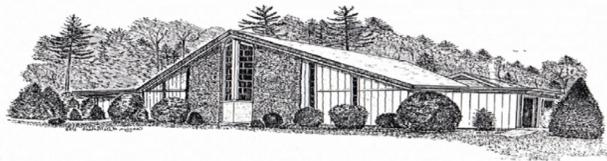


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

APRIL 2017

From Our Senior Pastor -

One of my favorite activities at Easter growing up was a good old-fashioned egg hunt. I realize now that an egg hunt has more to do with pagan fertility cults than the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but I always found them a great deal of fun. There was just something exhilarating about racing around a yard trying to find something that was hidden and being rewarded with candy when you did. If only everything in life came with such an immediate reward.

As I've now switched to being a hider of the eggs instead of a seeker of the eggs, I still find the whole experience entertaining—especially when I can see clearly where the egg is hidden but all of the children are walking around completely oblivious to its presence. I think the egg should be obvious but it is only discovered after the hunter is given numerous hints.

Many times during the Easter season, I feel the same way about Christ. I see him so clearly and think he should be obvious to everyone, but others walk right by him oblivious to his presence. As Christians, we need to make sure that we are reminding and pointing others to Jesus. They need to find him and turn to him in faith so that they can be saved. We need to make sure that we are not hiding Christ in our lives. His effect and impact on our lives should be clearly displayed for all to see—not hidden in a corner, under a bushel, or under a basket.

As Jesus says in Matthew 5:14-16: ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see

your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

So, enjoy finding and helping others find their eggs this Easter. However, even more importantly, make sure you find and help others find Jesus Christ.

Your Brother,

Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Larry Morgan
Howard Shoup
Andrew and Norine
Brunson
Linda Carpenter
J.R. Waugaman
Gary Burrell
John Andrews



Gwen Hicks
Dana Russell

You're Invited!

Ana Unda and James Ross, together with their families, request the pleasure of your company at their marriage celebration.

Saturday, the Thirteenth of May 2017, at 2:00 PM here at Pinecrest with a reception to follow.

New Member Class

Pinecrest will have a new members class starting May 7th and going through May 28th in the church library during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in joining the church or would like more information about Pinecrest, you are invited to join us.

Stewardship Article of the Month

First and foremost, Christian stewardship is worship. Your worship is a response to God and enriches your relationship with God. I can encourage you to worship, but no one can make you worship. I can't tell you how much to worship or when to worship. I strongly feel that Christian giving is the hardest discipline of worship for the 21st century Americans. We are a society that praises financial gain. Dollars have become "points" in this self-indulgent praise game. No competitor wants to take points off the board by simply giving them away. Our society doesn't provide for us to cede these gains, and certainly not in the privacy of our worship. Yet, I believe that if we withhold our giving, we are saying that we would rather have the praises of our fellow man, than to grow in our relationship with God. Our worship is then directed toward our assets. That can't be good.

God seeks our growing relationship with Him. He seeks our love. He seeks our praises. He seeks our worship. I don't have the mind of God, but the Bible tells us that He seeks our trust in Him. Stewardship, as an element of our worship, cultivates that trust. God merits it. It's for us to understand that and build it into our relationship with God.

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Glen Smotherman, author of
Steward Shipp of Peachtree Corners

Sermons Online

Pinecrest Church's website has an exciting new feature. Only 3 clicks needed. Go to pinecrestchurch.com. Click on the SERMONS tab. Click play. The last sermon will begin playing. Previous sermons can be heard by downloading.

Also, a CD of any sermon can be ordered from the Audio Order Station in the atrium. Each CD usually contains two Pinecrest services with music and sermons. Please use one of the order forms provided, or send an email to me with the date requested.

~ George Lamb
gwl13@bellsouth.net
Pinecrest Audio Ministry

1st Wednesday of the Month

Please join us, April 5th, for a covered dish dinner and program at the church at 5:30 PM. Bill and Kathy Warner will have a presentation from their recent mission trip to Nicaragua.

Operation Christmas Child Report

The numbers are in. In 2016 nearly 11.5 million shoe box gifts were distributed to children in 104 countries. If you packed one or two or ten boxes, doesn't it feel wonderful to have been a part of such a vast mission effort? The Greatest Journey, the follow-up program for the shoe box recipients, is still in progress. Samaritan's Purse reports that last year 1.6 million children made decisions for Christ during these classes. Again, many thanks to all who helped with this effort.

I would also like to inform you that I have passed on the OCC "reins" to the very capable Dottie Kent. She has a tremendous heart for the ministry and is well qualified as she headed up the ministry for many years in her former church. So for my last time, let me encourage you to think "shoe boxes" throughout the year and have several ready for November. Thank you for loving the "red and yellow, black and white" children of the world for the cause of Christ.

—Martha Scott

Financial Statement as of February 28, 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$28,486	\$31,868	\$3,382

YTD Financial Statement

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$55,401	\$62,875	\$7,474

Change of Mailing Address for the Church

Please be aware that the Hendersonville Postal Service has changed our mailing address for delivery purposes. If you send mail, or deliveries of any kind, to our 1790 Greenville Highway address, please change the city and zip code to reflect: Hendersonville, NC 28792. We still have and use the PO Box in Flat Rock as well.

Here are the complete addresses to use:

PO Box 421, Flat Rock, NC 28731

1790 Greenville Highway, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Pinecrest Calendar

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
 6:00 pm Evening Worship

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
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday 12:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Deadline
 Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

April Calendar

Sunday, 4/2

8:30 am Early worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday morning Bible Study
 10:55 am Worship Service with Communion/
 Children's Church
 12:00 pm Coffee Hour
 6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday, 4/5

11:00 am Prayer Meeting
 5:30 pm First Wednesday/Covered Dish
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday 4/9

10:55 am Palm Sunday Children's Program
 6:00 pm Presentation from the Lotze family

Tuesday 4/11

Presbytery Meeting
 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library
 7:00 pm Joint Session & Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, 4/12

1:15 pm Circle 3 Meeting - Library
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 4/13

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with
 Communion

Friday 4/14

5:00 pm Good Friday Services at Reformation
 Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville

Saturday 4/15

9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday 4/16

7:00 am Sunrise Service
 8:30 am Early Worship
 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 10:55 am Worship Service/Children's Church
 12:00 pm Coffee Hour
 6:00 pm **No Evening Worship**

Tuesday, 4/18

1:00 pm Circle 4—at Carolina Village
 2:30 pm Sonshine Small Group
 7:00 pm Circle 5—at Carson Home

Sunday, 4/23

Precentor Deadline

Thursday, 4/27

9:00 am Precentor mailing - Library

Youth & Children's Activities

Weekly Meetings & Events

Thursdays

3:30 pm Bible Club

Palm Sunday Presentation—April 9th: All children are encouraged to take part in a musical presentation during the 10:55 AM service on Palm Sunday. We will meet at 10:30 AM in the Elementary Sunday School Room. Please contact Sarabeth DeLuca for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt—April 15th at 11:00 AM

No Bible Club—April 13th and April 20th

Last Day of Bible Club—May 18th, Party for Ending of Bible Club 2017

April Birthdays

3 Lillian Galloway
 6 Jane Kennedy
 7 Ben Whitehurst
 9 Martie Embry
 Parker Young
 10 Betty Simpson
 11 George Tennille
 12 Lois Van Orsdol
 19 Michael McCall
 20 Gordon Ann King
 21 Sheri Clarke
 26 John Andrews

Circle News

Circle 2 ~ No Report

Circle 3~ 7 members were present. Next meeting will be April 12th at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ 10 members were present. Next meeting will be April 18th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ No Report

Next *PRECENTOR* Deadline is

SUNDAY, April 23rd

2017 Easter Events & Service Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship Service with

Children's Presentation ~

10:55 AM, Sunday, April 9

Maundy Thursday Service ~

6 PM, Thursday, April 13

Good Friday Service at Reformation

ARP Church ~

5 PM, Friday, April 14

Pinecrest Easter Egg Hunt ~

11 AM, Saturday, April 15

Easter Sunday Services ~

Sunrise - 7 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:55 AM,

Sunday April 16

NO Evening Worship

Easter Egg Hunt

April 15th at 11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to donate two dozen cupcakes each and to fill empty plastic eggs with wrapped candy. Volunteer egg-hiders and crafters should arrive at the church at 10 AM to hide the eggs and to help with crafts. Please sign up in the atrium indicating how you'd like to serve.

Easter Sunrise Service

Join us for a special worship service on Easter morning at 7:00 AM. Weather permitting, the service will be held outside next to the Memorial Garden. Coffee, juice, and donuts to follow.

PINECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
POST OFFICE BOX 421
FLAT ROCK, NC 28731
(April 2017)
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



April Pantry Focus:

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Pork & Beans

Tuna

Clothing Closet Needs:

Men's' & Boys' Athletic Shoes

New Socks & New Underwear

Men's' Work Pants and Work Boots

Boys' Jeans

Boys' Shorts and Tee Shirts

Interfaith Drivers Needed:

Interfaith Drivers is an all volunteer organization. The mission of Interfaith Drivers is to provide, in a spirit of respect and compassion, emergency transportation for Henderson County residents who are receiving food and clothing from IAM and need a ride home from IAM. Drivers should live in Henderson County. Please contact Pat Wakely at 692-9523.