



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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our Website*

From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

In these waning days of the year, and of our partnership together as congregation and pastor, I continue to be grateful for the generosity and vitality that each of you brings to our common calling. We live in this time and in this place as those who have heard the Good News. And because of that hearing, we strive to serve Christ's purposes in his world.

January will bring changes for all of us. But I am certain that what will come next for every one of us will be good. It will be chosen and accomplished by God, and through it God's purposes will be glorified. The Session of Paw Creek and the officers of the Presbytery of Charlotte are already working hard to prepare the way. They will keep everyone informed, and they will seek to listen to everyone's point of view. Please continue to serve Christ's purposes, because that is what is most important. Please do not be worried about how long it will take, because it will not take that long.

But that is all on the horizon, in January and beyond. For now, Christmas is upon us. The promise of a Savior is as powerful today as it was when it was first proclaimed by angel messengers of God. Let us think about that for awhile. May that truth heal our sorrows and gladden our hearts. May our words ring loudly and clear: Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to us all.

Peace,
Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Prayers for the families involved in the accident on Gum Branch Rd. Friday morning where eleven year old, Hendrix Truesdale, a Coulwood STEM student, was hit and killed by a vehicle.
- Please pray for Anna Rettew who is in Huntersville hospital after a small stroke Sunday night. She is feeling ok but cannot talk right now. Her family asks for our prayers that this will get better soon.
- Prayers needed for Suzette Johnston Barker, for doctors to find problem and treatment. She is at Novant Hospital in Huntersville.
- Wayne and Bobby Graef still need prayers. (Jan & Carol Chapman's brothers)
- Craig Holton passed away this week from complications of appendicitis. No arrangements at this time.
- Joan Wilson asks us to pray for her daughter as she continues to recover from recent hernia surgery.
- Please keep the Tyler Family in your prayers, Bill's sister, Linda is not doing well.
- Continue prayers for those impacted by recent Hurricanes.
- Judy Gable Rankin, a former member of Paw Creek Presbyterian passed away on Nov. 23rd.
- Henry Sadler, a member of the community died a few weeks ago.
- Chad McArver's procedure went well last week.
- Karen Cathey retired on Friday.

Those We Continue to Pray For:

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| • Gretchen Holton Freeman | • Kristen Turner |
| • Angie Ross | • Jean Todd |
| • Sam McCord | • Hailey Venable |
| • Jane McArver | • Chad McArver |
| • Robin Wodarski | • Steve Wallace |

Church Calendar

Wednesday, December 18

*Newsletter

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline for 12/22, 12/24, 12/29 & 1/5**
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 22

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, December 24

9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

*Church Office Closed—Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26

*Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

11:30am Worship—Guest: Betsy Williamson

Monday, December 30

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 31

*Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

*Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

*Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, January 19

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 20

12:00pm **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

*Newsletter

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

Thursday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Christmas Eve Service

Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 7:30 pm

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 19 immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting will be a vote to concur with Elliott Hipp in a joint request to the Presbytery of Charlotte to dissolve our pastoral relationship effective January 31, upon his retirement from active ministry.



Happy Hearts

Monday, January 27, 2025

11:00am

BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO in the CFC! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!

Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 22, 2025 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

We are in need of some great door prizes!



Sunday School News

2024 Sunday School classes continue through December 22

2025 Sunday School classes begin on January 5

There are no Sunday School classes on December 29.

On that Sunday, prayer time will be in the Chapel at 10:30

Thank you, Christian Ed. Committee



Dear Paw Creek,

Thank You so much for your caring and service to our devastated community on the Catawba River; Mountain Island Lake. Providing a lovely dinner & a place for fellowship for our community renewed our faith. Although the flood was a major event in our lives, the celebration with Paw Creek made a huge difference.

Thank You!

Catawba River Community



Stitches for Missions

Stitches for Missions will not meet again until **January 18th** 10:30 in the Parlor.

Congregational Care

If you or a family member would like to be added to our Special Friends list for visitations, cards, calls or any combination of these, please contact Amy McGee 704-578-3908 or the Church Office 704-392-0329

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, graduation 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.

Good News for Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program

Our reading program is back for our 4th school year

Our **Woodland/Paw Creek Reading Program** kicked off on December 10th. Nine (9) second graders from Paw Creek Elementary arrived at our parking lot on CMS bus #5. Also on the bus, were several third graders from last year's class who were happy to see us again. Our Reading Program Facilitator Sarah Taylor is back, and has activities lined up for our new students. We will host an open house for our new families on December 17th at 5 pm, after dismissal.



Queen City Ringers Present
**Traditions
of
Christmas**

**Join us for a
Holiday Handbell Concert**
Presented by
The Queen City Ringers
Saturday, December 21st
2:00pm
Cook's Church
3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28216
Love Offering will be collected.
Questions – 704-399-7735
QCR Website: qcr.weebly.com
Cook's Website: www.cookschurch.org



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in January!

January 2

Mark Muller

January 11

Phillip McCord

January 18

Joyce Joy
Jessica Kincaid
Kaitlyn Revalee

January 4

Debbie McCord

January 13

Todd Miller
Donna Timberman
Tucker Torrence

January 19

Tori Caudill

January 5

Eric Cathey

January 17

Brian Gross

January 25

Eddie McArver
Toni Torrence

January 6

Vickie Joy

January 31

Stephanie Sudderth

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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 **January 22nd**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, January 20th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in February. 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, January 5

Sunday of the Epiphany
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"Better Late Than Never"
Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday after Epiphany
"Who We Are"
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Sunday, January 12

First Sunday after Epiphany
Ordination/Installation of Elders
"What Baptism Does"
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany
"Whose We Are"
Luke 4: 14-21