



## *P*rovoking Love & Good Works

# *The Good Old Days*

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

And Job again took up his discourse, and said: "Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me, when his lamp shone upon my head, and by his light I walked through darkness, as I was in my prime, when the friendship of God was upon my tent, when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were all around me, when my steps were washed with butter, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!

(Job 29:1-6)

Job was a "good-old-days" guy (Job 29). When tragedy struck all he wanted to do was look back to remember the time he "sat in the gate" and imparted wisdom to those who needed it; when he was a father to the needy; he broke the fangs of the unrighteous; he caused the heart of the widow to sing with Joy...and more. Those were the good old days. Those days were gone. His life was very different when Job 29 was written. He had lost all his family, his home, his possessions, his wife, his health, his friends and respect. Children made fun of him, wise men mocked him and he was reduced to sitting in the ash heap (we would call it a

"dump" or "landfill") using broken pieces of a clay pot to scrape the black, dead skin off his festering boils.

The good old days may have been good and the memories vivid, but when they become an excuse to simply malign the present or become self-consumed and throw the world's largest pity party, then we have stepped off into sin. Read chapters 29 and 30 and count how many times Job says "I" or "my."

What good does this all do? None! You can't roll back time. It doesn't inspire or make us feel better or solve today's problems. The "good old days" can be very bad for us. They

Many churches went through their "good old days" in the middle of the last century. Growth rates were phenomenal. New buildings were built. Mission fields were flooded and we looked like we were well on our way to making Christians of all men in this fine country. Those days passed and our world has changed, which, in many ways, would not be a problem, if we adapted as much as God's word allows in order to meet each generation's present situation. Many, however, have not. They grew comfortable. They grew complacent and then when the changed could be felt they simply harkened back to the "good old days," as if it would help us do the Lord's work or make us more effective.

In this day, especially when it comes to all things spiritual, remember the "good old days," but don't let them become an obsession or reason to justify selfishness or lack of growth. Don't let them become your "bad old days."



can hold us back, keep us from seeing the solutions to problems and hamstring our present efforts.



## Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.  
AM-Change the World...Fast 2  
PM-Thomas Wise FSOP

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  
Numbers 7-22 & Ps. 90

Online Worship Services  
access to live video feed at  
[www.pinellasparkcoc.org](http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org)

Daily EDifications  
To receive daily devotion  
from Ed please sign up at  
[edbenesh@gmail.com](mailto: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. We have confirmed seven for the trip this year and in the coming weeks will be holding additional fundraisers to go do this great work for our brothers and sister in Christ in El Zorillo.

## March

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



## Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, better after gel shot
- Joetta Lane is going through therapy at home
- Marilyn Libby, sister of Carol Axe, Chemotherapy
- Paul Brown, friend of Kathy R. brain cancer.
- Brian Stover, Needing prayers
- Charlie B., Ongoing health issues
- Marion Brule, In assisted living
- 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**, Released from Hosp. expected to fully recover
- Ralph King home improving
- Larry Poteet, came through surgery will know results soon
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Tim Martin, walking pneumonia
- Faith Herkert, Continues her recovery after upper airway surgery
- Reese Moore, friend of the Benesh family, undergoing testing
- Vitinia Bonelli, stomach problems
- J.T. Hicks, Bronchial problems
- Many sick with flu, stomach flu, etc.

## Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Num 7
- Monday Num 8-12
- Tuesday Num 11-13
- Wed. 14, 15 & Ps. 90
- Thursday Num 16-17
- Friday Num 18-20
- Saturday Num 21-22

The questions for this week are posted online at <http://www.pinellasparkecc.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: Phillip Martin

Sunday pm: Tom Hargis

Wednesday: TBA

### Lord's Supper

Bread: Tim Martin

Cup: Daryl Flint

Assisting:

Max Benesh

Michael Grimmer

### Opening prayer

Sunday am: Keith Sabiel

Sunday pm: Timmy Martin

Wednesday: TBA

### Closing prayer

Sunday am: Bob Perry

Sunday pm: Dennis Folks

Wednesday: TBA

### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh

Sunday pm: Thomas Wise

Wednesday: Todd Walden

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

## Who Said Love is Fair?

**"For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).**

The little girl pouted, arms crossed tight over her chest, and swung her legs in fast succession. "It's not fair. Her dad helped her with that science project. And she won. She always wins. I hate her."

**Haven't we all felt that way? We hate to see the bad guys win – the manipulators, the cheaters, the unscrupulous ones who bend the rules to their favor. Life isn't fair. The guys in white do not always ride off into the sunset victorious. Bullies win, crimes go unsolved and justice seems blind.**

## No life isn't fair – but love isn't

either. Love should not be based on deeds. It is an action, not a reaction.

**If it was based on deeds, wouldn't we all be unlovable? God tell us we are to love no matter what.**



You have heard that it was said, **"You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:44-45).**

The Bible states that to love our enemies is like pouring heaping coals on their heads. Why love our enemies? The answer is simple, yet perhaps one of the hardest things to try and do. Because **if we don't we are out of God's will. We cannot be His servant,** and instrument of His peace. But the only way we can do that is to ask God to help us.

Mind you, to love our enemies is not to condone their behavior. Love the sinner, hate the sin. Have compassion on those who mistreat you or others you love and ask God to help you see them as He wants you to see them, or remove them from your **presence until you can so you don't become a stumbling block.** That is not a wimpy, cop-out love. It takes strength and determination, and a Christ-boosted attitude.

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help? For directions to our  
building, roadside assis-  
tance , finding points of  
interest in our **community**  
or for emergencies please  
call: 727-647-6758.

## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class— 65  
A.M.— 101  
P.M. - 36  
Wednesday - 41  
Weekly contribution  
\$2056  
Contribution Goal  
\$2500

## Area Events

Let us try our best to sup-  
port the events of other  
local congregations.

- Gospel meeting at Cen-  
tral church of Christ,  
March 13-16 with  
Freddie Clayton.
- Twentieth Street Youth  
Summit, March 19th
- Gospel singing at the  
Lake Tarpon church of  
Christ, March 11 at 7  
p.m. See Ed for details.

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Questions about minis-  
tries?

Preaching Programs

- P. Martin, E. Benesh

Missions

- C. Axe, T. Hargis, M. Drake, K.  
Sabel

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. Sabel, T. Walden

Education

- B. Perry, D. Folks

### **Women's Studies Ministry**

- N. Gentry, A. Jucknath

Financial

- H. Gentry, P. Martin

### **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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I  
will say, Rejoice.  
(Php 4:4)

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