# Pinellas Park church of Christ

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# Provoking Love & Good Works

# Are You "experienced?"

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

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you... (1Jn 1:1-3; bold added by E.B.)

Have you ever seen a subtitled movie? Just in case you have no idea what I mean, a subtitled movie is a movie that requires you to read the words the actors are speaking on the bottom of your TV, often because the film was written and produced in a foreign language. If you have ever seen "The Passion of Christ" then you have seen a subtitled movie.

I was innerved the first time I ever saw a subtitled movie. My first thought was, "They should warn us that we are going to have to work to understand the movie. When I paid for my ticket I didn't sign on for this." Yet, have seen many subtitled movies since, I have grown quite fond of them and actually will watch movies at home, in which the actors a speaking perfectly good English, with the subtitling featured of my DVD player turned on. Why?

What I have found is that I get more out of it. Having to read the movie and watch at the same time tends to focus my efforts on picking up the minute details of the cinematic experience. I have put more into it so I actually get more out. I have even watched movies that I had previously viewed without the subtitling and have picked up on things that, I realize now, I missed the first time I watched it. To me it is amazing. Some will simply find it annoying and distract-



ing. Maybe you are one of the latter types. That is okay.

Yet, no matter what type you may be, I think there is a lesson for each and all of us here. Often we simply do not listen as we should and we end up letting things fall through the cracks that are vitally important. They may seem like minute details and yet may make up the difference between two radically different understandings. In some way we must focus, especially when it comes to things **like spiritual disciplines...** reading our Bibles, meditation, prayer. Ever get distracted in prayer, lose your place while reading, forget what you have just read or what book of the Bible in which you read it. Maybe your focus is off.

In this day, I urge you to find ways to refocus your efforts. If you are reading the Bible through and you find it difficult, why not try getting the audio Bible and listening to it as you read? Having trouble with prayer? Trying saying your prayers out loud or writing them down or create a prayer journal or having prayer with another person? Find ways to refocus. You miss a lot less and multiply the benefits. You will notice in John's words above that the apostle's success in ministry and understanding was in part due to a total sensory submersion in Christ. They didn't just hear Him, they experienced Him on all levels for focus and depth. Will you do the same?

Ed

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Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M. A.M. - Finding God's Talents PM-Injustice in the Church?

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 24-34; Psalm 91; Joshua 1-11

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

### Our Condolences

Are extended to the family of departed brother Ralph King. He'll be missed greatly.

### 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.

## **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

On April 3rd, in lieu of our normal potluck dinner we will be having a



benefit spaghetti dinner for the El Zorillo, Mexico mission. All are invited. Give if you can to help us build houses for your brothers and sisters in Mexico. **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

#### • 20th - Ralph King Memorial after services April

- 3rd Dinner to benefit Mexico missions
- 17th Elder's/ Deacon Meeting
- 19th Men's meeting

# Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, better after gel shot
- Joetta Lane therapy at home
- 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.
- Ralph King passed away this week
- Larry Poteet, diagnosed with cancer
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Stacey Camp, oral surgery
- Alex, Madison's friend, has cancer
- 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 Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, foot ulcers; diabetes
- Wand Jarvis, friend of the Hargis', colon cancer
- Bobbie Faulkner, was in a bad car accident and has bruised ribs, a broken bones in her hand, but is home.
- The Hollingsworth's, moving to the Heron House Assisted Living facility. Betty has Alzheimer's and Dell has respiratory problems.



# Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday DT 24-27
- Monday DT 28-29
- Tuesday DT 30-31
- Wed. 32-34/Ps. 91
- Thursday Josh. 1-4
- Friday Josh 5-8
   Saturday Josh 6-7
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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: Tom Hargis Sunday pm: Phillip Martin Wednesday: Tom Hargis

#### Lord's Supper

Bread: Bob Perry Cup: Keith Sabiel Assisting: Bryan Martin Christ Bell

#### **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 Wednesday: Harold Gentry

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. (Joh 6:38)

# For the Love of the Truth

### "These are the things you are to do:

Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts..." (Zechariah 8:16).

The world has smudged the lines between right and wrong. Cheating and lying, in the corporate world and our personal lives, seem to be not only acceptable but encouraged. The Bible, however, sets a different stan-

dard. "Therefore love truth and peace" (Zechariah 8:19).



What does someone who loves truth look like? Perhaps this psalm written by David

look like? Perhaps this psalm written by David gives us a picture of someone who loves truth:

# "He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the in-nocent" (Psalm 15 2-5).

Look carefully at what this person does and doesn't do:

- does what is righteous
- speaks the truth
- doesn't slander anyone
- doesn't wrong his neighbor
- doesn't say anything to disparage others
- despises those who are evil and dishonest
- honors those who fear the Lord
- does what he promises even when it is difficult
- lends money honestly, without taking advantage of those in need
- doesn't accept a bribe or distort justice

Don't you want to be that kind of person? Take time right now to ask for God's power to transform you into the person David describes.

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Vital Statistics Attendance Sunday Bible Class– 68 A.M.– 102 P.M 54 Wednesday - 58 Weekly contribution \$2779 Contribution Goal \$2500	<ul> <li>•W. Robinson</li> <li>Benevolence</li> <li>•D. Folks, H. Gentry,</li> <li>W. Robinson</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>•T. Martin</li> <li>Bldgs. and Grounds</li> <li>•H. Gentry, K. Sabiel, T. Walden</li> <li>Education</li> <li>•B. Perry, D. Folks</li> <li>Women's Studies Ministry</li> <li>•N. Gentry, A. Jucknath</li> <li>Financial</li> <li>•H. Gentry, P. Martin</li> </ul>	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 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph 5:2)
<ul> <li>Let us try our best to support the events of other local congregations.</li> <li>WWCC week one - June 12-18 "American Idols"</li> <li>WWCC week two - July 10-16 "iAM"</li> <li>Zorilla Mission - July 11-16</li> <li>VBS - August 7-11</li> </ul>	Pinellas Park church of Christ 6045 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park, Fl 33781 To:	
Put these items on your calendar now and plan to come or support these events any way you can!		