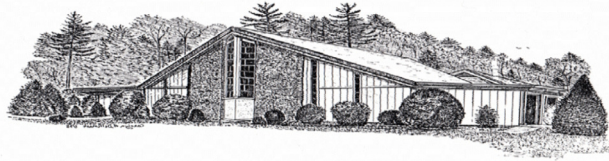


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

NOVEMBER 2018

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As most of you know Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I love it because it is a day when everyone is encouraged to stop their normal routine, give thanks to God, and share their blessings with one another.

This is what they did on the first Thanksgiving which took place almost 400 years ago in 1621. The settlers at Plymouth Colony had survived a long trip consisting of 66 days at sea before arriving in America where they could freely worship God as English Protestants. They decided that they needed to take a day to celebrate not only the destination God had brought them to but also how he had taken care of them along the way. Including how he was continuing to take care of them in the New World through the Wampanoag people.

The Israelites who we have been studying in Numbers often failed to do this. They forgot to stop and thank and often failed to see how God had not only promised them a wonderful destination but how he was providing for them along the way.

I hope we as the church today will not make the same mistake. I hope that we constantly thank God for the place he has given us in his kingdom. I also hope we will see and be thankful for his blessings each day as he guides us and takes care of us along the way.

Truly we have a lot to be thankful for. Let us always remember to stop, give thanks, and share our blessings!

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

### **Thanksgiving Service on November 18th**

A Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service between Pinecrest, Reformation, & Sandy Plains Churches will be held at Pinecrest at 6PM on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. A special offering to support this ministry will be collected.

### **A Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken**

...will be held over the weekend of November 9th through the 11th. Please ask Christian Beamguard for more information.

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Praise for the release of Andrew Brunson  
Hal Bennett  
Ann Brice  
Jim Hart  
Linda Huntsinger  
Virginia Stanley



### *Book of Remembrance*

The following have contributed toward the General Fund or other fund as noted below:

**In Honor of Lillian Galloway** from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice.

**In Memory of Mr. A.C. Gregg** from Mrs. C. Jane Mildren.

**In Memory of Mr. Lee Jones** from Mrs. Liz Kimberling, Mr. Alvin Brickley, Mr. Dick Shipman, Ms. Lois Koch, and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brogi.

**In Memory of Mrs. Olga Rostkowski** from Mrs. Olga Rostkowski's estate in care of her sister, Mrs. Alice Cebula.

**In Memory of Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Shipman** from Mrs. Liz Kimberling and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brogi.

**In Honor of Virginia Stanley** from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice.

### *Thank You*

Thank you to the ladies of the church: Peggy Cramer, Sue Brogi, Susan Jones, and Susan Sanders for volunteering to occupy the church office while I was away on vacation September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>. These ladies are precious to me and I appreciate all they do! Thank you for allowing me the time off to spend with my husband (our 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and an opportunity to spend time with a great friend who was in town for one day only.

—Melody Burrell

Pinecrest friends: Thank you to all who attended my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! I really appreciated everyone who came and also all the notes written, the cards, and flowers. I will always be grateful for all of you. In Christian love,

—Liz Kimberling

### **Pinecrest Visitation Team**

Yes, Pinecrest has a visitation team and anyone can become a part of this outreach mission. What a great way to get acquainted with your fellow church members and to show that "We Care".

Just a few minutes of your time can bring so much joy to someone who needs a smile, a listening ear, or just "How are you today?". In some cases this can be done from the comfort of your own home as most are just a phone call away.

There is a binder with the names and contact information for all members of the congregation. You may "visit" either face-to-face or by phone. Then make a notation in the binder as to who and when you "visited". It's that simple.

Each team member gets the notebook for a week which allows you to visit as few or as many as you wish as there is no specific number of visits to be made. Please contact Susan Sanders or Kathy Warner if you have any questions or if you'd like to become a team member.

Stewardship Article of the Month

Giving Thanks First

Once again we celebrate the Pilgrim’s first Thanksgiving. Sometimes we get the idea that the story begins and ends with the Pilgrim’s thanking God for providing them with enough food, even extra food, for a feast. Actually, it wasn’t their first Thanksgiving. After all, they were Christians, and a rather righteous group of Christians at that. It’s quite likely that they gave thanks rather frequently. Also, it wasn’t as if they came to the New World seeking bounteous harvests simply to throw a party. This was a pilgrimage to settle into a land where they could praise and thank God without persecution.

I’ll surmise that when the long ocean journey concluded on Plymouth Rock, they also offered a sincere thanksgiving—maybe even kissed the ground. The winter was brutal. I’ve endured two winters in Massachusetts, and I can’t imagine enduring a 17th century blizzard without central heating. But they did, and they thanked God afterwards. Again, the coming of springtime offered them hope that God would provide fertile soil and climate for their sustenance. And He did...apparently beyond their expectations.

Lately, when I read about their great Thanksgiving feast described by secular media, I am influenced to conclude that these Pilgrim’s were contestants on the reality show, “Survivor: Plymouth Rock.” After a year of learning about the agricultural quirks of their new environment, they then could celebrate by thanking God for being battle-hardened and ready to be on their own. This, we have been led to conclude, was the beginning of the traditional American self-reliance. “Thanks, God, your help meant a lot to us. There’s no need to fret over us anymore. We can manage things by ourselves from here.” It would be easy for them to say so. After all, they were where they wanted to be, doing what they wanted to do, with more resources than they had ever imagined. What great opportunities would have been lost if those Pilgrim’s had not continued their journey trusting in God. The very foundations of our great nation reach back into that community of faithful and trusting Christians. God was still leading them in their journey.

Their Thanksgiving was an event of worship. Yes, they were “giving” to God, but even more, they were relinquishing to God a certain portion of their harvest as a show of faith, trusting God, not their harvest. Now, some us may relish eating a week’s portion of food as an act of worship, but that’s not quite what I mean. Other harsh winters were soon to follow, and they expected it. The prudent thing to do would have been to store the extra food away. These folks celebrated with the good food that they might need later. They trusted God, not their bounty. And we know that God had more bounty in store for them, and eventually for their descendants, our fellow citizens today. Those Christian Pilgrims trusted in God for their prosperity. They looked hopefully for a safe place to worship, which would have been bountiful enough. Our great nation arising from their faith was God’s plan of prosperity.

Today, I see many folks celebrating and thanking God for their bounty, and they should. I see young graduates thanking God for a good education. It would be so easy for them to say, “Thanks for everything I’ve

learned, God. I’ll take it from here.” I see young careerist, finishing a lucrative project, thanking God for what this means to the family. It would be easy to say, “Thanks for everything I’ve earned, God. I’ll take it from here.” I see prosperous executives thanking God for organizations that do so much for so many. It would be so easy to say, “Thanks for everything I’ve built, God. I’ll take it from here.” I see retirees, thanking God for the foresight to plan for retirement. It would be easy to say, “Thanks for everything I’ve saved, God. I’ll take it from here.” What missed opportunities! God has so much more in store for each and every one of us. He is assuredly pleased with our thanksgiving, but is yearning for our continued trust...our trust in Him, not trust in our bounty.

As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables, we will thank God for his blessings. In our thanksgiving, let’s think in terms of showing trust in God’s promises of the bountiful blessings in store for us. Let’s give with thanks and also give with trust.

Happy Trust-giving,

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Steward Shipp of Peachtree Corners



The *Precentor* deadline for  
submissions is **Sunday, November 18th.**



Fall Festival

Please join us on Wednesday, October 31st, from 6:00-7:00 pm for a Fall Festival! We will have games, crafts, and snacks for children of all ages! Please see Christian for more information, or to find out how you can help!

Operation Christmas Child

...shoebox ministry is drawing to a close with the November 11 collection Sunday. Free packing materials and instructional brochures are still available. The boxes will be leaving the church, Monday, November 12th. Pinecrest goal this year is 115 boxes. If you have any questions please contact Dottie Kent, 828-513-1487.

1st Wednesday Dinner & Program

There will be a youth fundraiser dinner on Wednesday, November 7th at 5:30. Please join us to hear about our wonderful trips this summer, and find out how you can support our youth group! The menu will be chili, soups, and salad. Please sign up in the atrium of the church so we’ll know how many people to plan for.

Financial Statement as of September 2018

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>\$23,731</b>	<b>\$30,368</b>	<b>\$6,637</b>

YTD Financial Statement

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>\$276,464</b>	<b>\$286,105</b>	<b>\$9,641</b>

# 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— 2nd and 4th week
	7:00 pm	Men’s Bible Study— 1st and 3rd week
Wednesday	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 Pastor Rhett on vacation through 11/15.	2	3 9:00 am Men’s Prayer Group
4 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	5  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	6  7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study	7  5:30 pm 1st Wed. Dinner & Program 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	8  7:00 pm Circle 5—Library	9 Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken through 11/11	10 9:00 am Men’s Prayer Group
11 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	12  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	13 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 pm Sonshine Group	14 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	15	16	17 9:00 am Men’s Prayer Group
18 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	19  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	20 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 6:30 pm Joint Session/Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study	21 9:00 am Precentor Mailing Preparation No Service in observance of Thanksgiving	22 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	23 Church Office Closed	24 9:00 am Men’s Prayer Group
25 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	26  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	27 2:30 pm Sonshine Group	28 6:00 pm Evening Worship 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	29	30	

## Circle News

- Circle 2~ Our next meeting will be November 13th at 12:30 pm in the church library.
- Circle 3~ Our next meeting will be November 14th at 1:15 pm in the church library.
- Circle 4~ Our next meeting will be November 20th at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.
- Circle 5~ Our next meeting November 8th at 7:00 pm in the church library.

# November Birthdays

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

Men’s Bible Study

God has laid the “leadership” of His people at the feet of the man He created. It’s hard to lead if you are ignorant of His desires for His people. Paul writing to Timothy (2 Tim 3:16-17 ) says, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” The prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:8-9 ) quotes God saying, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” So it behooves us to have a clearer understanding of His precious word. We will meet the first and third Tuesday at 7:00PM each month. With all the grace and love I can muster, I behest you to come and join with us as we “dig -in” to God’s scriptures.

Sonshine Bible Study

The “Sonshine Bible” group would like to extend an invitation to all members at Pinecrest to join us in a study of God’s Word. We meet here at the Church on the second and fourth Tuesday each month. Our study begins at 2:30 PM and lasts about an hour. The Psalmist says in Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” We need not walk in this world in darkness. Come and join us for a refreshing time with God.

Please share your email address with us

In an effort to keep the cost to the church as low as possible, we’d like to be able to email you the Precentor

each month along with updates and important information regarding meetings and events. Pinecrest will not share your email address with anyone outside the church and will not send you anything that does not directly involve the church or its activities.

Office Volunteers

Our church secretary will be away on, Friday, November 30th and Monday & Tuesday, December 3rd & 4th. If anyone would like to volunteer to occupy the church office for a few hours on these days, please call the office at 692-0063.

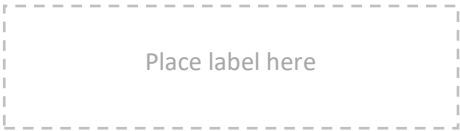
Drivers Needed:

Pinecrest has relied on a few special ladies to pick up and deliver those who live in Carolina Village and Lake Point Landing for the past few months. If anyone who lives close to either of those communities could help out, that would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers would need to be available to pick up and deliver the residents for the 10:55 am service on a rotating basis to be determined once volunteers have been acquired.

Election of New Church Officers

Officers of the church play a major role in the leadership, life and health of the church. Please read over the biblical qualifications given in 1st Timothy 3 & Titus 1 then prayerfully consider serving or nominating someone to serve. Nominations for these offices and the offices of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Congregational Chairman should be submitted no later than November 4th to our pastor, an officer, or turned into the church office. Nomination forms will be included in your Sunday bulletin.

PINECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
POST OFFICE BOX 421  
FLAT ROCK, NC 28731  
(November 2018)  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Food & Clothing Focus

**Food Pantry Needs:** Hams, turkey breasts, turkeys, chickens, peas, green beans, yams, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, pie crusts & fillings, cake mixes & icing. (We can store meat, milk, fresh produce and other items in our walk-in cooler and freezer so do not hesitate to donate cold/frozen foods.) Personal care items are always needed as well such as: Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Disposable razors, Maxi-pads, and Diapers.

**Clothing Closet Needs:** The clothing closet distributes blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, warm clothing, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, heavy socks, and boots during the winter. Now is the time to start collecting these items so that they will be available when the weather turns cold.

**United Way’s 211 of WNC:** An information line linking people to health and human services in Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, and Transylvania Counties. Whether you want to find help or give help, the referral specialists who answer your call will identify the right resources for you. 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 to speakers of all languages. Dial 211 on your phone or visit [nc211.org](http://nc211.org).