



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2023

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[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/UC2hsczEt3wx85-  
QHJFcBEMA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2hsczEt3wx85-QHJFcBEMA)

*Online Giving is available on  
our Website*

### From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

We celebrate Homecoming every year at Paw Creek (world-wide pandemics excepting!) for many reasons. It's a great time to welcome back friends from years gone by, and for those friends to have the chance to join us again. It's a great time for food and fellowship and music. It's a great time for new friends to learn a little bit about our history and our heritage.

But beyond all those things, it's also a time for the past and future to meet:

The past is a rich treasure that we can continue to learn from: How did those before us understand God's plans for this church? What did it mean to love God's world so much that they gave of their hours and their dollars to insure that the Gospel would be heard? How did their dreams shape the world that we now share?

The future is the place where we can honor the past: How is the world that is unfolding in front of us different from what we know? What does the rock-solid faith of our forebears look like when it meets these new realities? How can we strive to make our faith and our witness as strong as it was long ago?

Homecoming gladdens our hearts with the presence of those we have missed - but as we listen to their stories and share our collective memories, Homecoming also jars us awake to see the world around us. We recognize things from the past that we had forgotten; we see visions of things in the future that will bring glory to God.

Homecoming is October 15 this year. Look for the announcement with the details, and share them with everyone you know. Come to be together again, and come prepared to be astounded by what will happen next!

Blessings, Elliott

# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## Prayer Requests:

- Howie Wall was in ICU with a GI Bleed. He is home now and appreciates prayers. (Debbie Taylor's Brother-in-law)
- Dickie Chapman's Carpal Tunnel surgery went well on the 21st. Carol is feeling better but still testing positive for COVID
- Margaret Osborne has COVID and is having a hard time. (Eddie & Jan Chapman's friend)
- Harold Staton had a pacemaker put in, but is now home.
- Reid Griffin's niece, Angela is improving.
- Ron Overbeck was hospitalized after a mild heart attack & stroke. (Karen Turner's brother)
- Gretchen Holton Freeman, who grew up here at Paw Creek, has inoperable lung cancer. Please keep Gretchen and her family in your prayers.
- Jean Savage is home from Rehab and improving.
- Bart Shaw has been hospitalized and is seriously ill. (Clint Shaw's father)

## Celebrations:

- Hoyt Johnston Celebrated his 92nd Birthday on Sept. 20th!
- Successful start to the Reading Program and CCC!

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday, September 27

### \*Newsletter

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

## Thursday, September 28

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, October 1

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

## Tuesday, October 3

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, October 4

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

## Thursday, October 5

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, October 8

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Monday, October 9

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## Tuesday, October 10

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, October 11

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

## Thursday, October 12

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, October 15

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship / Homecoming Sunday

## Tuesday, October 17

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, October 18

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

## Thursday, October 19

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Saturday, October 21

10:00am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, October 22

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Monday, October 23

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, October 24

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Wednesday, October 25

### \*Newsletter

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm CCC

## Thursday, October 26

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Sunday, October 29

9:00am 5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45am Combined Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, October 31

9:00am Cardio Fitness

## Upcoming Sermon Titles

### Sunday, October 1

**World Communion Sunday**  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
"The Elusive Gift of Water"  
Exodus 17: 1-7

### Sunday, October 8

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
"Grasping After Gold"  
Exodus 32: 1-6

### Sunday, October 15

**Homecoming Sunday**  
*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
"A Refuge, A Shelter, A Feast"  
Isaiah 25: 1, 4-9

### Sunday, October 22

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*  
Guest Preacher: Fred Rose

### Sunday, October 29

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*  
Guest Preacher: Joseph Jumper



## **New Session Members Elected**

At the Congregational Meeting on September 24, the following elders were elected to serve on Session:  
Class of 2026 (3 year terms): Dickie Chapman, Debbie McCord, Ken Scott and Debbie Taylor  
Class of 2024 (1 year term): Jim Stogner

Later in the fall the Session will examine them for service, and they will be installed to office in early January. Many thanks to those who have agreed to service, and to the members of the 2023 Nominating Committee: Gene Hall, Amy McGee, Paul Bradley, Riley Moore and Judy Pinkston



## 5th Friday Festivities

### **September 29th at 6:30pm in CFC**

Join the Fellowship Committee on Friday, **September 29th** at 6:30 in the CFC for food, games, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sam McCord (980-322-8512) or Donna Hall (704-502-3853) with a headcount by Wednesday, September 27th.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Sunday School News

Weekly Sunday school classes began on September 10 and are off to a good start!  
Sunday School from 9:45-10:30.

**Please join us on Sunday, October 29,**  
for a 5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class in the CFC.  
Adults and children will gather for:  
**Fellowship Breakfast 9:00-9:30**  
**Prayer Time 9:30-9:45**  
**Combined class 9:45-10:30. Rev. Joseph Jumper will be our teacher.**

Thank you, Christian Education Committee.

## Missions Class

In October, **Missions Class** will be completing a 31-week study of *The Story, the Bible as one continuing story of God and his People*.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be reading and having a seven-week discussion of *There Are No Answers Here, Only Questions*, a Memoir by Charlotte's own Charles Bruce McIntyre.

This book is a warm and neighborly invitation to join Bruce McIntyre on the weathered teak bench under the giant oak in his yard and be spellbound by the dual stories he spins- how he sold his successful business at the same time he was enduring debilitating cancer treatment. *There are No Answers Here, Only Questions* is beautifully crafted, wise, humorous, touching, and inspiring. Perhaps one of the most heartening questions in the book: "Is it strength that gives us hope, or hope that gives strength?" McIntyre rewards the reader with a generous helping of both. - Judy Goldman, author of *Child: A Memoir*.

Missions Class meets in the Parlor at 9:45 am on Sundays. You can pick up a copy of the book in the Parlor starting in October. Please read through page 60 prior to coming to class on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Contact Celia Gray 704-756-9697 for further information.

## 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

## News from Congregational Care

### Nursery

We have had some visitors who have small children ask if we have nursery available. As a committee we have decided to reactivate the nursery. Our policy requires us to have 2 adults in the room at all times. We are asking for volunteers. You would stay on an as need basis and if no children are in need then you will be able to attend Church.

### Special Friends / Visitation

1. There are some people who are no longer able to attend Church on a regular basis. If you find yourself or a family member in this group and would like to be added to our Special Friends list so that you can have visits from the visitation team, please contact Joy Tyler (704-399-8040) or the Church Office.
2. There are some visitation teams who feel that they are not able to continue with their commitment therefore we need to recruit some volunteers to be a part of this team. Each team is consists of 2 people who visit our Special Friends together. If you would be willing to be added to the list of visitors please contact Joy Tyler (704-399-8040) or the Church Office.

## Need a Ride to Church?

Mecklenburg County is providing free transportation for individuals 60 and older, or 18-59 who are disabled. These trips are to local grocery food chains, pharmacy's, farmers markets, barber shops & beauty salons, places of worship, and some medical appointments. The service is offered 364 days a year/7 days a week. If you know someone that could benefit from this service please feel free to share the telephone number below with them to schedule the trip. All trips must be scheduled 3 days in advance of the service.

Mecklenburg Transportation System Scheduling Line: 704-336-4547



## Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts is going to Historic Brattonsville (McConnells, SC) Thursday, **Nov 2nd**. We will **leave the church at 10:15, so be there by 10:05**. Cost is \$13, this includes a guided tour and gas for the church bus. We will stop @ Garden Cafe in York for lunch and shopping in their gift shop on the way there. Our tour of Historic Brattonsville starts at 1:30. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, Oct 30th**. Please contact Jan Chapman (704) 608-2283 or Vicki Ramsey (704)281-2836 to sign up or if you have any questions.

\*\*Happy Hearts is in need of some great door prizes for our January BINGO/Soup lunch. Start collecting now! You can give your donations to Karen Turner or Vicki Ramsey. Look for more information about this fun event in December.



BACKPACK  
Buddies

## Backpack Buddies News

A new school term has begun and so will our support for Backpack Buddies at River Oaks Elementary. The school is very excited and grateful that we are continuing this support for their students. The need is great this year and they have requested help for 15 students who are from families of great need.

The Presbyterian Women are requesting help in delivery of the backpack goods to the school each Friday, beginning October 6th. If you are interested in assisting with delivery, please email or text Teresa Painter or see her at Church to signup. Thank you so much for your help with this mission. The little ones are always the ones who are affected the most by poverty. In the tradition of Paw Creek to help those in need, please help us to continue support for this mission.



# SAMARITAN'S PURSE NOW HIRING

Work with Operation Christmas Child to process gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name.

Whether you're a people person or like working behind the scenes, we have a variety of seasonal employment openings at our regional shoebox processing centers.

From approximately mid-November to mid-December, jobs range from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons or operating forklifts in our warehouse.



Apply at [samaritanspurse.org/ocseasonaljobs](https://samaritanspurse.org/ocseasonaljobs)



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## Samaritan's Purse Job Opportunities

Our seasonal positions include a wide variety of customer service and warehouse roles (including team coaches, greeters, heavy lifters, Class-A CDL drivers, and forklift operators). The ideal candidate for this position has a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, aligns with the mission of Samaritan's Purse, works well with volunteers, and is flexible and able to function well in a fast-paced environment.

- Seasonal Employment (mid-November through mid-December) at the Operation Christmas Child facility in Charlotte.
- 40+ hours per week, Monday – Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off)
- Customer Service Team Member: 1st Shift Customer Service Jobs 2nd Shift Customer Service Jobs
- Warehouse Team Member: 1st Shift Warehouse Jobs 2nd Shift Warehouse Jobs
- Class-A CDL Truck Driving (\$25 per hour): CDL Job Posting
- Hourly pay rate of \$20 per hour for Customer Service and Warehouse Workers

God is so amazing. Last year we packed around 10.5 million shoeboxes and each shoebox impacts around 10 people for Jesus and a hundred million people impacted by this project each year.





## Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in October!

### October 1

Luke Gaskins

### October 18

Hannah-Ashland McCord  
Karen Turner

### October 26

Amelia Krebs  
Clint Shaw

### October 5

Darryl Stogner  
Barbara Lowrance  
Carolyn Summerlin

### October 19

Eddie Todd

### October 27

Jan Chapman

### October 10

Laura Gross  
Barbara Rumble

### October 23

Andrea Timberman

### October 28

Andrew Whitlock

### October 24

Jill Shannon

### October 29

Alexis Tyler

### October 15

Paul Bradley

### October 25

Joseph Burns

### October 31

Susan Guthrie

### October 17

Christian Muller

## Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **October 25th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, October 23rd at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in November. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! Kim

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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



**You're Invited!**

**Homecoming Sunday**

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

**October 15th**

Join us for Worship at 11:00

**All Friends and Family are invited!**

Potluck Luncheon after worship service Chicken, Ham and Drinks will be provided  
Please bring a dish and a memory to share.

**Special Presentation by the Daughters of the American Revolution**

Members of the DAR will visit Paw Creek on Homecoming Day, October 15 to dedicate memorials to two Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in our Cemetery:

- General Michael McLeary, who also served the community after the war as a State Senator and civic leader
- Private Adam Todd, a young soldier who went on after the war to become an active member of the local community

Descendants of both families are cordially invited to join us for Homecoming and lunch in the CFC. The dedication ceremony will take place at 2:00 pm in the Cemetery and is open to everyone.