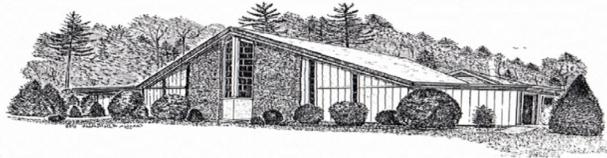


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

OCTOBER 2018

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,
I'd like to share a very special birthday with you this month. No, it is not mine and, no, it is not that our baby came early. It's not even one of the many special people listed on our October Birthday calendar. In fact, it's not a person at all. I want to say Happy 40th Birthday to our Pinecrest ARP Church Building!

The cornerstone of what would become the Pinecrest ARP Church building was laid on September 17, 1978 and the first worship service was held on December 3, 1978. The congregation was so excited about the building that they held their first event here before it was finished, on October 20, 1978, on what they called 'Commencement Day'.

We read in our History of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church: "After the morning worship service at Chapel in the Pines on October 20, 1978, the growing congregation went to the new church building for a covered dish meal. This was referred to as 'Commencement Day' in the unfinished building, and the event was attended by 178 people."

Many of us still share this excitement to be able to gather at this building each week after all these years. But as excited as I am about our building, what I'm really excited about is how our building has been used to build up the church for 40 years.

That might sound a bit odd at first, but don't forget that our building at 1790 Greenville Highway is not the church, but where the church meets. The real church is the people, the family of God. Over the years, the church has been built up at our building as people have gathered for worship, fellowship, discipleship, outreach, and service.

I hope God continues to use us and our building to build up his church over the next 40 years.

Your brother,

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew and Norine Brunson

Hal Bennett

Evelyn Coad

Ruth Anne Gibson

Barbara Hughes

Kimberly Shelton



Book of Remembrance

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

In Memory of Mr. Lee Jones from Mr. & Mrs. William Stanley, Mr. & Mrs. James Brice, Mr. & Mrs. William Owens, and Mr. Gustav Hennig.

In honor of Mrs. Agnes Jones from Mr. & Mrs. James Brice.

In Memory of Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Shipman from Mr. & Mrs. William Stanley.

In Memory of A.C. Gregg from Mr. & Mrs. George Tennille, Mrs. Joyce Witherington, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Leary, and League Club.

Thank You

I would like to thank each of you for your loving prayers and kind words during my recent illness. It truly means the world to me that you gave your time and efforts on my part. Other than some numbness in my hands and feet, I am mostly back to my old self again.

—Jim Hart

Dear Friends, I have a sad heart but also a heart filled with love and thanksgiving for our Pinecrest family of more than 40 years. Thank you for the many acts of love and kindness shown to Lee and me and our family during Lee's illness of four years and following his death. He was the love of my life for many years as I watched him give his life to Jesus and come to know a deep relationship with our Lord and Savior.

I miss Lee more than words can express.

He was with Hospice care in our Carolina Village Medical Center for the last nine months of his life and considered the Medical Center his "launch pad" to Heaven. The staff commented how Lee witnessed daily for Jesus Christ with his Christian attitude.

Our God allowed me to be with Lee and hold him in my arms at the every end of his earthly life and now he is in the "everlasting arms" forever. I am happy he is experiencing love and joy in heaven and none of the discomfort he had with the old broken body.

I realize my tears are for me and those he left behind, but am grateful for the comfort and peace of God and for the loving support of each of you.

I'll be back in church soon, so get those hugs ready.

My love and God's blessings

—Agnes Jones

Stewardship Article of the Month

Be All That You Were Meant To Be

As a veteran I'm very proud of our armed forces. I'm especially impressed with the resources that our troops bring with them—things like the naval launched missiles, the satellite communications, the night vision goggles, the drone aircraft, and all the rest. The total integration of these resources has made our armed forces a vastly superior military force to whatever nation is second best, and the resources seem to be allocated so effectively. It seems that Army has the resources to be good soldiers; the Navy, good sailors; the Air Force, good airmen; and the Marines, as always, good Marines. To top it off, our men and women have voluntarily obliged themselves to defend our freedom.

Our military is a unit of diverse skills and talents. As diverse as the forces are among the four services, they share one thing in common, and with every veteran since the Continental Army. Each of us did two things upon entering the service. The first thing we did was to commit our loyalty to our country and the constitution. Without my swearing-in ceremony, the Army wasn't going to do a thing for me. My overt commitment was the tip-off that now I was ready to go about the business of being a soldier. The next event was to shear off my hair, strip me down to my skivvies, and stand me in line as a supply sergeant outfitted me with all sorts of paraphernalia. Now, the oath was a mixed bag. There's a sense of great patriotism, but also a certain anxiety. The second step produced a singular feeling for everyone. "Do I look like a fool, or what? Hurry up and get me my gear so I can move on."

Now I don't want to get carried away comparing the human to the divine. The divine is then the more likely to suffer. And I assume that the Army is still laden with "The Right Way, the Wrong Way, and the Army Way," and other banalities of military life. Nothing by man is perfect, but I can't help comparing these experiences with God's perfect plan. As believers we are all citizens of the holy kingdom, and can never be lost. Yet, I believe God is recruiting us for greater service to Him. He is ready to lead us into that service. We must start with two events. We make a commitment that indicates our trust in His plan for us, and we symbolically cast off our own resources so to be equipped with the resources He provides us for the service He desires of us. In terms of Christian stewardship that commitment, I believe, is the discipline of tithing. When we tithe, we indicate our commitment and our trust. We are saying, "God, I trust you and your promises. I am replacing my desires with your plans." From that time forward we are built up, equipped, and trained to be stewards for the glory of God.

When you join the military, you have given the government some indication about what you want to be, where you want to go, and what you want to do: as the US Army slogan says, "*Be All That You Can Be.*" When we trust the Lord, our future is in His hands. It's His plan, not ours. Consequently, for many of us self-reliant types, there's an apprehension that somehow the Lord is going to leave us looking foolish, standing in our metaphoric skivvies, incapable of doing what He asks of us, and subsequently falling short of His desires. It is amazing that thousands of us can go into a man made organization like the military with assurance of our own ca-

reer decisions and confident that the US taxpayers will supply our needs. Yet, we are anxious that our loving God will maroon us in an undesirable situation short on supplies and destined for failure. What does He promise, though? He promises to build us, equip us, and train us. And unlike a general giving us orders, HE promises to lead us like a shepherd. He promises to prosper us amply that we might serve Him well and bring Him glory wherever He leads. He asks only that we first show our trust in Him.

It's quite an enlistment that God has placed before us—citizens of the kingdom. We don't have to be young to enlist, and we are never too old for the commitment. We don't have to enlist at all. We are eternally secure in the knowledge that we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. What could be better than that? I guess it's a matter of being all we were meant to be.

Onward...Christian Soldiers.

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The *Precentor* deadline for submissions is **Sunday, October 21st.**



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 November 4th to our pastor, an officer, or turned into the church office. Nomination forms will be included in your Sunday bulletin.

Operation Christmas Child

...shoebox ministry has begun. A display has been set up in the atrium of the church. Free materials are available. It is important for you to follow the instructions in the brochure with preparing your boxes. We are encouraging school supplies because children in some countries without school supplies cannot attend school. A DVD is available to share. Pinecrest goal this year is 115 boxes. Collection Sunday will be Nov. 11. If you have any questions please contact Dottie Kent.

Financial Statement as of August 2018

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
\$24,490	\$28,492	\$998

YTD Financial Statement

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$252,733	\$255,737	\$3,004

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 Sunshine Small Group—each 2nd and 4th Tuesday
 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—each 1st and 3rd Tuesday
 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 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	2 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	3 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish & Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 9:00 am Men's Prayer
7 Communion 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	8 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	9 Presbytery Mtg. in Raleigh NC 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 pm Sunshine Group 7:00 Deacons Meeting	10 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	11 7:00 pm Circle 5—Library 7:00 pm CE Meeting	12	13 9:00 am Men's Prayer ARP Women's Meeting at Bonclarken
14 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	15 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	16 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 5:00 pm Session Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	17 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	18	19	20 9:00 am Men's Prayer 1:00 pm Canvas & Cupcakes
21 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	22 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	23 2:30 pm Sunshine Group	24 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	25	26	27 9:00 am Men's Prayer
28 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	29 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	30	31 6:00 pm Fall Festival 7:00 pm Choir Practice			

Circle News

Circle 2~ 6 members in attendance. Our next meeting will be October 9th at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ Our next meeting will be October 10th at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ 8 Members in attendance. Our next meeting will be October 16th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ Our next meeting October 11th at 7:00 pm in the church library.

October Birthdays

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| 1 Ken De Zwaan | 19 Linda Huntsinger |
| 2 Susan Jones | 20 Sharon Mezger |
| 3 Dee Barker | 21 Stella Blevins |
| Noelle Swift | Melody Heltman |
| 5 Lucy Blevins | 22 Christie Swift |
| Emily Jane Carson | 23 Sharon Morton |
| 6 Martha Byrd | 24 Margaret Fenner |
| 11 Kathy Guerard | 25 Grayson Harper |
| Kimberly Shelton | Bailey Whitehurst |
| Wanda Valentine | 27 Jim Hart |
| 13 Xan Hicks | 29 Bill Warner |
| Don Muller | 31 Linda Carpenter |
| 15 Joy McCraw | |

Men's Bible Study

God has laid the "leadership" of His people at the feet of the man He created. Its hard to lead if you are ignorant of His desires for His people. Paul writing to Timothy (2 Tim 3:16-17) says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." The prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:8-9) quotes God saying, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." So it behooves us to have a clearer understanding of His precious word. We will meet the first and third Tuesday at 7:00PM each month. With all the grace and love I can muster, I behest you to come and join with us as we "dig -in" to God's scriptures.

1st Wednesday Covered Dish & Program

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday October 3, 2018, at 5:30PM. Cook your favorite food for our pot luck and bring yourself for a fun evening of church fellowship for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Sonshine Bible Study

The "Sonshine Bible" group would like to extend an invitation to all members at Pinecrest to join us in a study of God's Word. We meet here at the Church on the second and fourth Tuesday each month. Our study begins at 2:30 PM and lasts about an hour. The Psalmist says in Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." We need not walk in this world in

darkness. Come and join us for a refreshing time with God.

Youth Dupont Trip

The youth group will be going to Dupont State Forest on Saturday, October 13th. We would love to have you join in our time of fun and fellowship, out in God's creation! We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM, please bring money for lunch. See Christian for more information!

Canvas & Cupcakes

Pinecrest WOCM would like to invite ladies of all ages to Canvas & Cupcakes! A local artist will guide us step-by-step to create a canvas painting. Saturday, October 20th at 1PM in the Pinecrest Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Atrium. Cost is \$5.

Fall Festival

Please join us on Wednesday, October 31st, from 6-7 pm for a Fall Festival! There will be fun and games, sweet treats, and plenty of great fellowship for all ages. Come celebrate the changing of the seasons with your Pinecrest family!

Please share your email address with us

In an effort to keep the cost to the church as low as possible, we'd like to be able to email you the Precentor each month along with updates and important information regarding meetings and events.

Pinecrest will not share your email address with anyone outside the church and will not send you anything that does not directly involve the church or its activities.

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Food & Clothing Focus

Food Pantry Needs: Canned vegetables, canned beans, canned soup, and crackers. (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: Clothing for teenage boys, sizes 14-16, and men's clothing in small and extra larges sizes. The clothing closet distributes blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, warm clothing, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, heavy socks, and boots during the winter. Now is the time to start thinking about collecting these items so that they will be available when the weather turns cold.

United Way's 211 of WNC: An information line linking people to health and human services in Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, and Transylvania Counties. Whether you want to find help or give help, the referral specialists who answer your call will identify the right resources for you. 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 to speakers of all languages. Dial 211 on your phone or visit 211wmc.org.