# Pinellas Park church of Christ

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# Provoking Love & Good Works

# Man Of The Soil

Our Shepherds

Phillip Martin

Dennis Folks

Tim Martin

Our Deacons

Glenn Duncan

Tom Hargis

Keith Sabiel

Ministers

All members

Preacher

Edward Benesh

Worship Times

Sunday Singing 9:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM Worship 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM

Wednesdays
Services 7:30 PM

"Noah Began to be a man of the soil and he planted a vineyard." (Genesis 9:20)

Once again we find man in garden. Adam and Eve made their home in Eden, where they were to be people of the land. Of course they sinned and were put out and things spiraled out of control to the point that God had to destroy the earth by flood, sparing only Noah and his family.

The flood was now over and Noah, having made a covenant with God, gets back to the task of tending the land. However, he doesn't get too far when sin, once again, creeps in. He plants the vineyard and then drinks. He drinks and drinks and steps off, at some point, into drunkenness, which leads to more sin and a cursing of God for his son Ham, who was the father of the Canaanites. These are the



very people who would, much later, be a thorn in the side of God's chosen people. These are the people who would constantly strive to pull Israel away from the one true God. They were cursed and a curse.

Sin is that way. It ruins lives, destroys families and nations and friendships and hopes and dreams. It brings a curse upon us as we turn the things God meant for good into something that is an agent of evil. Of course the only cure is found in another garden

mentioned hundreds of years later. It is the garden tomb of Christ, who sacrificed for each an all of us, so that we may overcome our sin by coming to Him.

In this day, give your life to Him. Stop the progress of sin now and shed the curse that it brings. Stop tending the garden of sin and enter his garden of rest and peace with the Father.

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Sermon A.M./P.M.

AM-Tent of Meeting lessons

PM-Tent of Meeting Lessons

Sunday Adult Class Walk Through The Bible

Wednesday Adult Class *Christianity 101* 

Wednesday Teen Class *The Me I Want To Be* Classes available most Sundays and Wednesdays for all ages.

Young Adults
Sun. - Walk Through Bible
Weds. - Proverbs

Sunday Morning Ladies Class, Raising Girls— TBA please see C. Benesh

Weekly Bible Reading Exodus 19-38

Online Worship Services access to live video feed at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Daily EDifications
To receive daily lessons
from Ed please sign up at
edbenesh@gmail.com.



# Pinellas Park Potpourri

#### Ministry Leaders

Tentative calendars of 2011 events - due by Feb. men's mtg.

Marching for the Masters

MFTM is an outreach group of the Pinellas Park Church of Christ meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the church library following morning services.

Congratulations Sami Darton was baptized into Christ on 1/23/2011

L.A.C.E. Membership Drive

The Ladies of Lave will be forming a Pinellas Park branch for 2011, which will meet monthly at Pinellas Park. Dues are \$10 a year. The Pinellas Park branch is competing with the Bartow group to see who can get the most members. See Melissa folks for details.



## Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation

Bus for the Sonshine Day

#### Games

Games for Sonshine Day Camp, ages 5 and up. See Beth Martin.

#### Wanted

Thanks to all who have donated thus far. Your benevolence is Greatly appreciate, especially by our Youth! We

could still use a storage cabinet, couple of bean bag chairs and family friendly DVDs for youth movie nights.



### **February**

- 11th Teen Movie Night in the new youth room
- 13th Sweetheart Banquet
- 15th Work day at church house
- 18th Men's meeting

# Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, recovering from recent hospitalization, regain strength
- Ronald Brush, heart surgery
- Tom Harmon battling lung cancer, wife Carolyn and family.
- Marilyn Libby, sister of Carol Axe, Chemotherapy
- Paul Brown, friend of Kathy R. brain cancer.
- Brian Stover, Needing prayers
- Charlie B., Ongoing health issues
- Bethlyn Christman, burns
- Marion Brule, In assisted living
- Donna Lampe is home from Hosp.
- Pam G. 50% artery blockage
- Violet (D. Lampe friend) very ill
- Connie Woods, headaches
- Rick Woods, Bulging discs
- Connie Woods', (Sister) Abnormal mammogram
- Homer and Lou Johnson Nephews, are both ill

- Deborah Pratt, (wife of Bob and Betty's nephew) double mastectomy
- Timothy Hicks, Throat cancer
- Bob Martin, is doing much better and is in rehab after neck surgery.
- Co-worker of Beth Martin Asks for prayers for premature twins.
- Audrey Young, weakness and diminished health
- Tom Horis, friend of the Gentry's, has had surgery for recurring cancer.
- Carol Axe, fell at home and is recovering from painful bruises
- Christy Claypool (sister of Linda Rossy) recovering from bladder surgery
- Ralph King home improving
- Del Hollingsworth Stomach ulcer & Pneumonia
- Bob Weyandt home recovering
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe, who she has studied with online, has been baptized, but has suffered persecution for it and has been hospitalized



#### Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Exodus 19-21
- Monday Exodus 22-24
- Tuesday Exodus 25-27
- Wed. Exodus 28-29
- Thursday Exodus 30-32
- Friday Exodus 33-35
- Saturday Exodus 36-38

The questions for this week are posted online at <a href="http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org/">http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org/</a> adultamclass.php

Each weeks answer key will be posted on the Monday after we go over the lessons in class.

#### Men to serve Song Leaders

Sunday am: Phillip Martin Sunday pm: Tom Hargis

Wednesday: TSA

Lord's Support

Bread: Haroline Agents

Cup: Timmy Martin Assisting:

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Sunday am: Keith Sabiel Sunday partin Wednesd Closing Pray Darkin

Sunday am: Bob Perry Sunday pm: Dennis Folks Wednesday: TBA

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh Sunday pm: Men's Leadership Wednesday: Dennis Folks

For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**ESV** 

(2Co 6:2)

## His Acceptable Time

"But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness" (Psalm 69:13).

I saw a mother in the grocery line. Her small child hovered around her as we waited for our turn to check out. Common scene. The little

girl tugged on her mother's pant leg. The mother bent down and let the girl whisper in her ear. Then she stood and shook her head. "Not, now, honey. You have to wait." The little girl was at first satisfied, but her patience grew thin. The scene repeated twice more, each time the mother's jaw became more set, her retort more firm. "I said, not now."



#### I don't know what the little

girl wanted, but it was obviously not the right time to have it. The mother's loving attention to her child's pleas never diminished, but her responses became more stern. She didn't tell her child it was silly to want whatever she wished for, or to go away and leave her alone. She simply told her the time was not right.

It made me wonder how often I hover around my Heavenly Father in prayer and do not accept His response that now is not the acceptable time. Like that mother, He doesn't devaluate my request, He just firmly lets me know my timing is off. And, like the child in the grocery line, I often don't take "not now" for the answer. I keep asking.

Deep down, I know God's timing is perfect and that He has great plans for me. God has my best interests at heart. He knows the desires of my heart. But, perhaps, like the mother, He also knows when is the acceptable time to address my requests. God will never tell me a request is stupid or wrong, or tell me to go away and stop bothering Him. He will listen each time and respond in love, even if the response is "No, not now."

As His obedient child, if I trust Him enough to ask, knowing it is not something within my own power to get, then I must also accept His answer. I must trust it is given in steadfast love and is the best answer at that time, in that situation. I must trust in His faithfulness, and whisper, "Yes, Sir".

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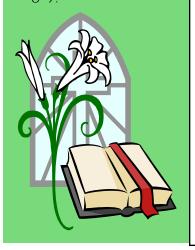
# **Vital Statistics**

Attendance Sunday Bible Class– 54 A.M.– 88 P.M. - 51 Wednesday - 51 Weekly contribution \$3561 Contribution Goal \$2500

# Area Events

Let us try our best to support the events of other local congregations.

 Gospel meeting at Bradenton COC Feb. 6-9.



#### Visit the Pinellas Park Church of Christ online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Questions about ministries?

Preaching Programs

- P. Martin, E. Benesh Missions
- •C. Axe, T. Hargis, M. Drake, K. Sabiel

Sonshine Day camp

- •T. Martin WWCC
- •G. Duncan, P. Martin Youth Ministry D. Folks

Young At Heart

B. Perry

Worship Coordination

- •T. Hargis, D. Folks Weds. Eve. Speaking
- •W. Robinson Benevolence
- •D. Folks, H. Gentry, W. Robinson Transportation
- ■T. Martin

Bldgs. and Grounds

- •H. Gentry, K. Sabiel, T. Walden Education
- B. Perry, D. Folks

#### Women's Studies Ministry

•N. Gentry, A. Jucknath Financial

Dear Visitor...

Welcome! It is hard for us to express in this small space just how blessed we feel by having you visit with us today. You will, no doubt, find that this small welcome address will be followed up by loving conversation with our members, as they introduce themselves and personally welcome you. We are a friendly group who cherish our time together and are always looking to adopt new folks into our family. We want you to feel welcomed and yet, we realize that visiting a church can be overwhelming.

You can expect us to not only make you feel at home and a part of what we do, but also find a willingness on our part to help you understand what we do and why we do it. Some things that are part of our worship may be different than what you are used to, just as some of the things you hear may be different than what you are used to. Rest assured, we welcome all your questions and will be more than happy to explain our reasoning and love for God. We do hope you have enjoyed being with us and come back again soon.

Edward Benesh, Minister

There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil...but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good..." (Rom 2:9-10)

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