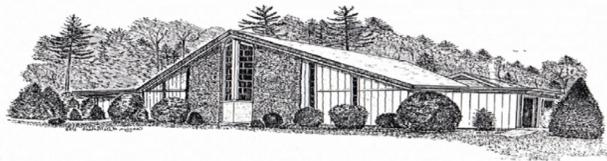


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

APRIL 2020

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

Normally in this article, I would be reminding you about Easter being just around the corner, but we are in abnormal times.

A coronavirus (COVID-19) has spread around the world putting people's lives at risk, especially the sick and elderly. Since it is so easily spread, our governments have asked us to quarantine ourselves and avoid large group gatherings. Not only has this led to our schools, our work places, and even our churches closing for a season, but it has also led to much fear and uncertainty. How will I get the medical treatment I need? How will I get the paycheck I need? How will I get the food I need? How will I get the toilet paper I need? And these concerns are valid.

What should Christians be doing during these abnormal days? I know many of you have gone over your government checklist, I know you have your supply checklist, but let me offer you a spiritual checklist.

**Pray.** Spend time communicating with God. Don't just worry about your problems and concerns- lift them to the Lord in prayer! Share your anxieties, fears, doubts, and problems and receive the assurance that He is big enough to handle all of them. Pray not just for yourself but for your neighbors and the people all around the world who are dealing with the difficulties of this virus.

**Read your Bible.** Spend time reading God's Word because it contains God's truth and promises. Promises not just for these current times but for all of eternity. As you turn to the news and doctors for instructions, turn to God's word for spiritual instructions.

**Worship.** Spend time giving praise and thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done, is doing, and promised to do for His people. We encourage you to worship online with us each week until we can meet together again in person.

**Fellowship.** Never forget that you are not alone, God's spirit is with you and He has also given you the family of God. If you need help or prayer, contact the church or another member. On the other hand, remember that another member may be struggling so reach out to them with a phone call or email.

**Remember Easter.** Jesus didn't remain in the tomb forever, after three days he arose and left the tomb. Yes there is a parallel between our quarantine not being forever and some day we will be able to emerge from our homes, but there is an even greater lesson. Jesus emerging from the tomb proved that all of our enemies were defeated. If Jesus is our Lord & Savior, we can have hope in all circumstances knowing that nothing (no disease, no sin, not even death itself) can keep us from the blessed future

Christ has secured for us in God's kingdom.

Ironically, what we need to remember during these abnormal times is exactly what we should be remembering during the normal times. God is with us, God is in control, God keeps his promises.

In His Grace,

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

### *Intercessory Prayer*

All those affected by the Coronavirus;

Salley Burns; Eileen Thomas; Pinecrest Vision Team

### *Book of Remembrance*

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

**A Gift from the Estate of Mrs. Ava King.**

**In Memory of Mrs. Dale Killinger** from Mr. & Mrs. Don Muller, Mrs. Jo Anne Kinnamon, Mr. & Mrs. George Wall, and Mrs. Eleanor Richardson.

**In Memory of Mr. Billy Young** from Mr. & Mrs. John Gibson.

**In Memory of Mr. Jimmy Kimmons** from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brice

### **Services and Activities Cancelled due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic**

1st Wednesday Dinner & Program

Easter Egg Hunt

Bonclarken volunteer Workweek

We will alert you to any further cancellations as they happen.

### **The Session will soon reevaluate these events:**

Palm Sunday: April 5th at 10:00 am with Childrens Presentation

Maundy Thursday: April 9th at 6:00 pm

Good Friday: April 10th at 6:00 pm at Reformation Church in Hendersonville

Easter Service: April 12th at 10:00 am

We will alert you to any further cancellations as they happen.

### **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. Please call the church office 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.

### **Stay informed**

Please call the church office at 692-0063 if you would like to be included on prayer requests via the prayer email chain.

## Stewardship Article of the Month

### Worship

First and foremost, Christian stewardship is worship. Your worship is a response to God and enriches your relationship with God. I can encourage you to worship, but no one can make you worship. I can't tell you how much to worship or when to worship. I strongly feel that Christian giving is the hardest discipline of worship for the 21st century Americans. We are a society that praises financial gain. Dollars have become "points" in this self-indulgent praise game. No competitor wants to take points off the board by simply giving them away. Our society doesn't provide for us to cede these gains, and certainly not in the privacy of our worship. Yet, I believe that if we withhold our giving, we are saying that we would rather have the praises of our fellow man, than to grow in our relationship with God. Our worship is then directed toward our assets. That can't be good.

God seeks our growing relationship with Him. He seeks our love. He seeks our praises. He seeks our worship. I don't have the mind of God, but the Bible tells us that He seeks our trust in Him. Stewardship, as an element of our worship, cultivates that trust. God merits it. It's for us to understand that and build it into our relationship with God.

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The *Precentor* deadline for submissions is **Sunday, April 19th.**



### 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!

### Just the Facts: Understanding the Coronavirus and what you should do:

- COVID-19 is the name of the disease and the name of the virus is SARS-CoV-2 (a member of the coronavirus family of viruses).
- COVID-19 is a viral infection that is spread by respiratory droplets produced when a patient coughs or sneezes.
- 6 feet or more of distance from people is the safest recommendation.
- The virus can live outside the body for some time, so you could be exposed to it by touching surfaces that a patient has coughed or sneezed on, however this is not a common way to catch COVID-19.
- It is thought that people can spread the virus before they show signs of sickness, but this is not thought to cause a high rate of new infections.
- People seem to be more contagious the sicker they are.
- The vast majority of patients will have a mild course

of illness similar to a common cold.

- Notably, around 30% of all common colds are caused by viruses in the coronavirus family.
- Common symptoms (based on almost 56,000 Chinese patients that were positive for COVID-19 as of March 18th):
  - Fever (almost 90% of patients had this)
  - Dry cough (68% of patients had this)
  - Fatigue (38% of patients had this)
- Uncommon symptoms (with any of these symptoms, it is unlikely you would have COVID-19):
  - Nausea or vomiting (only 5% of patients had this)
  - Runny nose (only 5% of patients had this)
  - Diarrhea (only 4% of patients had this)
- If you have a positive influenza test or other documented viral infection, you have around a 2% chance of also having COVID-19 (it is very unlikely you have COVID-19).

### What can you do?

- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer (you knew this already).
- Do not touch your face; The virus likes to enter mucous membranes like the eyes, nose and mouth.
- Social distancing; As crazy as closing schools sounds, measures like this slow the spread of the virus.
- Keep more than 6 feet from others.
- If you can stay home, stay home; If you are not being exposed, you can't get it.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

### What has been done?

- Closing colleges and schools.
- Restricting events to small numbers of people.
- Many businesses are allowing work from home.
- Travel restrictions.

### 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

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

<b>Financial Statement as of February 2020</b>		
<u>*Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>\$20,094</b>	<b>\$32,442</b>	<b>\$12,348</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
<u>*Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>\$53,887</b>	<b>\$69,649</b>	<b>\$15,762</b>
*Includes investment gains or losses.		

# 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—Every other week  
**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 services have been suspended at least through April 2nd. We will reevaluate at that time.**  
 The following calendar of events is subject to change.

## APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  No Choir Practice No Bible Study	2	3	4  Easter Egg Hunt— Cancelled
5 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School  6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	6  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	7  2:30 pm Sunshine Group	8 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library  4:30 pm Choir Practice No Bible Study	9  6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	10  6:00 pm Good Friday Service at Reformation Church	11 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
12 Easter 10:00 am Worship No Sunday School  6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	13 Church Office Closed  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	14 1:00 pm Circle 2—Library	15  4:30 pm Choir Practice No Bible Study	16	17	18 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
19 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School  6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	20  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	21 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 2:30 pm Sunshine Group  6:00 pm Joint Deacons & Session	22  4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	23	24	25 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
26 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School  6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	27  4:00 pm Handbell Practice	28	29  4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	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.

## April Birthdays

3 Lillian Galloway	20 Gordon Ann King
6 Jane Kennedy	23 Sheri Clarke
7 Ben Whitehurst	Shirley Fearnside
9 Parker Young	26 John Andrews
10 Barbara Molton	
11 George Tennille	
16 Lois Van Orsdol	
19 Michael McCall	
Cecil Patterson	

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: April 2020

### Elder of the Month:

Bob Eckley

### Deacon of the Week:

Apr 5...Kim Shelton

12...Jim Hart

19...Ry Burns

26...Gary Burrell

### Greeters:

Apr 5...Dan & Barbara Eichenberger

12...Bill & Dottie Kent

19...Sylvia & George Tennille

26...Bob & Sue Brogi

### Toddler Nursery:

Apr 5...Marie Carson

12...Margo Pugliese

19...Emily Jane Carson

26...Margo Pugliese

### Children's Church:

Apr 5...Fran Jester

12...Sue Brogi

19...Gary & Mary Burrell

26...John & Ruth Anne Gibson

### Ushers:

Apr 5...Ken De Zwaan, Mike

Pugliese, Ray Burns, and

Dennis Dodd

12...Jim Hart, Ron Grigsby, Dave

Morton, and Paul Rector

19...Dan Eichenberger, Bill

Guerard, Xan Hicks, and

Eben Carson

26...Jim Moore, Bill Stanley, Mike

Rector, and Paul Rector

### Visitation Team:

Apr 5...Jane Kennedy

12...Susan Jones

19...Mike Rector

26...Rose Ann Perry

### Sacrament Preparation:

Apr 5...Bob Eckley & Tom Carpenter

9... Dan Eichenberger & Tom

Carpenter



### The new sign for Pinecrest Church

has been installed along Greenville Highway. The sign was constructed from funds given to the church from Clark & Anna Wilson's es-

tate. The church is thankful for the hard work of our sign committee members: Jim Brice (Chairman), Jim Hart, Dan Eichenberger, Martha Scott, and Lynn Rogers.

### Youth Group Meetings

As a safety precaution, the youth will not be meeting in person until further notice, in line with the difficult decision that the Session of Pinecrest has made. However, the youth will still be meeting virtually! We are using Zoom to have our youth group meetings by video conference every Wednesday at 5pm. No download is required. Christian will send out the link every Wednesday before we start. Please contact Christian if you want to be put on the list for the meeting. Please let me know how I can be in prayer for you and your students during this time.

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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.

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