



*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

Taming The Tongue

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

Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!" For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel are fervent lips with an evil heart.

(Pro 26:18-23)

You have heard of "Bats in the belfry?" Well, we never had bats, but how about gerbils in the air ducts? When I was a kid, just like most kids, we wanted pets. We had a number of them. My favorites were the dogs, partly because they made wonderful companions in the rural area in which **we lived. Few things rank "up there" as high as a walk in the woods with your faithful companion.**

We also had gerbils. They were more of a whimsical purchase. You know how that works. You head off to the mall with your family and as

you walk you go past that store with the window that has the display of some sort of cute and exciting new pet. This time it was gerbils.

Hook, line and sinker, we walked away with gerbils – furry little balls of fluff that are so cute and lovable, but breed like nothing you have ever seen. For the longest time they were wonderful pets until one day they got out of their cage, into our air vents and started to breed. Now, I am not sure how many babies these things can have in a month, but it seemed as if there were hundreds running through the walls, under the **floors, in the basement...all over.**

Eventually we simply got them all out of the house. I do not remember how, but if I had to guess I bet there were some gerbil casualties in this war of man vs. rodent. Some, of course, lived. Years later, we would run across some strange looking, overly fluffy mice out in our barn. I have no doubt that somewhere in eastern Ohio, nestled deep in the woods there is a grand colony of gerbils, living in rebellion from their



pet store days. Well, maybe not.

You know your words can be like my gerbils. Once spoken, they can breed and grow and infest for either good or bad. Angry words, once spoken, can take years to overcome and so infest our lives with drama and negativity that, in the end, we most certainly find them highly regrettable, at best. At worst they may become murderous and bear consequences that will last a lifetime.

In this day, never let that tongue off its leash or out of its cage, thinking it might be tame. Instead, be wise and restrain it. Your life, future, relationships, job, family...may depend on it.



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.
AM-Change the World...Fast
PM-The Blessing of the Leper

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
Leviticus 19-27
Numbers 1-6

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

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



Pinellas Park Potpourri

Ministry Leaders

Tentative calendars of 2011 events -
due by March 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.

Thanks to everyone who helped paint the preacher's house. It's looking great.

L.A.C.E. Membership Drive

The Ladies of Love 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 camp.

Games

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



Mission minded Givers

We have now begun our collections for support for the El Zorillo mission to Mexico scheduled for July 11-16. We have several going this year and can use all the help that we can in raising the money needed for fees and travel. Ed will spend some time detailing the trip and the needed money on a Sunday evening soon. Watch for the collection cups to be passed around in your classes and give as you can.

March

- **13th - Elders / deacons meeting**
- **15th - Men's meeting**
- **Teen Movie night in the Youth Room**



Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, is in pain after her recent knee gel shots
- Joetta Lane is home from the Hospital and doing much better
- 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, declining 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
- **Katie O'Hanahan**, car accident
- Ralph King home improving
- Bob Weyandt - home recovering
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Tim Martin, walking pneumonia
- Faith Herkert, came through surgery well and recovers at home
- Larry Poteet, surgery Feb. 22
- Reese Moore, friend of the Benesh family, undergoing testing
- Vitinia Bonelli, stomach problems
- J.T. Hicks, Bronchial problems

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Leviticus 19-21
- Monday Leviticus 22-23
- Tuesday Leviticus 24-25
- Wed. Leviticus 26-27
- Thursday Numbers 1-2
- Friday Numbers 3-4
- Saturday Numbers 5-6

The questions for this week are posted online at <http://www.pinellasparkeoc.org/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: Tom Hargis
 Sunday pm: Phillip Martin
 Wednesday: Tom Hargis

Lord's Supper

Bread: Tim Martin
 Cup: Daryl Flint
 Assisting:

Max Benesh
 Michael Grimmer

Opening prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson
 Sunday pm: Harold Gentry
 Wednesday: Bryan Martin

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Phillip Martin
 Sunday pm: Chris Dorris
 Wednesday: Lee Duncan

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh
 Weds. pm: William Robinson

These things I command you, so that you will love one another.
 (Joh 15:17)

The Greatest Love of All?

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'" (Mark 12: 29-30).

By now, at least half the box of chocolates is gone and the roses are beginning to nod. The Valentine's card is somewhere in the pile on the desk amongst the other important papers and the drawing your child made for you proudly posted on the fridge moves to the side for the next important date reminder. Valentine's Day may be over, but love continues on. Or so it should, if it is great.

The scribes asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded two fold – love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:28-30) This is not only the greatest commandment, but the greatest form of love.



When we love God first, our love for ourselves and others fall in line. We begin to see ourselves and **others as God sees us. This is not the human "love is blind" mode.** We look through a more focused lens, not rose-colored ones. We still see the warts, the bad side, the mistakes, the **hurts. But, with God's help, we view that with compassion and mercy because that is how He views us.**

If you and I can try to love the Lord with all our heart, mind and soul, then our attitude is metamorphosed into being in sync with the Almighty who created all there is then proclaimed it as good. We recognize we are not perfect, neither are those we love. We are all tainted by sin and have each fallen short of the glory of God as Paul told the Romans. That is why we are all in need of a Savior.

If we truly believe God so loved the world to send us a Savior, **our loving response can only be, "teach me to love that greatly."** Then, every day will be Valentine's Day, no matter what's posted on the fridge or how much the roses have faded.

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Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 62
A.M.— 95
P.M. - 53
Wednesday - 49
Weekly contribution
\$2359
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Area Events

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

- Gospel meeting at Central church of Christ, March 13-16 with Freddie Clayton.
- Twentieth Street Youth Summit, March 19th
- Orange Avenue church of Christ annual Ladies Day. “Tempted, Tried and Delivered” featuring Paige Myers. February 26 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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

The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.
(Psa 12:6)

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