

# News at Paw Creek

## From the Pastor.....

At church on May 31, we had a conversation. It was important. I think we need to continue the conversation so I'm using this blog to encourage us to keep talking about church for awhile. If you were there you understand why we need to converse. If you weren't there maybe this will get you on board with the rest of us.

I think we are getting careless at Paw Creek. Empty spots in the sanctuary indicate that some have gotten slack in their attendance. I know that some have left the church over denominational issues but not enough to cover all that space. As a matter of fact, attendance has been suffering for a long time, long before the marriage amendment was passed.

The stewardship folks tell me finances are suffering too. Some of that might be blamed on the economy, which is not as healthy as we're being told, but I don't believe we are at our limit with what we can give nor are we as broke as we think we are. I remember times when the coffers were much barer than they are right now.

Children and Youth programs are hurting for people to teach, supervise, or work to help our church provide quality learning and fellowship activities for those who will follow us through the church's life. What message does it send to them that we can't staff Children's Church activities on a given Sunday during worship or are unable to have teachers for Youth Sunday School classes. By the way, what does it say to your kids to let them know that your family is too busy to get them here for things that are provided for them. If adults are too stressed to bring them maybe we need to look at our lifestyles and see what needs to change. Is another activity really that much more important to our little ones than church activities?

Many more issues come to my mind as I prepare to leave the church in other hands. I just don't think we value the church like we once did. Jesus gave his life for the church but I don't think we're anywhere close to that commitment. As I said at the start of this blog, I don't think we should close the doors, turn out the lights, and board up the windows. I just see signs of carelessness and they trouble me. We need to talk about church. Do we value it enough to give our time, finances, and energy to make it thrive? Or should we be planning for its demise?

-- Gary

## About Our New Benediction



"The measure of the effectiveness of the church is what's happening when the sanctuary is empty, the parking lot is empty, and the programs are not in

operation, and people are scattered all over a metropolitan area, penetrating all of the organizations and institutions of that area, because where they are Christ is - in them."

-- Richard C. Halverson

### "THE HALVERSON BENEDICTION"

You go nowhere by accident.  
Wherever you go, God is sending you.  
Wherever you are, God has put you there.  
God has a purpose in your being there.  
Christ lives in you and has something he wants to do  
through you where you are.  
Believe this, and go in His grace, and love, and power.  
Amen.

## Office Information

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## Session Snippets

We have welcomed the following new members this year:

Andrea Timberman	*Tucker Torrence	*Confirmation class of
Marlon Foust	*Evan Normand	2015
Jim Meier	*Amelia Krebs	
*John Burns	*Colby Miller	
*Max Sudderth	*Harvey Meier	
*Maddie Sudderth	*Imandra Meier	

- Our next communion will be August 2, 2015
- A motion was made to spend up to \$5,000.00 on a new copier (from the Kawa fund).
- Eddie McArver presented Christian Education committees findings on software that performs background checks (Shepherd's Watch). A motion was made to approve the purchase of the Premium package of the Shepherds Watch software (\$49.99). The motion was approved.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> (Graduation Sunday): Congregational Care agreed to handle cookies and lemonade after the service
- The Woodmen of the World are selling their building and additional items including:
  - ◇ 22 Tables: 12 Identical to tables in the Scout Hut, 10 Similar to tables in the CFC
  - ◇ 120 Brown Folding Chairs: Nice fabric seats and backs
  - ◇ 12 Chairs: Almost identical to chairs in the CFC
- A motion was made to purchase the above mentioned tables and chairs at a cost of \$1,375.00. In addition to the tables and chairs, they will include a couple American and State flags. The motion was approved.
- A motion was made to allow Pleasant Grove Presbyterian to use the church bus for their youth group's mission trip July 12, 2015 thru July 18, 2015. The motion was approved.
- Pastor Bryant is performing a wedding on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> for Danielle Dannahower & Andrew Ansaldi IV.
- The Christian Education committee is looking into starting a Sunday School class for College Age students during the summer.

## Praise Band



The Paw Creek Praise Band is looking for some new talent. If you have a child 12 and up that likes to sing or has always wanted to learn guitar please let them know about this fun opportunity and also let them invite a friend. Just reach out to Patty Caulder for details. Her number is (704) 298-9558.

## Join Us After Worship!

Lemonade & Cookies Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately following Worship



## Kids Summer Sundays

Coming this Summer "Kids Summer Sundays"

June 7 thru August 30, 2015

9:45 am to 10:45 am

Ages 4 - 12

## Grow Proclaim and Serve

THEMES - SUMMER 2015

### UNIT 1 - CARETAKERS (PSALM 8:6)

June 7	Session 1: Of God's Creation
June 14	Session 2: Of Our Resources
June 21	Session 3: Of Our Selves
June 28	Session 4: Of Others

### UNIT 2 - NEVER TOO YOUNG (1 TIMOTHY 4:12)

July 5	Session 5: David the Musician
July 12	Session 6: Namaan's Servant
July 19	Session 7: Jeremiah
July 26	Session 8: Timothy

### UNIT 3 - FAVORITE BIBLE PASSAGES (PSALM 119:105)

August 2	Session 9: The Shema
August 9	Session 10: Psalm 23
August 16	Session 11: John 3:16
August 23	Session 12: The New Commandment
August 30	Session 13: 1 Corinthians 13

Program includes Music, Outdoor Activities, Crafts and more! Invite your friends!

We are seeking adult and youth to assist with this Summer Sunday School Program. We need two adults and two youth for each session. For those home from college, this would be a great opportunity to reconnect with your family church.

Contact Jan Chapman: [jchapman.jan@gmail.com](mailto:jchapman.jan@gmail.com) or phone (704) 608-2283, if you are willing to sign up for one or more Sundays. I plan to lead most of the sessions but do need assistance.

Thank you for supporting our Children.

## Children's Church

We are still in need of assistants for our Children's Church leaders. We need your support to keep Children's Church going. Please let us know if you will be willing to be an assistant on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

Thank you for your support.

Jan Chapman  
CE Committee - Children's Programs



## Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

### Prayer Concerns:

**Jennifer Reames** is now at home following extensive surgery. She is currently undergoing therapy.

**Larry Cagle**, a friend of Joy Tyler, is having serious health issues.

Funeral services for **Hoyle Whitworth**, a long-time Coulwood resident, were last Friday.

**Barbara Rumble** has been diagnosed with a mild bulging disc. Treatment options were explored on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thelma Tomlinson** is at home and has an evaluation scheduled for this week.

Funeral services for **Larry Keistler**, a Coulwood resident, were held Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Harold Caudill** is now at the Stanley Total Living Center, but may return home soon.

**Marilyn Killian** is at the Oaks in Huntersville.

**Bob Childress** is at Olde Knox Commons in Huntersville.

**Pam Wright** is continuing chemo cancer treatments.

Mark Muller's step-father, **Leo Dryer**, is at home with hospice attending his needs.

**Jimmy Moore** continues his battle with ALS.

### Keep in your prayers:

Mildred Curlee, Hoyt & Jean Johnston,  
Diane Pegram, Dave Reames, Hazelene Tench,  
Sam Williams, Neoma Wolfe

## Youth Needs

THE YOUTH OF PAW CREEK DESPERATELY  
NEED YOU!

Youth Mission Week

June 14 - 17

- Chaperones/Helpers/Mentors each day, Sunday - Wednesday
- Drivers each day, Sunday - Wednesday
- Snacks - water, small Gatorade, lemonade mix, cookies, chips, (individual wrapped items and/or full size)
- Breakfast Items - cereal, fruit, breakfast bars
- Lunch & Dinners, Sunday - Tuesday: prepared meals or monetary donation
- Overnight Chaperones - Sunday, Monday & Tuesday Nights -Minimum: 1 male & 1 female each night

The youth LOVE this Mission Week together, but without everyone helping it cannot happen. Come spend time with them and get to know them. They will be a blessing to you as much as you will be a blessing to them.

To VOLUNTEER, make donations or questions, contact:

Patty Burns (704) 806-3054

Amy McGee (704) 578-3908

Toni Torrence (980) 253-0231

## Stitches For Mission

Stitches For Mission (formerly known as the Knit/Crochet Group), will not be meeting in June or July.

We will start back up on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Church Parlor.



## Happy Home Flavoring

The Women of the Church will no longer be selling Happy Home Flavoring, once what we have in stock is gone. Please see Susan Kenley or the church office if you'd like to make a purchase, before it's too late!! The following flavors are available and have been reduced to just \$1.50 per bottle:

Banana (3), Butter Nut (4), Coconut (3), Orange (5), Pineapple (2), Rum (5), Strawberry (1), Black Walnut (3), Maple (4), Butter (4)

## Thank You

*Dear Paw Creek Church Family,*

*The family of Robert Killian wishes to thank you for the love and care shown him during his short illness. The many cards, prayers, visits, and phone calls lifted him up not only then, but in previous years living at Merrywood.*

*Thank you for a lovely funeral service and wonderful luncheon provided by the Benevolence Committee.*

*We will always hold you in our hearts.*

*Betsy Huneycutt and Roberta Hipp*

## Upcoming Sermons

SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

"AS I LOVED"

JOHN 15: 9 - 17

## Service Assignments

### Ushers:

**Team Captain:** Amy McGee

**Ushers:** Youth Group

### Prayer Team:

6/7 Debbie Taylor & Jim Pinkston

6/14 Kay Searce & Ann Cashion

### Greeters:

Narthex: Ronald Kenley & Tommy Cashion

East Wing: Eddie McArver

West Wing: Debbie Taylor

### Visitation Teams:

**June 1 - 14:** Cathy Joy

**June 15 - 28:** Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver

### CD Delivery (Mondays):

6/8 Donna & Gene Hall

6/15 Linda Riggins

**Breakfast for June:** Linda & John Riggins

### Count Team:

**Team Leaders:** Peggy Harrington & Linda Riggins

**Team:** Tommy Cashion, Belinda Springs,  
Robin Wodarski

### Nursery - Crib Room:

6/7 Ashley Kenley

6/14 Karen Cathey & Rachel Wingate

### Nursery - Toddler Room:

6/7 Jon Kenley & Grady Cathey

6/14 Joy Pinkston

### Children's Church:

6/7 Victoria Krebs

6/14 Ashley Brown

## By the Numbers



**CHURCH  
BUSINESS**

### Offerings:

May 24 - N/A

May 31 - \$8176.89

### S/S Attendance:

May 24 - 54

May 31 - 46

### Worship Attendance:

May 24 - N/A

May 31 - 136



Joining with our neighbors  
to meet the needs  
of those in our community  
as we walk together in Christ.

**Have a Prayer Request?** To put  
someone on our prayer chain, obtain  
permission from the person or family  
involved, then call:  
Judy Smith at (704) 392-2892

**OR**

Kay Scarse at (704) 825-4446  
**Know Someone Who Needs a Visit?**  
Please contact the Church Office or  
Rev. Bryant at (704) 392-0329.

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Paw Creek, NC 28130-0064

**Lord, we thank you for...**

## Church Calendar

### Each Week...

#### Sunday

9:30 am Session Meeting  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Worship Service

#### Monday—Friday

11:30 am Senior Lunch Program

#### Monday

6:30 pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Girl Scouts

#### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Cardio Fitness  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

#### Wednesday

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

#### Thursday

9:00 am Cardio Fitness  
12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### Future Happenings...

#### Thursday, June 4

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

#### Sunday, June 7

11:00 am Graduation Sunday  
Ten Cents-A-Meal Offering  
12:15 pm Lemonade & Cookies

#### Thursday, June 11

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

#### Sunday, June 14 - Wednesday, June 17

Youth Mission Week

#### Monday, June 15

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

#### Thursday, June 18

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

#### Saturday, June 20

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Circle G

#### Sunday, June 21

11:00 am Father's Day  
Presbyterian Homes Offering

#### Thursday, June 25

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

#### Sunday, June 28

9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast

#### Monday, June 29

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

## Graduation Sunday

### Graduation Sunday

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church  
Would like to recognize all  
High School & College Graduates

June 7, 2015

11:00 am Worship Service

Please wear your cap & gown  
Reserved seating on front middle pew



Congratulations on your upcoming  
graduation from high school or college!!!  
Please submit the following information via  
email to Amy McGee  
(amyskmcgee@gmail.com), to be published  
in the bulletin on Graduation Sunday:

- Full Name
- Where graduating from (and degree if graduating from college)
- Recognitions/Awards
- Future Plans
- Photo (In Cap and Gown if possible)