

# The Arbor's Brush

*to inform, to inspire, to celebrate*

## Vision Statement

REACH, GROW, SEND

*"We worship by reaching for God and to others, by growing and nurturing others in Christ, and by sending disciples to meet human needs."*

## Got News?

If you have news you would like included in our September newsletter, please email [office@ramahpcusa.org](mailto:office@ramahpcusa.org). The deadline for September's *Arbor's Brush* is August 24.

## Staff

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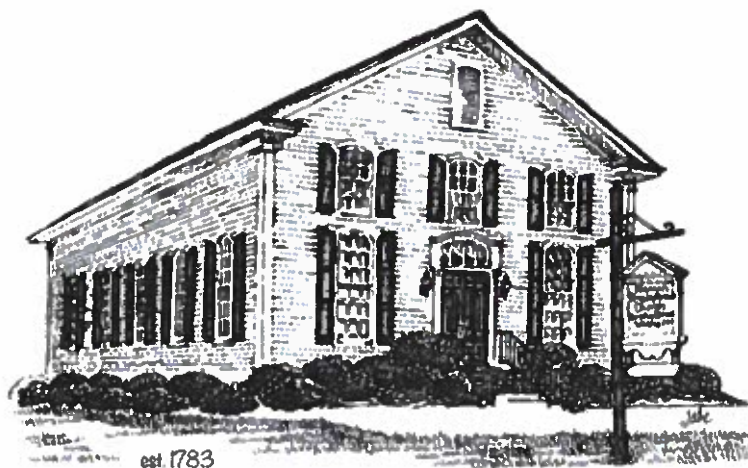
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## A Message from the Pastor

August is normally a time of preparation for a new school year, end of summer, last chance trips to the beach, cookouts, and gatherings for family and friends. This year things are vastly different. Schools may be opening or may be closed or may be remote. Is the dress code the same if you're learning from home? Who will see the cool new lunchbox or backpack?



## Remember in Prayer

**Please continue to pray for our first responders, military and those on our prayer list:**

Family of Lilyan Hunter

Ramah Preschool

Elvira Campos (Cherri Johnson's friend)

Peggy & Walter Craven

Jimmy Iturinno & family

Rosa King (Tim Ward's Aunt)

Stan Morgan (Cherri Johnson's brother)

Pat Motley

Sid Nance

Sam Nance

Pat Osborne

Martha Ann Readling

Paul Sims

Jeanette Shoemaker

Pat Starnes

Dot Summer

Barbara Wise (Karen Helm's Mother)

Steve Wise (Karen's brother)

What if we gather and someone gets sick? Questions without answers can be frustrating, can't they? I'm not asking these questions for answers or to scare anyone, but to encourage continued wisdom and caution.

Am I afraid of getting COVID? Yes, primarily because I don't want to give it to my daughter or my mother... well actually I don't want to give it to anyone! The basis of my fear is not centered in my faith, but in facts and science. My faith in God has helped me to understand the benefits of science. God has gifted many folks with the skill and knowledge to diagnose medical problems and present solutions. Some of these solutions have preserved my life, vision, mobility, and overall health. In gratitude for God's presence in my life through the work of

others, I follow the precautions as best I can with full faith in God.  
Friends, I assure you we will get through these difficulties hopefully  
with a renewed sense of faith!

### **Happy Birthday!**

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- 12. Alan Maness
- 15. Charles Davis, Jr.
- 17. Amy Isaacs
- 21. Patti Kuykendall
- 23. Alen Baker
- 27. Finn Watson



Psalm 57:1

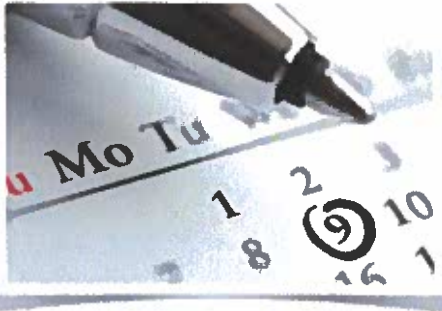
Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to  
me, for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take  
refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.  
Stay safe my friends!

Peace,

Pastor Brian

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## Mark Your Calendar

*Wednesday, August 19 @*

*7pm*

**Session Meeting**

*Wednesdays August 5, 12, 19*

*and 26 @ Noon*

**Midday prayer group  
meeting in the Sanctuary**

*Friday, October 9*

*11am - 7:00pm*

**Annual Chicken BBQ**

## Preschool Happenings...

### RAMAH PRESCHOOL

#### Important News for Fall 2020

The board of Ramah Presbyterian Church Preschool voted to delay the opening of our 2020 school year until January 5th, 2021. After careful consideration of many different factors, we feel that even with the safety precautions we have in place and all the possible scenarios we have prepared for, there are still too many unanswered questions and possible risks to bring our students and staff back to school right now. We feel that by delaying the opening until January things may be clearer and there will be less unknowns. Our staff and students, and their families, are just too important to us and we prefer to err on the side of caution.

We are incredibly sad about this, but feel it is the best decision we can make right now. But we look forward to seeing everyone again in January, eager to learn and ready to be together again!

We appreciate your prayers, understanding, and patience, and we pray that you all stay healthy.

**We will see you all in January!**

## **Session News.....**

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The next session meeting is August 19, 2020

The session meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

Minutes from our session meetings are posted on the bulletin board. Please take a look when you have a chance. They will continue to be posted there.

If you have any questions about anything you see in the minutes, please contact Rev.Copeland or any session member.

## **Troop 200 Scout News...**

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Troop 200 decided to not have our own summer camp at Camp Grimes in July.

Cases of the Coronavirus were already increasing and we decided it would be the safest thing to not have a camp out.

We will continue to monitor the situation and do what we can with our scouts.

All our Scouts are encouraged to help friends and neighbors if and where possible. With prayers, social distancing and diligence of following the rules.

Again, many thanks to Ramah for supporting Pack and Troop 200.

Boy Scouts: <https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop200Huntersville/Index.htm>

Cub Scouts: [pack200hn@gmail.com](mailto:pack200hn@gmail.com)

## **Thank you....**

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The family of Joey Scott and Paul Sims would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you for all the support you have shown over the past year. Words are inadequate when we try to convey the message in our hearts.

Friends, hear the good news. God has brought Joey home safe and sound from Kuwait.

And when the doctors said they had done all they could for Paul and advised us to prepare for the worst, God did not give up! He is now testing negative of COVID19 and is back in the nursing home.

Praise God and again a simple but sincere Thank you to our special Church family.

Pat Motley, Linda, Brad, Nichole and JJ Scott and John and Pattie Wicker.

## **Missions.....**

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**Port-a-Pit chicken bbq | October 9 | 11am - 7:00pm**

Ramah Presbyterian Church  
will host our  
Annual Famous  
**Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ**  
Fundraiser

This will be a drive-by take out/pick up only event

FAMOUS  
Port-a-Pit BBQ  
Chicken

MEAL includes: Beans, slaw, bread

11am - 7:00 pm

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

\$10.00 a plate

at

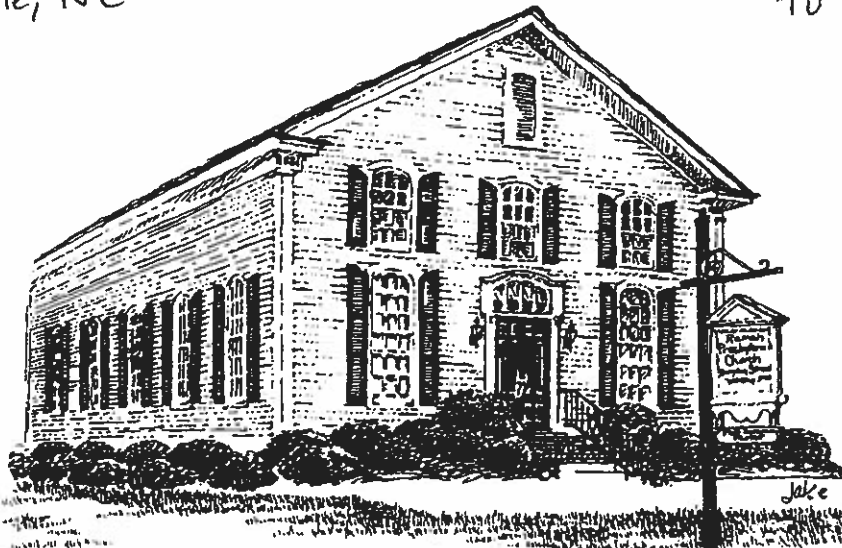
HISTORIC RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, October 9th, 2020

ADVANCE TICKET SALES AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE: 915-6683 Ext 10

14401 RAMAH CHURCH ROAD  
HUNTERSVILLE, NC

PROCEEDS GO  
to MISSIONS



BAKE SALE

Ramah Presbyterian Church  
- ORGANIZED 1783 -

## **EXCITING NEWS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE**

### **Laptops for Local College-Bound Students**

Ramah's Mission Committee purchased a brand new laptop computer for each of EIGHT college bound students from Caterpillar Ministries!

These students worked hard and we were thrilled to be able to provide them with one of the tools they will need to continue their studies. We know that everyone here at Ramah will join the Mission Committee in praying for these students as they enter college in a year where everything will be vastly different than any time before due to the global health crisis.

The Mission Committee plans to make this a part of their mission from now on. We want to provide a laptop for each year's high school graduates from Caterpillar Ministries that are accepted and attend college. Funds raised at our annual BBQ will make this possible.

Your support helped make this happen and we appreciate it!

### **Headphones for all Caterpillar Students**

A new item was on local students' school supply lists for this fall – headphones. All students will need them due to remote learning.

Ramah's Mission Committee purchased 183 sets of headphones for the students of Caterpillar Ministries!

We were so thrilled to be able to do this and help ensure all the students have what they need to succeed for this new school year!

Thank you to everyone who supports the Mission Committee and makes it possible to continue to help our local community!