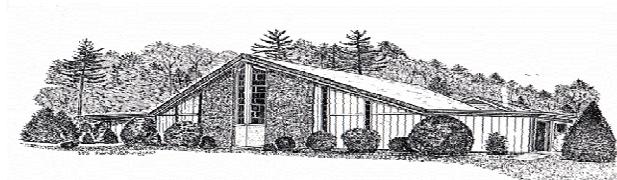


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

MARCH 2017

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

It has been an eventful month at Pinecrest Church. All of us were shocked and saddened to hear the news that two of our wonderful sisters Barbara Johnson and former pastor wife Carolyn Evans had passed away within 13 hours of each other. Most of us will continue to mourn their loss alongside their families for many days to come. But though we mourn, do not allow that mourning to turn into discouragement. Indeed, I see many reasons to be encouraged through these difficult events.

First, we can be encouraged by the large attendance at both of these services. This testifies to how these women lived their lives and the impact they had on others around them. Even through their deaths, they continued to point people to the Lord by having their friends and family gather to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ preached.

Second, we can be encouraged by how the church rallied around these families. These families were uplifted by the amount of people that called, visited, sent cards, provided food, and prayed for them. Also, many people worked hard to get ready for the services and the receptions. Some people set-up tables & chairs, others prepared musical arrangements, others cleaned, others recorded the service, others prepared food & drinks, others ushered, and the list goes on and on. This is what the church is supposed to do and Pinecrest did so well. It is the people of God rallying around each other and working together to accomplish an important task. As Pinecrest came together in this situation, I am encouraged to know it can and will continue to do so in the future.

Thirdly and most significantly, we can be encouraged because even though we mourn we do not mourn as the world mourns because we have hope (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). These two sisters had professed faith in Jesus Christ and thus they were not defeated by death but experienced a great victory over it through Jesus Christ. They are now alive in his presence and enjoying the blessings he secured for them upon the cross. Even now we can gather to celebrate the victory that is theirs and also ours through Jesus Christ. As Jesus himself said in John 14:1- "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."

This is power of the gospel and of faith. Even in hard and difficult days we can have hope and be encouraged by Jesus Christ and by what he has done, continues to do, and will do for his people.

Your Brother,

*Rhett Carson*

### Intercessory Prayer

Evalyn Coad  
Larry Morgan  
Terrianna Scott  
Andrew and Norine Brunson  
The Family of Carolyn Evans  
The Family of Barbara Johnson

Nancy Boyea  
Howard Shoup



### Many Thanks

Again, the Evans family finds itself indebted deeply to the gracious kindness and the tender love and care of the Pinecrest congregation. Our latest and more profound challenge—both for you and for us—has been the illness and death of Carolyn.

Throughout the last two years, you, as our church family, have been most sensitive and supportive. Your acts of kindness have been most abundant and gracious.

We thank each of you for your prayers. We thank you for your "Get Well" cards. We thank you for the delicious food that you prepared and brought to us. We thank you for every word of encouragement that you gave to Carolyn.

Carolyn anticipated a physical healing—a miracle—and she clung to every encouraging word. You were used greatly in your ministry to Carolyn through those words. We thank Rhett Carson for his faithful visits, and prayers in Carolyn's behalf.

Carolyn loved Pinecrest. She loved every member of Pinecrest. She thrilled over the privilege of serving in the music ministry of Pinecrest.

Holly, Christie, and I thank you for all of your love and care showered on us and on Carolyn.

Thank you very much.

—In Christ, Chuck

A heartfelt THANK YOU to ALL the church volunteers who made our two receptions for Carolyn Evans & Barbara Johnson so beautiful and appreciated by the families.

Our woman's organization's new structure (teams) formed the basis for a successful church-wide effort on very short notice and with a great deal of physical effort on everyone's part! The Meal Team group provided all the wonderful food trays; the Set Up & Clean Up Teams (+Ray) had Evans Hall and the kitchen shining & clean; the Serving Team that stood for SO long to graciously serve our guests!!!

Thank You; each and every one of you for sharing true Christian love and care!!!!

—Proud President of WOCM, Sue Brogi

To My Dear Friends at Pinecrest-

Working with you these past years has been such a blessing to me. Memories of you will always be with me. Leaving has made me realize how much I will miss you all.

Your generous retirement gift is overwhelming and I appreciate it so.

God bless you all. Take care.

—With many thanks and much love, Minona

### **WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY March 3, 2017**

Woman all around the world have set March 3<sup>rd</sup> as a woman's day of prayer. The woman (and men are welcomed too) here at Pinecrest will do so as well. Each hour, 9-5, two different ladies will lead those in attendance in prayer for our ARP Denomination, the Nation, as well as Local and Pinecrest concerns.

Our prayers will be both out loud and private as we go through the hour. You, as an attendee, are free to come and go as your schedule allows. We will hold this day of prayer in the old "Hispanic Church Room" or as it is now known, the Sunday School Room.

**COME JOIN US FOR THIS WOMAN'S DAY OF PRAYER !!!**

### **Part-time Employment Opportunity:**

Gift Shop Manager  
Bonclarken Conference Center  
Flat Rock, NC

25+ weekly hours June – August including Saturday work off-season

For more information contact Director of Human Resources at 828-692-2223 ext. 713

[bonclarkenhr@gmail.com](mailto:bonclarkenhr@gmail.com)

### **2016 Contribution Statements**

The 2016 Contributions statements are available for pick up in the atrium.

### **Coffee Hour Help Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments during Coffee Hour. If you'd like to help, please contact Melody in the Church Office at 692-0063 or Sarabeth DeLuca at 606-2552.

### **Sermons Online**

Pinecrest Church's website has an exciting new feature. Only 3 clicks needed. Go to [pinecrestchurch.com](http://pinecrestchurch.com). Click on the SERMONS tab. Click play. The last sermon will begin playing. Previous sermons can be heard by downloading.

Also, a CD of any sermon can be ordered from the Audio Order Station in the atrium. Each CD usually contains two Pinecrest services with music and sermons. Please use one of the order forms provided, or send an email to me with the date requested.

~ George Lamb  
Pinecrest Audio Ministry

### **2017 Flower Calendar**

The 2017 Flower Calendar is posted outside the sanctuary doors. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or to remember those who have passed. Please sign up early for your special dates!

### **1st Wednesday of the Month:**

Please join us, March 1st, for a covered dish dinner and program at the church at 5:30PM. This month's program will be Anthony McMinn from the Hendersonville Rescue Mission.

### **Financial Statement as of January 31, 2017**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
\$26,915	\$29,834	\$2,919

### **Pinecrest would like to welcome Church Secretary, Melody Burrell.**

Melody began her employment at Pinecrest Church in February 2017. She is an Asheville native who has lived in the area all her life. Prior to her employment at Pinecrest, Melody worked most recently as the Office Manager at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest, SC and as Financial Administrator at Kenmore Country Club here in Flat Rock. Please drop by and say hello, Melody will be in the office Monday - Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

# Pinecrest Calendar

## 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

## 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  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study - 2nd & 4th
- Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

## March Calendar

### Wednesday, 3/1

- 11:00 am Prayer Meeting
- 5:30 pm First Wednesday/Covered Dish
- 5:00 pm Evening Worship Service

### Wednesday, 3/8

- 1:15 pm Circle 3 Meeting - Library

### Tuesday, 3/14

- 12:30 pm Circle 2 - Library
- 6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

### Thursday, 3/17

Spring Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken

### Sunday, 3/19

Precentor Deadline

### Tuesday, 3/21

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

### Thursday, 3/23

- 9:00 am Precentor mailing - Library

No Bible Club



Daylight Saving Time begins  
Sunday, March 12!  
Spring forward!  
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

## Youth & Children's Activities

### Weekly Meetings & Events

- Thursdays 3:30 pm Bible Club  
No Bible Club on 3/23

### Spring Middle School Retreat

The Spring Middle School Retreat will be held at Bonclarken on March 17-19, 2017. The cost of the retreat will be \$80 (scholarships are available). Please speak with Mike Hicks if you have youth who are interested in attending.

## March Birthdays

- 2 Caleb Hughes
- 3 Calvin Grier
- 4 Casey Johnson
- 15 Maria Blevins
- 18 Katherine Elgin
- 20 Ruth Anne Gibson
- 22 Helen Danelson
- 23 Brian Pugliese
- 25 Bob Eckley, Mel Zwart
- 27 Nelson Klaner
- 28 Tait Eckley, Nan Simpson
- 31 Marie & JohnE Carson, Chip Sherer

### Circle News

Circle 2 ~ No report.

Circle 3 ~ 8 members were present. Next meeting will be March 8 at 1:15PM in the church library.

Circle 4 ~ had 10 members in attendance. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 1PM at Carolina Village.

Circle 5 ~ No report.

Next *PRECENTOR* Deadline is

**SUNDAY, March 19**

## Handbell Choir

The Handbell choir is looking for players. No experience, skill, or musical ability needed. If you can count and swing your arm, you can play. We practice on Monday afternoons at 4pm. Please contact Pat Hunt for information.

## Directory Update



We are in the process of updating the Church directory. If you have moved, dropped your land line phone, purchased a new cell phone, need to include an email address, or otherwise

need to change any of your information in the directory please call or email Melody in the Church office at 828-692-0063; pinechu@bellsouth.net.

## Save The Date

### *2017 Easter Events & Service Schedule*

#### **Palm Sunday Worship Service with**

#### **Children's Presentation ~**

10:55AM, Sunday, April 9

#### **Maundy Thursday Service ~**

6PM, April 13

#### **Good Friday Service at Reformation**

#### **ARP Church ~**

April 14 (exact time tbd)

#### **Pinecrest Easter Egg Hunt ~**

11AM, Saturday, April 15

#### **Easter Sunday Services ~**

Sunrise - 7AM, 8:30AM and 10:55AM, April 16

#### **NO Evening Worship**

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(March 2017)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Vacation Bible School Survey—Coming Soon

Pinecrest will be taking a survey for this year's VBS dates and times. We'd like to get your opinion so, please, be on the look-out for those forms in the Atrium.

