

The Pinecrest Precentor

November 2021

From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Pinecrest Family,

The Disney theme parks are consistently given top marks in guest experiences. What makes these experiences so great is not only the highly trained staff which are there in the park with the guests, but the fact that a group of people known as the Disney Imagineers have spent countless hours talking through and designing everything that the guest will experience that day to make sure that it is a “magical” experience. The Disney Imagineers design and think through not only the ideal rides and restaurants for guests, but the ideal placement and design of signs, restrooms, snacks, and even trash cans. The Imagineers seek to improve everything that the park offers its guests including how they are guided through the park.

At Pinecrest, we may not have Imagineers, but I am thankful for a group of folks known as the Pinecrest Vision Team who have met, prayed, and discussed for countless hours the state of our church, where God is leading us, and how what we do as a church could be improved. God’s Word and the truths that it teaches us were never up for debate. But how we communicate and guide people into greater levels of commitment to the Lord and bringing Him glory definitely was. Because, unlike Disney World where the main focus is upon people and whether they are satisfied, our main focus as a church and believers should be upon God and whether He is satisfied. If we believe we can do a better job encouraging ourselves and guiding others in the community to glorify God then we should do so and should want to do so.

Thank you to the many of you reading this article who have been praying faithfully for our church’s vision team, leaders, staff, and members. Please continue to do so! Please pray that the Lord would guide us collectively as a church and individually as members towards revival and to a renewed zeal for Him and for His kingdom.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at 11AM in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 21st for a special presentation from the Pinecrest Vision Team. This presentation will take place right after the morning worship service and the presentation will be followed by a free catered lunch to all who attend. The lunch menu and RSVP instructions will be announced in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you there and I look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for Pinecrest!

Soli Deo Gloria! / To God Alone be the Glory!

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Norma Eckley, Martha Byrd, Joy McCraw, Tom & Sue Shoger, and the Pinecrest Vision Team

Book of Remembrance

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

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Arnott from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brogi donated two touchless Hand Sanitizer stands and hand sanitizer gel **in memory of Mrs. Lillian Galloway.**

Trick or Treat at the Farmer's Market

Come by and see us at the Flat Rock Farmer's Market on Thursday, October 28th from 3-6pm for some fall fun! We will have an activity with prizes for kids, as well as free apple cider for all ages! Please contact Christian if you'd like to help with this event, as volunteers of all kinds are needed!

1st Wednesday Covered Dish & Program

On Wednesday, November 3rd, our 1st Wednesday Covered Dish and Program at 5:30pm will feature a presentation from Back on Track Addiction Ministry. All are welcome to join us to learn about this ministry and what they do in our community and the surrounding area to assist those in addiction recovery and the families who support them.

Daylights Savings Time

Sunday, November 7th, Daylight Savings Time ends. Set your clocks to fall back one hour!

Bonclarken Middle School Retreat

Our presbytery's middle school retreat will be November 12-14 at Bonclarken. Please contact Christian for more information on a great weekend.

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry continues at Pinecrest. Instructional materials and boxes are still available on the OpCC table in the atrium of the church. You may also build a shoebox online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Pinecrest goal this year is one hundred boxes. OpCC collection Sunday is Nov. 14. If you want to bring your boxes earlier just place them above the coat rack. If you need assistance please call me at 828-513-1487, Dottie Kent OpCC coordinator.

Youth Escape Room

The youth group will be undertaking an Asheville escape room on Friday, November 19th! The exact time and cost of the event will depend on the number of attendees we have; but we will ride together from the church, and the room will cost no more than \$20 per person. Please contact Christian to sign up for a great evening of puzzles and mystery!

Vision Team Presentation

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Church Office Volunteers Needed

Our church secretary will be away on vacation the week of November 29th through December 3rd. We need a few volunteers to answer the phone and a few other lite duties each day between the hours of 9am and 4pm. We can even split each day into two shifts if that would make it easier. Anyone who would like to help out can call the church office at 828-692-0063.

Ladies: Save the dates for Lunch & Learn

Thursday Nov 18th & Dec 16th 12-2PM. Come join us for fellowship and Bible study.

Election of New Church Officers

Officers of the church play a significant 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 14th to our pastor, an officer, or dropped in the box in the atrium. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Rhett or one of the current Deacons or Elders.

Sickness Policy for 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

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.

Online Giving

During this challenging 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.

November Birthdays

2 Fred Elgin	15 Mark Kennedy
3 Alyssa Myslik	17 Jim Moore
4 Bella McCraw	22 Brittney De Zwaan
Howard Molton	23 Dr. Doug Jones
9 Andy Cambron	24 Virginia Kick
Eric Dingeman	26 Helen Pearce
11 Jane Shelton Dale	27 J Fearnside
12 Gavin Harper	Tom Carpenter
Michael Whitehurst	30 Katie Jo Carson
Bryson Whitehurst	

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.

Financial Statement September 2021

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$23,077	\$30,938	\$7,861

Year to Date

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$240,117	\$297,865	\$57,748

*Does not include investment income/loss.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to the weekly schedule listed below

10/28 Trick or Treat at the Farmer's Market

11/3 1st Wednesday Dinner & Program

11/7 Daylight Savings time ends

11/12-14 Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken

11/14 OpCC Deadline for Shoe Boxes

11/18 Ladies Lunch and Learn

11/19 Youth Escape Room
11/21 Vision Team Presentation
11/25 Thanksgiving Day
11/25-26 Church Office Closed

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Associate Reformed Synod

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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.

Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting 9:00am

Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

Sunday School 11:15am

Sunday Youth Group Meeting to be announced

Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom 11:00am

You may visit our webpage at Pinecrestchurch.com or connect with us via Facebook or YouTube to view our Sunday Sermon online.