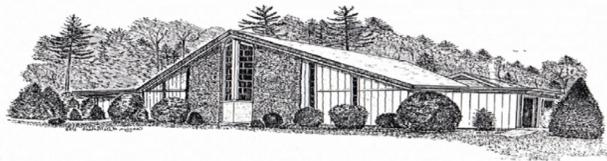


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

APRIL 2019

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,

One of my family's favorite Easter traditions growing up was the dyeing of Easter Eggs. My mom would hard boil all of the eggs and place about two dozen of them on the table along with several colors of dye, stickers, wrappers, and even crayons we could use to write messages on the eggs. My sisters and I would spend about an hour making all different kinds and colors of beautiful eggs. Then my dad would have the privilege of eating them over the next few days. For you see these Easter eggs no matter how pretty we made them on the outside, were in the end still just hard boiled eggs.

When I think about this tradition, I am reminded of how so many people spend so much time focused on their outside appearance. They think that by dressing themselves up or by making themselves look good in the eyes of others, that they can fool others and perhaps even God into thinking that they are something different than what they are: a sinful human. Even people that go to church join in on this masquerade and try to fool others into thinking they are not who they really are, perhaps even going to church is part of the deception. But changing who we are on the outside does not change who we are on the inside.

Because of this I am thankful for the real reason for the Easter season, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He came so that we could be covered in a liquid but this liquid is not a colored dye, it is in his own blood that Jesus Christ wishes to place on us. Rather than just changing our outward appearance, Christ's blood changes who we are on the inside. Christ's blood cleanses us of our sins, makes us a child of God, and allows us to be welcomed into God's kingdom.

Hebrews 9:14 "how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

It is the blood of Christ that we need and it is what Jesus freely gives to all who by faith receive it. This Easter, let us make sure we are covered in his blood and have received the real blessings of God instead of trying to fool others into thinking we are something we are not.

Happy Easter!

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Chuck Evans
Helen Pearce
Sharron Morton
Clark Wilson



Book of Remembrance

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

In Memory of Mrs. Geraldine Bailey from Mrs. Liz Kimberling.

In Memory of Mr. Alvin Brickley from Mr. & Mrs. Henry Arnott and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stanley.

In Memory of Mrs. Anna Wilson from Mr. & Mrs. John Gibson.

In Memory of Mr. Mel Zwart from Mr. & Mrs. Henry Arnott, Mrs. Marjorie Asher, Mr. & Mrs. John Gibson, Mrs. Liz Kimberling, and Mr. & Mrs. Don Mitchell.

In Honor of Mrs. Charlsie Cooper, Mrs. Agnes Jones, Mrs. Ann Stroup, Mr. Chuck Evans, and Mr. Dick Shipman from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice.

Thank you

Thank you so much for pledging to support our mission work! We are excited to begin taking the gospel of grace to Africa and Pakistan. We would not be able to answer God's call without the prayers and partnership of churches like yours! Thank you. For Him—Sam & Martha Margaret Cotton

Thank you to the special ladies who made my vacation in March possible: Sue Brogi, Susan Jones, and Susan Sanders.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the three ladies who help me get the Precentor out to you each month, Barbara Herdina, Dale Killinger, and Eleanor Richardson.

I appreciate all of these ladies very much!

Your tireless dedication to your church family is amazing!
—Melody Burrell

2019 Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 pm—Maundy Thursday
Worship Service with Communion

Friday, April 19, 5:00 pm—Good Friday Service at
Reformation Church

Sunday, April 21, 8:45 am—Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am—Worship Service

11:00 am—Sunday School

We will have a pancake breakfast starting at 8:45 am on Easter Sunday. Please plan to join us as we begin the day worshipping together. Donations are encouraged and will go towards our Youth projects for this summer.

Stewardship Article of the Month

Ten Million Dollars Pledged to Local Church

Recently I had the privilege of witnessing a young man pledge \$10,000,000 to a local church. The event was not covered by the press and was generally overlooked by the community. Surprisingly, those in attendance were not as impressed with the commitment to the extent that I was. On the other hand, even the donor was not the least bit dismayed at the lack of publicity accompanying his generosity. The fellow made his pledge at a nearby Texaco convenience store. While he was waiting in line to buy a \$100,000,000 lottery ticket, I overheard him whispering to his pal that he intended to tithe his winnings to a local church. I made the ten million dollar calculation in my head. Bless his heart. I don't know whether or not the young donor was currently tithing; I suspect not.

I'm reminded of Jesus' parable about the Master's gift of talents. You remember the story (if not, it's found in Matthew 25:14-30). Before going on a trip the Master gives his servants one talent, two talents, or five talents. The more gifted servants put their money to work for the Master. Obviously, everyone in their town knew of their displayed gifts. The least gifted servant hides his one talent. No one in town could possibly know of his gift. Upon the Master's return, the one-talent servant is rebuked and thrashed. I've never liked this parable. On the face of it, thrashing seems overly harsh. Furthermore, ever time I hear this parable I feel like I may be headed for a horsewhipping. Why does Jesus pick on the poor one-talent fellow? Surely there are two-talent people who also hide their gifts, what happens to them? Why can't there be a lesson in here for those five-talent show-offs, too?

Jesus' wisdom endures for centuries. Once upon a time, Jesus must have told this parable for me to hear personally two thousand years later. Too often I feel like that one-talent servant, not quite confident enough, not quite trusting enough, to "invest" what I should for the Lord. I hold out for a few more talents, hiding from the world what I already have. Intuitively, I surmise that each of us occasionally considers himself to be that one-talent character. Look at our plight. We budget to the last penny with little to spare. We would be a lot more generous and do a lot more if we only had five times, or even twice, as much as we have now. I guess I thought a thousand times about what I would give to the Lord if I had a financial windfall. I could give so much more. If I could land that big commission, or bonus, or reward, then I would endow a church building program. "Just wait, Lord, your big payoff is coming. Maybe next year. I may even take a shot at this week's lottery. You may have given me only one talent

so far, Lord, but someday I'll earn my five talents for you, so help me God...so help me, God. Won't you please help me?"

I do deserve a good old-fashioned thrashing. I'm just another neighbor in Peachtree Corners, more than likely in the same situation as you. Yet, I dare say 95% of the world would trade places with me, straight up. In the eyes of the world, I do have five talents. But let's not stop there. I'll say that half of America dreams to be where I am. So, to half of my neighbors I have at least two talents to their one. The world is wondering, just how much am I waiting for before I invest my talents the Lord has given me?

Each of us is a materially gifted, multi-talented servant. But material riches are not what the parable is about. While we have our material blessings, these are not the really valuable talents given to us by the Master. Jesus has given us eternal life. Nothing has twice, or even five times, the value of enjoying eternal life in the presence of our Lord. Jesus believed that to be very valuable. He died for it. Jesus sees us as His five-talent servants. Even so, Jesus understood that his five-talent children often hear His parable with one-talent ears.

Rather than waiting for some lucky payoff, I should be living, serving, and showing the world the blessed assurance of this immeasurable gift. No matter how I feel about myself, in the eyes of my Master I'm a five-talent servant. Upon his return, he would be pleased if I had acted like it.

"Everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance" (Matt. 25:29).

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



WOMEN ON CHRISTIAN MISSION...

...focus on special giving for April, May and June will be Camp Joy at Bonclarken. Camp Joy is a camp for those who are intellectually disabled. The campers look forward to a week away from home or group home to experience activities and great things they can do at camp. Pinecrest church has been a long supporter of Camp Joy. A wooden collection plate is located on the foyer table to collect pennies for Camp Joy or any other change you care to donate.



Food & Clothing Focus—March and April 2019

Food Pantry Needs: Canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna, pork & beans, mixed beans, and dish detergent. (We can store meat, milk, 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: Athletic shoes in all sizes, new socks in all sizes, new underwear in all sizes, pillows, and bed sheets.

Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

Sundays

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School

Weekly Meetings & Events

Monday 4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 2:30 pm Sonshine Small Group—
2nd and 4th week
Wednesday 6:00 pm Evening Worship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 12:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Deadline
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study—
1st and 3rd week
Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	2 10:00 am WOCM— Library	3 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Dinner & Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	4 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5	6 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Beautification Day 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
7 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School	8 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	9 12:30 pm Circle 2— Library 2:30 pm Sonshine Group 7:00 pm 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	12	13 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
14 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School	15 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	16 1:00 pm Circle 4— CV 6:00 Session Meeting	17 6:00 pm NO Even- ing Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	18 6:00 pm Maundy Tuesday Service and Communion	19 Good Friday Church Office Closed 5:00 pm Good Friday Service at Reform- ation Church	20 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
21 8:45 am Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School Precentor Submis- sion Deadline	22 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	23 2:30 pm Sonshine Group	24 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7:00 pm Choir Practice	25 9:00 am Precentor Mailing	26	27 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
28 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School	29 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	30				

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 Tuesday of each month at 7:00 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.

April Birthdays

3 Lillian Galloway	20 Gordon Ann King
6 Jane Kennedy	23 Sheri Clarke
Parker Young	Shirley Fearnside
7 Ben Whitehurst	26 John Andrews
10 Barbara Molton	
Betty Simpson	
11 George Tennille	
16 Lois Van Orsdol	
19 Michael McCall	
Cecil Patterson	

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.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Youth Fundraiser.

We were able to collect \$2,000 for the Pinecrest youth! Your students and I appreciate your continued support!
- Christian Beamguard

1st Wednesday Covered Dish and Presentation

Please join us on Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30pm, for a presentation from Henderson County's new Sheriff, Lowell Griffin. Please let us know if you can attend by signing up on the sheet in the atrium.

Beautification Day

On Saturday, April 6th, from 12:00pm-3:30pm our Deacons invite you to join them for a Work Day as we do landscaping, painting, and a few other projects outside the church.

Bonclarken Volunteer Work Week

Bonclarken's annual Volunteer Work Week is a great time of fellowship, fun, and work. Volunteers are housed and fed, free of charge, in exchange for their labor as the grounds are prepared for the upcoming summer season. Please join us April 22nd-26th.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us Saturday, April 20th, at 11:00 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! There will be plenty of fun and fellowship for all ages, as well as some very special hidden eggs for the expert seekers.

Contact Christian at the church office for more information!

Youth Summer Camps

This year, Quest middle school camp will be June 17-22. Horizon high school camp will be June 24-29. Both are held at Bonclarken. Please see Christian for more information!

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS will be held July 22-26 this year, each morning 9-12. We are in need of many volunteers, including station leaders, teachers, group leaders, and more. Please see Christian if you are interested in helping out with this wonderful ministry!

Quarterly Missions

The Missions Committee has decided to use the prayer box to collect offerings for the quarterly missions project and will place the box at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please consider dropping a few dollars into the box from time to time, particularly the first week of each quarter. This quarter's collection will go toward helping the youth attend summer retreats and mission trip.

Financial Statement as of February 2019

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$26,147	\$35,487	\$9,340

YTD Financial Statement

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$57,670	\$69,234	\$11,564

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For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to produce fruit for God's kingdom by rooting people in God's word, growing them in their faith, and helping them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.

Come Worship with us:

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:00 AM

Sunday School: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 6:00 PM