

Pinellas *Park* Church of Christ

Putting the Joy In Christmas

The world can be a dark place full of sorrow and woe that no designated holiday can take away. We may not know the exact day of Jesus birth or how many wise men actually came or evening the season in which it occurred, but we do know that when he came there were, "Glad tidings of great joy."

1. Darkness in the world

2. Joy in Song

3. Joy in Scripture

4. Joy in the story

Conclusion:

11 December 2016

6045 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Sunday: AM Bible study 10:00, Worship 11AM, 6 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7PM

Prayer Requests

Shirley Dooley, requests prayers for her neighbor Joan and a friend, Mary Ellen, who has blood cancer. Treatment will not cure it, but may extend her life.

Amma Lou Koon, Polly's sister, had a stroke and is in need of prayer.

Aliet Machado, 15 year-old, has an inoperable brain tumor.

Chuck Brush, He his home recovering after a TIA.

Wiley, recently tested in a medical program. Pray that he passes those test.

Alex, has joined the Navy and will be undergoing training for the SEALs.

Sandy Christman is now home from the hospital after having surgery. Her recovery will be a long painful one.

Jonathan Farnham, is in need of our prayers.

Homer Johnson, has a brain tumor and is not expected to make it much longer. He is receiving care at Freedom Square in Seminole. Keep homer and Lou in prayer.

Ed's uncle Bill still has CHF, but his condition is much improved.

Carol Axe, at home recovering from bleeding issues.

Pam G. cousin David Chafin, who needs lung transplant, has the flu and not doing well

Barbara Moore is now home in Florida and doing much better.

Subhfan Fontanills, requests prayer for her brother and nephew, Lakaro and Alex.

John Hedge requested prayers for Jason Spooner and SarahJo Fuentes.

Wayne Shearer, Chemotherapy has had positive results.

Melissa Niven, is now in hospice care. Lung cancer has spread to her spine.

Jeanne Coates, is still having major medical issues and various setbacks in treatment.

Bill May's mother, Judy, had surgery, but does not want chemo or radiation.

Helen Knese, Vivian Brush's sister, had a stroke, but is now in a rehabilitation hosp.

Vivian Brush for her friend Claudia Stewart, stage four pancreatic cancer.

Diane Haff, friend of the Phillip Martin family, has brain 2 brain tumors

John Petersen, friend of Diane Martin, is in Hospice care for a heart condition.

Brian Stover, will soon be going to court for his case, seeking release from prison.

Donna Lampe, former member here, is having a great deal of heart trouble.

Order of Worship – Putting the Joy in Christmas

117 God Is The Fountain Whence

Announcements

4 To God Be the Glory

Opening prayer / Offering

527 He Touched Me

The Lord's Supper

587 Sing and Be Happy

Sermon – Edward Benesh

1018 Joy to the World

611 Heavenly Sunlight

Closing prayer

Song leader – Phillip Martin



Announcements

- **Ronald McDonald** – Is full up and in need of our ongoing prayer. There are many families from all over the state in residence at present.
- **Ladies Class.** Ladies are encouraged to be at the building each Lord's Day by 9:30. Books and other info are available through Melissa Folks.
- **Ladies, Don't Forget!** Our ladies class meets every Friday in the youth room at 1PM for Bible study. Their lessons follow our Sunday morning class.
- **Men!** Be sure to check the list of those who are to serve in worship, including the Wednesday evening speaking schedule. If you are not able to make it then please get someone to fill your slot and let Dennis Folks know.
- **Brian Stover address** – James B. Stover #266262 (S3112L) Columbia Correctional Institution(Annex), 253SE Corrections Way, Lake City, FL 32025
- **Jesus Take The Wheel** – We have had a great response to this. Keep it up!
- **Pantry Needs** – We are in need of items for our pantry. Please do not bring any items that are expired, near expiration, dented or perishable items. Please check the dates and cans for dents. At present we do not need veggies.
- **WWCC needs funds** – A lot of spectacular work has taken place in the past few months at WWCC. Most recently we have torn down three pavilions and replaced them with much safer, stable and aesthetically pleasing shelters. These, however, cost money. If the great work of the camp is to continue to have spiritual impact we must be good stewards and invest. See Phil, Glenn or Melissa for one time and/or continual giving opportunities.
- **New Year is just around the corner!** Soon it will be 2017 and we will look back at 2016, consider our spiritual gains and take stock of our failures so we may learn from them. In an effort to help our leadership plan and our congregation grow we will soon be handing out surveys that will evaluate the congregation and yourself on several fronts. You will also be asked to think about your talents and how they might be put to use in the work of the Lord in Pinellas Park. The Sunday evening lessons, beginning this week, will focus on planning for success in the New Year.



Calendar

December

18 – Leadership meeting

21 – Men's ministry meeting

25 – Christmas Day

Soon we will be starting men's leadership classes again

Our Leaders

Elders – Phillip Martin, Tim Martin, Dennis Folks

Deacons – Glenn Duncan, Keith Sabiel and Sam Halstead

Minister – Edward Benesh

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On the Web at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Search for us as well on Facebook – get Ed's "Monday Moorings" and "Friday Footing" by email – Watch our live feed on Ustream

Vital Statistics

Contribution **\$2131** Budget **\$2500**

Bible Class – **62** Worship - **89** PM – **44** Wed. PM Service – **57**

Minute Devotionals

Did you know that the word "JOY" occurs about 650 times in the Bible? To put it in perspective, the word "saved" occurs about 104 times in the Bible. The word "love" occurs about 540 times. Joy has them beat by far, telling us that joy is a vital to our Christian practice.

After all it is a "fruit of the Spirit."

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