



## *P*rovoking Love & Good Works

# *Walking Out On God?*

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

But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

*(Zec 7:11-12)*

Two times I have had people walk out in the middle of one of my sermons.

The first time it happened I was preaching by invitation at a congregation different than my own. The lesson touched on some basic sins and the correction for each, as found in scripture - Christianity 101.

As I departed the pulpit I immediately understood that something was wrong. Apparently during the sermon one of the members gathered up a couple of the elders and sequestered themselves to engage in a long conversation about the lesson and ramifications of the teaching that I had

done. After a few moments they pulled me aside and began grilling me about the sermon. **I simply told them, "I said nothing that you cannot readily find in the scripture."** I then turned to the passage I had quoted during the lesson and simply repeated it. **"That is a little harsh don't you think?"** Growing weary of the situation I informed the men that they would just have to **"take their issue up with God,"** since he wrote it.

The second time someone walked out of a lesson was more of a complaint about the **"style" I had employed for a certain lesson.** Yet, the style, which was more of what you might call **"story telling" fit the lesson since we were focusing on some parables of Christ.**

Aside from the obvious, there is one big difference between the two times the **"walk out"** occurred. Both, of course were rude and inappropriate. Both were presumptuous, not **"hearing the end of a matter"** before making judgment. However, the first I took to heart, while the latter

(though regrettable) I did not.

Between those incidents I learned a valuable lesson. When people walk away from Bible preaching which they simply do not want to hear or don't like, or cannot peaceably disagree with in a biblically prescribed manner, then they are not walking out on the preacher, but on God. You see, the preacher is **just a tool in God's toolbox.**

When you walk out on either, you walk out on God. Do preachers make mistakes? Sure they do. Walking out on a sermon never solves it!

Israel did it over and over, especially during the period of the prophets. They **didn't like what they had to say** so they put their hands over their ears like a child and walked away. Never walk out on God folks! Never walk away from truth, no matter how it may hurt. Never walk out on God, lest He return the favor.



## Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.  
A.M.-*Finding God in Poverty*  
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  
Joshua 12-24; Judges 1-7

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

### Our Condolences

To Chad Nash and family at the passing of his Granddaddy. Chad is in Texas this weekend for the funeral.

### 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 10th, 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



### April

- 10th- Dinner to benefit Mexico missions
- 17th - Elder's/ Deacon Meeting
- 19th - Men's meeting
- 30th - Youth retreat at WWCC



## 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.
- Chad Nash, is travelling to and from his granddaddy's funeral.
- Larry Poteet, diagnosed with cancer
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Chris Dorris and daughter Megan, travelling to Megan's grandma's funeral
- Alex, Madison's friend, has cancer
- 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, that helps with Alzheimers

## Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Josh 12-15
- Monday Josh 16-18
- Tuesday Josh 19-21
- Wed. Josh 22-24
- Thursday Judg 1-2
- Friday Judg 3-5
- Saturday Judg 6-7

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: 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: Tim Martin

Sunday pm: Timmy Martin

Wednesday: Glenn duncan

### Closing prayer

Sunday am: Bob Perry

Sunday pm: Dennis Folks

Wednesday: Michael Grimmer

### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh

Sunday pm: Thomas Wise

Wednesday: Tom Hargis

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

## *I Myself Am Going!*

***"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near" (Isaiah 55:6).***

Have you ever really wanted something? Wanted it so desperately that you were willing to spend whatever time, energy or resources it took to acquire it? Imagine seeking God in that manner.

Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great value – worth selling everything we own, in order to buy it. Zechariah prophesied that there will be a day when,

***"[T]he inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, 'Let us go at once to entreat the LORD and seek the LORD Almighty. I myself am going'"***

*(Zechariah 8: 21)*

Of course, it's easier to be a follower than a leader; easier to wait for someone else to make the move to go against the flow of culture and risk everything in order to find eternal life. Yet when I read these words from Zechariah, I feel God calling me to be the first one to set out on this holy quest; the one that beseeches God for forgiveness and encourages others to do the same. I hear the call to be the one who humbly seeks



God's face, to know and be known by Him, and by example, urges others to drop whatever they're doing in order to discover His will.

**I sense within my heart the need to say, "I myself am going to seek God, won't you come with me?"**

*Almighty God, thank you for the promise that I will find You when I seek You with all my heart (Jeremiah 29:13). Give me the courage and the strength to seek after You regardless of who goes before me or if anyone else follows. Amen.*

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## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class— 68  
A.M.— 118  
P.M. - 44  
Wednesday - 48  
Weekly contribution  
\$2398  
Contribution Goal  
\$2500

## Looking Ahead

This is our extended calendar for 2011. If you need to put items on it, see Ed.

- WWCC week one - June 12-18 **"American Idols"**
- WWCC week two - July 10-16 **"iAM"**
- Zorilla Mission - July 11-16
- VBS - August 7-11

Put these items on your calendar now and plan to come or support these events any way you can!

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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

- 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

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.  
(Mat 7:12)

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