

The Pinecrest Precentor

July 2020

From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Pinecrest Family,

The past few days have brought me time and time again to Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" A verse I have read on numerous occasions but that I now look at with new perspective, wonder, and appreciation.

Oh how sweet it is to gather together to worship the Lord! What a blessing it was for me to gather for worship with brothers and sisters in Christ this past Sunday at Pinecrest! I was like a kid on Christmas morning bouncing around with excitement and anticipation and I was not disappointed at the blessing it was to me and my family.

As great as the day was, I was also convicted. Why had I not come with this same giddy excitement every other time I had gathered at the Lord's house before?

I believe it was because I had taken it all for granted. I had taken the Lord's House for granted. I had taken corporate worship for granted. I had taken singing to the Lord for granted. I had taken fellowship dinners for granted. I had taken hugs and handshakes for granted. Oh how I have missed these things and long for all of them to be restored!

The Psalmist realized what a blessing it was to go to the Lord's house with his brothers and sisters for worship. Perhaps this was even because there had been times throughout Israel's history when they were prevented from going to the temple in Jerusalem for worship.

I am not thankful for this disease and the devastation that it is caused, but I am thankful for the reminder that it has brought me: It is a blessing to worship the Lord and especially to be able to worship Him with the saints. We should eagerly anticipate each and every opportunity that we have to gather in worship and we should long for the day when the corporate worship of God will never be interrupted in the New Heavens and the New Earth.

Continue to experience the blessings of corporate worship in this world by worshipping with us each Sunday in person or online!

Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

All those affected by the Coronavirus; The United States of America; Bonclarken Conference Center; Jeff & Suzanne Allers; Pinecrest Vision Team

Book of Remembrance

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

To the Capital Improvement fund in Honor of Mr. Jim Hart from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice.

Public Worship Services

Pinecrest has resumed in person public worship services. If you would like to join us, please go to our website for a list of our guidelines. We will continue to broadcast our services online each Sunday from Facebook and our church website for those who need to remain at home.

Independence Celebration Service on Sunday, July 5th

The coronavirus will keep us from eating apple pie and ice cream together, but we will still thank the Lord for our country and pray for it during our service. We will also recognize all of our active military and veterans.

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.

July Birthdays

- 1 Rev. Jim Coad, Jr.
- 5 Norma Eckley
- 6 Bill McKee
- 16 Ray Burns
- 18 Dianna Dingeman
Eileen Thomas
- 19 Tony Huntsinger
- 21 Guenter Wadewitz
- 26 Scott Reese
- 27 Wilson Blevins
Shirley Lamb
Siska Mitchell
- 29 Eleanor Richardson

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.

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

Horizon & Quest Live

Quest and Horizon, our denomination's middle and high school youth summer camps, will be meeting virtually this year due to COVID-19. There will be a livestream worship event Wednesday, July 8th at 7pm. Those interested can also receive a t-shirt and cup if Christian has your shirt size by June 30th. Please contact Christian for more info on how to be a part of this great event!

Local Mission Needs your Jars

Al and Joan Harrington need your used pint and quart sized canning jars for their Bee Mission. Clean, used jars that they will fill with honey are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Harrington's at 662-507-1205.

Financial Statement as of May 2020

*Contributions	Expenses	Surplus
\$38,291	\$32,968	\$5,323

Year to Date

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
**\$153,299	\$170,318	\$18,019

*Does not include investment income/loss.

** These figures have been adjusted to reflect a mistake in the recording of a contribution from an estate gift that occurred in April 2020.

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 6:00 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.



IAM is happy to announce we are once again accepting clothing donations at our 310 Freeman St. location. We ask that donations be no more than 3 bags per donation. Needed clothing items include summer clothing, new kids socks and underwear in all sizes as well as towels and linens. Donations of athletic shoes and sandals would also be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off Monday -Thursday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

