THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

AUGUST 2017

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,

We're back! Thank you so much for your prayers and for the opportunity to travel around the world celebrating my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. It was a great blessing for me and my family.

In Germany, we were able to tour Berlin, see where my sister Rebekah lives and works, visit our missionaries Jeff & Suzanne Allers, and tour Wittenburg where Martin Luther posted the 95 theses.

In Uganda, we were able to tour the seminaries where dad teaches, meet many of their students and colleagues, go on an animal safari, and celebrate mom and dad's 50th anniversary.

In Scotland, we were able to tour the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, see where my sister Emma and her family live and work, worship with Grace Church Leith, visit old friends in Banchory where I lived as a boy, tour several castles, and visit many sites important to the ARP denomination.

We loved the sites, the food, the company, but I have to say the biggest blessing was many of the people we got to meet. There are so many amazing Christians around the world and it is great to see what the Lord is doing in and through them! On the other hand many of these same Christians are going through and facing many obstacles and hardships.

This makes me very thankful that we have a God that is not only able to meet the needs of the people of America but also the needs of people all around the world. It also makes me thankful to be a part of a family and a church that is focused on bringing the gospel to the whole world.

Thanks again! I look forward to sharing more with you about what we saw and did. My family is planning to make a presentation on our trip to the church on the first Wednesday of September.

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Brunson
Hal Bennett
Vacation Bible School
Jack Kern
Roberta Watson
Walt Harper



Thank you!

Dear Pinecrest Church,

I just want to thank you so much for your prayers and support for me and my family over these many years. I have just "Retired" from the Marine Corps after 20 years and I am so humbled to have been on your military prayer board for almost all of it. By the Lord's grace I start with Delta Air Lines this month. I have very fond memories of spending summers at Bonclarken and attending Bible School at Pinecrest as a child. Thank you also for loving my wife, Grace, as I was deployed to Afghanistan. You are so special to me. —Love, Boyce Hunt (and Grace, Wade, Elec, Lucy and David)



It is with deep gratitude that I thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent hospitalizations and recoveries. The power of your prayers uplifted me with hope, carried me through some down times and brought me back to my family, friends and Pinecrest friends. My "reconditioned" heart overflows with thankfulness. —Peggy Cramer

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SHOEBOX MINISTRY will be starting soon. Pinecrest's goal this year is 100 boxes. Collection Sunday will be November 12, 2017

Rhett Carson

Stewardship Article of the Month

What's All the Cheering About?

Collegetown, USA—The University's athletic director announced that although football season tickets sales were sold out again this year, there was a general lack of enthusiasm among the fans. Usually the sellout was completed by early summer; this year's tickets were still available by late July.

The scuttlebutt around campus is that the last few years' dismal records have dampened the spirits of the alumni and fans. Several years ago, with the undefeated season and treasured national championship still on their minds, the fans cheered all week long—not just at game time. Winning was expected. According to the information director, this mood swing is not expected to have an impact on the athletic budget since ticket sales and donations are continuing as budgeted.

It's just that fans are merely going through the motions. Supporting the home team on Saturday is what they've done for generations, and the tradition appears to continue, albeit unenthusiastically. The head coach observed that everybody cheers for a winner, but a few defeats can certainly change the atmosphere. At least the loyal fans are thankful for the memories and support the team accordingly.

Okay, you may think that I've gone way out in a limb, and I'm a bit too wrapped up in football. Bear with me. Hopefully I've set the stage for the following message.

Paul wrote, "Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). Truly, I've wrestled with the intentions of this passage for many years. Yes, we feel good when we see God's blessings flow in our lives, and we are thankful that we can give a portion to God in return. I'm sure that God appreciates our gifts as an expression of our good feelings. God appreciates a thankful giver, I'm sure. But I'm thinking that "feeling good" and "cheering" are two different levels of enthusiasm.

An undefeated football season, even with a limited number of fumbles, a few interceptions, and not many missed tackles is really something to cheer about. After all, nobody is perfect. The Bible describes our Creator as incom-

parable, glorious, unconquerable—yes, undefeatable. His seasons are eternal. His righteousness is unblemished and without error. He is perfect. We are his loyal children. What's not to cheer?

Our giving without compulsion or reluctance is a worthy deed that Paul urges us to pursue. Our faithful stewardship as a traditional Christian discipline is admirable and will reap promised rewards from our Father. Our gifts of thanksgiving for the blessings God has given us are pleasing to Him, and He will continue to pour His blessings upon us. However, He especially treasures our enthusiastic, cheerful gifts recognizing Him as the undefeatable, incomparable, almighty God. Such cheering is not about us, not about our good feelings, not about our loyalty, but they are for Him. Let us cheer on. Glory, glory, to our Father.

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The **Precentor** deadline is

Sunday, August 20th. ትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትት

New Directions for Stock Donations

Pinecrest now has a new Stock Account at United Community Bank that will accept stock transfers! All you need do is ask the church office to supply you with the pre-printed letter to give to your broker. You'll need to fill in the account name and number, how many shares and the name of the stock along with the Cusip number. The remainder of the letter includes instructions for your broker on how to transfer the stock to the Church account. Also included with the letter is contact information for the financial adviser to our account, Bill Roland, and his registered brokerage sales assistant, Lynn Marston, who are ready and willing to answer any questions you may have.

Financial Statement as of June 30, 2017

<u>Income</u> <u>Expenses</u> <u>Shortfall</u> **\$22,976 \$27,758 \$4,782**

YTD Financial Statement

<u>Income</u> <u>Expenses</u> <u>Surplus</u> \$178,629 \$176,321 \$2,308

Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

	Sundays	Weekly Meetings & Events				
8:30 am	Early Morning Worship	Monday	4:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal—		
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study			Suspended through August 7th		
10:55 am	Worship Service/Children's Church	Tuesday	2:30 pm	Sonshine Small Group-1st & 3rd		
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting - 1st & 3rd		
6:00 pm	Evening Worship—Suspended through		7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal—Suspended		
	Labor Day			through August		
		Thursday	12:00 pm	Sunday Bulletin Deadline		
			3:30 pm	Bible Club—Suspended through		
				Labor Day		
		Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Prayer Group		

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VBS 9am-12pm 2:30 pm Sonshine group	2 _{VBS 9am-12pm}	3 _{VBS 9am-12pm}	4 _{VBS 9am-12pm}	5 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	7	8 12:30 pm Circle 2- Library 7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg.	9 1:00 pm Circle 3— Library	10	11	9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
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Circle News

Circle 2 ~ No Report

Circle 3[~] 7 members were present. Next meeting will be on August 9th at 1:00 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ 7 members present. Next meeting will be August 15th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ No meeting in July.

August Birthdays

- 1 David Blevins
- 3 Ann Graczyk
- 4 Sally Burns Christopher Neal
- 7 Noah Myslik
- 9 Olga Rostkowski
- 11 Ben Allers
- 13 Kathy Carson Reggie Ramsey
- 16 Martin Clark
- 20 Henry Arnott Virginia Stanley

- 21 Dan Van Oosten Hazel Walker
- 22 Kim Myslik
- 23 Aaron Swift
- 25 Berry Ray
- 26 Nancy Boyea
- 27 Brenda Hart
- 28 Sarah Alexander Terri Anna Scott
- 29 Barbara Eichenberger
- 30 Grayce Henry

Back to School Lock-out

Pinecrest youth will celebrate the end of summer break with a lock out on August 18th. The youth and their leaders will do several fun activities in the area and at the church before falling asleep. Guys and girls will sleep in different rooms inside the church but may end up camping outside, weather permitting. Youth can be dropped off at the church at 7:00 pm on Friday and will be ready to be picked up at 8:00 am on Saturday. Cost per child \$20; no meals provided. Please register by Sunday, August 13th.

Communicants Class

Pastor Rhett will begin a communicants class on August 13th for youth desiring to become full members of the church. The material is designed for middle school students. Please contact Pastor Rhett or the church office ASAP if you have a youth interested in this class so that materials can be ordered.

Mission Presentation

Please join us on August 6th, during the Sunday School hour, when we will have a mission presentation from Jeff and Suzanne Allers who are missionaries to Germany.

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 class-

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 July 25th, we have received \$47,875 in pledges and contributions.

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INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Food & Clothing Focus for August 2017

Healthy snacks, cereal, dry milk, fruit juice, instant oatmeal, instant grits, and bread.

The Pantry includes personal care items with the food orders. Shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors are always needed. Also, there is a great need for women's feminine products.

Clothing Closet Needs: We recently lost our source of funding for new children's clothing. We like to give a child two new outfits to mix and match for the new school year when we give them school supplies in August. A new outfit consist of a top, a bottom, a pair of sox and a pair of underwear and costs approximately \$20. If you can help with this, please send a check and write "school clothing" in the memo line and your donation will be used for this purpose.

Never underestimate the value of even one item.

Share the bounty of your garden!

Do you find yourself with too many fruits and vegetables? Can't eat them all?

Donate them!!

Fresh produce is greatly appreciated by people coming to IAM in need of food. Our pantry has a walk-in cooler, so donations of fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome.