



“A Stones Throw”
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016

Friday December 18th –all youth join us at church at 5:30PM. We are going caroling and then to Sherri & Jeff Davis's for a great meal! Don't forget \$5.00 white elephant gift for exchange.

What a blessing to have our children in the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 20th ! It is not too late for your child to join in one more practice this Saturday, 10-12:00. (feel free to drop them off) Costumes first and then practice.

This Sunday, December 20th we ask that children come by 7:30 AM. Parents will be dismissed with children at 8:00 Service during the peace (after the program) to eat breakfast. At 10:30 service feel free to leave after communion. These are precious memories with your child you do not want to miss!

Calling all Pisgah Children!
This Sunday, December 20th

8 & 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Christmas Program

9:00-10:00 AM Breakfast for all (Join us!)

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.
Christmas Eve December 24th services 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM Thursday both are candlelight and Communion Services.



Happy New Year 2016

(One More Pastor's Point)

So what resolutions should we make as individuals and as a congregation the New Year 2016? Three things in particular that will help ensure that 2016 is also grounded in His will and work.

First, of all prayer—that He continues to be the center and focus of our life together—that we follow our Lord's lead---especially future plans.

Second, Worship---as we gather weekly or on Wednesday(s) in Lent. Someone asked how we had so many (over 150) every Wednesday in Advent and the answer I heard was, "no one wants to miss anything." Worship is a great time when God does encounter us---don't miss it.

Third, Bible Study---What a joy it is to dig into God's Word. I can't begin to express my gratitude for our Tuesday night 5:30-6:30 guys Bible Study. We have so many opportunities and some brand New---What a great New Year's resolution to commit to some Bible Study opportunity: Women's Monday Mornings 10-11:30 and Wednesday 6:15-7:30 pm. Also new Sunday School Blessing Class 9:15-10:15.

Monday—Women's Bible Study @ 10:00. Study on Ephesians 5

Tuesday—Men's Bible Study @ 5:30-6:30 on Mark

Wednesday—Women's Bible Study (Upper Room) Mom's when you bring your kids to Mt. Pisgah Bible Study @ 6:15-7:30---Join us for dinner 5:45-6:15 too!

What a great way to start the New Year!

This page got a little "preachy" so shorter sermon on Sunday. See you in Worship!

God Bless
Pastor Mike

*Wednesday, January 6th **ConfirmationMoms** join us for dinner 5:45-6:15 and brief meeting with Pastor Mike @ 7:30 after confirmation th the **Youth Room.**

Budget and Attendance Information
For the Month of December 2015

Needed Weekly	\$ 7,296.10
Offering for December (2 weeks)	\$15,045.08
B2B3 Building Fund	\$ 1,650.00

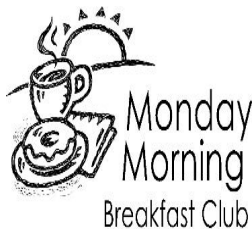
The Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Food for the month of **January** is soup and crackers, pork -n- beans, dried bean and rice peanut butter, Jelly, tuna, vegetables, canned chicken, canned green beans, canned tomatoes, mac and cheese, and Jams. Food stamp recipients cannot buy health items with food stamps so laundry detergent, shampoo and paper products (**especially toilet paper & soap**) are always needed and appreciated.



The Food Pantry is open on:
 Monday 3:00-5:00 PM
 Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM.

Breakfast Club Schedule 2016



Monday @ 9:00 AM

Altar Guild Volunteer 10:30 Service
For the year of 2016

January



Lay Assistants for 2016



8:00

10:30

January Libby Sigmon Vicki Boyd

2016 Ushers

8:00 Ushers

10:30 Ushers

January Darrell & Libby Sigmon Michael Farmer & Steve Boyd

We have a few months still availableIf you want to participate/be a usher, please contact Libby Sigmon and let her know what month would work best for you.



Check us out on the web!!! Our website has been updated and we want to know what you think? Find us at www.mtpisgahelca.org Leave us a message on our Facebook page and tell us your thoughts and ideas. Keep in touch with your church family and friends on Facebook! If you have something to contribute, email to mtpisgahelca@gmail.org Mt. Pisgah is such a caring community, these are ways we can keep in touch!



* Sunday Sermon on now on web!

Men's Bible Study

Start your new year with us!

Tuesday, January 12th

5:30-6:30



Men's Bible Study

Weddings for the 2016 Year

July	9 th	Tessa Stafford
October	8 th	Maggie & David
November	12 th	Alex & Russell

Upcoming Weddings



Dear Confirmation Parents,

It has been such a blessing to have your child in Confirmation. We have all been blessed with life changing memories and a faith-filled connection with God for life. This class of young people are extra special. That is why I want to make their March Confirmation so memorable.

The dates for these more to celebrate their Confirmation is Saturday, April 23rd for the Confirmation Banquet and Sunday April 24 for Confirmation Sunday. If you could do several things: by Wednesday, January 6th, please gather 12-30 pictures from baby to now for the video; have your child prepare a rough draft of their faith papers and begin to check with family and friends as to who can join us for Confirmation Banquet—so that we get closer to a number to expect.

Besides our Wednesdays nights, I will be meeting with each of the Confirmands in late February to go over their Faith Papers as well as to discuss their personal faith journeys. It is such a blessing to share in ministry with them and you.

Blessing In Christ

Pastor Mike

*Gift Bags for our 9 Confirmands will be in the Narthex. Thanks so much!



* Meeting with Confirmation Moms on Wednesday, January 6th after the Women's Bible Study 7:30 in Youth Room.



Adult Sunday School News

Grab your cup of coffee and meet with us in Upper Rooml at 9:15AM.

Thanks to Janice Simmons for leading our class during December.

January Leaders will be discussion a new series called "The Blessing".

Join us!

Books on sale in the Narthex Hall \$5.00

Special Christmas Blessings

- ★ Thanks to all who participated in helping in our Christmas Appeal Match.
- ★ Thanks to all who participated in the B2B3 Match.
- ★ We are truly Blessed to Be a Blessing!

The staff at Mt. Pisgah would like to thank each and every member for their generous Christmas gift this year.



**Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
Thank you very much!
Sincerely your staff.**

New Members Class

Sunday, February 21st 9:15-10:15 in room #100 with Pastor Mike

We are so blessed to have new members join



New Members Class
with us.

They will be received on **March 2nd** at the Wednesday Night Lenten Service

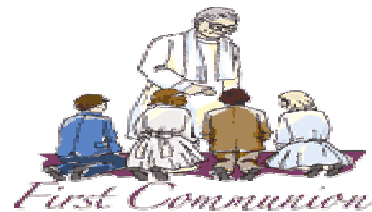
Church Council Dinner

Church Council Dinner will be on **Saturday January 9th 6:00 PM** @ 820 Wynnshire Ridge Club House. Spouses welcome. We will have our council meeting following our dinner time. Please RSVP to Pastor Mike.



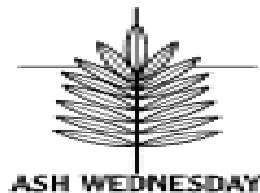
First Communion Class

Our First Communion Class will be Saturday, March 19th 10-1:00 (with lunch). At least one parent is asked to attend. Pastor Mike and Crystal Cook will be leading this so please let them know or call the office if you plan to attend or have any questions. (First Communion will be celebrated with families on Palm Sunday, March 20th)



Lent comes early this year!

Make plans to join us as we begin our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Dinner 5:15-6:15 service 6:30-7:00



This year our youth will lead us with special dramas and skits, during our Wednesday Service.

Youth Saturday February 13th

Youth Dance
Like last year but better!

Sound Storm will be with us. Food 6:30 – 7:00
Music 7:00 -9:30 PM
Join us for a fun night!

Parents bring or make sure your teenager brings a dish /drink to share.

Join us for the
Alexander County Senior Center
Bible Study

8:30-9:30 AM Wednesday(s)

We dig in to the Gospel of Mark With Pastor
Mike Stone



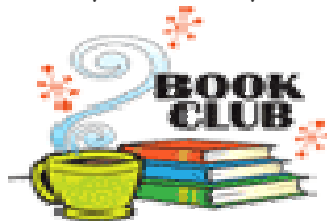
**Daisy Girl Scouts --- for young Girls
(5-6 years old)**

Our Girl Scouts "Daisy" Troop is meeting here
at Mt. Pisgah in the old choir room downstairs
on Monday(s) 6:30 -7:130 PM. This is open to
all girls kindergarten – first grade. Join Us!

Scout leader: Duranda Hedrick

Women's Book Club

Questions about book club? Contact Patti
Simmons at espc4u@centurylink.net. Come
join us!! Stephanie Hollar will be leading the
discussion of our book "Old Dogs and Children"
by Robert Inman. See you Saturday, January 16
@ 9:00 AM



Thank You

Many thanks for your recent gift to our church.
God continues to bless us in many ways as we
continue to move forward with our rebuilding
plans.

Bethlehem Baptist Church

"We are BBC Strong!"

Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church
9379 NC Hwy 127
Hickory, NC 28601



For Youth Mission Trip
Youth Yard Sale
Saturday, April 9th (6-12:00 Noon)

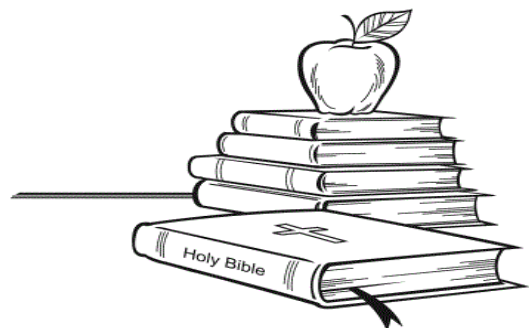
For only **\$50.00** you can purchase a space and
table to sell all your unwanted treasures, and you
get to keep your profit. All the marketing and
advertising will be done for you!

If you have big items or items that you want to
donate to youth and have them sell we will go
pick-up. (if we do pick-up the funds made from
items will go to the youth program)

Contact If interested 495-8251

Youth Fund-raisers!

- * Calendars—On sale---- calendars \$10.00
- * Pastor Mike's Devotional Book called
"Spirit Whisperings" Cost is \$10.00 and all
proceeds 100% to our youth.



Women's Bible Study

Starting your new year off with us on
January 4th & 6th

Monday(s) @ 10:00 AM
Wednesday(s) @ 6:15 PM
Join Us!

Pricilla Shirer: The Armor of God

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A conning devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you—your emotions, your mind, your family, your future.

But His reign stops right here, right now. With you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. A woman who is armed and dangerous.

- * Learn to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (Eph. 6:10)
- * Discover what to wear to ensure victory and employ the secret weapon to stop the devil in his tracks.
- * Take advantage of your position in Christ and experience the tangible, long-term effects of victory in practical, everyday living.

Join Pricilla Shirer for a Bible study that will bring to light the war around you and challenge you to stand firm, and secure victory in your life.

God Bless
Yvonne Osborne

Women's Bible Study will begin on
January 4th Monday 10:00 and
January 6th Wednesday 6:15 PM
Join Us!



Yvonne Osborne

Last Chance Dec 20th

(for your loved ones name to be listed in
the Christmas Bulletin)

Christmas Remembrance (Memorials)

Every Advent season, the people of God at Mt. Pisgah enjoy honoring loved ones with special remembrances. This year, we would like to offer distinctive opportunities to remember or honor loved ones. Unlike years past we ordered live poinsettias of which the majority were not taken. We have bought silk flowers which will be used each Christmas (not to be taken). We would still like to offer the opportunity and continue our traditional giving of a gift in memory or in honor of someone for Christmas Eve. Please fill out this form or one in the bulletin and return to the Church Office by **December 20th (Last chance)** in order to make the Christmas Eve Bulletin. **All gifts will go towards the general budget.**
Thanks so much.

Your Name: _____

In Honor of _____
In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____
In Memory of _____

Thank You from....

Dear Pastor Stone and Mt. Pisgah Lutheran
Church Family,

Thank you so very much for one very generous offering to our church building fund "BBC Strong." It is extremely reassuring knowing neighboring churches are so supportive during a time of great transition for us. Your heartfelt prayers and financial support reminds us that God's family transcends devotional boundaries. Thanks again for your extreme kindness during our Christmas season.

With Deepest Gratitude
Pastor Wayne Caviness &
Bethlehem Baptist Church Family

Kid's In Christ - (3 years – 6th grade)

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars

Wednesday night's KIC – KIC will break until January 6th, for our Advent & Christmas Season!! However, starting January 6th join us for supper from 5:40 pm – 6:20 pm and activities 6:20 pm – 7:30 pm. New Year, New Fun!

Saturday - Dec 19th from 10 am till Noon as Christmas Program Practice!!

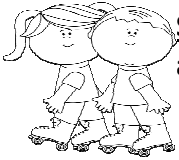
Sunday, December 20th – **“CHRISTMAS IS JESUS”** children's program during both 8:00 and 10:30 service. Breakfast will be served between services during the Sunday school hour! Yummy!

Thursday, Dec. 24th – 5:00 PM – Family Christmas Eve Service (those children participating, please be there by 4:30) & 7:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service.

January 16th – 18th - 6th graders to participate with Ms. Crystal in Gatlinburg, TN youth trip. Please see Crystal or Pastor Mike to make sure you are on the list and have paid.



Sunday, January 31st – Kids sing during the 10:30 service and Skateland - Join us for an afternoon of skating from 2 until 5 pm at the Skateland in Hickory. See you there!



Sunday School!

A special thank you to these teachers for yet another year of volunteering and all your hard work and dedication to our children, plus taking time out to help with our Christmas program!

Preschool through Kindergarten – Kelly Daughtrey, Kathryn Tesh & JoAnna Talley

1st grade – 3rd grade – April Childress and Olivia Daughtrey

4th grade - 6th grade - Fran Cook and Jessica Cook

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for our Christmas “Pajama” Party! It was a great night of fun and fellowship with many memories made. A special shout out to Kelly, JoAnna and April for all your efforts into making it a night the children will never forget!

Thank you to April and Olivia and all of our children who participated in the Bethlehem Star Lighting. You made it special for all who attended and what a special way to start a special season!

I, along with all the teachers, am blessed and grateful for all our children who participate in Sunday and Wednesday night activities. Thank you parents/grandparents who bring them! Such a special blessing!

If you have any questions or need a ride to any of the events, please call text or email me anytime. Jesus loves you and so do I! Crystal (228-1306 or crystal1234cook@gmail.com)



Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Worship Worksheet For January 2016

Date: 1/3/2016 "Second Sunday of Christmas" -----Holy Communion-----White

Sermon	Pastor Andrew Weisner	
Entrance	# 275 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 793 "Be Thou My Vision"	
Children's Sermon		
Communion	# 661, 608	
Closing Hymn	# 300 "The First Noel"	
Altar Guild		Offering Steward: Margie Parlier
Assisting Minister	Libby Sigmon	10:30 Vicki Boyd
Usher	Darrell & Libby Sigmon	10:30 Michael Farmer & Steve Boyd
Crucifer & Acolyte	Austin Wasmund	

Date: 1/10/2016 "Baptism of Our Lord" -----Holy Communion-----White

Sermon	Pastor Mike "Water and the Word"	
Entrance	# 671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 732 "Borning Cry"	
Children's Sermon	Pastor Mike	
Communion	# 167, 471, 460	
Closing Hymn	# 543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"	
Altar Guild		Offering Steward: Margie Parlier
Assisting Minister	Libby Sigmon	10:30 Vicki Boyd
Usher	Darrell & Libby Sigmon	10:30 Michael Farmer & Steve Boyd
Crucifer & Acolyte	Austin Wasmund	

Date: 1/17/2016 "Second Sunday After Epiphany" -----Holy Communion-----Green

Sermon	Pastor John Lingle	
Entrance	# 654 "The Church's One Foundation"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 561 "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"	
Children's Sermon		
Communion	# 774, 629	
Closing Hymn	# 638 "Blessed Assurance"	
Altar Guild		Offering Steward: Margie Parlier
Assisting Minister	Libby Sigmon	10:30 Vicki Boyd
Usher	Darrell & Libby Sigmon	10:30 Michael Farmer & Steve Boyd
Crucifer & Acolyte	Austin Wasmund	

Date: 1/24/2016 "Third Sunday After Epiphany" -----Holy Communion-----Green

Sermon	<u>Youth Sunday</u>	
Altar Guild		Offering Steward: Margie Parlier
Assisting Minister	Libby Sigmon	10:30 Vicki Boyd
Usher	Darrell & Libby Sigmon	10:30 Michael Farmer & Steve Boyd
Crucifer & Acolyte	Austin Wasmund	

Date: 1/31/2016 "Fourth Sunday After Epiphany" -----Holy Communion-----Green

Sermon	"Seeing in a mirror dimly"	
Entrance	# 574 "Here I am Lord"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"	
Children's Sermon	Pastor Mike	
Communion	# 724 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"	
Closing Hymn	# 733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	
Altar Guild		Offering Steward: Margie Parlier
Assisting Minister	Libby Sigmon	10:30 Vicki Boyd
Usher	Darrell & Libby Sigmon	10:30 Michael Farmer & Steve Boyd
Crucifer & Acolyte	Austin Wasmund	