

News at Paw Creek

From the Pastor...

Greetings Paw Creek Family,

I am excited about being in ministry with all of you. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you, sometimes individually and sometimes in a group. I have indeed felt welcomed and I look forward to meeting those of you I have not yet had the opportunity to meet. In just a short time, I will be with you full time, ready to praise our Savior and our Creator with you on a regular basis including Sunday mornings for worship.

God has been good to you. You have been engaged in ministry with Gary for the last thirty four years and things have moving along swimmingly. But it has been brought to my attention that you have questions and concerns. I know, because some of you have made it known to me that you are concerned about what your future holds. You want to have an installed pastor in place as soon as possible. I will be addressing these questions of "How long will it take before we get a new installed pastor in place?" and "Why do we need to have a transitional pastor, why can't we just move straight to an installed pastor?"

You have concerns, I understand. I will address them the very first Sunday I am with you. I ask you in the meantime to be patient and allow me an opportunity to address you and I will gladly answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to ministry with you as we grow in God's love and grace together toward the goal of building relationships with Christ our Redeemer. Until we meet...

-- Veronica

Halloween Carnival



You are all cordially invited to the Troop 70 Halloween Carnival, October 23rd and 24th, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, in the CFC. For \$5 a ticket, you get 20 games/activities. We will also

be having our hot dog dinner both nights, not included in the ticket price.

Anyone who would like to donate individually wrapped chocolate candy, may do so by giving it to Walt or Lauren Bray. We greatly appreciate all of your support! We wouldn't be able to run a successful program without it.

We look forward to seeing you there, for a Spooktacular night of family fun!

"Funday" Friday Night

"FUNDAY" FRIDAY NIGHT FOR ALL PAW CREEK WOMEN

"BLANKETS FOR PROJECT LINUS"

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship on Friday night, November 6, 2015, at 6:00 PM in the CFC. We will have homemade soup and desserts for dinner. After dinner, we will be making no-sew blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need by giving them a handmade blanket lovingly created by "blanketeers".



Office Information

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Adult Sunday School Classes

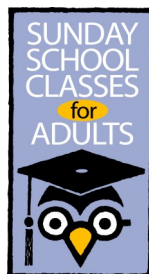
October 18 – November 22, 2015

MISSIONS CLASS - Meets in Parlor (Upstairs in East Wing)

IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT

John Ortberg

October 18	God's great Desire for People
October 25	Where is God in My World?
November 1	Partnering with God Today
November 8	Listening to the Voice of God
November 15	God Wants a Relationship with You
November 22	Heaven Breaking Through



FRESH START - Meets in Room 101 (Downstairs in East Wing)

GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK:

Cultivating an Intimate Connection with a Deeply Personal God

John Ortberg

October 18	You'll Get through This
October 25	Down and Out, But Never Alone
November 1	Stupid Won't Fix Stupid
November 8	Is God Good When Life Isn't?
November 15	Now, about Those Family Scandals and Scoundrels
November 22	God Can Use This for Good

GENERATIONS - Meets in Room 105 (Downstairs in East Wing)

YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS:

Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times

Max Lucado

October 18	What's Water Walking?
October 25	The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift
November 1	Find Your Calling and Get your Feet Wet
November 8	Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears
November 15	Good News for Cave Dwellers
November 22	Learning to Wait on Our Big God

NEW COVENANT CLASS - Meets in Room 201 (Upstairs in East Wing)

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Game Changer: How to Impact Your World

October 18	Develop Conviction Live your life with uncompromising conviction.
October 25	Pray Fervently Our prayers connect us with God's plan.
November 1	Stand Courageously Be ready and willing to stand for God.
November 8	Live Humbly Pride leads to downfall, but God honors humility.
November 15	Confront Sin Call sin what it is and point to what God says about it.
November 22	Act Faithfully God is greater than those who oppose you.

Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A Ministry of Samaritan's Purse
Service Opportunities



Shoe box gifts: Over 20 years of ministry, Operation Christmas Child has brought smiles to the faces of millions of needy children around the world while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year our prayer is to touch the lives of approximately 8 million children in more than 100 countries. By simply filling an empty shoe box with new toys, school supplies and necessity items, anyone can participate in this life-changing ministry.

Volunteering: The Charlotte area has the privilege of hosting the largest processing center in the country, where gifts are prepared for overseas shipments. The Carolinas Office of Operation Christmas Child is currently recruiting over 30,000 volunteers for the current season, to be used in almost every area of this process.

Prayer Support: Samaritan's Purse is a ministry that greatly understands the importance of prayer. Many people around the country and the world have committed to pray for the ministries of Samaritan's Purse on a regular basis. Those who have a heart for Operation Christmas Child and a desire to pray for the ministry's needs will receive regular updates.

For information about donating shoe boxes, volunteering or becoming a prayer partner, please contact the Carolinas Office at 704-583-1463 or occcarolinas@samaritan.org

Seasonal Employment: Due to the nature of the process and certain critical areas within the processing center, Samaritan's Purse has established the Associate employment Program to help staff these areas. Associates are hired through our Charlotte-based Human Resources Department and serve in the warehouse, data entry and mailroom areas for the duration of the processing season.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities
Beginning Mid-November through December
1st & 2nd Shifts Available; 40+ hours per week

Data Entry Keyers
(alpha numeric and 10 Key)
Cash Processors
Mail Processors

Team Leaders
Forklift Operators
Dock & Warehouse Workers
Carton Monitors

Please see the bulletin board outside the church office for specific job requirements for each position listed above.

For further information about employment opportunities, please contact our employment jobs line at 1-888-202-0307, or visit our websites at:
www.samaritanspurse.org OR occcjobschar@samaritan.org

News from the Acts 16:5 Initiative Vision Team

Acts 16:5 is a three year program that Paw Creek is part of through the Presbytery of Charlotte to learn how to grow the church by making disciples. As part of this initiative, some of the vision team members along with Danny McClure, as our treasurer, met on Saturday, September 19th at Covenant Presbyterian Church for a day long presentation on what it means to be a Generous Disciple. Over the next several weeks you will hear from us about what we learned.

Here are some things we want you to think about:

- What exactly does it mean to be Generous?
- What does Stewardship really mean?
- “What I own and the capabilities I have are literally from God to be used to honor God by meeting my basic needs and serving others.” How does that statement play out in my life?
- Why do I give what I give?

God calls us to a life of discipleship. What exactly does that mean? One part of a disciple’s life is to be generous to others as God has been generous to us. We can be generous by giving of our time, our talents and our treasures. All of them are important but look at that last one “treasures”. Do you realize that treasures is a code word for money? Let’s face it we don’t often like to talk about money in the church. Why not? Why does it make us so uncomfortable? Did you know that 20% of the stories and teachings of Jesus address matters of money and one’s heart? Over two thousand verses in the Bible touch on matters relating to money and resources.

Now let’s talk about the difference between generosity and stewardship. To fully understand generosity, it helps to understand the opposite of generosity which is miserliness. Being a miser, is to have more than adequate money and other resources for one’s own needs and yet refusing to respond to the needs of others. God doesn’t call us to be the Ebenezer Scrooge or Grinch at the beginning of the story but the Ebenezer and Grinch at the end, whose generosity comes from a wellspring of love that is our heart’s response to the God who loves us. Generosity is our offering to God for what he has done for us.

Stewardship on the other hand is the management of what our Lord has entrusted to us in ways that honor God and serve people. A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. All that we own actually belongs to God, and we have been entrusted with it as God’s personal stewards.

In biblical teachings, there are three ways we are called on to give our money. The first is a tithe or percentage of what the Lord gives to us as a steward of what belongs to Him. The second is our offerings of generosity to opportunities that speak to our heart – both inside and outside the church. Think of these as “heart-melt” things like Backpack Buddies or Cystic Fibrosis or Juvenile Diabetes. And the third way is called almsgiving which are the gifts that we feel led by God to secretly give to persons in need. Like buying a meal for a hungry person or leaving an extra-large tip for a struggling restaurant wait staff or the money the Ken Lowrance Men’s Bible Study continually, and privately, gives away to those in need.

As John Tauscher pointed out to us in our meeting, how many Sundays have you sat here and heard these words from the bulletin before the ushers take up the money, “Please pray with me “The Dedication of His Tithes and Our Offerings”? Think about what that means!

We believe Paw Creek has always been a very generous church and a good steward of God’s money but she can only be that, if each of us, is a generous, good steward of what God has blessed us with.

Vision Team Members: Amy McGee, Karen Sisk, Robin Wodarski, John Tauscher, Debbie Taylor and Veronica Cannon

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or occasional 5th Sunday each month.



Thank you for your support.

Jan Chapman
CE Committee - Children's Programs

Free Chairs!

There are lots of small & regular size wooden chairs needing a good home. If your Sunday School room or your home needs any, please come by the last classroom on the right in the West Wing (beside the nursery). We appreciate your help finding them a good home.



Need a Ride??

People to call if you need a ride:

Ann & Tommy Cashion	(704) 489-2321
Donna Hall	(704) 399-6483
Jim Meier	(704) 756-9218
Anne Miller	(704) 392-2989

If you are willing to be on this list, please call Ann Cashion or email: acatlake@gmail.com



Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

Grady Alexander continues to struggle with serious health issues.

Prayer Celebrations:

After several months, **Barbara Rumble** has shown some improvement in her back.

Keep in your prayers: Mildred Curlee, Hoyt & Jean Johnston, Diane Pegram, Dave Reames, Neoma Wolfe

South Carolina Flood Victims - You Can Help!

Our neighbors in South Carolina have suffered a true catastrophe. Many of you already received email notification about Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church's invitation to participate in collecting items for victims of the flood. One trailer has already been filled and was taken to a church in Columbia, SC last Wednesday, when we were notified of updates to their needs. At this point, they are no longer asking for bottled water (if you've already purchased some, they will still take it).

The most critical needs at this point are:

CLEANING PRODUCTS (all kinds) and DIAPERS & WIPES

The trailer will be open for donations from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm each day, through **Wednesday, October 21st**, when they will end this collection effort.

Cook's is also accepting financial donations for Disaster Relief buckets. The approximate cost for a bucket full of supplies is \$60, but ANY amount is appreciated. Please make checks out to Cook's Church and bring them to the church office Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed for lunch). They will purchase the items needed, fill the buckets, and make sure they are distributed to those who need them.



Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at:
3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd., Charlotte 28216

If you have any questions, **please contact Cook's directly** at:
office@cookschurch.org OR (704) 399-7735

Congregational Meeting

There will be a called Congregational Meeting following the worship service on Sunday, October 25, where we will elect seven new members to the Session. One name will be drawn by lottery from those seven to fill the final two years of Ronald Kenley's term (Class of 2017), and the remaining six will form the Class of 2018.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of names for consideration, and additional nominations will be taken from the floor before the vote, as long as those persons have agreed to serve, if elected, before they are nominated. Thank you.

Eddie Chapman	Melissa Mullis
Doug Edwards	Teresa Painter
Beth Joy	Larry Ramsey
Vicky Joy	Ken Scott
Victoria Krebs	Tim Sudderth

Church Elections



Service Assignments

Ushers:

Team Captain: Frances Lyerly

Ushers: 10/18 & 10/25 Gloria Caldwell, Baillie Joy, Jan McClure, Rachel Wingate

Prayer Team:

10/18 Donna & Gene Hall

10/25 Tim & Celia Gray

Greeters:

Narthex: Karen Cathey & Danny McClure

East Wing: Eddie McArver

West Wing: Debbie Taylor

Visitation Teams:

October 5 - 18: Barbara Ullem

Oct. 19 - Nov. 1: Ken Scott

CD Delivery (Mondays):

10/19 Doris Harrington

10/26 Ken Smith

Breakfast for October: Susan Kenley

Count Team:

Team Leaders: Peggy Harrington & Linda Riggins

Team: Tommy Cashion, Belinda Springs, Robin Wodarski

Nursery - Crib Room:

10/18 Jan Chapman

10/25 Lisa Revalee

Nursery - Toddler Room:

10/18 Belinda Springs & Renee Huffstickler

10/25 Beth & Ron Mathews

Children's Church:

10/18 TBD

10/25 TBD

By the Numbers



Attendance and Offering Report

Offerings:

October 4 - \$8833.30

October 11 - \$5833.00

S/S Attendance:

October 4 - 66

October 11 - 64

Worship Attendance:

October 4 - 135

October 11 - 133



Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Paw Creek, NC 28130-0064

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

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

5:30 pm Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm MS/HS Youth Group
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, October 15

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, October 17

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Circle G Restaurant

Sunday, October 18

11:00 am Preaching: Rev. Fredrick Robinson
12:45 pm Monthly Session Meeting

Monday, October 19

7:00 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, October 22

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

Friday, October 23

6:30 pm Troop 70 Halloween Carnival

Saturday, October 24

6:30 pm Troop 70 Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 25

9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
11:00 am Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Thomas
12:00 pm Congregational Meeting & Election

Monday, October 26

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 pm Stitches for Mission

Thursday, October 29

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, November 1

2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends
11:00 am Blanket Sunday/All Saints Service
Ten Cents-A-Meal Offering
Preaching: Betty Meadows

Upcoming Sermons

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

PREACHING: REV. FREDRICK ROBINSON
"DIVINITY IN DARKNESS"
ISAIAH 45: 1 - 3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

PREACHING: REV. DR. JAMES THOMAS
"THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS"
LUKE 14: 25 - 33

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

PREACHING: REV. BETTY MEADOWS
"A PROMISE OF PRESENCE FOREVER"
GENESIS 28: 10 - 17

