



From the Pastor..

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Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Family,

Last week as I was taking my morning walk/run, I looked up at the sky and saw the sun's rays coming through the clouds. I then began to take in the beauty that was all around me. The flowering trees, the flowers, the green grass, the stillness that was this morning. People were not yet up and about, and things were quiet and still. I wanted to cry. I began to think about God and how awesome are God's great wonders. And this passage of Scripture came to mind,

“Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Be still. Be silent. Be quiet. Be stationary. And know that I am God. God, Creator, Sustainer, Ruler, Our Defense. Know God, the Great I Am.

I thought of God and great and wonderful God is. To know God is to know stillness, peace, silence. And if God is to be exalted among the nations and in the earth, then there is much work to be done. But, I don't need to rush ahead of God, I need to wait on God to speak and move and be ready always to lift the name of God through Jesus Christ His Son. God is to be exalted above the nations and in the earth. God has this. God has me. God has you. God has this nation. God has this world. In the ever shifting sands of this world, our nation, our communities, our churches and our homes, it becomes really easy to get caught up in the winds that blow to and fro and the ground that shakes back and forth. We so easily lose sight of what is most important. God.

In our world, we are asked and called to remember that we are at war with a force of evil by the name of ISIS. And we are afraid and running wild. In our nation, we are asked and called to remember that there is a divide between races of people and creeds and ethnic groups. In our communities, we are asked and called to look upon the divide between blue/black/white. In our church, we are asked and called to remember that we STILL do not have a called pastor in place, and time is ever fleeting. In our homes, we are asked and called to remember that for some of us we are lonely or sad or unhealthy or divorced or troubled by family members or circumstance. Such doom and gloom; fear and unease.

When I got home from my walk/run, I looked at the Psalm 46 in its entirety. And I read these wonderful words.

Psalm 46:1-11 (NRSV)

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Yes, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, I will not fear. I will not worry. God is in control. I will be still and know God. There is room here for you to join me. Be still. No fear, no worries. Know God.

In Christ,
Veronica

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

July 24 - \$4,434.00
July 31 - \$5,437.00

S/S Attendance:

July 24 - 49
July 31 - 60

Worship Attendance:

July 24 - 85
July 31 - 127

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Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

Kenny Tanson, a friend of Judy Smith, is having surgery

Kaitlyn Revalee - continued prayer

Prayer concerns for members who wish to keep private their issues.

Keep in Your Prayers:

Mildred Curlee
Gail Duncan
Hoyt & Jean Johnston
Mary Frances Lail
Flora Mae Love
Diane Pegram
Dave Reames
Neoma Wolfe

Celebrations:

Virginia McGranahan is home from Rehab

Youth and their Mission Work



Service Assignments

Ushers:

Team Captain: Tim & Celia Gray
Ushers: Miriam Childress, Virginia Oates, Belinda & Stan Springs

Prayer Team:

8/7 Debbie Taylor & Karen Cathey
8/14 Kay Searce & Ann Cashion

Greeters:

Narthex: Tim Sudderth & Danny McClure
East Wing: Teresa Painter
West Wing: Vickie Joy

Count Team:

Team Leader: Peggy Harrington & Linda Riggins
Team: Bob Rudisill, Larry Ramsey, Karen Sisk & Robin Wodarski

Fellowship Breakfast for August:

Frances Lyerly & Kay Searce

CD Delivery (Mondays):

8/8 Donna & Gene Hall
8/15 Linda Riggins

Nursery - Crib Room:

8/7 Gloria Caldwell
8/14 Heather Gaskins

Nursery - Toddler Room:

8/7 Celia Gray & Stephanie Sudderth
8/14 Sara Cox

Children's Church:

8/7 No Children's Church
8/14 No Children's Church

Visitation Teams for August:

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Peggy Harrington & Marsha Cathey
Grady & Karen Cathey
Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
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Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion
Emily Adkins & Angie Ross
Susan Kenley, Toni Torrence & Margaret White

Special Friends to be Visited :

Mildred Curlee & Diane Pegram
Mike Johnson & Naomi Wolfe
Richard Rumble & Joe Troutman
Rennie Auten
Bill Faust & Jean Johnston
Sue Love & Dave Reames
Allen Wingate (& Laura) & Mary Frances Lail



Need a Ride?

People to call if you need a ride:

Ann Cashion (704)951-8323
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



Loaves & Fishes



Ever notice that BIG Red Barrel in the narthex? It is always available to make food donations for Loaves & Fishes. Items in greatest need are:

- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Canned pastas
- Cereal
- Powdered milk
- 100% fruit juice

Education Rally & Backpack Blessing

The Education Rally will be **August 28th** in the CFC during Sunday School hour, and will recognize those with "perfect attendance" this past year, as well as the teachers who served. We will also introduce the new Sunday School materials and teachers for the upcoming year, which will begin the following Sunday (Sept. 4th).



The Backpack Blessing will take place during the worship service at 11:00. Students should bring their backpacks to the service for a special "blessing" for their new school year.

Family and community events will follow the service and be church-wide and for all ages at Coulwood Park. Water activities will be included, so bring bathing suits. An ice cream truck is planned to be there too.

Paw Creek Now Has Online Giving

If you would like to give online, please register for an account, follow the directions, and then login to your account.

<https://secure.sharefaithgiving.com/go/form.php?rid=b9f972f69ffc&>

There's even an app you can install on your smart phone. Go to Google Play or iTunes and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

If you have a QR reader app on your phone, scan this and go right to the donation page.



Or you can even TEXT a donation

How It Works: To send gifts via text, send a text message with a dollar amount and which fund you wish the money to be designated (e.g., "\$10 BUILDING") to (704) 413-0329. If you have an envelope #, please include that in your text as well.

EXAMPLE: \$50 CHOIR Envelope 333

If it is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form one time to complete with your billing information. After the initial setup, however, giving is as easy as sending a text.

FUND DESIGNATIONS for TEXTS:

- GENERAL = General Fund
- BACKPACK = Backpack Buddies Fund
- BUILDING = Building Fund
- CFTA = Center for the Arts
- CEMETERY = Cemetery Fund
- CHOIR = Choir Fund
- LOVE = Love Offering
- MEMORIALS = Memorials Fund
- RITI = Room in the Inn Fund
- SOCIAL = Social Service Fund
- SOUND = Sound Room Fund
- TENCENT = Ten Cent Hunger Offering
- WOMEN = Paw Creek Women Fund
- YOUTH = Youth and Children Fund

Nominating Committee for Office of Elder

The Nominating Committee is hard at work choosing the Elders for the Class of 2019. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for the Nominating Committee: Ken Scott (Chair), Grady Cathey, Donna Hall, Peggy Harrington, Eddie McArver and Robin Wodarski.

Notice to All Attending the Women's Retreat

We would like to have all women attending the retreat in September to meet in the Parlor right after Church service on Sunday, August 14th. The meeting will be brief...we will need to go over travel arrangements and signups for snacks and activities. If you cannot come, please make sure that you contact Linda Riggins or Melissa Mullis so you can signup for these items and let them know when you plan to arrive on Friday, 16th, at Holston's.



We have lots of great things in store for you at the retreat...it will be a fun and blessed event!

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting August 7th, following Worship with Presbytery Executive - Betty Meadows and Committee on Ministry Co-Chair - Gwen Vinson. This meeting is to clarify the process for calling your next installed Pastor.

Youth Event

Sunday, August 7th

- Kickball Tourney with Community Youth - Pleasant Grove 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.

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:
Judy Smith (704) 392-2892
-or-
Kay Scarce (704) 825-4446

Know someone Who Needs a Visit?
Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Cannon (704) 392-0329

Church Calendar

Each Week...

Sunday

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

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

11:30am Senior Lunch Program

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Children Connecting with Christ

6:00pm MS/HS Youth Group
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday

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

Friday

Church Office Closed

Future Happenings...

Sunday, August 7

11:00am Ten Cents-A-Meal Offering
11:00am Communion

Monday, August 8

7:00pm Christian Ed Committee

Wednesday, August 10

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, August 14

Women's Retreat Info Session

Monday, August 15

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 17

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, August 20

8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G

Sunday, August 21

12:45pm Long Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, August 28

9:00am Fellowship Breakfast - CFC
9:45am Education Rally - CFC
11:00am Backpack Blessing - Sanctuary

Monday, August 29

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 30

7:00pm Stitches for Mission

Wednesday, August 31

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Upcoming Sermons



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

"THE STATE OF READINESS"
LUKE 12:32-40

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

"MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CHRIST"
LUKE 12:49-56

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

"A PUBLIC CHALLENGE"
LUKE 13:1-17

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

"THE CHIEF ROOMS"
LUKE 14:1, 7-14