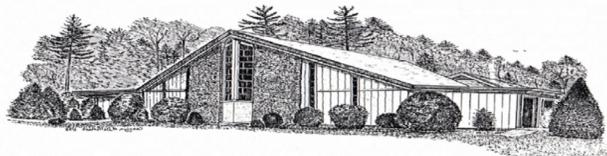


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

NOVEMBER 2017

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,

We are about to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of the church and of the world. On October 31, 2017, it will have been exactly 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of City Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther did not realize it at the time, he thought he was just calling for a debate over certain areas of concern, but his posting of these 95 theses sparked a movement that led to the Protestant Reformation, which included other great leaders such as John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Knox.

The Protestant Reformation is extremely significant to the church and especially to our denomination of the ARP, because it was a call to go back to the original sources. The Reformers believed that Scripture alone should be the highest source of what the church & individual Christians believe and practice. So they pushed for translations of Scripture into different languages so that every believer could have access to God's Word. The Reformers also called the church to re-evaluate what it was doing and teaching according to God's Word. If a belief, practice, or tradition was contrary to Scripture then it needed to be done away with. The Reformers especially called on the church to remember how people are saved according to Scripture. We are saved by Grace alone through Faith alone in Christ alone.

A great Latin phrase that came out of the Reformation was "Semper Reformanda" or "Always Reforming". This motto needs to continue to be lived out in the church and in all Christians today. It is a call for us to examine ourselves and ask God to convict us where there is something that we believe or practice that is contrary to God's Word. Then to pray that God would reform our thoughts and practices according to what is true and what is pleasing to Him. In other words, as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation this year, let us also make sure that the Reformation is continuing in our churches and in each of us.

Soli Deo Gloria! ("To God Alone Be the Glory!")

Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Brunson
Eileen Thomas
Bob Paden
Doug Jones
Ken De Zwaan
Kathy Guerard's sister Jo Ellen
Brian & Kathy Graces' daughter Chelsea



Blue Ridge Prison and Jail Ministry

Dear Friends at Pinecrest,

I want to thank you for your support and encouragement for our local jail ministry and my involvement. I would also like to thank the Carson children for giving up their stuffed animals, which I received rather dubiously. They have turned into a major part of our ministry to our inmates' children. We gave out over 20 "huggables" today (10/22/2017).

Of course, I want something...we have a few needs! First—If you have Bibles that you no longer need, we'll take them. We give out in our jail approximately 1,000 Bibles annually. There is a box in the library to receive them.

Second—If you have gently used stuffed animals, we need them for helping children of inmates.

Third—Our ladies are gathering socks for the inmates' Christmas bags. Plain white, no fancy or ornamental stitching. (There isn't much you can give an inmate that can't be misused.) We need about 160 pairs of men's socks and 50 pair of ladies socks. If we have an overage, we'll turn them over to the jail nurse who will give them to diabetic inmates throughout the year. There will be a socks box available in the atrium.

And Fourth— If you are interested in going cell to cell passing out bibles, sharing your faith, listening and praying, please ask me for an application.

God bless you for caring for sinners like me and my inmates. - Rev. John A. Andrews

Volunteers Needed for Children's Church

We currently have a rotating schedule every six weeks but would love to have a few more people willing to teach Children's Church. Please contact Ruth Anne Gibson at 828-697-6134.

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-every other week
Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting - 1st & 3rd
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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 11:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish & Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	2	3	4 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group 9:00 am—12:00 pm Granddad's Apple Orchard
5 Daylights Savings Time Ends 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	6 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	7 Election Day 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 pm Sonshine Small Group	8 1:00 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9	10	11 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
12 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour OCC Shoebox Deadline	13 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	14 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	15 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Choir Practice	16	17 5:30 pm Youth Hockey Game Trip	18 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
19 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service @ Reformation	20 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	21 2:30 pm Sonshine Small Group 6:00 pm Session Meeting 7:00 pm Circle 5	22 6:00 pm NO Evening Services 7:00 pm NO Choir Practice	23 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed	25 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
26 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	27 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	28	29 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Choir Practice	30		

Circle News

Circle 2 ~ No report.

Circle 3~ 7 members were present. Next meeting will be on November 8th at 1:00 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ 8 members were present. Next meeting will be on November 21st at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ No report.

November Birthdays

2	Fred Elgin	17	Jim Moore
3	Alyssa Myslik	22	Brittney De Zwaan Richard Shipman
4	Bella McCraw Howard Molton	23	Dr. Doug Jones
6	Kathy Warner	24	Virginia Kick
9	Andy Cambron Eric Dingeman	26	Helen Pearce
11	Jane Shelton Dale Clark Wilson	27	F.J. Fearnside Tom Carpenter
12	Gavin Harper Rosemary Pierce Michael Whitehurst Bryson Whitehurst		
15	Mark Kennedy		
16	George Lamb		

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry continues until Nov. 12. Supplies and instructions are still available on the display table in the foyer of the church. Please reserve your boxes until Nov. 12 or let me know if you are unable to deliver them that day or if you need any assistance. Pinecrest goal this year is 100 boxes. Thank you. Dottie Kent. OCC chairman.

Youth Hockey Game

The Pinecrest Youth and others interested in going are invited to attend a Greenville Swamp Rabbits Game on Friday, November 17th. We plan to leave the church at 5:30PM and eat dinner at the game which begins at 7PM. Tickets are \$15 and include a hot dog, chips, and drink. Please let the church know if you can attend by Sunday, November 12th.

Thanksgiving Service on November 19th

A Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service between Pinecrest, Reformation, & Sandy Plains Churches will be held at Reformation ARP Church at 6PM on Sunday November 19th. Reformation ARP Church is located in downtown Hendersonville across from Bank of America. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Josh Grimm who leads a RUF college ministry at Queens College in Charlotte, NC. A special offering to support this ministry will be collected.

Highland Lake Road Expansion Letter

The Pinecrest Church Committee, dealing with the proposed expansion of Highland Lake Road and the addition of a multi-use pathway, has become alarmed at how much this project will encroach upon Pinecrest Church property and lead to possible adverse consequences. We have been advised from several sources that the best way to ensure that this project does not continue or if it does that the church's concerns are addressed is by having the members of the church write individual letters to the authorities including the NCDOT plus our state and local representatives. The more letters the better. The committee has formed and will make available to *each member* a draft letter of our concerns for you to sign. The church will take care of mailing this letter for any who turn their letter into the church (a box will be available in the atrium to drop these letters into). Please plan to stay after church on Sunday October 29th and Sunday November 5th to sign these letters and to ask questions of your Pinecrest Highland Lake Road Expansion Committee.

Please welcome these New Members

Emily Jane Carson, Bella McCraw, Jackson McCraw, and Aaron Swift who joined our congregation on October 1st.

PINECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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FLAT ROCK, NC 28731
(October 2017)
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Food & Clothing Focus for November & December

Food Pantry Needs: November & December—Hams, Turkey Breasts, Small Turkeys, Chickens, Peas, Green Beans, Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pie Crusts & Fillings, Cake Mixes, Milk, and Eggs. (We can store meat, fresh produce and other items in our walk-in cooler and freezer so do not hesitate to donate frozen foods as well.)

Clothing Closet Needs: The clothing closet distributes blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, warm clothing, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, heavy socks, and boots during the winter. As the seasons change, please consider donating these much needed items so they will be available as the temperatures drop. We are also in great need of clothing for teenage boys, sizes 14-16, and men's clothing in small through extra large sizes.