



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

As time spins faster in this (no longer brand new) twenty-first century, it seems like the season of Lent goes by more quickly each year. We are already coming the end, and the beginning of April will also coincide this year with the beginning of Holy Week. The detailed listing of our services from Palm Sunday through Easter is found here in the newsletter, and I hope that each of us will be able to share in many of those opportunities for gathering and worshipping during that week.

The story of Holy Week is like a great swing of emotions, from the very highest to the very lowest. As we experience everything that Jesus knew, we are reminded of the arc of the experiences of our own lives.

The apostle Paul tells us that "if we have been united with [Jesus] in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." This reminds us that the gifts of resurrection and life do not come easily. In life we do not have the choice to skip over the rough places and only experience the times of great joy. In the same way, we cheat ourselves if we only show up for the celebration of Easter without participating in at least some of the darkness and sorrow of the Passion story on Palm Sunday, the bittersweetness of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, or the agony of the crucifixion on Good Friday. The unbelievable joy of the empty tomb is only fully real for us when it is the last step of the weeklong journey.

The reality of our lives is that they are full of things to do, and evening-time travel is not always a good choice for everyone. But, if at all possible, I do hope you can be with us for at least part of the Holy Week journey. And when the week is over, we will gather again in the bright morning light to sing with hearts full of joy: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today."

Blessings, Elliott

# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## **Prayer Requests:**

- Mitch Sutton transitioned to his heavenly home on March 12. His service was this past Sunday at Paw Creek. Please continue to pray for his family & friends.
- Chad McArver is doing well. He has permission to fly home today with Eddie and Jane. He will see doctors at Levine on Thursday.
- Ronnie Murphy passed away on Feb. 27 Please continue to keep Kelly and the boys in prayer. (Former Troop 70 Scoutmaster)
- Carrington Richardson was killed in a car accident on I-485 earlier this month. Please continue to keep the family in prayer. (Zoey Bryant's friend)
- Sue Whitlow had surgery on March 9 to repair a broken hip. Please continue to pray for healing. (Gloria Caldwell's mother)
- Denise Hobbs is undergoing cancer treatment. Please continue to pray for healing. (Patty Burns' friend)
- Mike Kirkley is in the hospital in Oak Island with facial cellulitis. Please pray for healing. (Patty Burns' daughter-in-law's father)
- Peggy Snipes passed away on March 18. Service will be Tue., April 4th at Sunset Road Baptist Church at 1:00pm. Please keep the family in prayer. (Sandra Watson's mother)
- Allison Ross had surgery on Friday. Please keep her in prayer. (Sonny & Angie's daughter-in-law)

## **Celebrations:**

- Congratulations to Chris Lee who was recently named General Presbyter of Grace Presbytery in Irving, TX!

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday, March 22

### **\*Newsletter**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, March 23

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, March 25

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, March 26

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, March 28

8:45am Happy Hearts—Woodmill Winery Tour  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, March 29

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, March 30

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, April 2

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Palm Sunday / 10¢ Hunger

## Tuesday, April 4

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, April 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, April 6

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Maundy Thursday

## Friday, April 7

7:00pm Good Friday

## Saturday, April 8

10:30am Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

## Sunday, April 9

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Easter Worship / Lord's Supper / One Great Hour

## Monday, April 10

\*Church Office Closed – Happy Easter!  
6:30pm Missions Team Meeting

## Tuesday, April 11

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, April 12

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, April 13

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, April 15

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, April 16

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, April 18

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, April 19

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, April 20

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, April 23

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship – Guest: George Slaton

## Monday, April 24

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, April 25

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, April 26

\*Newsletter  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, April 27

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, April 30

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship – Guest: Fred Grosse

## Schedule of Lenten Services 2023

<b>Passion/Palm Sunday:</b> April 2	Service of Palm and Service of Salvation - the life of Jesus as depicted in the Sanctuary windows, in scripture and music
<b>Maundy Thursday:</b> April 6 at 7:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Supper at table ( <b>CFC Dining Room</b> )
<b>Good Friday:</b> April 7 at 7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service of Shadows
<b>Easter Sunday:</b> April 9	From the Empty Tomb to the Coming Christ - scripture, music and celebration of the Lord's Supper



### Easter Flowers

Paw Creek will be decorating the sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, **April 9**.

Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Bulletin for Easter as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Easter Flowers", and list who it is in memory or honor of. Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, April 4.

The flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden and surrounding area sometime after Easter. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the Easter flowers with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!



## **Annual Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, **April 8, 2023** 9:30 am – 11:00 am  
Clubhouse, 506 Coulwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28214

Paw Creek will be partnering with the Coulwood Community for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Easter egg hunt will start promptly at 10:30 am. Other family friendly activities include crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

They are looking for volunteers to assist. Here is an incomplete list of how you can participate.:

- Be at Clubhouse at 8 am on April 8th to hide plastic eggs.
- Donate small candies that will fit inside eggs/preferably ones that won't melt. (Deadline 3/31)
  - Stuff plastic eggs at Paw Creek 4/1 from 9-11am in the West Wing.
  - Lead or assist in outdoor games with the children.
  - Lead or assist with a craft project with an Easter theme.

See Celia Gray (704-756-9697) or Amy McGee (704-578-39080 for more details or to volunteer.

## **5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class**

**The Lord is my Shepherd...**

On Sunday, **April 30**, there will be a Combined Sunday School Class gathering in the CFC.

Adults, Youth and Children are invited for a:

Fellowship Breakfast **9:00-9:30**

Prayer Requests **9:30-9:45**

Lesson **9:45-10:30**

We will study and respond to the beautiful 23rd Psalm, Lectionary scripture for April 30!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Food Pantry

Paw Creek is partnering with Mission City Church on Valleydale Rd to assist those in need in our community.

Below is the list of non-perishable items that we are collecting in the barrel in the Narthex to be delivered monthly to Mission City Food Pantry:

- Breakfast Items – cereal, oatmeal, grits, pop tarts
- Canned meat - chicken, tuna, salmon, ham
- Canned veggies – corn, green beans, carrots, peas, mixed veggies, potatoes etc
- Pasta & Pasta sauce
- Rice & gravy
- Mashed potatoes
- Mac n Cheese
- Canned soups, beef stews
- Canned Fruits
- Condiments – mustard, ketchup, mayo
- Baking supplies – cooking oil, sugar, flour, muffin mixes, cake mixes
- Canned or powdered milk, coffee, tea
- Snack items – granola bars, Lance cookies, potato chips
- Diapers in all sizes

Volunteers at Mission City Food Pantry greet, pray with, and distribute bags of food on the first and third Thursday of each month from 12 – 1:30. They also distribute Bibles to anyone who needs one. They have Bibles in Spanish, English, children's Bibles, large print Bibles and some Bibles that are bilingual where they contain both Spanish and English.

Volunteers pack and prep on Wednesday, the day before distribution from 5 - 6.

If you want to volunteer with MCC or have a donation you are considering outside the list, feel free to contact Outreach Committee - Celia Gray or Amy McGee or the MCC Food Pantry:

Margaret Bridges  
MCC Food Pantry Lead  
704 651-0171



Dear Friends,

2/2023

There are no words to express what your kind words, cards and prayers for me and my boys meant to me. Life can be so hard at times, but you all truly demonstrate God's goodness. It was such a comfort to know that while Ethan, Jonathon, and I were working our way through loss, we were being lifted up in prayer.

Most sincerely,  
Sarah Taylor



## Stitches for Missions Open Call for Homemade Premie Baby Goods

Stitches for Missions will be working on making premie baby items such as blankets, hats, and booties for the next few months. We will be providing these goods to Premies of the Carolinas, which is a nonprofit group located in Fort Mill. Premies of the Carolinas provides handmade goods to neonatal departments at hospitals or directly to mothers of premies in the local areas of NC and SC. They need sewn, quilted, crocheted, or knitted goods for premies of various sizes. (Blankets must be at least a minimum of 20"X 20".) We hope to have a shipment ready for them by May. If you can help to provide such goods and have any questions, please contact Teresa Painter or Dina Salvo.

**Next meetings: March 25th and April 15th at 10:30am in the Parlor.**



### Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, April 4th**

Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am

Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm

We will meet in the Parlor.

### Plastic Bag Donations

Thank you Paw Creek for your recent donation of plastic bags. We donated approximately 500 bags, and that happens to be the number required to crochet one mat. With Harrisburg Library's total donations, they were able to create 5 mats for the homeless.

Thank you Paw Creek for always giving generously!

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## Graduation Sunday

The time is growing near for us to recognize and honor our graduates.

The Christian Education Committee is gathering names of graduates, and will be in touch directly later in the spring to ask for more information. We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday on June 4, 2023** during the church service.

Please send names and contact information to Jan Chapman (jchapman.jan@gmail.com) or the church office (office@pawcreekpc.org) for:

Students, connected to our church, who graduated in **December 2022** or will graduate in **Spring 2023** from **High School, College, or Graduate School.**

Thank you ~ Christian Ed

## Happy Hearts

Tuesday, **March 28th**

Woodmill Winery tour and tasting 8:45 - 3:00

We will leave at 9:00 for Woodmill Winery.

10:00 tour with talk about benefits of muscadines and wine tasting.

12:15 leave for lunch BBQ King E Main St, Lincolnton. Then return to the church.

Cost is \$10 per person which includes, gas, tour and wine tasting ( 6 samples, a Woodmill logo glass and half a glass of wine of your choice). If you do not want to do the tasting cost is \$2. Everyone will pay for their own lunch.

Deadline to sign up Friday, March 24th. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704)393-8697 or (704)281-2836.

## North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society's Spring Tour will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, April 14-15 at Montreat, Warren Wilson College, in Asheville. On Friday we will explore the resources of the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat and stay at Assembly Inn. Saturday we'll visit the beautiful Warren Wilson College (Presbyterian) and the historic (1794) First Presbyterian Church in Asheville. Registration \$25. Assembly Inn (828-419-9844) must be booked by April 1 using the ID number 482875. For details and to register for the meeting, go to [www.ncphsociety.org](http://www.ncphsociety.org) or call Don McLeod at 910-695-5550.





# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those  
Celebrating in April!

**April 3**

Jack Watson

**April 14**

Zoey Bryant

**April 24**

Kevin Joy

**April 6**

Price Kenley  
Sonny Ross  
Kay Simmons

**April 15**

Mark Burleson  
Bob Rudisill

**April 25**

Patty Burns

**April 7**

Shelby Alexander  
Emily Cathey  
Shannon Drolet  
Jo Small

**April 16**

Robin Wodarski

**April 26**

Sean Glover  
Emily Normand

**April 18**

Morgan McGee Miller  
Joan Wilson

**April 27**

Jerry Mullis

**April 10**

Victoria Krebs

**April 19**

James Summerlin

**April 28**

Karen Cathey  
Lexi Torrence

**April 12**

Abby Glover  
Alex Glover

**April 21**

Austin Edwards

**April 30**

Doug Edwards

**April 13**

Matt Turner

**April 22**

Garrett Joy

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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 contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

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

### Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **April 26th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, April 24th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in May. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! **Kim**

### Upcoming Sermon Titles

#### Sunday, April 5

*Palm/Passion Sunday*  
Life of Jesus in the Windows

#### Thursday, April 6

*Maundy Thursday—7pm (CFC)*  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

#### Friday, April 7

*Good Friday—7pm (Sanctuary)*  
*Tenebrae Service*

#### Sunday, April 9

*Easter Sunday*  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
John 20: 1-18  
"Where is He?"

#### Sunday, April 16

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
John 20: 19-31  
"Involuntary Faith"

#### Sunday, April 23

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
Guest Preacher:  
George Slaton

#### Sunday, April 30

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Guest Preacher:  
Fred Grosse