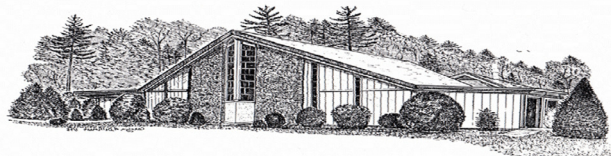


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

JUNE 2020

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As I preached on Daniel 6 just a few weeks ago, Daniel in the Lion's Den, I realized that many of us may be more sympathetic to Daniel's plight after the past two months. Many of us may feel like we are in a lion's den right now. We feel as if we've been imprisoned like Daniel was, just in our houses—not in a lion's den. We see danger all around us that could take our life at any given moment, except instead of lions we see a deadly virus. We long for the day that we too, like Daniel, can come out of the Lion's Den.

I don't know when the coronavirus will be over, but I am certain of a few things that we also learn from Daniel and the Lion's Den.

God will be with us in the midst of our difficulties. No matter what problem we face lions, virus, economic hardship, wicked people- God never leaves or forsakes His people. (Matthew 28:18)

God has the power to save us- as God used his angel to keep the lion's mouths shut, God can also keep any virus, economic hardship, or wicked person from harming us if He so wills it. (Romans 8:31)

God will one day deliver us from the lion's den. Yes God will one day end the coronavirus for this too shall pass, but even more so God will deliver us from every evil thing we face in this world as a result of the Fall. God is going to make all things new and bring us into a new kingdom where the things of this world have faded away. (Revelation 21:4)

So brothers and sisters take your eyes off the lions and put your focus on the one who is with you, the one who has the power to protect you, and the one who will one day deliver you. Place your eyes on God and on His son Jesus Christ as we go through these days.

I also want to remind you that you are not alone, first and foremost because God is with you, but also because His people, the church is with you as well. If you need help, comfort, prayer, or encouragement please contact me, a church officer, or another member.

God loves you and so do we!

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

### *Intercessory Prayer*

All those affected by the Coronavirus  
Bonclarken Conference Center  
The reopening of Churches  
Salley Burns  
Pinecrest Vision Team



### *Book of Remembrance*

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

**In Honor of Mrs. Pauline Corn** from Mrs. Barbara Hughes.

**In Memory of Mr. Boyce Hanna** from Mrs. Joan Hanna.

### **Care Packages**

Pinecrest Church has put together Care Packages for those who are at high risk and/or our senior members which includes canned foods, all-purpose cleaners, and paper products.

Pastor Rhett and his wife, Kathy, delivered many care packages to those in retirement and assisted living centers, even though they were not allowed to visit. As you may know, these centers were placed on lock down for the many weeks and residents had limited means to acquire snacks and cleaning supplies although they had several prepared meals delivered to their door each day.

Everyone who received a care package was very grateful and called and sent cards and letters to the church praising the members and the Pastor for their generosity, love, and compassion (and commended the person responsible for finding the toilet paper and paper towels).

We still have a few care packages so please call the church office at 828-692-0063 or Pastor Rhett and let us know if you or someone you know is in need. Care packages can be delivered and/or left outside your home.

### **Mother's Day Gift**

For Mother's Day 2020, Kathy Carson and Martha Byrd designed and printed a special Mother's Day bookmark. The Church then mailed them to all of our ladies as a Mother's Day gift. The church has received many "Thank You" phone calls and cards for this wonderful surprise.

Ladies, if you did not receive your bookmark, there are a few extra here at the church, please call the church office at 828-692-0063 and one will be promptly mailed out to you.

### **Bonclarken T-shirt Fundraiser**

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused every group Bonclarken was scheduled to host since early March to cancel. As you can imagine, these cancellations are causing a financial hardship for Bonclarken....a hardship Friends of Bonclarken want to help offset. Please visit [www.bonclarkentees.com](http://www.bonclarkentees.com) for more information.

## COVID-19 Response

The Pinecrest Session is hoping that we will be able to resume in-person worship services in June, but is still evaluating and praying over the current situation. Please pray for wisdom in how and when we can meet together as a church family.

Until this happens, please continue to:

**PRAY.** Please continue to pray for us and your church family here at Pinecrest and join us each Wednesday at 11AM for our online prayer meeting.

**WORSHIP.** Please continue to worship with us online through our church website or Facebook page. Invite others to worship with us by liking and sharing these posts each week.

**SUPPORT.** Please continue to check on one another and let us know of any needs. Please continue to give as you are led and able to support the ministry of Pinecrest and other ministry organizations in our area.



The *Precentor* deadline for submissions is **Sunday, June 21st.**



## Sermon Videos Online



We are very excited to announce that you may now view our full sermon online. Please go to our website, [Pinecrestchurch.com](http://Pinecrestchurch.com), then click on the Sermons tab and then on the right hand side of the page click where it reads "2020 Sunday Morning Worship". This link will direct you to our Facebook page where all of our sermons can be watched.

If you are already a Facebook pro, you may find our sermons by searching for Pinecrest ARP Church within Facebook. Friend us!

## 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 11AM 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](mailto: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

**3 Ways to Give to Pinecrest Church**

- MAIL:** Send your donations to Pinecrest Church, PO Box 421, Flat Rock, NC 28731. You can send a check (no fees apply).
- ONLINE:** Visit [www.PinecrestChurch.com](http://www.PinecrestChurch.com) and click GIVE ONLINE at the top of the webpage. You can use a bank account (1% fees apply) or credit card (3% fees apply).
- TITHE.LY APP:** Download the Tithe.ly app, create your account, search for Pinecrest Presbyterian Church. You can use a bank account (1% fees apply) or credit card (3% fees apply).

During this difficult time, we wanted to make it easy for you to continue your contributions to the church. Please visit our webpage at Pine

[crestchurch.com](http://crestchurch.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.

## Have you been wondering who that nice young lady is? Cali Colbert

Cali and Christian have enjoyed doing music together since they met in Choraleers at Erskine College, where Cali studied Psychology and Family Studies. She is now working on her Masters degree at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Her goal is to become a Clinical Mental Health Counselor, incorporating Expressive Arts Therapy in her practice with clients. She is the Director of Youth Ministries at FaithBridge UMC in Blowing Rock, NC, and works with 7th-12th graders. When she is not singing or working, Cali enjoys spending time with her dog, playing board games, and going on walks at her local park. She is excited to use her gifts to enhance the music ministry happening at Pinecrest!

## New Volunteers Needed

Several volunteers will be needed when we resume in-person worship services. Many volunteers who have faithfully performed these functions for years are deemed "high-risk" and will be unable to continue in these roles until things improve. Please contact the church office or pastor if you are considered "non-high-risk" and are willing to help to serve on Sundays as a:

- Greeter- who welcomes people and helps them find their seat
- Technician- who helps operate the church's audio and visual equipment

Financial Statement as of April 2020		
<u>Contributions</u> *\$129,608	<u>Expenses</u> \$35,446	<u>Surplus</u> \$94,162
<b>Year to Date</b>		
<u>Contributions</u> *\$214,106	<u>Expenses</u> \$137,350	<u>Surplus</u> \$76,756
*Does not include investment income/loss.		

# Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

**Sunday**      10:00 am      Worship  
                   11:15 am      Sunday School  
                   6:00 pm        High School  
    Discipleship Group

**Weekly Meetings & Events**  
**Monday**      4:00 pm      Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
**Tuesday**     2:30 pm      Sunshine Small Group\*\*  
**Wednesday** 4:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
                   6:00 pm      Evening Worship\*\*  
**Thursday**    12:00 pm     Sunday Bulletin Deadline  
**Saturday**    9:00 am      Men's Prayer Group\*\*  
**\*\*All small groups are suspended through the summer months.**

**All worship services have been suspended at least through June 13th. We hope to be able to worship in person soon after.**

The following calendar of events is subject to change.

## JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:00 pm Youth Group	4	5	6
7 10:00 am Worship Online 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	8	9 4:00 pm Session Meeting	10 5:00 pm Youth Group	11	12	13
14 10:00 am Worship Online 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	15	16	17 5:00 pm Youth Group	18 6:00 pm Youth Game Night	19	20
21 10:00 am Worship Online 12:00 pm Precentor Deadline 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	22	23	24 5:00 pm Youth Group	25	26	27
28 10:00 am Worship Online 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	29	30				

### Circle News

Circle 2~ Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the church library.

If you are interested in joining a circle, please contact one of the circle leaders: Jeanie Bennett, Ruth Anne Gibson, Susan Sanders, or Kathy Carson.

## June Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Letchworth
- 2 Dave Morton
- 11 Mike Pugliese  
Dana Russell  
Cory Zwart
- 13 Evalyn Coad
- 14 Barbara Sherrill
- 17 Jan Moore
- 21 Sarah Ellen Carson  
Marge De Zwaan  
Traci Grigsby
- 28 Luke Jordan

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.

## Worship Workers Schedule: June 2020 (Schedule subject to change.)

<b>Elder of the Month:</b> Bill Kent	14...Barbara Sherrill 21...Marie Carson	Guerard, Xan Hicks, and Eben Carson
<b>Deacon of the Week:</b> June 7...Ray Burns 14...Gary Burrell 21...Jan Moore 28...Jim Moore	<b>Children's Church:</b> June 7...John & Ruth Anne Gibson 14...Bill & Kathy Guerard 21...Fran Jester 28...Sue Brogi	21...Jim Moore, Bill Stanley, Mike Rector, and Paul Rector 28...Ken De Zwaan, Mike Pugliese, Ray Burns, and Dennis Dodd
<b>Greeters:</b> Please call the church office or Barbara Eichenberger to sign up to be a greeter for June.	<b>Ushers:</b> June 7...Jim Hart, Ron Grigsby, Dave Morton, and Paul Rector 14...Dan Eichenberger, Bill	<b>Visitation Team:</b> Suspended until further notice
<b>Toddler Nursery:</b> June 7...Eben Carson		<b>Sacrament Preparation:</b> June 28...Bob Eckley & Bill Kent

### Youth Group Meetings

In line with state and national guidelines, as well as the guidance of Pinecrest's session, the youth will not be meeting in person until further notice. However, we are continuing to meet virtually! We are using Zoom to have our youth group meetings by video conference every Wednesday at 5pm. No download is required. I will send out the link each Wednesday before we start. Please continue to pray for the youth of our church during this time, and let me know how I can pray for you and your students. - Christian

### Youth Room

During this time where we can't be together in person, exciting things are still happening at the church! We are hard at work on the ongoing youth room renovations, and are hoping to be finished by the time we are able to

meet again. Please remember that all youth are invited to send their favorite Bible verse to Kim Shelton or Christian. We can't wait to share this new space with you soon!

### Youth Game Night

Please join us via Zoom for a youth game night on Thursday, June 18th at 6pm! Our game for the evening may depend on how many are able to join, so please let Christian know if you'd like to play. Stay tuned for more details to come!



**Food Pantry Needs:** Canned potatoes, canned corn, canned carrots, canned soups, instant potatoes, baked beans, hot dog buns, and stuffing mix. (We can store items in our walk-in cooler and freezer so do not hesitate to donate cold/frozen foods.)

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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.

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