



# September 2024 Newsletter

## Pinopolis Community Church

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## Heaven



**Pastor Jeff Roper**

We all wonder about Heaven. What is it like? We can imagine it this way or that, we can search Scriptures to gain a better idea. But our imaginations come short of the glory there and Scripture offers a surprisingly small amount of detail about our future home. We do, however, the witness of some Bible characters who got glimpses of Heaven.

Isaiah appears to be in Heaven when he sees God seated on a throne (Isaiah 6). Stephen was given a glimpse of Heaven just before he was martyred for his faith (Acts 7:55-6). The Apostle Paul was brought into Heaven as he describes in II Corinthians 12:2. These

glimpses took place at special moments in the lives of these men. Not much detail about Heaven is revealed in the passages mentioned, except to say that God is in Heaven and Heaven is a marvelous place.

John tells us the most important fact about Heaven—God is there! “God’s presence is with people, and he will live with them and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and be their God.” (Revelation 21:3). In heaven, believers will enjoy the presence of God, an experience that has not been fully available to humanity since the fall in the Garden (Genesis 3).

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God. Ezekiel called it the “garden of God” (Ezekiel 28:13). That all came to an end when they sinned. They were driven out of the Garden and God placed an angel there with a flaming sword in all directions east of the garden (Genesis 3:24). Anyone who wished to return to the garden had to face the judgment of the sword.

We, as God’s people, despite the fact Eden is no longer is accessible, can still experience this same closeness with him on earth, though only a fraction of the original closeness. As Christians we can confidently proclaim, “God is with us!” Christ’s incarnation, sinless life, and subsequent death on the cross makes that possible for us. John wrote, “No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son...has shown us what God is like.” (John 1:18). Jesus Christ is the ultimate form of God’s presence with humanity on earth.

Here and now, we get only small glimpses of Heaven, but praise God, through his Son Jesus Christ, we can all experience it fully some day.

May God bless us as we trust Him endeavor to serve Him daily---Jeff



**Begins Sept. 4**



**Saturday, Sept. 21**

**Trustee of the Month:**

**Jolinda Phillips**

**(843) 509-9638**

## Volunteers are needed

Are you looking for an area to get involved with here at PCC? We are in need of volunteers for children's church, nursery and Wednesday nights (children's group and youth). If you feel led to help with any of these groups, please let Jaclyn know as soon as possible.

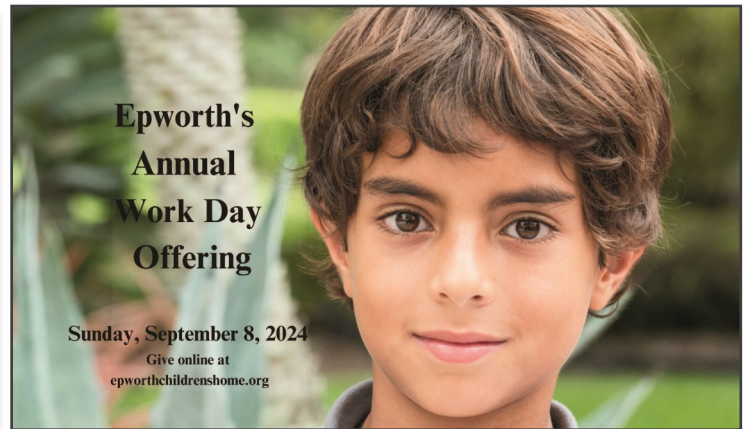
If you have an interest in being a more active participant in the worship service the areas that we have available are liturgist, ushers, communion steward, communion server, flower guild, decorating committee, audio/visual team, and the choir. If any of those groups interest you, please let Brian know.

### Children's Church

- 1 Nancy Phillips
- 8 Jaclyn Gatlin
- 15 Karen Kodama
- 22 Jaclyn Gatlin
- 29 Jaclyn Gatlin

### Nursery

- 1 Michelle Roper
- 8 Dot Gatlin
- 15 Tracey Hill
- 22 Michelle Roper
- 29 Ann Maggard



## Epworth offering to be collected Sept. 8

Epworth currently serves more than 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and other prevention services. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 128 years through the generous support of churches like ours. The annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, Sept. 8, benefits the children and families who are served by Epworth. For more information on Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

## Boy Scout popcorn sales are happening now

It's that time of year again! Boy Scout Troop 743 at Pinopolis Community Church is selling popcorn as part of their annual fundraising efforts. The sale will last throughout the month of September. Look for the scouts to set up to sell before the meal at one of our Wonderful Wednesdays during the month of September. The date will be announced.

Seventy percent of popcorn sales stays locally and pays for summer camp, outdoor adventures, program expenses, and helps families who cannot afford scouting. This fundraiser helps the scouts learn public speaking, goal setting, entrepreneurship, perseverance, and how to earn their way.

If you would like to purchase popcorn and support our Boy Scout troop, please contact one of the scouts, or see Ayven Bremer, Tracey Hill or Marcy in the church office.

# 70% STAYS LOCAL!\*



	<b>HONEY ROASTED PEANUTS</b> \$30		<b>VIRGINIA SALTED PEANUTS</b> \$25		<b>UNBELIEVABLE BUTTER MICROWAVE POPCORN</b> \$25		<b>SALTED CARAMEL CORN</b> \$25
	<b>S'MORES POPCORN</b> \$25		<b>WHITE CHEDDAR POPCORN</b> \$20		<b>POPPING CORN</b> \$20		<b>SWEET &amp; SALTY KETTLE CORN</b> \$15



**MORE ONLINE PRODUCTS & NUTRITIONAL FACTS**

**ONLINE SCOUT ID:** \_\_\_\_\_



**HEROES & HELPERS™ DONATIONS**

Thank you for supporting Scouting by providing heartwarming snacks to military personnel and their families, first responders and local food banks!

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PCC Men prepared breakfast for Berkeley High School Football on Friday, Aug. 23, and fed close to 100 players, coaches and staff. The team appreciated the great breakfast and message.



## PCC CAPS

The PCC Men's Group has purchased some PCC caps to assist with outreach and supporting church activities. If you would like to purchase a cap, contact Gene Kodama. The caps will be sold at their cost – \$27 each for the first batch. They are of high quality and embroidered with the church logo. Another batch will be purchased when the first ones sell out.

## PCC Men to host yard sale and breakfast on Nov. 9

The PCC Men plan to participate in the upcoming Pinopolis Road Yard Sale on Saturday Nov. 9, as a fundraising event. Setup will be at the Fellowship Hall and the outside grounds. Church members and friends are encouraged to contribute items for the PCC Men to sell and bring them to the Fellowship Hall on the Thursday or Friday before the event.

For church members, friends or neighbors, tables will be availa-

ble to rent in the Fellowship Hall for \$25 for the day, and spaces outside for a \$15 minimal donation. Bring your own table and tent for the outside.

Tables may be used to sell crafts and yard sale items. No clothing.

A light buffet breakfast will be available for a donation from 7 to 10 am. More details to follow.

6	Jenna Kate Hoffman	20	Jolinda Phillips
9	Libby Gaskins	20	Andy Wood
10	Revonda Hardesty	22	Tristen Maggard
12	Hope Martin	24	Nancy Potts
13	Linda O'Brien	25	Cale Sweat
15	William Jordan	26	Brittany Cooper
16	Jeremy Harrell	29	Jenny Jennings



SEPTEMBER 2024

# BLAST NEWS



"We are excited to begin our weekly gatherings this month! All grade levels (K-12th) will meet at 6 p.m. every Wednesday night after the covered dish dinner. This year we will be getting more involved in our community by participating in trash cleanups and performing random acts of kindness. Our goal always has been and continues to be to have youth grow in their relationship with God. We want our children and youth to understand that "Christian" isn't just a title we give ourselves because we believe in God. It is an active relationship with God.

We have many events coming up for the Fall and Winter so please be sure to mark your calendar when dates come out (check the upcoming dates on the right hand side)!

We are always in need of volunteers! If you are interested in helping with the BLAST groups on Wednesday nights, please reach out to Jaelyn Gatlin. We would greatly appreciate the help.

## Upcoming Dates:

9/4/2024: Wednesday Night Meetings Resume!

10/6/2024: Christmas Play Practices begin every Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

10/26/2024: Trunk or Treat

11/16/2024: youth fundraiser

12/14/2024: Christmas Play

## Youth Needs:

Volunteers for events and Wednesday Nights! Please call or text Jaelyn for more information!

Contact Info:

Youth Director- Jaelyn Gatlin

(843) 749-2137

[blastyouth.pcc@gmail.com](mailto:blastyouth.pcc@gmail.com)



OUR MISSION: TO GROW YOUNG LIVES IN CHRIST; GUIDING THEM TO DISCIPLESHIP, EVANGELISM, AND FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE.

# Announcements for September

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wonderful Wednesday will resume in our normal Bible study format Sept. 4. The covered-dish meal begins at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm. we will begin with an introduction to Apocalyptic Literature prior to studies of Apocalyptic portions of Scripture. A handout on the subject will be distributed. BLAST will also meet at 6 pm. Choir Practice begins at 7 pm.

## WEDNESDAY WOMEN

Wednesday Women will meet on Saturday, Sept 7, at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. They are planning another homemade soup sale on Saturday, Oct. 5.

## FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

Are you interested in flower decor or learning how to create flower arrangements? If so, we will be offering flower decorating classes on Sept. 8 and 15 at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The classes are free, and we would love to have you join us. The first class will cover the basics, and the second class will get into more advanced arrangements. If interested, please let Brian Shepherd know in person or by email at [brianshepherdmusic@gmail.com](mailto:brianshepherdmusic@gmail.com).

## PC WOMEN

Pinopolis Christian Women will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

## TRUSTEES

Trustees will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 pm in the Viv Ingle Bible Classroom.

## LUNCH & A MOVIE

A lunch and movie trip to see *The Forge*, the sequel to *War Room*, is planned for Friday, Sept. 13. Let Davey Hare know if you'd like to go.

## HOPE REPAIR

Hope Repair will meet on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7 am at Pointe North Church.

## PCC MEN

PCC Men meet on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit information in the October 2024 newsletter is Thursday, Sept. 19.

## CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

Bring your yard tools, rakes and work gloves on Sat-

urday, Sept. 21, at 8 am to help spruce up the church grounds for our next Church Clean Up Day. Contact the Trustees if you have any questions.

## CRUNCH BUNCH

Crunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be salad and baked potato bar, dessert and drink. All are welcome to come and bring a friend.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room Sunday School Classroom.

## ALABAMA THEATER TRIP

Those interested in attending the Alabama Theater for a show and meal in November or December should contact Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238. A date has not been set.

## MONCKS CORNER FARMERS MARKET

Sarah Hare, Georgie Ford and friends are selling baked goods at the Moncks Corner Farmers Market every Thursday from 3-7 pm behind Delta Pharmacy. Jim and Fran Bunch will also be there selling fruits and vegetables.

## CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 743 for ages 5-11 meets on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Education Building. For more information, contact Donna Lynes at (843) 696-2438. Boy Scout Troop 743 meets Monday nights at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall for boys ages 12-18. For information, please contact Chris Benton at (843) 754-6859.

The Boy Scouts have started their annual popcorn sale fundraiser. To purchase popcorn, please see one of our scouts or contact Marcy in the church office.

## GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop 192 meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays 6 pm in the Seekers Classroom. Contact Brenda Butler at (843) 670-4855 for more info.

## UPPER ROOM

Copies of the new September/October *The Upper Room* in both regular and large print are available in the Fellowship Hall and the church office. Past issues are available on a bottom shelf in the library. If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact Marcy in the church office at (843) 761-8477.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 am: Sunday School 10 am: Worship	<b>2</b> Labor Day Office Closed No Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm: Won. Wednesday 6 pm: Bible Study & BLAST 7 pm: Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 am: Wed. Women (FH)
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