

The Pinecrest Precentor

October 2021

From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Pinecrest Family,

Have you ever done one of those spot the differences activities in the newspaper- the one where you are given two almost identical pictures and are asked to spot the differences between them? Sometimes the differences are really easy to spot, but other times they can be quite difficult.

I was struck recently during my personal devotions about the similarities and differences between Wisdom and Folly in Proverbs 9.

At first glance the picture that the author paints for both Wisdom (Proverbs 9:1-6) and Folly (Proverbs 9:13-18) look very similar to one another. Both Wisdom and Folly are described as women. Both are sitting outside houses. Both are trying to convince the people walking by to stop. Both cry out the same message "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!".

With the many similarities between wisdom and folly, you might believe that it is the same woman and mistake one for the other. In fact, many in Solomon's day and today have mistaken one for the other. Many who have thought of themselves as wise have proven to be quite foolish, while many who are deemed foolish have proven themselves to be wise.

Thankfully the author gives us a way to distinguish between wisdom from folly. Folly tells us to turn in and stop to eat with her so that we can indulge in our simple appetites. Folly wants us to remain the same (17-18). Wisdom tells us to stop and turn in so that we can avoid our simple appetites and receive something far greater. Wisdom wants to change us and not leave us the same (6). Proverbs 9:6 Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.

Both wisdom and folly may look the same and sound the same to the untrained eye and ear, but the way to tell the difference between wisdom and folly is to ask which one is challenging me to change versus which one is encouraging me to remain the same? Which one is pointing me to look beyond my earthly appetites to something greater versus which one is encouraging me to partake of my earthly appetites?

Which voice we listen to leads to very different consequences. The one who listens to wisdom is brought to life (11), while the one who listens to folly goes to death (18).

Do you know which voice you are listening to today? Do you know which voice you are encouraging others to listen to today? For your own sake and for the sake of those around you make sure it is wisdom. Make sure the voice you listen to is pointing you away from your foolish ways, your earthly appetites, and your sins that lead to death. Instead make sure the voice that you listen to is leading you to change, to life, and to salvation. Make sure the voice is encouraging yourself and others to be changed by Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

May the Lord help you and me to choose Wisdom and life!

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Linda Carpenter, Dana Russell, George Tennille, and the Pinecrest Vision Team

Book of Remembrance

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

In memory of Mrs. Liz Kimberling from Mr. & Mrs. John Gibson.

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Moore from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice.

Dear Friends & Fellow Members of Pinecrest ARP Church and Bonclarken

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, Terry and Imogene Wallace were laid to rest in the Pinecrest Presbyterian Memorial Garden. It was a private ceremony with me and Rev. Rhett Carson. I want to thank everyone for their remembrances of my aunt and uncle.

After Terry's passing, Imogene became a recluse and kept us all at bay.

In my new role as caregiver, I tried very hard to honor her wishes and give her the best care. We spent many a day with her reminiscing about their fellowship at both locations and all the wonderful experiences they shared with so many of you. Thank you for these memories. Blessings to all. - Jane Opliger

1st Wednesday Covered Dish & Program

On Wednesday, October 6th, we will have our First Wednesday covered dish and program featuring photos and stories from Rhett & Kathy Carson's RV trip around the US. We encourage everyone to come worship, gather together, and share a meal with your church family. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium for you to let us know what you will bring to share.

Deacons Workday

The Deacons will be having a workday on Saturday, October 9th which will focus on outside repairs and maintenance. Anyone wishing to help out should be at the church ready to begin 10am.

Church Workday/Corn Maze

There will be a church workday on Saturday, October 9th at 10am. All youth are invited to come help care for our beautiful church. Afterwards we will be taking the bus to Grandad's Apples to do the corn maze and get some cider donuts. You won't want to miss it! Tickets for the maze are \$5, and lunch will be provided at the church after the workday. Please contact Christian for more information.

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!

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry has returned to Pinecrest. The OpCC table set up in the atrium of the church includes boxes and instructional materials to get you started with packing your boxes. Those who choose to watch the service from home can also participate. The church is open during office hours. You may also build a shoebox online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Pinecrest goal this year is 100 boxes. OPCC collection Sunday is Nov. 14. If you need any assistance please call me at 828-513-1487, Dottie Kent OPCC coordinator.

Hendersonville Rescue Mission

We are in need of two volunteers willing to serve 45 minutes each day on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month. Volunteers are asked to sign in at the front desk by 11:45am and service time is completed by 12:30pm. Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated against the COVID virus but masks are optional. Call Marris Byrd if you have any questions.

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 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 Tithely 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.

October Birthdays

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| 1 Ken De Zwaan | Melody Heltman |
| 2 Susan Jones | 21 Christie Swift |
| 3 Dee Barker | 23 Margaret Fenner |
| Noelle Swift | 25 Grayson Harper |
| 5 Lucy Blevins | 27 Jim Hart |
| Emily Jane Carson | 31 Linda Carpenter |
| 6 Martha Byrd | |
| 11 Kathy Guerard | |
| Kim Shelton | |
| Wanda Valentine | |
| 13 Xan Hicks | |
| Don Muller | |
| 15 Joy McCraw | |
| 19 Linda Huntsinger | |
| Sharon Mezger | |
| 20 Stella Blevins | |

October Anniversaries

- 27 Fredrick

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 August 2021

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$26,808	\$32,152	\$5,344

Year to Date

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$217,040	\$266,928	\$49,888

*Does not include investment income/loss.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to the weekly schedule listed below

10/3 Communion

10/6 First Wednesday Covered Dish & Program resumes with Rebekah Carson

10/9 Deacons & Church Workday

10/19 Joint Deacon & Session Meeting

10/21 Ladies Lunch & Learn

10/28 Trick or Treat Farmer's Market

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 School 11:15am.

Sunday Youth Group Meeting to be announced.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom 11:00 am.

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