

News at Paw Creek

From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek Family,

We are now in the 4th week of Advent and are fast approaching the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. Interesting that the 4th week of Advent is love because that is what God is all about and the reason that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world. God loves us. Jesus is representative of God's love for us. For who else would give his only child to save sinners? In this week and in the days to come, I pray that you will remember the birth of a child to a young woman named Mary was no ordinary, everyday event. Yes, births happen everyday, and women become mothers, but only Mary gave birth to Son of God. Remember His extraordinary life; how he healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, empowered the lame to walk, cast out evil spirits, helped the poor, delivered the outcast, and saved sinners like us, yet remained as humble as a lamb, wise as a serpent and innocent as a dove.

This season can become very hectic and stressed filled with the giving and buying of gifts, the parties to be thrown and attended, the going and coming of family and travel all over. Cast aside your worries and focus on the One who loves you more than any gift given, loves you like family and more so, and keeps you ever so close to His heart. Christmas is more about Christ, more about hope, more about peace, more about joy and more about love. So celebrate His birth and give Him the greatest gift of all... your life **to** Him. After all... He gave His life **for** you.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year,

Rev. Veronica Cannon

New Offering Envelopes

We have made what may be a BIG CHANGE for some of you regarding offering envelopes. MOST of you will have the same offering envelope number you've had for many years, while **SOME of you will be assigned a new number for 2016** (particularly if your last name is later in the alphabet).



Please be sure to take the correct box, and use ONLY the envelopes out of that box for the coming year. **PLEASE DO NOT USE LAST YEAR'S ENVELOPES!** You may pick up your envelopes in the narthex after worship or from the church office during office hours.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.



Lily Pad Haven Update



Thank You from Lily Pad Haven (Paw Creek donated \$500 to Lily Pad Haven in November):

Thank you for your incredibly generous donation to Lily Pad Haven. Your donation will allow us to provide needed items to our guests for four months!! Due to your kindness and generosity our guests will continue to heal and grow.

Blessings!

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Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in January

January 1 Rudy Cannon	January 6 Susan Gustafson Vickie Joy Jon Kenley	January 13 Todd Miller Gideon Skidmore Tucker Torrence	January 17 Brian Gross	January 25 Eddie McArver Toni Torrence	January 28 Shannon Sherwood
January 2 Jeremy Chapman Mark Muller	January 8 Bob Love	January 14 Barry Nixon	January 18 Joyce Joy Jessica Kincaid Kaitlyn Revalee	January 26 Savannah Reel	January 30 Cheryl Faust Libby Joy Ken Smith
January 4 Debbie McCord	January 11 Phillip McCord	January 15 Lauren Bray	January 19 Tori Caudill	January 27 Scott Brenner Dana Goldman	January 31 Stephanie Sudderth
January 5 Eric Cathey Todd Joy Mary Frances Lail		January 16 Tim Boysworth	January 24 Bill Faust Cameron Fortier		

Christmas Poinsettias

The Poinsettias placed around the sanctuary for the past few weeks were given in honor of,
or in memory of, friends and family members as follows:

By: The Burns Family The Burns Family The Burns Family Paw Creek Youth Sarah Kendrick Bill & Joy Tyler Her Family Jane Scott Jane Scott Tim & Celia Gray Linda Riggins Frances Lyerly Gene & Donna Hall The Congregation The Congregation The Congregation The Congregation	In Honor Of: Susan Kenley Margaret White Flora Mae Love Amy McGee Flora Mae Love Alexis & Cayleigh Tyler, Autumn Ballenger Margie Caudill Mark Burleson Sherry Blevins Gary's Retirement & our Interim Pastor, Veronica Cannon Special Friends Shut-ins Our children, grandchildren & great-grandson Mark Burleson Sherry Blevins Veronica Cannon Kim Ackary	By: Virginia McGranahan Sarah Kendrick Max, Maddie, Tyler, Campbell, Parker, Carson & Morgan Ashley Brown Stephanie & Tim Sudderth Drew & Brooke Kendrick Margaret White Bill & Joy Tyler His Family Their Family Skip, Susan, Carolyn & families Skip, Susan, Carolyn & families Carolyn & James Summerlin Barbara Ullem The Turner Family Jane Scott Jane Scott Your Grands Your Grands Larry Ramsey Larry Ramsey Stan & Belinda Springs Sarah, Rick, John & Andy The Torrence Family Barbara Rumble	In Memory Of: Jim McGranahan Steve Kendrick PawPaw Dad Dad Dad Joe White Clyde & Juanita Tyler, Robert Lamb, Doris Sisk Harold Caudill Blair and Lib Cathey Mr. & Mrs. Robert Joel Todd, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. G. Edwin Todd, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Adam Summerlin David Ullem Chuck & Peg Overbeck, Herman & Margie Turner Jack Scott Edith & Walter Bennet Paw Paw Phyllis Ramsey Frank Kapelar James & Mary Painter Donald Cox Sr. & Donald Cox Jr. Ronald Kenley Libby Stogner
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Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year!!!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

Shelby Alexander, Grady Alexander & Flora Mae Love have upcoming medical procedures.

Tommy Cashion's sister-in-law passed away last week.

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

Thanks!

We are writing to express our deepest appreciation for your recent donation of Christmas gifts.

Holiday contributions from donors like you continue to proceed the caring support needed to warm the hearts of our students and their families here at Daw Creek Elementary!

Kind Regards, Daw Creek Staff



Clothing Drive

We will be collecting clothes to be given to Crisis Assistance Ministry. ALL types of clothing, including outerwear, are needed for Men, Women and Children. We have discovered they are in dire need. There will be a collection barrel in the East Wing upstairs at the display case. These items should be new or gently used.



We will be collecting in December and January. If you have questions you may call Joy Tyler at (704) 399-8040.

Service Assignments

Ushers (December):

Team Captain: Ashley Kenley
Ushers: Youth Group

Ushers (January):

Team Captain: TBA
Ushers: TBA

Prayer Team:

12/27 Tim & Celia Gray
1/3 TBA

Greeters (December):

Narthex: Virginia Oates
& Danny McClure

East Wing: Lauren Bray
West Wing: John Tauscher

Greeters (January):

Narthex: TBA
East Wing: TBA
West Wing: TBA

CD Delivery (Mondays):

12/28 Ken Smith
1/4 TBA

Visitation Teams:

December 14 - 27: Frances Lyerly
& Jane McArver
Dec. 28 - Jan. 10: Linda Riggins
& Ann Cashion

Count Team (December):

Team Leaders: Gene Hall & Leslie Joy
Team: Grady & Karen Cathey, Susan Kenley, Debbie Taylor, Joy Tyler

Count Team (January):

Team Leader: TBA
Team: TBA

Nursery - Crib Room:

12/27 Leslie & Roy Helms
1/3 Barbara Blankenship
& Kay Scearce

Nursery - Toddler Room:

12/27 Tanya Gross
1/3 Judy Pinkston

Children's Church:

12/27 Jan Chapman & Assistant
1/3 NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Session Snippets

Motions Passed:

A motion was made and approved to upgrade the following in the Pastor, Secretary and Main offices:

- Paint all 3 (includes trim, doors, fixtures, shelving)
- Replace ceiling tiles and grid paint
- Add new flooring
- Replace toilet and sink in Pastors office

A motion was made to increase the current handicap parking in front of the bell tower from 1 to 4 spaces. This will be accomplished by adding 30 ft. of asphalt to the right of the existing concrete, striping the spots at an angle and adding new signage. Motion passed

A motion was made to contribute from the Mission Fund to assist with Karen Cathey's mission trip December 27 - 31. She will be going to the Dominican Republic with the Samaritans Feet organization. Motion passed.

A motion was made that we participate in building a handicap ramp through Love INC. on December 5th. Motion passed.

A motion was made to contribute from the Mission Fund to the Lily Pad Haven organization (a Presbytery supported mission that provides resources and housing to victims of human trafficking). Motion passed.

A motion was made to purchase a multi-color electronic sign from Charlotte Signarama (<http://charlottesignarama.com/>). This includes replacement of the existing board sign, permits, wiring, laptop and software. Motion passed.

A motion was made to collect new and gently used clothes for Crisis Assistance with an emphasis on coats for men and children. A collection bin will be placed in the East Wing for the months of December and January. Monetary donations may also be accepted (made out to PCPC with Crisis Assistance placed in the memo line.) Motion passed.

Misc. Info:

- Children's Church will be held the 2nd & 4th Sundays
- 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays – will find ways for children to participate in the worship service
- Will be working with the Property Committee to get the playground equipment updated
- Outside lighting: Added two floodlights out front, one in back & replaced lightbulb behind Scout Hut
- CFC Roof – Dealing with leaks the past several years, will need to start thinking about options for replacement/fix soon
- Tank Town installed wooden fence between the cemetery and their property. Per the city, they will be responsible for maintaining.



Stats



Offerings:

December 13 - \$4709.00
December 20 - \$7387.50

S/S Attendance:

December 13 - 73
December 20 - 74

Worship Attendance:

December 13 - 135
December 20 - 245



Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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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 Scarce at (704) 825-4446
Know Someone Who Needs a Visit?
Please contact the Church Office or
Rev. Cannon 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 Children Connecting with Christ
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...

Wednesday, December 23

NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
NO YOUTH MEETING

Thursday, December 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 pm Candlelight Communion Svc.

Friday, December 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Sunday, December 27

11:00 am Installation of Elders
(during worship)

Wednesday, December 30

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline
PLEASE NOTE DATE!

Friday, January 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Sunday, January 3

11:00 am Ten Cents-A-Meal Offering

Monday, January 4

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 5

9:30 am Pres. Women Fellowship
10:00 am Pres. Women Bible Study
7:15 pm Pres. Women Bible Study
& Dessert

Thursday, January 7

12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

Upcoming Sermons



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

1 SAMUEL 2: 18 - 20

LUKE 2: 41 - 52

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

"WE ARE MARKED"

JEREMIAH 31: 7 - 14

EPHESIANS 1: 3 - 14