday 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 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish & Presentation 7:00 pm Choir Practice	3	4	5 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
6 Communion 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Discipleship Group	7 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	8 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 pm Sunshine Group	9 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice	10 7:00 pm Circle 5—Library	11	12 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
13 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Discipleship Group	14 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	15 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 6:30 pm Joint Session/Deacons Mtg.	16 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice	17	18	19 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
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Circle News

Circle 2~ Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church library.

If you are interested in joining a circle, please contact one of the circle leaders: Jeanie Bennett, Ruth Anne Gibson, Susan Sanders, or Kathy Carson.

October Birthdays

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| 1 Ken De Zwaan | 20 Stella Blevins |
| 2 Susan Jones | Melody Heltman |
| 3 Dee Barker | 21 Christie Swift |
| Noelle Swift | 23 Margaret Fenner |
| 5 Lucy Blevins | 25 Grayson Harper |
| Emily Jane Carson | Bailey Whitehurst |
| 6 Martha Byrd | 27 Jim Hart |
| 11 Kathy Guerard | 31 Linda Carpenter |
| Kimberly Shelton | |
| Wanda Valentine | |
| 13 Xan Hicks | |
| Don Muller | |
| 15 Joy McCraw | |
| 19 Linda Huntsinger | |
| Sharon Mezger | |

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.

Worship Workers Schedule: October 2019

Elder of the Month:

Bill Stanley

Deacon of the Week:

Oct 6...Ray Burns

13...Jan Moore

20...Paul Rector

27...Jim Moore

Greeters:

Oct 6...John & Ruth Anne Gibson

13...Gordon Ann King & Emily

Jane Carson

20...Bill & Dottie Kent

27...Mike Rector & Paul Rector

Toddler Nursery:

Oct 6...Margo Pugliese

13...Eben Carson

20...Barbara Sherrill

27...Margo Pugliese

Children's Church:

Oct 6...John & Ruth Anne Gibson

13...Bill & Kathy Guerard

20...Lynn Rogers & Emily Jane

Carson

27...Fran Jester

Ushers:

Oct 6...Dan Eichenberger, Bill

Guerard, Xan Hicks, and

Eben Carson

13...Jim Moore, Bill Stanley, Mike

Rector, and Paul Rector

20...Ken De Zwaan, Mike

Pugliese, Ray Burns, and

Dennis Dodd

27...Jim Hart, Ron Grigsby, Dave

Morton, and Paul Rector

Visitation Team:

Oct 6...Christy Whitehurst

13...Jane Kennedy

20...Susan Jones

27...Mike Rector

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 as Elder or Deacon. Nominations for these offices and the offices of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Congregational Chairman should be submitted no later than November 3rd to our pastor, an officer, or turned into the church office. Nomination forms are available in the atrium of the church.

Quarterly Missions

The Missions collection for the 4th quarter (Oct-Dec) 2019 will go to Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM).

The Missions Committee is looking for people interested in serving on the Committee. Please see Dan Eichenberger.



The *Precentor* deadline for

submissions is **Sunday, October 20th.**



Youth Trip to Mount Mitchell

The youth will be taking a trip to Mount Mitchell State Park on October 12th. We'll enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship, and be able to see the splendor of God's creation from the top! We'll meet at the church at 9, students will need to bring money for lunch. Please let Christian know if you'd like to go, parents and friends welcome!

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For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to produce fruit for God's kingdom by rooting people in God's word, growing them in their faith, and helping them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.

Come Worship with us:

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:00 AM

Sunday School: 11:15 AM

Sunday Evening High School Discipleship Group: 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 6:00 PM