

# 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 23.

## Staff

### Pastor

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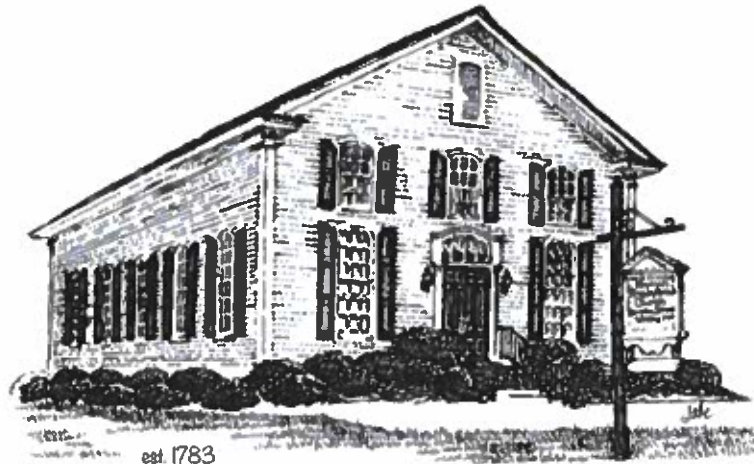
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## A Message from the Pastor

These unusually high temperatures that we've been having has reminded me of when I was a kid. The house I grew up in, which my mother still lives in, was built in the mid 70s. It's one of those brick ranch style homes. It wasn't built with central heat and air, it was built slightly before that was considered common. We did, however have an oversized window air conditioner unit built into the wall of the den. It was a very large noisy unit which our dad would only turn on once the temperature was above 95°! As children, we didn't really notice how hot it got until it would reach 94°.

Nowadays living in the south air-conditioning is an expectation in the summertime. It has slowly become as much a standard for summer as heat is for winter. As I have gotten older, it seems that summers have gotten hotter. I haven't conducted any sort of experiment on this, just a casual observation. I do find it interesting that something that is now considered a basic necessity for summertime was once considered a luxury. Time truly does change our perspective on what we need versus what we want. Our true needs are met through our Lord.



## Remember in Prayer

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

Diane Chance (Lee Brown's sister)

Family of Judy Rodgers (Pastor Brian's aunt)

Deane Washam

Alan Maness

Rosa King (Tim Ward's Aunt)

Sam Nance

Martha Ann Reading

Jeanette Shoemaker

Peggy & Walter Craven

Jimmy & Makayla Fox

Brenda Poston

Pat Motley

John McCarthy

Mary Nash

Frieda Buckner

Barbara Wise

Jackie Keel

Isaiah 58:11-12

The Lord will guide you always;

he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land

and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,

like a spring whose waters never fail.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins

and will raise up the age-old foundations;

you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,

Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

As our Lord meets our needs we are equipped for the challenges that are ahead. Even when we feel tired, sun scorched, weak, or just too ill-equipped to continue our Lord will provide us with what we need. Our Lord helps us as we seek to repair broken things and restore to wholeness those places that seem damaged beyond belief. Once our personal, immediate needs have been met, we are prepared and strengthened so that we may do our Lord's work in rebuilding and in restoring broken places. This does not mean the work will be easy, but it will be more satisfying than anything we could do on our own.

So friends I encourage you, do not be disheartened by the heat, the sun scorched land, our weakened frame, or our poorly watered garden. Our needs will be met with the help of our Lord! Our Lord is like a spring whose waters never fail! Be encouraged to continue the good work that our Lord has prepared us to accomplish! Together as one community of faith we are called to serve in many capacities and will do just that! So this

summer keep the children of caterpillar ministries in your prayers, come join us the ice cream social, gather together when we have the opportunity, and above all continue to praises and worship our Lord!

Peace,

Pastor Brian

## Congratulations Graduates!

**Kelsey Helms** graduated magna cum laude from Wingate College on December 15th, earning a doctorate in physical therapy. Kelsey is now working at High Point Regional Hospital as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

**Mary Iris Gray** graduated from North Carolina State University on May 10th. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a concentration in Film. This summer, Mary Iris will be living and working in Oregon.

**Jack Bradford** graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

**Kasey Copeland** graduated from Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA and will attend Hollins University in the fall.

## Preschool Happenings

We wrapped up the 2018-2019 Ramah Presbyterian Preschool year on May 23rd and what a fantastic school year it has been!

Thank you to all parents, teachers and children for making this such a wonderful school year! We appreciate all who volunteered their time throughout the year. We are grateful for the friendships we've made this year. Thank you for being a part of our preschool family!

We will miss those who are moving on to elementary school! We've grown to love the children dearly and we know the future holds great things for them. Please drop in to see us any time!

Here at Ramah, we have a remarkable staff of dedicated teachers and staff, each blessed with her own special talents. I'd like to thank Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Erin, Ms. Kenina, Ms. Kristi, Ms. Nikki, Ms. Penny, Ms. Raegon, and Ms. Sandii. Thank you so much for your hard work, your support, and your flexibility! I would also like to thank Ms. Julie and Ms. Teresa in the church office for contributing their time and effort towards the success of our preschool program.

Ramah Presbyterian Church continues to be very generous with its support of the preschool. We thank the parents and church members who serve on our preschool board. Their counsel is vital for the growth and success of the preschool.



## Mark Your Calendar

*Thursday, 6/6 @ 7pm*  
**Men's Night @ The Manse**

*June 17-20 @ 11am-1:30pm*  
**Vacation Bible School**

*July 1-7*  
**Pastor Brian on Vacation**

*Sunday, 7/21*  
**Ice Cream Sunday**

*Thursday, 8/1 @ 7pm*  
**Men's Night @ The Manse**

*Thursday, 8/29 @ 9am-11am*  
**Preschool Open House**

Again, thank you for your support and for sharing your precious children with us. They have been a joy to be with each day.

With love,  
 Ms. Alice

## Scout News

The Scouts held their bi-annual election to elect new leaders from their ranks. Big thanks to our outgoing Senior Patrol Leader – Mason Lennon. Our new Senior Patrol Leader is Ethan Williamson. Ethan's Assistant Patrol leader is Nathan Butler.

On May 17th through the 19th, Troop 200 went to Cherokee Scout Reservation in Yanceyville, NC for the weekend for its monthly campout. This was a new place that the troop had never been to before – and looks forward to coming back.

On May 21st, Troop 200 held a combined Court of Honor and Crossover with the Pack for rank advancement. It was an incredible time with almost 300 folks attending!

Looking ahead to this summer:

June 9th: Three new Eagles will have an induction ceremony. Riley McNulty, William Stadler and Clayton Johnson – We are so proud of these young men!

Jon Linerode will build a new walkway for Ramah starting in June for his Eagle Project.

Ryan Shubert will build benches to sit on at the ballfield for his Eagle Project.

Mason Lennon will continue to finish his Eagle project.

Hunter Benjamin will continue working on his dugout project at Huntersville UMC.

Our next camp out in June will be to Hagen Sea Base in Lexington, NC – very exciting!

We will go to summer camp at Camp Durant in Carthage, NC for a week in July. At summer camp, our scouts will learn more scout-crafts, leadership skills, teamwork and lots of swimming.

We will have our annual POW WOW in August to plan for next year's outings, events and maybe a beach trip.

Many Thanks to our Troop Committee, Scout Leaders and Parents for all of their hard work that make Troop 200 such a good group to be a part of.

We are always looking for adults to be Merit Badge counselors and share knowledge with our boys and to be committee members.

And remember that boys and girls 6-10 years can join Cub Scouts at any time and boys 10-17 can join Boy Scouts – and you don't have to be a Cub Scout to be a Boy Scout – All are welcome!

Again, many thanks to Ramah for supporting Pack and Troop 200. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the fellowship hall and at the Hut.

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

Cub Scouts: <http://bsapack200.myscoutlink.com/>



## **Eagle Project Benefiting Ramah Presbyterian Church**

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Hi, I am Jon Linerode from Troop 200 at Ramah Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Mr. James Stadler. I am actively working on my Eagle Project that will benefit all members of the church. Along with the help of Mr. Bill Bradford and Mr. Scott Bradford, I will be replacing the existing front sidewalk from the parking lot to the front patio of the church. The new sidewalk will match the brick front patio and it will be 6 feet wide instead of the current 4 foot wide sidewalk. A wider sidewalk will allow for easier movement during special events such as weddings and funeral processions. The project will cost approximately 4-5 thousand dollars to complete. I hope to start mid to late June and complete the project by early August or sooner. Fundraising for this project has already begun but my goal has not been met yet. If you would like to make a donation to this project please make the checks to Troop 200 and send them to my address listed below. I look forward to working closely with the church and completing my Eagle project. I will keep the church updated with any changes and progress made on the sidewalk. Thank you.

Jon Linerode

12604 Willingdon Rd

Huntersville NC 28078

## **Thank You**

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Our family gratefully appreciates each of you for your thoughtful kindness in remembering us with visits, food, cards, flowers and contributions in memory of John. May God bless each of you. ~ The Family of John Black

## **Administrative Office Closed**

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The Administrative Office will be closed June 14th through June 24th. Julie will answer email and phone messages when she returns on June 25th.

## Happy Birthday to You!

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### June Birthdays:

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| 3- Cooper Watson         | 14- Mark Self      |
| 4- Bailey Elizabeth Houk | 15- Jim Borta      |
| 6- Rod Wade              | 22- Brian Copeland |
| 7- Shelby Asburn         | 25- Thea Self      |
| 12- Walter Craven        | 29- Stewart Gray   |

### July Birthdays:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1- Lacey Mayhew              | 16- Jay White                |
| 6- Jayson Skipper            | 18- Lynn Wade                |
| 7- Garrett Ashburn           | 23- Kathe Kepley             |
| 8- Lawrence Mann             | 25- Jake Helms, Emily Isaacs |
| 12- Dorothy Raymer Kittredge | 27- Helen Helms              |
| 13- Kelsey Helms             | 28- Lee Brown                |

### August Birthdays:

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



## **Vacation Bible School**

**June 17 – 20, 1 1:00am-1:30pm**

**Are you ready to *ROAR*? We'll help kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a faith that will power them through this wild life.**

**If you have a chance, come out to join us at Catawba Presbyterian Church as we host the Caterpillar kids! We can always use volunteers!**

**On Sunday, June 16th, right after church, we are going to assemble bag lunches for the children's first day of VBS.**

**Join us in the fellowship hall after the service and we should be done in an hour or less.**

**If you'd like to donate items for the bag lunches, we need:**

- **Individual salty snacks like chips or crackers, granola bars, or trail mix.**
- **Individual sweet snacks like cookies, or Little Debbie style snack cakes.**
  - **Individual fruit cups or applesauce cups.**

***You can leave snack donations outside the Ladies' Parlor until June 9<sup>th</sup>.***

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# Cub Scout Pack 200

<http://bsapack200.myscoutlink.com/>

**Ramah Presbyterian Church  
14401 Ramah Church Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078**

The annual Cross Over Ceremony, the culmination of the Cub Scout year that began in August 2018, was held on May 21, 2019. Each Cub Scout crossed the ceremonial bridge to receive their awards and "graduate" to the next den. The Cub Scouts worked hard earning badges, belt loops, and pins. They also participated in various activities such as campouts, rain gutter regatta, pinewood derby, fire station tour, and community service projects.



Lions (Kindergarteners)



Tigers (1st Grade)



Wolves (2nd Grade)



Bears (3rd Grade)



Webelos (4th & 5th Grade)



Lions bridging to Tigers



Tigers bridging to Wolves



Webelos II (5th graders)



**Wolfs bridging to Bears**



**Bears bridging to Webelos I**



**Webelos I bridging to Webelo II**

# Interested in Cub Scouting?



# JOIN TODAY

Cub Scouting is part of the Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America, available to **boys and girls** from kindergarteners through fifth grade and their families.



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA®



*Cub Scouts is about having fun while learning new things like first aid, team work, leadership skills and appreciating the outdoors.*

**We do cool stuff  
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM  
September 2019 through May 2020**

### **Contact Us**

Cubmaster: Alvin Williams  
cubmaster@bsa200.com

# June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Pastor Brian Cell # 704-727-2813						1  10am Worship Committee Meeting
2  10am Worship	3	4  6:30pm Scouts	5	6  7pm Men's Night @ the Manse	7	8
9  10am Worship  Communion	10	11  6:30pm Scouts	12	13	14	15
16  10am Worship	17 11am- 1:30pm VBS @ Caterpillar Ministries  Admin Office Closed	18 11am- 1:30pm VBS @ Caterpillar Ministries  6:30pm Scouts	19 11am- 1:30pm VBS @ Caterpillar Ministries	20 11am- 1:30pm VBS @ Caterpillar Ministries	21	22
23  10am Worship	24  Admin Office Closed	25  6:30pm Scouts	26	27	28	29
30  10am Worship						

# July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Pastor Brian</b> <b>Cell #</b> <b>704-727-2813</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation	<b>2</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation  6:30pm Scouts	<b>3</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation	<b>4</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation  Happy July 4th!	<b>5</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation	<b>6</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation
<b>7</b> Pastor Brian on Vacation  <b>10am</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  6:30pm Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  <b>10am</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  6:30pm Scouts	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  <b>10am</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Ice Cream</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  6:30pm Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <b>10am</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6:30pm Scouts	<b>31</b>			

# August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Pastor Brian Cell # 704-727-2813				1  7pm Men's Night @ the Manse	2	3
4  10am Worship	5	6  6:30pm Scouts	7	8	9	10
11  10am Worship	12	13  6:30pm Scouts	14	15	16	17
18  10am Worship	19	20  6:30pm Scouts	21	22	23	24
25  10am Worship	26	27  6:30pm Scouts	28	29  9am-11am Preschool Open House	30	31