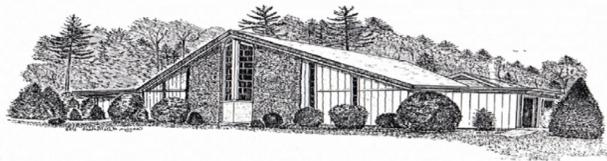


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

NOVEMBER 2019

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

“Where are we in this whole revitalization thing?” is one of most frequent questions I get from our church members these days. For this, I am thankful. It means revitalization is on people’s radar. It is something that people are curious about, interested in, excited about, and, hopefully, something that they are praying about. I am happy to give updates in person, but I will try to keep everyone up-to-date through these monthly newsletter articles.

So where is our church in the revitalization process at the beginning of November?

One could say that the revitalization process is yet to begin. Our main work with Outreach North America begins in January 2020. At that time, ONA will guide a revitalization team comprised of Pinecrest members and staff in answering the all important question of “How would God have our church reach out to our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ at this time?” After several months of prayer, and studying God’s Word, our community and our church, the revitalization team will report back first to ONA and then to the entire membership of Pinecrest church in late April/early May.

On the other hand, one could also say that the revitalization process has begun because right now the Pinecrest session and I are praying for God to identify people to serve on this Revitalization team. We are praying for four men and four women who will represent different groups in our church and be willing to prayerfully take a hard look at where our church is right now and where it needs to go...even if we don’t like some of the answers. We want our church to grow, but, more importantly we want our church to glorify God and fulfill our God-given mission to go and make disciples.

Will you please pray for our session and for me for wisdom in selecting who will serve on this revitalization team? Will you please pray that God leads us to those who are willing to serve and those who God will use to help our church “for such a time as this”? Would you please pray even now that God would give this revitalization team wisdom, insight, and courage to guide our church in the right direction?

But I would also say that there is no need to wait on the revitalization team for you to begin revitalization right now. How? By praying for God to revitalize you. By praying that God would give you love for the things that God loves including the people He loves. By praying that God would give you the desire, the gifts, and the courage to reach out right now to your neighbors and community with the gospel.

Soli Deo Gloria!

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

### *Intercessory Prayer*

Henry Arnott  
Dee Barker  
Barbara Herdina  
Jerri Lotze  
Eileen Thomas



### **Estate Gift from Clark and Anna Wilson**

Many of you will remember Clark and Anna Wilson, a lovely couple who were Pinecrest members for many years. Anna passed away in February and Clark passed away in April. They were blessed with five children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Clark and Anna were active members of our church and friends to all who knew them.

They graciously included Pinecrest in their estate plans. Last week, the church received a gift of \$186,530 from their estate. How wonderful for Clark and Anna to leave such a legacy. The Deacons and Session, at our respective October meetings, approved an allocation of the gift that will be shared with the congregation at our upcoming Congregational meeting.

Are your estate plans established? Have you included Pinecrest? We would encourage you to consider a tithe of your estate, with 10% going to ministries that are important to you. We are so blessed that Clark and Anna remembered our church in such a generous way.

### **I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked**

The little town of Bethlehem was home to Sarah Jacober for fifteen years. After her retirement, the Mission Board asked her to manage the Alliance Guest Home in Jerusalem. Living not far from The Garden Tomb where Jesus was buried, she visited the site. As she sat quietly on a bench inside the cave, she noted a plaque above the door. It read, “He is risen.” Tears of thanksgiving overwhelmed her.

One day Sarah heard the lovely song, “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked.” The words were meaningful but they ended at the cross. She felt the story was incomplete, so she sat down and wrote a third verse.

A young woman who lived in the Guest Home often sang a solo at the Sunday service for hundreds of tourists in the Garden Tomb. Sarah gave her a copy of the music, including the verse she had added. On Easter Sunday, the woman sang the complete song at the Garden Tomb!

On November 3rd Pinecrest choir will sing “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked,” including the final verse which Sarah wrote. May it be a blessing to you!

**Stewardship Article of the Month**

**So We Give...**

The Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas are traditionally a time to catch up on our annual giving to the church. I thought that as a November message I would offer my encouragement for us to consider as we budget our year-end giving. Within the limited space available, I provide a list of otherwise endless reasons that we may consider giving a little extra this year.

- For we are extolled to build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth...so we give.
- For we know that we can't take it with us...so we give.
- For we remember something about casting our bread upon the waters...so we give.
- For we hear testimonies about abundant blessings promised by God...so we give.
- For we have been blessed with good harvests...so we give.
- For we know that we just don't have enough time to give our time...so we give.
- For our talents are not nearly as good as a lot of others and our talents probably wouldn't make a difference anyway...so we give.
- For we promised a few months ago that we would give anything if we didn't have to work in the nurse-ry ever again...so we give.
- For we know the church budget is prepared annual-ly and it helps everyone if the books are closed with as many receipts as possible...so we give.
- For the Internal Revenue Service only recognizes tax deductions during the year they were given, not the year they were once intended...so we give.
- For our boss told us to anticipate a year-end bo-nus...so we give.
- For we heard both political parties promise a better economy...so we give.
- For our giving makes us feel good and this holiday we want to feel good...so we give.
- For our sentiments to continue the traditional spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas...so we give.

Okay, I'll admit that some of these reasons are a little unwarranted. Even so, there have been times when some of these reasons have at least crossed my mind, and maybe motivated my giving. This Thanksgiv-ing, I encourage each of us to give with another reason in mind. Let's be mindful of a reason for giving that God considered important.

- "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

So God gave. He loves us. We are His reasons. Sounds unwarranted, doesn't it?

Thanksgiving is an act of worship...so give.

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Steward Shipp of Peachtree Corners

**Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry is drawing to a close. Dedication Sunday will be Nov. 17. Pinecrest goal this year is 125 boxes. Those who need to bring their boxes earlier should place them on the shelf above the coat rack in the church atrium. The boxes will leave the church the morning of the 18th. Any ques-tions, please contact Dottie Kent.

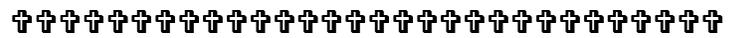
**1st Wednesday Covered Dish and Presentation**

Please join us on November 6th at 5:30 pm for a Youth Fundraiser. We will have a pasta dinner and program from our Youth Mission Trip to Anderson, SC this sum-mer.



The *Precentor* deadline for

submissions is **Sunday, November 17th.**



**Lost and Found**

If you have lost or misplaced items in or around the church you may be in luck. Please check our lost and found collection in the atrium on and above the coat rack on the right-hand side. We have found several coats, hats, gloves, eye glasses, single earrings, and the occasional Bible. Any clothing items left for several months will be donated to IAM—including that nice, warm winter coat.

**Flat Rock Fall Festival**

In conjunction with the Flat Rock Farmers Market, Pine-crest will be hosting a Fall Festival on Thursday, Octo-ber 31st from 3-6 PM. Come shop for locally sourced goods and produce, and enjoy some fun fall activities for all ages. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Christian Beamguard.

**Congregational Survey**

Be on the lookout for a survey which will be mailed out soon from the Pinecrest Session. This survey is looking for feedback from our congregation on worship and Bible study times that are best for our members and the community. Please fill out these surveys and either mail them back to Pinecrest church or place them in the box in the church's atrium by Sunday November 17th. If you do not receive a survey, please contact the church office to have one mailed or emailed to you.

**Senior High Top Golf**

The senior highs will be taking a trip to Top Golf in Greenville on Monday, November 11th. We will meet at the church at 9 am, and return by 2 pm. Pricing de-pends on the number of people who go, but would be no more than \$15. We will need to reserve our spot in advance, so please let Christian know if your student would like to attend.

<b>Financial Statement as of September 2019</b>		
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>\$33,749</b>	<b>\$34,224</b>	<b>\$475</b>
<b>YTD Financial Statement</b>		
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>\$277,388</b>	<b>\$310,287</b>	<b>\$32,899</b>

# Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

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

**Weekly Meetings & Events**  
 Monday 4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 Tuesday 2:30 pm Sunshine Small Group—Every other week  
 Wednesday 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Evening Worship  
 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 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	4 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	5	6 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish & Presentation	7	8	9 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
10 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	11 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	12 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 pm Sunshine Group 7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg.	13 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library 4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	14 6:00 pm Circle 5—Library	15	16 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
17 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Precentor Deadline 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	18 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	19 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 6:00 pm Session Mtg.	20 4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	21 9:00 am Precentor Mailing	22	23 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
24 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	25 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	26 2:30 pm Sunshine Group	27 4:30 pm Choir Practice NO Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

## 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 6:00 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.

## November Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Fred Elgin         | 22 Brittney De Zwaan |
| 3 Alyssa Myslik      | 23 Dr. Doug Jones    |
| 4 Bella McCraw       | 24 Virginia Kick     |
| Howard Molton        | 26 Helen Pearce      |
| 9 Andy Cambron       | 27 J. Fearnside      |
| Eric Dingeman        | Tom Carpenter        |
| 11 Jane Shelton Dale |                      |
| 12 Gavin Harper      |                      |
| Michael Whitehurst   |                      |
| Bryson Whitehurst    |                      |
| 15 Mark Kennedy      |                      |
| 16 George Lamb       |                      |
| 17 Jim Moore         |                      |

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: November 2019

### Elder of the Month:

Tom Carpenter

### Deacon of the Week:

Nov 3...Chip Sherer

10...John Johnson

17...Jim Hart

24...Ray Burns

### Greeters:

Nov 3...Dave Morton & Dennis Dodd

10...Eleanor Richardson & Sheri

Clarke

17...Bill & Virginia Stanley

24...Andy, Martha, & Terri Anna

Scott

### Toddler Nursery:

Nov 3...Eben Carson

10...Barbara Sherrill

17...Margo Pugliese

24...Eben Carson

### Children's Church:

Nov 3...Fran Jester

10...Sue Brogi

17...Gary & Mary Burrell

24...John & Ruth Anne Gibson

### Ushers:

Nov 3...Dan Eichenberger, Bill

Guerard, Xan Hick, and Eben

Carson

10...Jim Moore, Bill Stanley, Mike

Rector, and Paul Rector

17...Ken De Zwaan, Mike

Pugliese, Ray Burns, and

Dennis Dodd

24...Jim Hart, Ron Grigsby, Dave

Morton, and Paul Rector

### Visitation Team:

Nov 3...Susan Sanders

10...Cecil Young

17...Bill Stanley

24...Barbara Sherrill

### 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 and 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.

### Stamps for Children

The Mission Committee would like to thank the members of the congregation for participating in "The Stamps For Children" mission project. There has been a great response and a lot of stamps have come in. We would like to remind everyone that Christmas is just around the corner and a lot of Christmas Cards will be coming our way. It will be a great opportunity to save the stamps from those cards and bring them in. The stamp collection box is located on the table under the secretary's office window.

### Middle School Retreat

The Bonclarken Middle School Retreat will be November 15-17. Cost per student is \$60. Please let Christian know if your student would like to attend this fun weekend!

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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