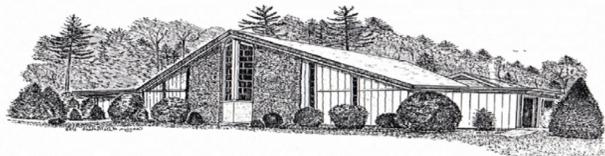


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

SEPTEMBER 2018

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,

In case you haven't heard, there is another Carson on the way. Kathy and I found out a few months ago that she was expecting and then found out a few weeks ago that it is going to be a baby girl. The due date is December 6th, but Kathy is hoping the baby arrives a little early. We and the kids are very excited!

But having a new baby really changes things. It makes you evaluate and take seriously your responsibilities as a parent. We need to make sure that the baby is healthy so we take Kathy to the doctor and make sure she is receiving the right nutrients. We need to make sure that the baby is safe so we are rearranging the rooms of our house and making sure there is nothing around that could harm the baby. We need to make sure that the baby is supported so we tell our family, friends, and church about her so that they will pray for her and be there when she needs them.

In many ways, the responsibilities we willingly embrace for a baby as a parent are also the responsibilities that we should embrace for all of our Christian brothers and sisters as a church, especially those who are younger or new in the faith. We need to make sure that they are healthy- we need to warn them of the dangers of a diet full of sin and encourage them to feed upon what is spiritually healthy—the word of God. We need to help them rearrange their lives so that their faith can grow safely and abundantly—this may mean making life changes and putting a higher priority on different things. We need to make sure they are supported by others so we should introduce and bring people into their life who will pray for them, encourage them, and be there when they need them.

As we get our own lives ready for the new baby and look forward to sharing her with our church family at Pinecrest, I hope that we can work together to make Pinecrest a family where not just she, but children of God of all ages can be spiritually nurtured and protected.

Your brother,

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew and Norine Brunson

Ruth Anne Gibson

Nancy Van Oosten

J R Waugaman

Mel Zwart



Book of Remembrance

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

In Memory of Mr. Bob Paden from Goldie Williams and Family, Deana Cheek and Family, and Kay & Wayne Hayes.

In Memory of Mr. Lee Jones from Mrs. Eleanor Richardson, Mrs. Betty Wills, and Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds Young.

In Memory of Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Shipman from Mr. Alvin Brickley, Mrs. Eleanor Richardson, and Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds Young.

In Honor of Rev. Charles Evans from Mr. & Mrs. James Brice.

Thank You

Dearest Pinecrest, Thank you for loving us and being our temporary church home for a time. You mean much to the Mitchells. We also thank you for your generous gift after the mudslide. We had not planned on being at Pinecrest the Sunday after the mudslide, but Rhett foresaw what we couldn't and encouraged Jim not to try and preach that day. The reality of what happened to us hadn't hit us yet, but as soon as we began to sing Holy, Holy, Holy, we broke down. You loved us well that day and have continued to do so. We are in awe of how the Church Universal has surrounded us, our every need the Lord has fulfilled through his people. Our faith has been strengthened through this traumatic event. For generations our family has had a motto: Psalm 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." Though we have lost our home, our stuff, our friends, and our way of life, the Lord has done great things for us!

To God be the Glory!

Jim, Chrystal, Emmy, Lydia, Rhett, and Paxton Mitchell

Stewardship Article of the Month

Investment Prophet Extols Tithing Profit

We have seen the TV evangelists pleading for our contributions with promises that future blessings will flow our way. We've heard personal testimony from fellow Christians about God's blessings following personal tithes and offerings. We have also read the Bible verses that promise us prosperity, multiplying our gifts. Prosperity is a good thing. Yet, to tell you the truth, even with Biblical authority, I have been cautious to mention prosperity resulting from tithing. I can talk about praying with beneficial expectations, but tithing with beneficial expectations is a different matter. Linking tithing with prosperity can be so easily misunderstood. Now, lo and behold, I have come across an unimpeachable authority advocating tithing as a prudent financial practice. *Forbes* is one of today's bet business and investment magazines. To my delight, its publisher and columnist, Rich Karlgaard, recently wrote, "Tithing will liberate the tither from financial worry."¹

Karlgaard cites some other beneficial results of tithing:

- ◆ "When I began to tithe, I found a freedom from my possessions. I don't hold onto things as tightly as before."
- ◆ "Tithing requires discipline, but that discipline begins to show up unexpectedly in other areas of my life. When I began to tithe, I was able to be more patient with people."
- ◆ "Tithing puts you in touch with people's needs—an excellent business habit."
- ◆ "When you tithe, you begin to see your role as a steward of resources. You don't engage in wasteful spending."

He concludes, "Tithing is a duty of faith. One must never tithe with expectations of divine reward." Amen and amen. God bless Rich Karlgaard.

Based upon this business and investment endorsement, will the next rage of the secular world be tithing? I'm not holding my breath for the tithing fad to capture Hollywood, but I do believe the effects would be positive. Doesn't the New Age practitioner experience healing when meditating and praying? Many time they do. Doesn't the public school teacher see a heightened sense of ethical morality in the classroom when the Bible is read? They used to. Can't an atheist enjoy financial benefit from tithing? Probably so according to *Forbes*.

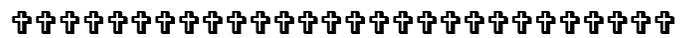
The Bible affirms Mr. Karlgaard's observations, but with a significant difference. I'll go along with the *Forbes* philosophy. Our tithing will indeed enhance our financial condition, but God intents more than that for us. In Christ, we have a relationship with the true living God. This relationship is not about what we do, but who God is. Our offerings are our worship; offerings are not our investment. Our gifts are our response, not our expectation. Our tithes are for thanksgiving, not for return on investment. We can do nothing worthy of any return. Yet, through the love of the living God, His blessings shall abound. I won't expect it, but I expect it's true. That's the way He is.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10)

I'll never find better advice in *Forbes*.

¹ *Forbes*, 2/14/05

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The *Precentor* deadline for
submissions is **Sunday, September 23rd.**



Shut-Ins, Elderly, Disabled

If you need work done around your house or in the yard, please let a deacon know.

Pennies for Camp Joy

Pinecrest Presbyterian Church supports Camp Joy at Bonclarken. Camp Joy is a weeklong camp for people intellectually disabled. Pennies are collected continually in a wooden plate on the table in the atrium. Please support this wonderful ministry.

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, August 29th, at 7:00 pm in the choir room. We need all returning choir members and pray that someone new will join us. We especially need men and have no tenors. If there is a tenor out there, please pray about joining our friendly, welcoming group of singers. You'll be glad you did. If you need further encouragement, among our offerings this year will be three new anthems relating to Missions that were purchased at the Bonclarken Music Conference this summer. If you would like to donate one of these anthems in memory or in honor of someone, please speak to me. Cost is \$50. Pertinent information will be affixed to each anthem and a note placed in the bulletin.

I am most grateful for and appreciative of our faithful choir members who provide the heart of the music ministry at Pinecrest. Now all we need is to grow in size.

Blessings, Judy Roberts Fredrick

Financial Statement as of July 2018		
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
\$38,263	\$36,092	\$2,171
YTD Financial Statement		
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$223,243	\$227,245	\$4,002

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 Sonshine Small Group—suspended for the summer
 Wednesday 6:00 pm Evening Worship – Resumes 9/12
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Resumes 9/5
 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 9:00 am Men's Prayer
2 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	3 Labor Day Church Office Closed	4	5 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish & Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6	7 6:30 pm World Witness Fellowship Dinner—Greenville SC	8 9:00 am Men's Prayer
9 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	10 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	11 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	12 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	13 7:00 pm Circle 5—Library	14	15 9:00 am Men's Prayer
16 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	17 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	18 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV	19 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	20	21 Senior High Retreat at Bonclarken through 9/23	22 9:00 am Men's Prayer
23 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	24 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	25 6:00 pm Session Mtg.	26 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	27	28	29 9:00 am Men's Prayer
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Circle News

Circle 2~ 8 members in attendance. Our next meeting will be September 11th at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ August's meeting was cancelled due to funeral service for Dorothy Shipman. Our next meeting will be September 12th at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ Our next meeting will be September 18th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ Our next meeting September 13th at 7:00 pm in the church library.

September Birthdays

5 Dottie Kent	27 Peter Hughes
Steve Simpson	29 Liz Kimberling
7 John Gibson	Dan Eichenberger
Margaret Jordan	

8 Nancy Van Oosten
 10 Bill Guerard
 Christy Whitehurst
 11 Phyllis Coles
 16 Ian Pugliese
 17 John Johnson
 19 Marris Byrd
 24 Sylvia Tennille
 25 Chuck Evans
 26 Dale Sherrill

If your name or family members name is missing and you'd like to have it included in future publication, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

Cookout & Bluegrass Concert

Pinecrest will have an exciting end-of-summer cookout and Bluegrass concert on, Sunday, August 26th at 5:30 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the atrium so we'll know how many burgers and hot dogs to grill. Everyone is welcome! Please let us know if you plan to bring a side or make home-made ice cream.

1st Wednesday Covered Dish & Program

On Wednesday, September 5th, at 5:30 pm we will have covered dish dinner followed by a very exciting, fun-filled evening of bingo *with prizes!* Let us know if you can attend by signing up on the sheet in the atrium and let us know what dish you can bring. Everyone is invited!

Wednesday Evening Service

On Wednesday, September 12th, Pinecrest will resume evening services at 6:00 pm with an adult bible study and children's & youth program with nursery provided.

Senior High Retreat

...over the weekend of September 21st-23rd at Bonclarken. Please see Christian Beamguard for more information.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry will be beginning September 23. A table display plus shoeboxes will be set up in the atrium. Shoebox instruction brochures are already available to those who wish to get an early start. Pinecrest goal this year is 115 boxes. Pine-

crest collection Sunday will be November 11. Any questions please contact Dottie Kent.

Special Birthday Coffee Hour

On Sunday, September 30th, please join us after the 10:55 am service for a special coffee hour in celebration of Liz Kimberling's 90th birthday. Cake will be provided. Prayers are always welcome but no gifts, please.

Pinecrest's New Mission Statement

At our August meeting, the session of Pinecrest adopted a new mission statement for our church. This is the same mission statement found in our July Church Newsletter. Starting in September, this new mission statement will be listed on our church website and all future publications including our weekly bulletin. The purpose of a mission statement is to remind ourselves and to share with others what we do and why we exist as a church. We trust that this new mission statement will help us to do both of these things effectively and clearly by using the metaphor of a tree.

*For the Glory of God,
Pinecrest Presbyterian Church
exists to root people in God's Word,
grow them in their faith,
and help them branch out
with the gospel in their homes,
communities, and the world
so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.*

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Food & Clothing Focus

Food Pantry Needs: Mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned meat, and cereal. (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: Children's jeans and hoodies, children's athletic shoes, towels and washcloths.

Food and other donations can be dropped off at the IAM facility located at 310 Freeman Street or placed in the collection box near the ladies restroom in the atrium of the church.