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November 2024 Newsletter

Pinopolis Community Church

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Dear brothers, sisters & friends:



Pastor Jeff Roper

Heart to Heart

I often say as we close worship, “The altar is always open.” Those words are true and heartfelt. I observe that we sometimes carry around burdens unnecessarily. There is no magic place to kneel in prayer and not magic words to include in our prayers. Prayer and confession are spiritual matters, not logistical exercises or choreographed exercises. The writer of Hebrews encourages us by telling us to take care that our hearts are right and even calls us “partners of Christ.”

“12 Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.” –Hebrews 3.12-14

Last week, Jaclyn, in one of her wonderful children’s moments, talked about looking like a Christian. We are often challenged to examine ourselves in comparing our walk to our professions of discipleship. I would suggest there exists a problem within a person who professes to be a Christian but never feels spiritual conviction or the need for self-examination. None of us is perfect in our walk. There is no shame in praying for forgiveness, even in front of people.

God wants to hear from us, heart to heart. He calls us to examine ourselves and confess where we fail.

The writer of Hebrews warns against having evil, unbelieving hearts, placing the conditional phrase, “if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.” IN other words, the message is for us to live out the faith we claim to possess.

My great aunt Ella used to say to people who were living contrary to what they claimed as faith, “You are doing so loud that I can’t hear what you are saying.” That is the same thing Jaclyn told the children and the writer or Hebrews tells us.

My God bless us all as we walk faithfully in His paths! --Jeff



Saturday, Nov. 9



Tuesday, Nov. 12



Saturday, Nov, 23

Trustee of the Month:

Billy Ford

(843) 312-8098

PCC Men host yard sale and breakfast on Nov. 9

As a fundraising and community outreach event, the PCC Men will participate in the "Pinopolis Road Yard Sale" on Saturday November 9, 2024. Setup will be in the Fellowship Hall and the outside grounds. Church members and friends are encouraged to contribute items for the PCC Men to sell and/or participate in the event. Donated items can be brought to the Men at the shed behind the Fellowship Hall on Saturday November 2nd or Monday the 4th between 9 AM and 1 PM. If items cannot be brought during those time periods, donors can call the

church at 843 761-8477 to schedule a delivery. Tables will be available to rent in the Fellowship Hall for a minimum donation of \$25 for the day and spaces outside for a \$15 minimum donation. Participants need to bring their own table and/or tent as desired for an outside space. Contact Lynn Smith to reserve a table or space. PCC Men will not sell crafts or clothing. Participants who rent tables may sell items of their choice. Breakfast will be available for a donation from 7 to 10 AM. The Fellowship Hall and grounds will be open for sales starting

at 7:00 AM PCC Men will accept cash or local checks. No credit cards please. Please let Lynn Smith, Gene Kodama, or CT Meree know if you have any questions. THANK YOU!



Soup, Bake & Craft Sale set for November 23

The Pinopolis Christian Women will host their annual Soup, Bake and Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of soup, baked goods, and quart jars would be greatly appreciated. Any help on the day of the sale would be appreciated. Tables are \$10 each, call Ann Matthews at (843) 899-3695 or Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238. Craft tables can be set-up on Friday or by 8 am Saturday morning. We will accept cash or checks; some vendors may take credit cards. Thank you church family for all of your support.

Run for Thanks November 23

The Kiwanis Club of Moncks Corner announce the 39th annual "RUN FOR THANKS" for Saturday, November, 23rd, for the benefit of the Terrific Kids Program. There will be a 5K run and a 1mile Health walk starting at 9:00 am in front of the Church. Registration forms will be in the church office and fellowship hall. See Lynn Smith for more information.



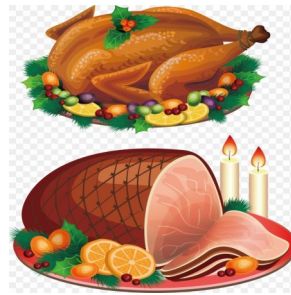
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| 7 | Marcy Benton | 18 | Deborah Spera |
| 10 | Robin Austin | 22 | Kirby Hoffman |
| 11 | Ed Kennedy | 27 | Terry Hardesty |
| 13 | Arleigh Wells | 27 | Lorelei Williams |
| 13 | Robin Perry | 29 | Dr. David Rodgers |
| 14 | Tracey Hill | 29 | Lisa Swiney |

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Shoeboxes are available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign in when picking up your boxes. Bring them back on or before Tuesday, Nov. 12. For more information, contact Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238.

Holiday Meal



You are invited to join our



Church Family for our traditional Holiday Meal on Sunday December 15, in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship hour. Meat will be provided and we ask that you bring a covered dish or dessert to share. We hope you'll plan to come!



Blood Drive

Our first Red Cross Blood Drive of 2025 is scheduled for Sunday, February 2 from 11:30 until 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and sign up soon to support the Red Cross with your donation. You may donate a Whole Blood Unit at any other location until December 7, 2024 and still be eligible for this Blood Drive. If you have donated a Power Red Unit since October 12, you will not be eligible. You may schedule your appointment by going online to redcross.org or call Robin Austin (843) 761-4730.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays continues through Nov. 20. The covered-dish meal begins at 5:30 pm. Bible Study begins at 6 pm. BLAST will also meet at 6 pm. Choir Practice begins at 7 pm.

December

- 8 Cookies with Santa
- 10-13 Angel Tree
- 15 BLAST Christmas Play
- 24 Christmas Eve Service



NOVEMBER 2024

BLAST NEWS



It's that time of year when we are prepping for the Christmas play! The children are working hard at practices on Sunday nights. Please be sure to come and support our PCC kids as they tell the story of Jesus! The play will be the evening of December 15. Practices are Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. If you have a younger child that would like to dress up and take part in a nativity scene (no speaking lines), please message me so we can arrange a costume! They will need to be at a dressed rehearsal that will take place on December 1. If you are interested in volunteering to help the night of the play, please let me know as well. We could use some extra hands.

Our last Wednesday meeting of the year will be November 20th. On this night, the kids will be participating in a "Friendsgiving" as we continue to study the disciples. Food and supplies will be provided; children just come as usual.

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

Upcoming Dates:

All Wednesday Meetings begin at 6 p.m. after the covered dish dinner.

11/20: Last Wednesday night meeting for 2024

12/1: Christmas play dressed rehearsal.

12/15/2024: Christmas Play

Youth Needs:

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

Contact Info:
Youth Director- Jaclyn Gatlin
(843) 749-2137
blastyouth.pcc@gmail.com

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



Announcements for November

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

The Wednesday Women will meet on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

PINOPOLIS ROAD YARD SALE

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HOPE REPAIR

PCC will provide breakfast for Hope Repair on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 am at Pointe North Church..

PINOPOLIS CHRISTIAN WOMEN

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

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PCC MEN

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit information in the December 2024 newsletter is Thursday, Nov. 21.

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ALABAMA THEATER TRIP

Those interested in attending the Alabama Theater for a show on Wednesday, Dec. 11, should contact Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238. We will be leaving the church at 10 am. The show is \$35 plus dinner at Original Benjamin's is \$28.50, for a total of \$63.50 if attending both. We will take the bus, and some will drive their cars.

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UPPER ROOM

Copies of the new November/December *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 the church office at (843) 761-8477.

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