



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor...

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Dear Paw Creek,

To quote the "Old Preacher" who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

I learned early this week that the time has come for a season and a purpose that we had hoped would not come nearly so soon. Our friend, colleague and church musician Mark Burleson will be leaving Paw Creek in a few weeks, and it will be hard to say goodbye. The good news is that God has provided Mark with a wonderful new opportunity to bring his considerable talents to the extensive music program of a large congregation in Raleigh. As we know so well, this is a work for which Mark is eminently suited, and we of all people know that he will grace his new role not only with heavenly music, but also with the friendship and love he has sown with all of us for so many years.

But of course the good news comes with the sad task of saying goodbye. And, truth be told, we wonder what will become of us and our worship experience? How will Sunday mornings ever be the same? The short answer is that they will not be the same. The somewhat longer answer is that we still have a choir director and a choir (as they transition back to the choir loft) who will always fill our hearts with the joy of heavenly music that lifts us into the everlasting arms. And the final answer is that God's plans for us are as excellent as they are unknown. The person who sits at the piano a few months from now will not be Mark, but he or she will have been placed there not by us, but by God. And whatever is different when that time comes, it will be a difference that God will use to lead us to serve his kingdom and his suffering world in exactly the way that he has chosen. Through tears of parting, may our eyes see a glimpse of the new season and the new purpose that God has for us and for Mark, our friend and brother in Christ.

Now, a few words of practical matters. Mark's final day will be Sunday, July 18. However, due to previously scheduled vacation, he will be gone July 4 and 11, so our last opportunities to worship together will be this coming Sunday, June 27, and July 18. The Session and our committees are beginning to plan a celebration for the 18th that will allow us to send Mark off with thanks and joy. With the leadership of the Administration and Worship Committees, Session will also plan for the transition after the 18th, looking first to temporarily supply our music needs, and then authorizing a search committee to find a permanent replacement. We will keep everyone posted through each step of the process, and the search committee will ensure the chance for lots of input from the congregation, and especially from our choir.

May God grace us all in amazing ways in the weeks and months ahead,

Elliott

## Adult Education News

- The **Wednesday night Bible Study group** is on vacation through the end of the summer. When we resume in September, we plan to return to our pre-pandemic schedule: identical classes on Wednesday in the parlor at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. There will also be a Zoom option for the evening class. Look for more details in August.
- The weekly **Men's Bible Study Class** has changed its regular meeting day to **Thursday** mornings beginning June 24. Schedule remains the same: Lesson at 6:30 am in the CFC dining room; breakfast at 7:30 at Circle G's.
- The next two **Combined Sunday School** gatherings will be on **July 11** and **August 8**: a light breakfast at 9:15 in the CFC, followed by a devotional lesson until 10:30.
- Regular **Sunday School** classes will resume in September.

## Anne Moore's Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service for Anne Moore on:

Saturday, **July 17 at 3 pm.**

Faith Presbyterian Church  
7520 Charlotte Hwy  
Indian Land, SC 29707

(That is about 9 miles down Hwy 521 toward Lancaster from Ballantyne. 521 has two other names - Johnson Road and Charlotte highway.)



## PW Scholarships

PW Scholarships are available for young adults who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in 2021. You may apply two times for the PW scholarship. Scholarships are awarded based according to the number of applications and funds available each year. Please contact Celia Gray at [celia@tcgracing.com](mailto:celia@tcgracing.com) or 704-756-9697 to apply.



# JULY BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in July!

### July 1

Ashley Brown  
Brooke Miller

### July 3

Autumn Ballenger  
Tommy Cashion

### July 4

Morgan Kendrick

### July 5

Kelsey Kenley  
Nick McGee  
Gordon Taylor

### July 6

David Hamby  
Allen Middleton

### July 7

Gene Hall  
Frank Krebs  
Bryce Moore

### July 8

Sam McCord

### July 9

Gary Gaskins

### July 10

Stephanie Alexander  
James Padgett  
Jerry Smith

### July 11

J.J. Krebs  
Lisa Revalee

### July 12

Ann Furr

### July 13

Harold Staton

### July 15

Elizabeth Honeycutt

### July 16

Todd Corbin

### July 18

Linus Whitlock

### July 19

Scott Kincaid  
Logan Wallace

### July 20

Elaine Hamby

### July 21

Betty Barnette

### July 22

Frances Lyerly

### July 24

Leslie Joy  
Katelyn Kenley

### July 27

Charlene Todd

### July 28

Steve Caudill

### July 30

Mike Johnson  
Tammy Reel

### July 31

Betty Field  
Tanya Gross  
Maegan Normand  
Jean Todd  
Susan Wallace

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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 **July 8th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Tuesday, July 6th at noon.

Thank you! *Kim*

## Loaves & Fishes Priority Needs

- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, etc...
- Pastas - Dry Boxed or Canned
- Rice in 1 pound bags
- Canned Fruit: low sugar or in juice
- Cereal- low sugar
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables

**No Glass Please**

## Upcoming Sermon Titles

### Sunday, June 27

*5th Sunday after Pentecost*

Mark 6: 1-13

“Go to the Villages”

### Sunday, July 4

*6th Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Mark 6: 30-44

Part 1: “A Deserted Place”

### Sunday, July 11

*7th Sunday after Pentecost*

Mark 6: 30-44

Part 2: “How Many Loaves”

### Sunday, July 18

*8th Sunday after Pentecost*

Mark 8: 22-26

“The Trees are Walking”