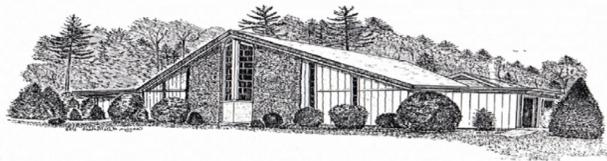


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

JUNE 2017

From Our Senior Pastor -

Are you prepared to travel?

Kathy and I are in the midst of getting ready for one of the biggest trips of our lives. For those who have not heard, my mother and father are flying our family out to Uganda this June so that we can celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with them. And since we have to fly through Europe to get to Africa, we thought we'd stop and see where my sisters live in Germany and Scotland as well. We leave the country on June 9 and return on June 27. All in all, our family will be out of the country for eighteen days. We are so excited about the places we will go, the things we will see, the food we will eat, and especially the people we will meet.

But with any big trip, there is a lot of preparation. There is much that my family has done and continues to do to get ready for a big trip like this: tickets have to be purchased, vaccines have to be administered, supplies have to be procured, suitcases have to be packed, and ways to keep children (and their parents!) happy for several 8-11 hour plane trips have to be determined.

There is much that needs to be done at the church to get ready for the pastor to go on a big trip like this. Someone has to preach each Sunday while I'm gone. I am delighted that Rev. Tom Shoger will be in the pulpit all three weeks preaching on a series about the attributes of God. Someone will need to visit the sick while I'm gone. I'm grateful for the elders with the assistance of Andy Scott and Rev. Tom Shoger who will be available to visit and pray with members of the congregation. Someone will need to worship the Lord. I'm thankful knowing that the music is in the talented hands and voices of Judy,

Sonja, & the choir, the bulletins are in the capable hands of Melody, and the worship is in the ready hearts, minds, and voices of you the congregation.

Just as a lot of preparation is involved in each earthly trip, I am reminded of the preparation needed for our heavenly trip. Thankfully Jesus has prepared the way for us by dying on the cross for our sins. The only way for us to know we are ready to go to heaven is by putting our faith and trust in him. (Romans 10:9)

Are you prepared to travel?

Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Dianna Dingeman
Howard Shoup
Linda Carpenter
Peggy Cramer
John Andrews
Barbara Eichenberger
Andrew and Norine Brunson



Patriotic Sunday

Our Independence Day Service guest speaker will be Rev. Tom Shoger. The service on July 2, 2017 at 10:55 will be followed by our annual pie and ice cream social. Please help by providing baked apple pies (some sugar free as well). We look forward to a time of fellowship as we celebrate the freedoms we are granted through the Declaration of Independence which expresses the ideals on which the United States was founded. *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."* So that our congregation can be unified for this special event, we will only have one service this Sunday at 10:55am.

Stewardship Article of the Month

So We Give...

The Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas are traditionally a time to catch up on our annual giving to the church. I thought that as a November message I would offer my encouragement for us to consider as we budget our year-end giving. Within the limited space available, I provide a list of otherwise endless reasons that we may consider giving a little extra this year.

- For we are extolled to build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth...so we give.
- For we know that we can't take it with us...so we give.
- For we remember something about casting our bread upon the waters...so we give.
- For we hear testimonies about abundant blessings promised by God...so we give.
- For we have been blessed with good harvests...so we give.
- For we know that that we just don't have enough time to give our time...so we give.
- For our talents are not nearly as good as a lot of others and our talents probably wouldn't make a difference anyway...so we give.
- For we promised a few months ago that we would give anything if we didn't have to work in the nursery ever again...so we give.
- For we know the church budget is prepared annually and it helps everyone if the books are closed with as many receipts as possible...so we give.
- For the Internal Revenue Service only recognizes tax deductions during the year they were given, not the year they were once intended...so we give.
- For our boss told us to anticipate a year-end bonus...so we give.
- For we heard both political parties promise a better economy...so we give.
- For our giving makes us feel good and this holiday we want to feel good...so we give.
- For the church has to spend so much money to make the holiday season special...so we give.
- For our sentiments to continue the traditional spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas...so we give.

Okay, I'll admit that some of the reasons are a little unwarranted. Even so, there have been times when some of these reason have at least crossed my mind, and maybe motivated my giving. This Thanksgiving, I encourage each of us to give with another reason in mind. Let's be

mindful of a reason for giving that God considered important.

- "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). So we gave. He loves us. We are His reasons. Sounds unwarranted, doesn't it? Thanksgiving is an act of worship...so we give.

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Glen Smotherman, author of
Steward Shipp of Peachtree Corners

Guest Pastor

During the month of June—while Rev. Rhett Carson is away on vacation—Pinecrest will have a guest Pastor, Rev. Tom Shoger, who will be presenting a three week series titled And God said... "I Am Who I Am".

God said many things about Himself in the Bible. Some of what God said we really like. But, God also said things about Himself that many people find to be unsettling, baffling, or even seemingly incompatible. This mini-series will address three such aspects, or attributes, of God. In order to winsomely and effectively engage people in our secular culture today, you must have an adequate grasp of the three aspects of God we will study June 11th, 18th, and 25th. Come and let's learn together so we can more effectively engage our family, friends, and others with the gospel message.

Schedule of services:

June 11th: "Defining God?" Romans 5:8-10

June 18th: "The Foundation of Justice"

2 Timothy 4:1-4

June 25th: "A Jealous God?" Exodus 34:14

Visiting and Telephoning Team

Pinecrest is starting a Visiting and Telephoning Team to reach out to all of our members and will have a training session on Wednesday, May 24th, at 6:00 pm in the Library. If you have previously signed up to assist with this important mission, please plan to attend training. If you don't remember if you've signed up, there is a list on the WOCM board inside Evans Hall.

Pictorial Directory

Pinecrest wishes to thank everyone who has had their photo taken for our new pictorial directory. **You have made this project a success!** If you have not already had your photo taken for the directory, you will have another chance on May 30th. Please contact Cathey Bell Johnson at 388-0399.

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
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship—**Suspended through Labor Day**

****Rev. Rhett Carson will be in Africa from June 9th through June 27th. ****

Weekly Meetings & Events

- Monday 4:00 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
- 3:30 pm Bible Club—**Suspended through Labor Day**
- Saturday 9:00 am Men’s Prayer Group

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
4 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Small Groups 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	5 4:00 pm Handbell Choir Practice	6 2:30 pm Sonshine Small Group	7 11:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm NO 1st Wed Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	8	9	10 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
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Circle News

Circle 2 ~ No report
 Circle 3~ 8 members were present. Next meeting will be on June 14th at 1:15 pm in the church library. This months meeting discussion centered on the Bonclarken Gift Shop project which will be “grab bags” for children.
 Circle 4~ 9 members were present. Next meeting will be on June 20th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.
 Circle 5~ No report

June Birthdays

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| 1 Joyce Letchworth | 23 Jack Kern |
| 6 Christopher McMurray | Billy Young |
| 11 Mike Pugliese | 28 Lee Jones |
| Dana Russell | Luke Jordan |
| Corry Zwart | Justin McMurray |
| 13 Evalyn Coad | Brandon McMurray |
| 17 Jan Moore | |
| 21 Marge DeZwaan | |
| Tracy Grigsby | |
| Howard Shoup | |

