

The Pinecrest Precentor

August 2020

From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Pinecrest Family,

I'm going to be perfectly and perhaps painfully honest with you. This last month has been hard on me and on all of us at Pinecrest. It has contained times of great suffering, mourning, and loss within our church family.

I am not thankful for these difficulties, but I can be thankful and I am thankful in the midst of them.

I am thankful for the opportunity to present the gospel to many who had never heard it and to let others know how we as Christians can have hope in the most difficult circumstances because of Christ and his victory. (1 Thess 4:13)

I am thankful for my church family. I am thankful for the love and support shown to me and grieving family members through calls, emails, texts, and prayers. I am thankful for the many volunteers who brought meals, visited, and helped with the memorial services. (Ecc 4:12)

I am thankful for the reminder to myself that I could never fulfill the responsibilities of a pastor on my own. Not only do I need the helpers that I have mentioned above, I need Jesus Christ. I know that I only made it through these days with the help of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. But the truth is that is the way it is and should be everyday both for me as a pastor and for every Christian. A complete and utter dependence upon Jesus Christ. If we rely upon our own strength, we will easily be overcome because we are too weak. But if we rely upon the one who is in us, then we will overcome because the one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Our trials and difficulties make us stronger. Not because it helps us toughen our bodies and minds, but because it forces us to turn to and rely upon Jesus Christ, the true source of our strength. When we understand this, then we can say as Paul:

(2 Corinthians 12:10) For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

May the Lord bless and strengthen you!

God loves you and so do I!

Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

All those affected by the Coronavirus, The Burns Family, The Lamb Family, Jim & Brenda Hart, the Pinecrest Vision Team, and the United States of America.

Book of Remembrance

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

In honor of Rev. Rhett & Mrs. Kathy Carson from Mr. & Mrs. John Carson.

In memory of Mr. George Lamb from Mrs. Eleanor Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. John Gibson, and Mr. & Mrs. John Carson.

Public Worship Services

Pinecrest has resumed in person public worship services. Please see below for our updated sickness policy. For our full guidelines please go to the church website www.pinecrestchurch.com. We will continue to broadcast our services online each Sunday from Facebook and our church website for those who need to remain at home.

Sickness Policy for In-Person Worship Attendance during COVID

Anyone (staff, volunteer, or attendee) who themselves or a household member has tested positive for the coronavirus should not attend public worship services until two weeks after the test was administered and any symptoms subside.

Anyone who themselves or a household member has exhibited symptoms of the coronavirus should not attend public worship services until two weeks after symptoms subside.

Anyone who knows they or a household member has been directly exposed to the coronavirus should not attend public worship services until two weeks after exposure and any symptoms subside.

On any given Sunday, anyone who does not feel well for any reason should not attend public worship services that day.

Anyone who tests positive for the coronavirus and has attended a public worship service at Pinecrest in the past two weeks should notify the church office as soon as possible at 828-692-0063.

Wednesday Online Prayer Meetings

Until we are able to meet in person again, Pinecrest will be having an online prayer meeting each week on Wednesdays at 11:00 am using Zoom Cloud Meetings. If you did not receive an email from the church with instructions on joining, please contact the church office. Please email pinecrestarp@gmail.com with any prayer requests and plan to join us online each week as we pray for each other and for the end of the coronavirus.

Inviting Others to Church Online

The coronavirus has changed not only how we worship as a church but it has also changed how we invite others to church. Even while we are worshipping online we need to be inviting others to worship with us so that they can join us in praising God and hearing the gospel message. We can invite others to worship with us online through word of mouth but we can also invite them digitally. We digitally invite people to worship online by pressing the "like" button at the bottom of the video (the more likes, the more "like"-ly it is to pop on in someone's search for a church service). We also invite people to worship with us online by clicking the share button on the video and posting it to others through email or your Facebook page— a few words about what you learned or liked about the service will greatly encourage others to listen. Continue to join us for worship online each week but please also remember to encourage others to join us as well— they need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ too!

Online Giving

During this difficult time, we wanted to make it easy for you to continue your contributions to the church. Please visit our webpage at Pinecrestchurch.com and click on the "Give Online" button in the top right-hand corner. You may use a credit or debit card or opt for direct draft from your bank account. You may also download the Tithe.ly app, create an account, and then search for Pinecrest Presbyterian Church. Or you may opt to mail your check directly to the church at PO Box 421, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Worship Service Volunteers Needed

Pinecrest is looking for a small group of consistent volunteers to help with the greeting and seating of guests at our worship service each week. The volunteers will be provided with protection equipment and instructions on how to keep themselves and others safe. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact our pastor or Jim Moore.

August Birthdays

Unknown date: Chuck Wyatt

- 1 David Blevins
- 2 Rose Anne Perry
- 3 Anne Gracyzk
- 4 Salley Burns
- 7 Noah Myslik
- 11 Sam Allers
Ben Allers
- 13 Kathy Carson
Jackson McCraw
Reggie Ramsey
- 20 Henry Arnott
Virginia Stanley
- 22 Kim Myslik
- 23 Aaron Swift
- 26 Nancy Boyea
- 27 Brenda Hart
- 28 Terri Anna Scott
Sarah Alexander
- 29 Barbara Eichenberger

If your name or family members name is missing and you would like to have it included in future publications, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

High School & Youth Group Meetings

During this time of social distancing, the youth group is still meeting online! We have a youth group for 6th-12th grade each Wednesday at 5pm, and a senior high D group each Sunday at 3:30 pm. Please contact Christian for more information, or to sign up to receive the weekly zoom link.

Financial Statement as of June 2020

*Contributions	Expenses	Surplus
\$34,217	\$32,398	\$1,819

Year to Date

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$180,417	\$202,716	\$22,299

*Does not include investment income/loss.

Pinecrest Presbyterian Church

Associate Reformed Synod

1790 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, North Carolina

For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to produce fruit for God's kingdom by rooting people in God's word, growing them in their faith, and helping them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am.

Sunday High School Discipleship Group via Zoom 3:30 pm.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom 11:00 am.

Wednesday Youth Group Meeting via Zoom 5:00 pm.

Please visit our webpage at Pinecrestchurch.com or connect with us via Facebook to view our Sunday Sermon.