



News at Paw Creek

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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Next time you find yourself near the intersection of Providence and Queens Roads, keep an eye out for a shiny statue of a winsome little man with one arm in the air and a violin case under the other. It's a tribute to the memory of a true neighborhood eccentric, a man named Hugh McMannaway. That's near my childhood home, and I met Hugh many times. An only child, he lived alone in the large, rambling house left him by his parents, a prosperous doctor and his wife. Hugh was known for standing at that very intersection to direct traffic (whether it needed directing or not), using his arms, his loud voice, and his violin case as a baton - hence the statue. When we kids would meet him, he would often ask one of us to state his or her name, and then make up a poem using the name, right on the spot.

One summer day when we ran into Hugh near his house, about block from the intersection, he pointed to the front window. In it there burned a single red light bulb. He told us that the light bulb was his Christmas decoration, and explained his theory that any decorations that were put up for Christmas needed to remain in place for the entire year. At the time, it seemed that whatever else you might want to say about Hugh, his theory of Christmas was surely incorrect. I've thought about it many times, and after awhile began to figure out what was wrong.

If Christmas is symbolically present throughout the year, then the miracle of incarnation becomes a part of the background noise - one of the facts that is always present and never needs to be thought about. But of course that is exactly what the miracle of the incarnation is not! Everything else is the background noise and the arrival of the Christ child is the one extraordinary fact that doesn't fit, the fact that redefines everything else. It is good to put the decorations up and take them away, to make them gaudy and loud and bright - not just something that is so small and dim that having it around all year is no inconvenience at all. It's all symbolic, but symbols are important. In this case, the point of incarnation is to shake up and inconvenience the world. Oddly enough, that is exactly what Hugh McMannaway did. His theology of decorating was wanting, but his exuberance of life was real. It was to such as him that Jesus came first, the fools, the cripples and the outcast. Maybe Hugh knew something the rest of us missed. Maybe Jesus did too.

Blessings, Elliott

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

November 26 - \$5,520.00
December 3 - \$10,935.00

S/S Attendance:

November 26 - 75
December 3 - 66

Worship Attendance:

November 26 - 126
December 3 - 127



Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Jeanee Gardner, Keith Gardner’s wife needs our prayers. MRI found 10 more lesions on her brain that are untreatable. She has been battling cancer for about 2 years now. They are saying she has 3 months to live. Please also pray for Keith and their family.
- Charlotte Neal is doing better but still needs our prayers. She came home from hospital Thursday. Surgeon is VERY pleased. She is still in a lot of pain from the surgery but says it’s different from the chronic pain she’s been in for the past 2+ years. (And 10 years of headaches prior to that) We’re hopeful this is going to give her back her life. Too much pain for visitors yet but thanks for the thoughts, prayers and well wishes.
- Flora Mae Love is back at The Little Flower with round the clock care.

Prayer Concerns (Cont’d):

- Led Costello, friend of Eddie Chapman’s, is in Hospice.
- Frank Krebs is having shoulder surgery Wednesday.
- Bud Barnhart, cousin of Elliott, has been diagnosed with leukemia.
- Kelly Murphy, Scout parent, needs our prayers.
- Austin Edwards is in the hospital with a fever.
- Debbie Wingate - please pray for healing & recovery from surgery on Friday.
- East Lincoln Middle School & North Lincoln Middle School are collecting scissors for students to make snowflakes for Levine Children’s Hospital.

Keep in Your Prayers:

- Hoyt & Jean Johnston
- Mary Frances Lail
- Flora Mae Love
- Dave Reames
- Marlene Thames
- Sue Love



Service Assignments

Count Team:

Team Leaders: Gene Hall & Leslie Joy
Team: Grady & Karen Cathey, Victoria Krebs, Tim Sudderth & Barbara Ullem

Ushers:

Team Leaders: Toni Torrence & Amy McGee
Team: Paw Creek Youth

Greeters:

Narthex: Dany McClure & Joy Tyler
East Wing: Teresa Painter
West Wing: David Padgett

Prayer Team:

12/10 Kay Scarce & Ann Cashion
12/17 Donna & Gene Hall

CD Delivery (Mondays):

12/11 Linda Riggins
12/18 Linda Riggins

Nursery - Crib Room:

12/10 Karen Cathey & Rahcel Wingate
12/18 Sarah Mullis

Nursery - Toddler Room:

12/10 Joy Pinkston
12/17 Marsha Cathey

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for December

Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion
 Susan Kenley & Toni Torrence
 Donna & Gene Hall
 Joyce & Leslie Joy
 Virginia Oates & Harold Staton
 Barbara Ullem & Teresa Painter
 Emily Adkins & Angie Ross
 Grady & Karen Cathey
 Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
 Margaret White & Judy Smith

Special Friends to be Visited:

Rennie Auten
 Bill Faust
 Mike Johnson
 Jean Johnston
 Mary Frances Lail
 Joe Troutman
 Dave Reames
 Richard Rumble
 Flora Mae Love
 Allen Wingate (& Laura)

Cards

All Teams

 All Teams

Bryce & Anne Moore, Anne Glasscock, Bob & Marie Love, Sue Love

Bertha Ellis, Mary Margaret Riggins, Marlene Thames, Ralph & Harriet Underwood, Stella Whitlock





New Bible Study Series

Weekly Bible Study

Identical discussion classes will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 5:30pm. Each week we will study the Scripture reading for the following Sunday in worship. Everyone is welcome to come give it a try. We will be delighted to have you!



Faith Filled Fun

Do you like to have fun?
 Would you like to try new things?
 Would you like to spend time getting to know other people of faith?
 Would you like to explore new/different ways of studying God's word?

This group is based on getting closer to God as we explore activities, restaurants, games, and missions in our local area, all while engaging in fellowship with one another. We are open to new ideas and are curious about new opportunities. We hope to have some fun loving, energetic people join us in the new year!

Here is what we have planned (so far) for January:
 1/5 - 7:00 - Bible lesson and fellowship in the new game room
 1/14 - 2:00 - Ice skating at the Speedpark at Concord Mills (\$12/person)
 1/19 - 7:00 - Bible lesson and fellowship in the new game room

We would also like to visit members (especially those who may not be getting to church as often as they would like) while we are on our outings. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please let us know!

Contact Victoria Krebs (704) 421-4909 or Alexis Tyler (704) 840-9280

Schedule for Bible Study

December 6/7	Mark 1:1-8
December 13/14	Luke 1:26-38
December 20/21 & 27/28	Christmas Break



Opportunity Board for Seek, Serve, Praise, Love...Christ

We had more than half of the opportunity tags for veteran prayers to be picked up, and that is significant as we had around 175 tags! However, we have a few more that have not been picked up. Each tag contains the name of a church veteran and/or armed forces base or Naval ship. We are asking that you take a tag and pray for the group for next few weeks or more in honor of our veterans who have given much in service to this country.

The Congregation Care thanks you for your devotion and commitment!



Interested in playing BUNCO in 2018?

Once we see if there is enough interest we will schedule the 1st game night sometime in January.

Contact Amy McGee amyskmcgee@gmail.com 704-578-3908 cell if interested.



Gift Tree - Neighborhood School Children

This year we have families from Paw Creek, Tuckaseegee, River Oaks and Oakdale. There are 14 children. We provide gifts for all children in the home regardless of age or school attended. Parents complete a form of needs and desires. Each child has 6 separate tags. (3 clothing tags and 3 toy like tags) Each child gets a Bible as one of their gifts. The gifts are delivered on December 18 to the school for parent pick up.

Directions:

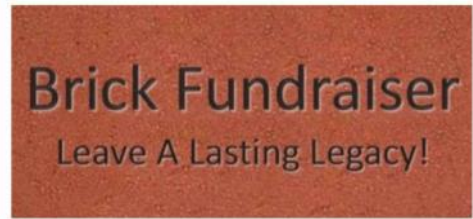
- Please choose a few tags.
- Shop for your children.
- Wrap each child's gift.
- Attach the original tag for proper delivery.
- Return your gifts on or before December 15.

Got Questions?

Call Gerri Ann Shaw 704 737 8138

Make God bless you always.

Thank you ~Paw Creek Outreach Committee



Brick Pavers

Order your brick paver for The Reverend Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden located at the front of the church.

Make sure your family is represented

Perfect gift for someone special for Christmas
Celebrate accomplishments, births, weddings, families, groups
Remember and honor loved ones

Each brick paver cost \$40

Order forms are available in the narthex and the Church Office.

The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden

Dedication Sunday, **January 14th** (Immediately following worship)

Ribbon cutting, hot chocolate, coffee and sweets



Over 55 Appreciation Luncheon

When: Sunday, **December 17, 2017**

Time: Immediately Following Worship

Where: CFC

Please RSVP no later than December 14, 2017

If you are 55 or older, please join us at the Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by PCPC Youth in your honor to show appreciation for the encouragement, leadership, support, and wisdom that you have shared.

Please RSVP by calling the Church Office @ 704-392-0329



Upcoming Youth Events

Wednesday, Dec 6- Make fleece blankets for Special Friends

Saturday, Dec 9th - Youth Christmas Party @ 6pm - Dinner, games, bonfire at Torrence House

****Please RSVP by Thursday Dec 7th** so we will have enough food and game prizes**

Wednesday, Dec 13th - Christmas lights & Krispy Kreme--leave PCPC @ 6pm *may be back later than usual 7:30pm
****Please let us know if your child can or cannot attend so we can plan transportation****

Sunday, Dec 17th - 11am Cantata & Youth sponsored Appreciation Luncheon immediately following
 Luncheon is a youth sponsored event, so we need all youth and youth parents that can help set up, cook, serve & clean up

Wednesday, Dec. 20 & 27 - NO YOUTH - Merry Christmas !

*If your youth would like to be part of a PLANNING GROUP for 2018, please let us know.

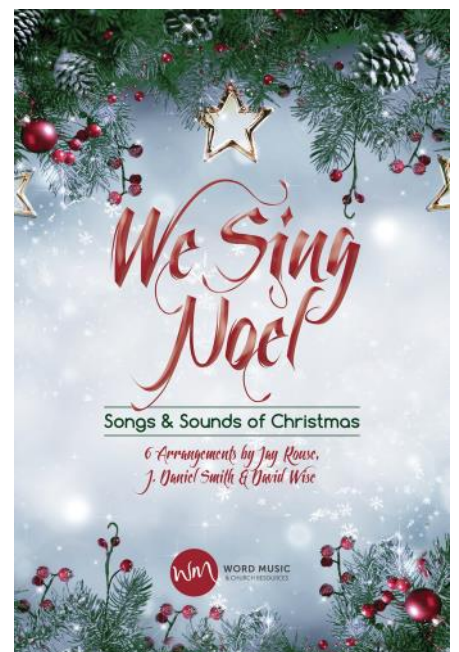


Visit the Holy Land in the Spring

Friends, prior to coming Paw Creek, I had been invited to participate in a trip to Israel with members of Trinity and Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Churches. We will travel **April 23 - May 2, 2018** and see important sites in Galilee and Jerusalem (the areas where Jesus spent most of his life). I will offering lectures and discussions throughout the trip to help our members place the sites and history within the larger Biblical story. There are still some spots available, and we would be delighted to have interested folks from Paw Creek join us. The cost will be \$3,798 round-trip from Charlotte, double occupancy. If you want more information, please check with me for a flyer. Elliott



*Christmas Cantata
 December 17th
 11:00am
 "We Sing Noel"*





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Seek.....Matthew 6:33
Serve.....1 Samuel 12:24
Praise.....Psalm 111:1
Love Christ!.....1 John 4:12

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. Hipp (704) 392-0329



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
"THE MESSENGER"
MARK 1:1-8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
"WE SING NOEL"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - MORNING
"THE LORD IS WITH YOU"
LUKE 1: 26-38

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - EVENING - 8PM
THE CHRISTMAS STORY
LUKE 2:1-20

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
"GLORY"
JOHN 1: 1-18

Church Calendar

Each Week...

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
12:15pm Children's Choir Practice

Monday - Thursday

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

Monday—Friday

11:30am Senior Lunch Program

Monday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm MS/HS Youth Group
6:00pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday

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

Future Happenings...

Wednesday, December 6

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth / CCC

Thursday, December 7

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth / CCC

Thursday, December 14

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday, December 16

8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G

Sunday, December 17

11:00am Christmas Cantata
12:30pm Over 55 Appreciation Luncheon
6:00pm Young Adult Christmas Party

Monday, December 18

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, December 20

No Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/24 & 12/31
No Youth / CCC

Thursday, December 21

No Adult Bible Study

Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed Merry Christmas!!!

Tuesday, December 26

7:00pm Stitches for Missions - Parlor

Wednesday, December 27

No Adult Bible Study
No Youth / CCC

Thursday, December 28

No Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 31

9:00am Fellowship Breakfast - CFC (Pancakes)

Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed Happy New Year!!

Tuesday, January 2

10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle
7:15pm PW Life Seekers Circle