



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Even amidst the sultry days of August, summertime brings some distinct pleasures. One of those is the gathering of families. Because of looser schedules and more free time, this is traditionally the time of year for family reunions. Some are large annual gatherings with hordes of third, fourth, fifth cousins, and beyond - those have their own charm, and often involve meeting people for the first time and discovering the magic of shared kinship.

But perhaps even more special are the events that reconvene closer kin. There's something special that comes of spending a few hours or even days with the people who have known us the longest, of comparing notes (and gray hairs), meeting new spouses and children and welcoming them into the shared circle of stories and memories. Many gatherings this year will be for the first time since the pandemic, with more years of catching up than usual.

In our household, we have two such post-COVID gatherings planned for August. One will be the visit from Nell's sister and her family, coming from Massachusetts to reunite with the North Carolina branch of the family. In the years apart young adults have become grown-ups with careers and independent lives for us all to marvel at - and parents have adjusted to the infirmities of the creeping years. It will be a blast to be together.

Our second gathering will be the cousins of my mother's family, the Barnhardts. When we were young the entire extended family spread all the way from Huntersville to Charlotte. Now they will come from Minnesota, Texas, Maryland, Virginia and the two Carolinas - and Nell and I are the only ones that live in Mecklenburg County. But here we can share memories that no one in Minneapolis or San Antonio would never understand.

In all our families, we eventually reach the point when we look at each and say "now you and I are the oldest generation", and then we become responsible for keeping the lore and organizing the reunions. It's a sacred trust, and a joyful task. I hope your summer includes some reunion time, and that it is full of delight.

Blessings, Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Joe Michael Summerlin passed away on July 17. Service will be on July 29 at Greene Funeral Home, Rock Hill, SC. Please keep the family in prayer (James' twin brother)
- Barbara Ullem will have cataract surgery on Thursday.
- Joe Troutman is in the hospital and is having a very hard time. Please pray for him and the family.
- Eddie & Laura Chapman are expecting a baby in February.
- Macie Johnson's 1 1/2 year old daughter, Ivy had palette closure surgery on July 7th and is doing well. (Austin Edward's girlfriend)
- Sarah Hansley had her 3rd child, Emmett James Hansley on June 28th (Jon & Ashley Kenley's daughter)
- Doni & Johnny Piercy lost two sons within 6 months of each other. (Larry Ramsey's friends)
- Richard & Barbara Rumble are improving.
- Betsy Hunycutt has surgery coming up. Please keep her in prayer.
- Brian Hallman still needs prayers. (Friend of Dickie & Carol Chapman)
- Sarah Cox had radiation for a lung problem on July 10th. Please keep her in prayer.
- Charles Whisnant passed away on July 7th. Please pray for the family. (Sonny Ross' brother-in-law)

Celebrations:

- We had a successful 4th of July Parade float.
- Stitches for Missions had a successful Quilt Workshop.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, July 26

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12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, July 27

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, July 30

9:15am Prayer in the CFC

9:30am Combined Sunday School

10:30am Men's Choir Practice

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 1

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 2

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, August 6

9:15am Combined Sunday School

11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, August 8

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 9

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 10

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, August 13

9:15am Combined Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 15

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 16

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 17

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, August 19

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, August 20

9:15am Combined Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Monday, August 21

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 22

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 23

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12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 24

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, August 27

9:15am Combined Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 29

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, August 30

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

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6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Summer Combined Sunday School & Upcoming Dates

August 6-August 27 – Summer Combined Sunday School CFC (for Children, Youth and Adults)

9:15 a.m. – Prayer time in the CFC

9:30 – 10:30 - Combined Sunday School lesson CFC

We are viewing: The Chosen video series Season 2: Blessed Are the Chosen

The Chosen series is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added.

Aug 6 - Lesson 5: The Merciful

Aug 13 - Lesson 6: The Pure in Heart

Aug 20 - Lesson 7: The Peacemakers

Aug 27 - Lesson 8: The Persecuted

September 3: There are no Sunday School classes.

Prayer time is in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

September 10: Regular Sunday School Classes will resume.

Thank you, Christian Education Committee



5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

July 30

8:45—9:15—Breakfast

9:15 am—Prayer Time

9:30—10:30 Combined Sunday School



Paw Creek Presbyterian Women

Hi Ladies!

The coordinating team has begun preparing materials for the 2023 - 2024 Circle year.

If you have had a change in your contact information, or if you would prefer large print literature, please contact Karen Turner at knoturner@gmail.com



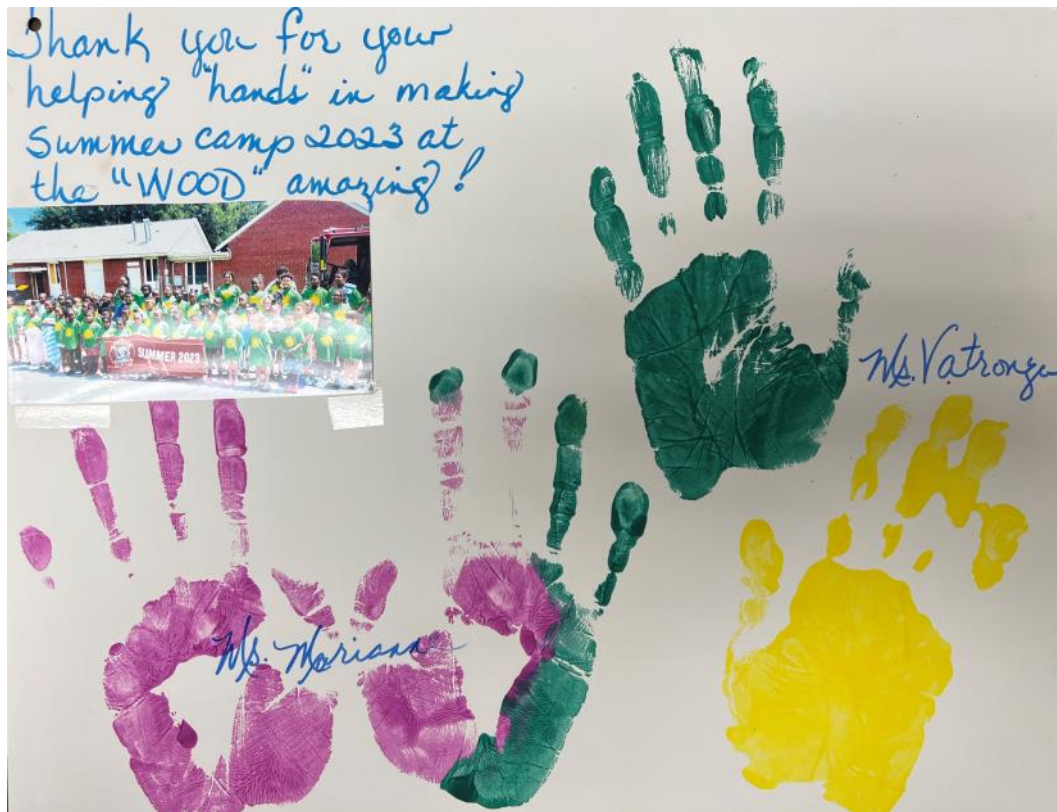
Scholarship Application

Each year the Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek Church offer our young adults (18-23) who are enrolled in or plan to attend a college, university, or technical institution a modest scholarship to help with the cost of their education. Applicants may apply twice for this yearly scholarship.

Application forms for the scholarship are found in the Narthex and Church office. This application can also be filled out in the attached fillable document. Please provide proof of admission to the college, university, or technical institution that you will be or are attending when you submit your application. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is July 31. For questions please contact Karen Turner.

Click here for the Application:

<https://www.pawcreekpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/PCPW-Scholarship-Application-2023.pdf>



Woodland Church Summer Camp

Our sister congregation, Woodland Presbyterian Church, is in the midst of a wonderful summer camp program for neighborhood children, which is offered at a very low cost to their families. Campers participate in academic enrichment, fun summer recreation, and weekly field trips for activities like skating, bowling and local museums.

The Paw Creek session was pleased to provide financial support to the camp to help fund transportation to make the field trips possible. Our gift was taken from the Flora Mae Love Fund, established with the generous bequest that Miss Flora Mae left after her death in 2020. She loved the children of our church, and we are grateful to be able to share her memory with this worthwhile project.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee to select candidates to serve on the Session for the Class of 2026 will begin meeting in August. Recommendations of church members for the committee to consider (including self-nominations) are welcome and encouraged. Please contact any member of the committee: Gene Hall and Amy McGee (from the Session) and Paul Bradley, Riley Moore and Judy Pinkston (from the Congregation).

Alexander Youth Network

Alexander Youth Network collection will be in August. Alexander Youth Network provides mental and behavioral health care to children of Charlotte and all over the state. Alexander offers 12 different mental health programs and services in Charlotte and surrounding counties.

Online Giving

Paw Creek has Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at www.pawcreekpc.org and follow the link on the home page.

Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)

For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the **new app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

Christmas in Paw Creek Arts and Crafts Fair

Sponsored by Troop 70



Saturday, **November 18**, 2023, 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC

Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70

If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481



The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers

Honor your loved one in Paw Creek's Memorial Prayer Garden. Commemorate the life of someone special with a brick paver.

You can personalize your message to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary, birthday or other life event. It will create a legacy that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and website.



August BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in August!

August 2

LeAnn Brenner
Lisa Muller

August 5

Justin Cashion

August 7

Ed Chapman, III
Charlie Killian, III

August 8

Marsha Cathey

August 12

Tess Whitlock

August 13

Betty Bethune
Angela Young

August 14

Sue Rusevlyan
Judith Prestwood

August 16

Tommy Miller

August 17

Grant Gaskins

August 21

Brooke Kendrick

August 22

Jim Pinkston
Dina Salvo

August 23

Emily Adkins
Jim Stogner
Skip Todd

August 24

Sarah Cox

August 25

Jenny Faust

August 27

Anna Rettew

August 28

Jane McArver

August 30

Jacob Burns
Dorsie White

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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 **August 23rd**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, August 21st at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in September. 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, August 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"The Power of Compassion"
Matthew 14: 13-21

Sunday, August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
"Don't Mind the Storm"
Matthew 14: 22-33

Sunday, August 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
"Conformity is for Losers"
Romans 12: 1-8

Sunday, August 27

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Peter Gets it Right"
Matthew 16: 13-20