



Newsletter

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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday will usher in something just a little bit different in our worship service. At the recommendation of the Congregational Care committee, Session voted a few weeks ago to retire the familiar "Fellowship Pads" that sit on the end of each pew. In their place you will find a new kind of visitor and prayer card - we hope these will allow us to do a better job of communicating for all of us.

First, the Fellowship Pads: we are finding that they capture a lot of information that we don't often use, but at the same time they are not really suited to letting us gather the information we need. So, after many years, we will bid them a fond farewell.

And now, the new pew cards: these are designed to get the two kinds of information that we really want to have. That is (1) a good snapshot of our visitors and (2) a good way for all of us to share news and request prayers. So here's what to expect:

- When we welcome visitors each week, we will invite them to write down their contact information and place the card in the offering. Everyone can help with this. If you see visitors sitting near you, please take time to welcome them, and be sure to hand them a card and ask them to fill it out. That kind of personal invitation is the very best way to make our visitors feel welcome.
- When we gather prayer concerns, you can use back of the cards to write down names and information about the people you are praying for. I will collect them out of the offering and read them at our prayer time. We hope this will help us be sure that everyone can hear your concern and that we get all the names and facts correctly. If you would rather keep the information private, feel free to just hand me the card after worship.

The new cards will be available in the pew racks. For the next few weeks they will also be included as inserts in the bulletin, to help get us used to using them. (Please leave unused cards in the pews each week so we can collect and recycle.)

The Session and Congregational Care committee are looking forward to making this small transition, and seeing big returns. Please let any of us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Blessings, Elliott



Session Update:

The Session held a called meeting on Sunday, December 2. The four new members of session elected by the congregation were examined and approved to be ordained and/or installed on January 6 to begin their three year terms. The new elders are: Grady Cathey, Dickie Chapman, Eddie McArver and Debbie Taylor. There will not be a regular Session meeting in December - the next meeting is scheduled for January 20.

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

November 25 - \$3,641.50
December 2 - \$11,879.81

S/S Attendance:

November 25 - 51
December 2 - 55

Worship Attendance:

November 25 - 98
December 2 - 103

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Lori Powell, Sister-in-law of Christy Corder, is doing better. She is able to eat and speak a little.
- Billie Raborn is at Huntersville Rehab and Health after surgery.
- Ken Smith is at Huntersville Rehab and Health after cardiac hospitalization.
- Hoyt Johnston is at Huntersville Rehab and Health to regain mobility, and Jean Johnston is at home with family caregivers.
- Margie Caudill has an appointment with a surgeon this week to address compression fracture and back pain.
- Susan Kenley, praise for negative report from tests last week; continued immunotherapy treatment for cancer.
- Alisa Reames Mullis, mass discovered last week, biopsy is scheduled for Wednesday.
- Roger McNeill suffered a heart attack. Still in hospital in Florida

Prayer Concerns (cont'd):

- Morgan and Jordan Miller, Jordan has gotten long-term assignment to Cherry Point with the Marines.
- Tim Gray's cousin's son, Mark, passed away during surgery last week. Please pray for the Gray family.
- Kathryn McCulloh needs prayer for strength and healing.

Keep in Your Prayers:

- Hoyt & Jean Johnston
- Mary Frances Lail
- Flora Mae Love
- Caregivers

Celebrations:

- Nick & Kelly McGee got married on Nov. 24th!
- Good Luck to the Krebs Family with their upcoming move.



Service Assignments

December Count Team:

Team Leaders: Peggy Harrington & Linda Riggins
Team: Bob Rudisill, Joy Tyler,
 Larry Ramsey & Tim Sudderth

December Ushers:

Team Leaders: TBD
Team: TBD

December Greeters:

Narthex: Toni Torrence & Danny McClure
East Wing: David Padgett
West Wing: Barbara Ullem

Prayer Team:

12/9 Tommy & Ann Cashion
 12/16 Donna & Gene Hall

Nursery - Crib Room:

12/9 Karen Cathey
 12/16 Sarah Mullis

Nursery - Toddler Room:

12/9 Leslie Joy
 12/16 Leslie Joy

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for December

Emily Adkins & Angie Ross
 Joyce & Leslie Joy
 Barbara Ullem & Teresa Painter
 Grady & Karen Cathey
 Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
 Judy Smith, Susan Kenley & Toni Torrence

Special Friends to be Visited:

Mike Johnson
 Allen Wingate (& Laura)
 Jean Johnston
 Richard Rumble
 Flora Mae Love
 Rennie Auten & Mary Frances Lail

Cards

All Teams

Bryce & Anne Moore, Bob & Marie Love
 Bertha Ellis, Stella Whitlock, Roger McNeill





Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed for Christmas and New Years **December 24th - January 2nd**
 The Bulletin deadline for Sunday, Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th will be Wednesday, Dec. 19th at noon. There will not be a Newsletter for January 2nd. The Newsletter will start back on Wednesday, Jan. 16th, with the usual deadline on Monday, Jan. 14th at noon.
 Thank you ~Kim



Nursery Help Needed

If you are interested in being the **2019 NURSERY COORDINATOR**, please contact Joy Tyler 704-399-8040 or the church office.

The Christian Education Committee is also seeking two caregivers for the nursery and toddler rooms during the Sunday School hours 9:45 - 10:45. Please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. Please contact Jan Chapman or Barbara Ullem if you can serve at least one Sunday a month.

Loaves & Fishes

Ever notice those BIG Cardboard Boxes in the narthex? They are always available to make food donations for Loaves & Fishes. This Holiday season, items in greatest need are: Canned meats, Canned fruit, Canned pastas, Cereal, Powdered milk, 100% fruit juice.

Bible Study

Schedule for Bible Study
(Wed. 10am & Thur. 5:30pm)

December 5/6	Luke 1: 26-38
December 12/13	Luke 1: 39-56
December 19/20	Christmas Break
December 26/27	Christmas Break
January 2/3	Luke 2: 22-38
January 9/10	Luke 3: 15-22
January 16/17	I Corinthians 12: 1-11
January 23/24	Luke 4: 14-21
January 30/31	I Corinthians 13



Combined Sunday School / Breakfast

On Sunday, December 30 we will have breakfast in the CFC from 9:00-9:45 followed by a 5th Sunday combined adult Sunday school class. We will review 7 spiritual practices and make resolutions for the New Year. Youth are also invited to attend.
 Thank you, Fellowship and Christian Ed. Com.

Youth and Child Protection Policy

The session has adopted a new Youth and Child Protection Policy to be included as part of the Manual of Operations. The policy states: "Paw Creek Presbyterian Church embraces a theological, moral and legal responsibility to provide a safe environment for children and youth, and support for those who work with them - both staff members and volunteers." In the coming weeks, the Youth and Child Protection task force that developed this policy will be contacting staff and volunteers who have previously undergone a background check for work with our children to distribute copies of the new policy and answer questions. More formal training will be arranged in the new year. If you would like to receive a copy of the new policy, or a copy of the complete Manual of Operations, please feel free to contact Kim Whittington in the church office.



Wednesday Night Meals

We are in need of meals for the children & youth program during January & February on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, & Feb. 20. Please let Barbara Ullem know if you are able to help.
 Thank you,
 Barbara for Christian Ed.

Prayer Garden

Get your Prayer Garden Paver Orders in now!
Great Christmas Present idea! Also, Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Babies, Mother's/Father's Day & Anniversaries. Wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.
 Order forms in the narthex, church office and website.



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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-
 Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
ADVENT II
 "WAITING WITH PATIENCE"
 LUKE 1: 26-38

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
ADVENT III
 CHRISTMAS CANTATA
 "BELIEVE: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
ADVENT IV
 "WAITING WITH JOY"
 LUKE 1: 39-56

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE - 7:00PM
 LUKE 2: 1-20

Church Calendar

Each Week...

- Sunday**
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
- Monday - Thursday**
 9:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours
- Monday—Friday**
 11:30am Senior Lunch Program
- Monday**
 5:30pm Monday Study Group
 7:00pm Girl Scouts
- Tuesday**
 6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- Wednesday**
 10:00am Adult Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 6:00pm Youth & Children
 7:00pm Cub Scouts
- Thursday**
 9:00am Cardio Fitness
 5:30pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Future Happenings...

- Wednesday, December 5**
 10:00am Adult Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 6:00pm Youth & Children
 *Newsletter
- Thursday, December 6**
 5:30pm Adult Bible Study
- Sunday, December 9**
 11:00am Celebrations / Staff Appreciation
- Monday, December 10**
 5:30pm Mon. Study Group @ Childress Home
- Tuesday, December 11**
 5:30pm Book Club @Heirloom
- Wednesday, December 12**
 10:00am Adult Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
 6:00pm Youth & Children
- Thursday, December 13**
 5:30pm Adult Bible Study
- Saturday, December 15**
 8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G

- Monday, December 17**
 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
 Mon. Study Group @ Childress Home
- Tuesday, December 18**
 5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom
- Wednesday, December 19**
 10:00am Adult Bible Study
 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/23 & 12/30
 6:00pm Youth & Children
 *Newsletter
- Thursday, December 20**
 5:30pm Adult Bible Study
- Monday, December 24**
 Church Office Closed
 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service
- Tuesday, December 25**
 Church Office Closed Merry Christmas!
- Wednesday, December 26**
 Church Office Closed
- Thursday, December 27**
 Church Office Closed
- Friday, December 28**
 Church Office Closed