

THE PINECREST PRECENTOR

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Rhett Carson, Senior Pastor

From Our Senior Pastor:

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As many of you know, I like to eat. But what you might not know is that what is often more important to me than what I eat, is who I am eating with. One of my least favorite things to do is to eat alone. While one of my favorite things to do is eat with others. Sharing a meal is a wonderful way to get closer to others as you go through the conversations and experience together.

This explains why I am so fond of the meals we have together at the church and why Kathy & I try to have people from the church over to eat with us at our home as often as we can.

The Bible also has a great emphasis upon eating meals together. A very important meal was held before the Exodus, at Mount Sinai, on Jesus's last night with his disciples, and on many other occasions. A very important feast awaits all who have faith in Jesus Christ, our heavenly master's son because we all have been invited to attend a great banquet in God's kingdom when Christ returns.

Oh how I look forward to that great meal! I look forward to dining with my savior and with each of you. Let's make sure that we invite others to join us for this great meal as well.

Your

brother, Rhett Carson, Senior Pastor

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Please pray for: Family of Curt Valentine, Family of Michaela Nowak, Ian Pugliese, Becky Meadows, Carolyn Evans, Sarah Ellen Carson, Missionaries Andrew and Norine Brunson

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.

Fall Festival - 5:00PM, Saturday, October 22

Please reach out to your friends and neighbors and make the most of this opportunity to invite new families to attend. Games, crafts and prizes for the children and a free hot dog supper.

Middle School Retreat - October 28-30 at Bonclarken - For students in 6th through 8th grade. Cost - \$60.

See Mike Hicks for more information and registration.

First Wednesday Night Fellowship & Concert

The potluck dinner on November 2 will feature a concert by The Mardi Gras Blues Showband. The band, led by Jack Pousseau, consists of seven professional musicians. The program will feature patriotic music. The dinner will begin at 5:30PM and the concert at 6PM. An offering will be taken to help the band with expenses.

Daylight Saving Time ends SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6. Set your clocks BACK ONE HOUR before going to bed Saturday night.

Stewardship Dinner - Following the 10:55AM Service Sunday, November 13

Next **Precentor deadline** is Sunday, November 13, 2016

Thanksgiving Service - 6PM, Sunday, November 20

We will have a combined service with the Sandy Plains and Reformation congregations. The service will be held at here at Pinecrest.

Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, November 27

Come join us for food and fellowship as we get the church ready for the Christmas season. More details upcoming.

Circle News

Circle 2 ~ Eight members were in attendance. Their next meeting will be November 8 in the church library. Lunch will be at 12:30PM followed by Bible study and business at 1PM.

Circle 3 ~ There were seven members present. The next meeting will be November 9 at 1:15PM in the church library.

Circle 4 ~ Met with ten members attending. Next meeting will be November 15 at Carolina Village with lunch at

12:30PM and meeting at 1:30PM.

Congratulations to Kathy Guerard ~ Kiwanis Lay Person of the Year 2016

Jesus Loves the Little Children

“Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.” It is another of those Sunday school songs that I referred to in last month’s article). WE know Jesus loves them, but how do the “children of the world” know Jesus loves them if they’ve never heard of Him? Receiving a shoebox lovingly packed with small gifts and given in the name of Jesus is one way millions of children have learned of Jesus’ love since 1993. That was the start of Operation Christmas Child by Samaritan’s Purse. Just last year over 11 million boys and girls in 109 countries received this tangible expression of God’s love.

If you “DO” computer, go to samaritanspurse.org and click on Operation Christmas Child. There are pictures, stories, videos and testimonials all of which are encouraging, touching, inspiring and amazing. The changes a filled shoebox brings to one child, his family, their village and the church makes for a thrilling read.

I was enjoying the testimonies of young adults who had received a box in the 1990's. It seemed they had often been impressed by the simplest of gifts: a hair comb, candy cane, toy truck. Many of them said, “The box planted a seed” which later grew to a full acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every year we read of children accepting Jesus as Savior either when they read the booklet that comes with their shoebox or while studying in the follow-up program, The Greatest Journey. Some of the children already have Jesus in their heart when they receive a box. For them the box is a confirmation that God loves them very much and hasn’t forgotten them.

Remember that today’s children are tomorrow’s teachers, doctors, scientists, soldiers, pastors, parents, Prime Ministers and governors. As you pack your boxes you can think of it as an investment in making a better world for tomorrow.

Want to pack some boxes, but no longer have the oomph to get out shopping? I offer two solutions. #1 There are three ladies willing to shop for you. Let me know of your desire and I will put you in touch with one of them. Then simply give them the cash (include the \$7 for shipping) and tell them what age and gender you prefer. #2 You can give toward the expense of shipping the boxes. Take a brochure from the table, it contains an envelope. Fill in the requested information, tuck in a check for the amount you wish, and either give it to me or you can add it to a filled shoebox.

There seems to be no shortage of needy children. At so many of the outreach events where the boxes are passed out there are more children than boxes, no matter how carefully the event was planned. Let's try to reduce the number of "left out children" by packing one or two more boxes than you did last year. We need to reach them for Jesus while their hearts are still tender and they still have hope for something better in life. Most of them live in very hard conditions where cynicism and defeat come easily upon them. Pray for their hearts to be ready to learn of Jesus. Love them for the sake of Jesus. Thank you, Martha Scott, your OCC Representative

Many Thanks ~

Dear Pinecrest Friends,

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.

Nahum 1:7 (Martin's favorite verse)

I am eternally grateful for the 55 years Martin and I had together with untold blessings and for the years together at Pinecrest Church. I am especially thankful to all of you who sent notes and cards in remembrance of him.

I will stay connected with you through The Precentor and look forward to each issue with news of proceedings there. My love and appreciation ~
Julia Clark

Dear Pinecrest Family,

Thank you for your prayers for our son, Trey.

He is without pain now and with his grandparents waiting on us.

God will find a job for him. ~ Jim and Brenda Hart

November Birthdays

- 2 Fred Elgin
- 3 Alyssa Myslik
- 6 Kathy Warner
- 7 Austin McMurray
- 9 Andy Cambron, Eric Dingeman,
- 11 Jane Shelton Dale
- 12 Rosemary Pierce, Bryson Whitehurst, Michael Whitehurst
- 15 Mark Kennedy
- 16 George Lamb, Maurita Lind,
- 22 Brittney De Zwaan, Richard Shipman
- 24 Virginia Kick
- 26 Helen Pearce
- 30 Jerry Walker

Year-to-Date Income as of September 30, 2016

| Income | Expense | Surplus |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| \$265,813 | \$260,169 | \$5,644 |

Interfaith Assistance Ministry

November Pantry focus: ham, turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned yams, potatoes, pie crusts, pie fillings, cake mixes, green beans and peas

November Clothing Closet focus: children's athletic tops, pants and shoes, men's athletic shoes, men's, ladies' and children's new underwear

PINECREST YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursdays

3:30 pm Bible Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Festival

5:00 pm Saturday, October 22

Middle School Retreat

October 28 through 30 at Bonclarken

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

OCTOBER EVENT

Saturday, 10/22

- 5:00 pm Fall Festival

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, 11/1

- 10:00 am WOCM Board Meeting - Library

Wednesday, 11/2

- 5:30 pm First Wednesday Potluck
- 6:00 pm The Mardi Gras Blues Showband Concert

Friday, 11/4

- First Presbyterial Retreat at Bonclarken

Sunday, 11/6

- Daylight Saving Time ends - set clocks back 1 hour!!!**

Monday, 11/7

- 11:00 am Congregational, Worship & Social Concerns Team Meeting

Tuesday, 11/8

- 12:30 pm Circle 2 Lunch - Pinecrest Library
- 1:00 pm Circle 2 Meeting - Pinecrest Library
- 6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, 11/9

- 1:15 pm Circle 3 - Pinecrest Library

Sunday, 11/13

The Precentor Deadline
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due
Stewardship Dinner

Tuesday, 11/15

12:30 pm Circle 4 Lunch - Carolina Village
1:30 pm Circle 4 Meeting - Carolina Village
6:00 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm Circle 5 Meeting - Carson home

Thursday, 11/17

9:00 am *The Precentor* Mailing

Sunday, 11/20

6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service at Pinecrest with Sandy Plains and
Reformation Congregations

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 11/24

Church Offices closed

Sunday 11/27

Hanging of the Greens