Array is a collection of objects, which is laid out contiguously in memory.

A pointer is a variable which holds a value that is an address in memory.

The difference between a *pointer variable* and an array name is that you can never change the address of the array name. It will always point to the first element of the array as long as it exists. The *pointer variable* on the other hand are quite flexible and can be pointed to somewhere else during the course of the program.