

The Pinecrest Precentor

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Rhett Carson, Senior Pastor

From Our Senior Pastor:

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As I raise my four children, I try to instill upon them the importance of good manners. Good manners can go a long way in helping your relationships with other people, especially by the words that you use. So I try to instill in my children the importance of saying: “Sir”, “ma’am”, “please”, and “thank you”.

Sadly, good manners are on the decline in our society today and this is especially the case when it comes to saying “Thank you.” Saying “Thank you” is overlooked by so many in our society which emphasizes entitlement. But saying “Thank you” is extremely important.

“Thank you” shows that you noticed what someone did for you. “Thank You” shows that you recognize that you were not worthy of the gift that someone gave or the service which they rendered unto you. “Thank You” shows that you care about the person in addition to appreciating the gift/service.

As Christians, we need to make sure that we never forget to say “Thank you”. Yes, to others in the world today, but also to God. Many of us are quick to turn to God and lift up our requests. We want to make sure that God knows what we need and how badly we need and want it. But shouldn’t we be at least just as quick to say “Thank you” when He answers our prayer requests or when He gives us what we truly need even though we didn’t ask for it.

This is what Thanksgiving is all about, remembering that all of our blessings come from God and giving Him the credit and the thanks that He deserves. Let’s spend time this Thanksgiving and every day telling God: “Thank You!”

Your brother, Rhett Carson

Thanksgiving joke:

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

Pumpkin Pi!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Please be in prayer for: Carolyn Evans, Sarah Ellen Carson, Andrew Brunson, Anna Wilson, Billy Young, Local Wildfires and Firefighters, Our Elected Leaders

Next Precentor deadline is Sunday, December 11, 2016

Combined Thanksgiving Service 6PM, Sunday, November 20

We will have a combined service with the Sandy Plains and Reformation congregations here at Pinecrest. Mr. Charlie Phillips will preach.

The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 27 at 5:30PM in place of our usual evening worship time. We will eat pizza, put up decorations, and help the children decorate the Christmas tree. Please sign up in the atrium.

First Wednesday Night Join us as we celebrate the start of the Christmas Holiday Season on Wednesday, December 7 from 5:30-7PM. We will sing Christmas carols, play a Christmas game and make gift baskets. Please sign up in the atrium to bring soup, salad, bread or dessert.

Children's Christmas Program - 6PM, Sunday, December 11

Christmas Covered Dish Dinner at the Pastor's House - Everyone is invited to attend a Covered Dish Dinner at Rhett and Kathy Carson's house on Sunday, December 18 at 5:30PM. Just bring a side dish or dessert and come for a great time of holiday food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be in the atrium.

Christmas Eve Service - Communion and candlelight service at 6PM, Saturday, December 24

First Sunday Offering The Mission Project for the fourth quarter of 2016 is the ARP Mission School in Sahiwal, Pakistan. Donations collected on the first Sunday of each month in the fourth quarter will be given to the ARP Mission School to assist with construction of a new building.

Welcome New Members On Sunday, October 16, Pinecrest received into our fellowship the following: Hal and Jeanie Bennett, George and Pam Danz, Jerry and Fran Jester, and Bill and Dottie Kent.

Circle News

Circle 2 ~ 9 members met in November. Next meeting will be at 11:45AM on December 12 at Hendersonville Country Club for a Christmas lunch.

Circle 3 ~ had 10 members, 1 guest and new members, Pam Danz and Jerri Lotze in attendance at their November meeting. In December they will meet at the church at 11:30AM on the 14th and car pool to Kathy Guerard's home for a Christmas Luncheon

Circle 4 ~ met with 14 members at their meeting. Meeting and Christmas luncheon at 12:00PM on December 20 at Joyce Letchworth's home.

Circle 5 ~

The New Look of Pinecrest's Women's Organization

We have realized that our women's organization at Pinecrest was "struggling." So we have had to re-think how it can best serve our women and Pinecrest. It is still a "work in progress" but here's where we are today:

In the past we had a Women's Board composed of a President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, 8 Coordinators & 4 Circles that met once a month to help serve our women & assist with church functions.

Over the past few years we have had fewer women step up to work on the Board to allow board members to rotate off every two or three years. (Many of our current board members have served an average of TEN years)!! In addition, there have been much fewer women participating in our functions.

So, starting in January 2017, we have changed how frequently the board meetings will be (now quarterly); we have cut out many extra activities (like the Christmas Luncheon at Bonclarken); and we have searched for a different format that might work better for more of our women. In July we passed out the yellow "Opportunity" sign-up sheets asking for volunteers. We got 33 responses so we then organized those volunteers into three major teams: The Event Team, The Meal Team and The Visiting Team.

Each team is made up of four or five committees, for example, The Meal Team volunteers will provide meals for: Events & Receptions, Bereavement, Home Bound Folks and also help church members with meals during Hospital Recovery.

Kathy Carson set up a dynamic display on the women's new bulletin board in Evans Hall. She was also responsible for helping us find "the right" Bible passage to use as our focus for this new direction. It is Matthew 25:31-40 and is a prominent part of her display. I suggest, that every member of the congregation check out the bulletin board first to see what committees you have been assigned to, who are the Co-chairs and to verify that these areas will still work for you. If you are a new church member, please check out the teams and as you become comfortable at Pinecrest think about and decide where and how you could help!

We continually want to add new names of volunteers and Co-chairs so that we can be SHARING the work load!!! Won't you help us do that?

So, here's what we ALL need to do to in the next couple months:

1. Check out the great bulletin board that Kathy Carson has put up in Evans Hall. (it can be found on the back south side of Evans Hall).
2. Find out what teams your name may be on & confirm that information, if you have not volunteered yet; please find a place that you could!.
3. Consider who you might Co-chair with & sign up to do that with any WOCM Board Member or Circle Leader.
4. Sign up to serve Pinecrest for a time frame that FITS YOUR LIFE. Be that half a year; twelve weeks, two years, whatever! But help us serve.
5. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (828-483-4574) or any other Board member or Circle Leader.

Our current Board has agreed to serve as many of our new Co-chairs, and I as President; but we still need some assistance on the Event team and the Missions Team. So let us hear from you. Our circles will remain the core of our wonderful women's ministry at Pinecrest so we encourage all ladies to see if they can find a circle to fit into their busy lives. I know that's hard; but what a blessing as our emphasis of Bible Study, fellowship and service remain at the heart of our organization and we all want to see it continue in its unique and beloved manner at Pinecrest! Won't you give SERIOUS consideration about how YOU might be a part of all this? We certainly hope so.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Sue Brogi, (828-483-4574)

New Church Website Pinecrest Church launched its new website last month. You can find it at the same address:

www.pinecrestchurch.com

You can use the website to find information about visiting our church and discipleship opportunities, to listen to sermons, see the church calendar and much more. So take advantage of the website and encourage others to use it as well. Also, let us know if any information on the website needs to be changed or updated.

Bi-Yearly Missions Conference The Pinecrest Missions Committee is planning a Missions Conference for the Wednesday, January 4, 2017 potluck and for the worship services, Sunday School, midday luncheon and Sunday night service on January 8, 2017. Mark your calendars for these dates. More information will follow in the December Precentor.

Many thanks . . .

Thanks to so many of you, Pinecrest collected 75 shoeboxes to be sent to “the ends of the earth.” They are now on their way. Keep praying for their safe delivery and for every child that receives a box to understand and accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

~ Martha Scott

Thank you to everyone for their sweet cards and gifts during “Pastor Appreciation Month.” I truly appreciate your appreciation.

~ Rhett Carson

Thank you for all the cards, concern and prayers. Your prayers are the best!

~ Martha Scott

Financial Statement as of October 31, 2016

| Income | Expense | Surplus |
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| \$298,882 | \$291,110 | \$7,772 |

December Birthdays

1 Susan Sanders
8 Jeff Allers, Gwen Hicks
12 Phyllis Dingeman
21 Imogene Wallace
23 Mary Burrell
28 Rhett Carson, Roberta Watson
29 Betty Andrews, Robert Brogi
31 Jim Brice

Interfaith Assistance Ministry

November & December food focus: hams, turkeys, turkey breasts, chickens, cranberry sauce, pie fillings and crusts, instant mashed potatoes, cake mixes, stuffing mix, canned yams and kids’ foods for during the holidays: canned pasta and fruit, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, soup, macaroni and cheese, cereal, healthy snacks.

Clothing closet focus: blankets and warm clothing in all sizes for adults and children

Volunteers needed to work in all areas. Call Christy or Conrad at 697-7029 for more information.

Pinecrest Youth & Children's Calendar

Thursday, 12/1 & 12/8

3:30 pm Kids Bible Club

Children's Christmas Program - 6PM, Sunday, December 11

PINECREST CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

8:30 am Early Morning Worship

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages

10:55 am Worship Service/Children's Church

12:00 pm Coffee Hour

6:00 pm Evening Worship

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday 4:15 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

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study - 2nd & 3rd

Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

NOVEMBER DATES

Sunday, 11/20

6:00 pm Combined Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 11/24 Church Offices closed

Friday, 11/25 Church Offices closed

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, 12/5

11:00 am Congregational, Worship & Social Concerns Team

Tuesday, 12/6

10:00 am WOCM Board Meeting

Wednesday, 12/7

5:30 pm First Wednesday Night

Sunday, 12/11

The Precentor deadline

6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

Tuesday, 12/13

11:45 am Circle 2 Meeting - Christmas Luncheon - Hendersonville Country Club

6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, 12/14

11:30 am Circle 3 meet at Pinecrest to car-pool to Guerard home for Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 12/15

9:00 am The Precentor mailing

Tuesday, 12/20

12:00 pm Circle 4 Meeting and Christmas Luncheon - Letchworth home

6:00 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm Circle 5 Meeting - Carson home

Christmas Eve, Saturday, 12/24

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day, Sunday, 12/25

10:55 am Worship Service

There will be no 8:30AM Worship Service nor 6PM Worship Service on Christmas Day