Pinellas Park church of Christ

Volume 43 Issue 2

13 March 2011



Provoking Love & Good Works

What..? Noise..?

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

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me--practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Php 4:9)

The bearings in my fan are going bad. In my living room I have a ceiling fan that has served us well for several years. I am not sure when it was installed, but it has reached the point where it is obviously having issues. When you turn it on, it makes this grinding noise when it starts, then evens out for a bit and then, once it reaches speed, creaks and top moans like an overburdened wagon.

It all started about a month or two ago, but being unable to really do anything about it, we just let it run and will only replace it when the fan just finally gives out. In that time, however, we have grown accustomed to the fan's noise. The creaking and moaning to us are just part of everyday life and we hardly notice it until someone, usually a visitor, points it out. When they do we just kind of shrug and say, "Yeah, but it still runs."

It is just amazing to me, however, how you can get used to something and not notice it any longer – the sound of an air conditioner kicking on or loud street noises or trains passing by or water dripping or other odd little noises that are simply part of the fabric that makes up our daily auditory



experience. You know, if we turn off that fan at night I even find it hard to sleep now. The silence is deafening.

The same is true with our spiritual lives in both a positive and negative way. We can be so accustomed to speaking the name of Christ or uttering prayer or standing up for the truth that it simply is part of who we are. It **IS** our experience and to

have to go without it would be very difficult.

At the same time, we can grow so used to sin and its consequences that we hardly notice it. We get so used to the lies or lying or the thievery or the covetousness or the jealousy or simple bad attitude that it becomes us and, just like godliness, it is hard to live without. It is hard to fight the urge to engage in these because they have become second nature.

I think the key to Christianity lies in not just eliminating the negative habits of sin, but replacing them with the incessant practices of righteousness. For many following Christ is nothing more than a laundry list of "don'ts." This type of philosophy will fail in our practical daily living. It is like trying to drink by dumping the bad water out of glass, but never filling it with good.

In this day, get rid of the bad, but replace it with positive, righteous living.



Sermon A.M./P.M. A.M. - Finding God with a Positive attitude PM-Will God really send people to an everlasting Hell

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 Deuteronomy 3-23

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 Lace 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 begun the "pass the cup" collection to help our members who are going to El Zorillo, Mexico, offset the cost of the trip. If you would like to support the trip, just drop you money in the cup as it comes by during your class.

Grace House

We are collecting items for the RCS Grace house. The list and bins are in the foyer. Pillows are the most needed

March

- 13th Elders / deacons meeting
- 15th Men's meeting
- 18th Teen Movie night in the Youth Room



Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, better after gel shot
- Joetta Lane 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, back problems
- 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 home now.
- 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
- Ralph and Wileen King
- Larry Poteet, diagnosed with cancer
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Stacey Camp, oral surgery
- 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
- Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's relative in Irag, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, foot ulcers; diabetes
- Wand Jarvis, friend of the Hargis', colon cancer

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday DT 3-4
- Monday DT 5-7
- Tuesday DT 8-10
- Wed. DT 11-13
- Thursday DT 14-16Friday DT 17-20
- Saturday DT 21-23

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

Lord's Supper

Bread: Bob Perry Cup: Keith Sabiel

Assisting: Bryan Martin Christ Bell

Opening prayer

Sunday am: Todd Walden Sunday pm: Michael Grimmer Wednesday: Bob Perry

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Harold Gentry Sunday pm: Timmy Martin Wednesday: Todd Walden

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh Sunday pm: Ed Benesh

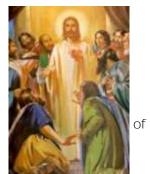
For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

(Joh 6:38)

About Our Father's Business Always

"Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business" (Luke 2:49)?

These are the words spoken by Jesus to His Mother, after she had anxiously been looking for Him. It was their custom to go to Jerusalem at the Feast the Passover every year. At that time, Jesus was only twelve years old. His parents, not knowing that Jesus had stayed behind, began their journey back home.



An entire day went by, when they discovered He wasn't with them. When their own relatives and acquaintances also didn't know where he was, they went back. After seeking Him for three days, they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

I can only imagine the look on Mary's face, when she finally found Him, and asked, (I'm sure with a stern voice) "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously".

Jesus answered her and with words they couldn't understand. His words held a profound truth. If we can understand and take it to heart it will have a great impact on us.

When Jesus said "I must be about My Father's business", He was not referring to Joseph, but to His Heavenly Father. In John 5:19 Jesus said that He can do nothing by himself but only what he sees His Father doing. Again, in John 6:38 He says that He came down from heaven, not to do His will, but to do the will of the One who sent Him.

Jesus did nothing apart from His Father and longed only to live the purpose His Heavenly Father had for Him. Only He truly knew what it entailed and all He was called to, likewise, only you know your Father's purpose for your own life.

Do you know that God created you with purpose? You are His Workmanship and He prepared works for you even before the foundation of the earth was laid. I believe that if we take the stance Jesus took – living out of a heavenly perspective, being aligned with the will of God our Father, knowing His thoughts towards us for our lives – His purpose will prevail and succeed through us, giving Him glory!

Nothing could stop Jesus from fulfilling His purpose to destroy the works of the devil, set the captives free, bring good news to the people and heal all those who were oppressed by the devil. No, not even His own earthly parents.

We must be about our Father's business. We must ask Him what it is He created us for and be obedient walking into His perfectly chosen destiny for our lives.

Pinellas Park church of

6045 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park, Fl

Phone: 727-544-8920 Preacher: 727-723-4519 Preacher email: edbenesh@gmail.com

Visitors are you in need of help? For directions to our building, roadside assistance, finding points of interest in our community or for emergencies please call: 727-647-6758.

Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday Bible Class– 60 A.M.– 92 P.M. - 34 Wednesday - 57 Weekly contribution \$1902 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

See bulletin board for more information about how you can support these local events.

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. FolksWeds. 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
- •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

I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." (Psa 77:6)

inellas	Park	church	of	Chris

6045 Park Blvd.

Pinellas Park, Fl 33781

То: