

The Pinecrest Precentor

September 2020

From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Pinecrest Family,

Fruit is a BIG deal in Henderson County, NC where Pinecrest Church is located.

Henderson County is THE Apple County of North Carolina. It produces 2/3 of the apples grown in our state which is in excess of 65 million pounds, has over 150 apple orchards, brings in over \$22 million in revenue from apple sales, and each year in September hosts the Apple Festival (which is sadly suspended this year because of COVID-19).

The residents of Henderson County take great pride in the apples they are producing, but my hope and prayer is that the people of Henderson County would be more concerned about the spiritual fruit that they are producing. Spiritual fruit being the outward visible signs that reflect our inward status. Spiritual fruit reveals the condition of our heart, mind, and soul through our words, actions, and attitudes.

The spiritual fruit that we produce has not only temporary consequences but also eternal. For it is by our spiritual fruit that we bring glory to God. John 15:8 "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

To help us think through what kind of fruit we are producing, why it is so important, and how we can produce the fruit that God wants from us - I've begun a new sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. This series is based upon Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Join us each Sunday in person or online as we study what the Fruit of the Spirit looks like in a person's life.

Join me in praying that this is not just a fruitful apple year for each of us in Henderson County but a spiritually fruitful year as well.

To God be the glory!

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

All those affected by the Coronavirus, Jim Hart and Family, The Coad Family, the Pinecrest Vision Team, All of our schools, teachers, administrators, students, and parents, All those affected by Hurricane Laura, and the United States of America.

Book of Remembrance

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

In memory of Mrs. Brenda Hart from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice, Mrs. Liz Kimberling, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stanley.

In memory of Mr. George Lamb from Mrs. Liz Kimberling, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stanley, Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds Young.

In memory of Mr. Ray Burns from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Burrell, Mrs. Liz Kimberling, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stanley, and Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds Young.

In memory of Mrs. Carolyn Evans from Mr. & Mrs. Blake Moore.

Rev. Jim Coad, Jr. Memorial Service

Pinecrest Church is invited to attend the burial service for Rev. Jim Coad, Jr. which will be held at 4:00 pm on September 5th at Due West ARP Church's cemetery.

Rev. Brad Anderson

Congratulations to Brad Anderson upon being ordained and installed as a minister of the gospel at Edwards Memorial ARP Church outside of Columbia, SC on Sunday, August 23rd. Brad is the younger son of Glenn & Jackie Anderson and grew up attending Pinecrest Church.

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. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Rhett or one of the Deacons or Elders.

Anniversary Celebrations

Pinecrest would like to start recognizing and celebrating our members' anniversaries in our church newsletter and Sunday morning slideshow. To have your anniversary included please contact the church office with your wedding date (day, month, year) so that we can celebrate with you.

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 worshiping 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!

Virtual Missions Conference

This year World Witness is planning a virtual missions conference online for Thursday, September 24th at 7PM. This will be an opportunity to hear directly from our missionaries all over the world. The theme is *"The Unchanging Gospel for an Ever-Changing World."* More details about how to register, attend, and support our missionaries will be released in the coming weeks.

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.

September Birthdays

- 5 Dottie Kent
- 7 John Gibson
Margaret Jordan
- 8 Nancy Van Oosten
- 10 Bill Guerard
Christie Whitehurst
- 11 Phyllis Coles
- 16 Ian Pugliese
- 19 Marris Byrd
- 24 Sylvia Tennille
- 25 Chuck Evans
- 26 Dale Sherrill
- 27 Dan Eichenberger
Peter Hughes
- 29 Liz Kimberling

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 5 pm, 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.

Youth Bonfire

Join us Saturday, September 5th for a bonfire back to school drop-in at Pinecrest! Christian will have a fire going from 6:30-8pm. All youth, parents, and grandparents are invited to come by and make s'mores (from individually packaged kits), play cornhole and Kan Jam, or just hang out and catch up! Face masks or coverings will be mandatory for this event, and we will have extras available for anyone who needs one. Hope to see you there!

Youth Workday

Our church clean-up day has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 19th from 9am to 1pm. We have a variety of tasks, both indoor and outdoor to accomplish at Pinecrest. Face mask or coverings will be required for this event. Students are also encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes, and clothes they do not mind getting dirty/painted. Lunch will be provided.

Financial Statement July 2020

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$24,914	\$36,584	\$11,670

Year to Date

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$211,110	\$239,300	\$28,190

*Does not include investment income/loss.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to the weekly schedule listed below

September 5: Coad Funeral in Due West, SC 4:00pm

September 5: Youth Bonfire 6:30pm

September 7: Labor Day - Church Office Closed

September 8: Deacons Meeting 6:00pm

September 15: Session Meeting 5:00pm

September 19: Youth Workday 9:00am-1:00pm

September 24: World Witness Virtual Missions 7:00pm

Pinecrest Presbyterian Church *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 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.

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