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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works *Are You A Noticer?*

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

Ruth Said, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me,...?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me... The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD,...under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" (Rth 2:10-12)

Yesterday I met my crossing guard or, more appropriately, the crossing guard who helps children cross the street near my daughter's school. He is nice, elderly gentleman with a kind word for all and a cheerful disposition that, at least in the moment I met him, was willing to share his day, life, thoughts and joy. We chatted for a bit, until it was time to cross the street and then both of us went about our days, I believe, a little better off having had **but a moment's interaction with another friendly face.**

I have seen this fellow before. Each and every day I drive by him, watch his work rain or shine. Each and every day I witness his care and concern for the children that he simply helps across the street. Yet, I never had the occasion to stop, talk with him or even thank him for the wonderful job that he does. I never had the occasion until yesterday when I ended up on foot, needing to walk from my home to my daughter's school to pick her up.

When it happened and I could find no solution that would eliminate the need to walk, I simply put the shoe rubber to the road and made my way there, at first

rushing about as if I could somehow keep a "break-neck" pace... not lose sight of that strict schedule that was based around an assumption that I would be doing such things by car. The farther I walked, however, the slower I felt myself going, not because the distance was great or because it grew hard, but because I was enjoying it.

When you walk, as opposed to driving, the world seems to change in some way. For some reason you seen things that you have otherwise missed. You get to stop and look at things that you never noticed before, but enrich your life. This was no more apparent to me than in the conversation I had with the crossing guard and the conversation I had with my sweet and loving daughter on our way home.

Just as I normally drive by the crossing guard, often the trip home with my daughter becomes more of an exercise in distraction. Not only am I driving the car and overtly alert to others doing the same, but the radio is normally tuned to some talk show, which I began listening to while alone in the car and find hard to tune out once my daughter gets in the car. Typically our commute home is defined by silence or us almost pretending as if one another weren't there. We are simply moving on to the next thing on our lists. Not yesterday.

Oh! At first my daughter couldn't believe that she "had to walk." But it wasn't long until she (as I had) saw the benefit. We talked.

We shared. We laughed. We stopped along the way to take some pictures, explore businesses that we hardly noticed before, shared a drink, a smile, stories and our lives. We had become noticers and we liked it. Once oblivious in so many ways to our own lives, neighborhood and each other, we now smiled and laughed together as we walked and took in all three.

One wonders how often we do the same thing with reference to God. The Bible says that in Him we "live, move and have our being," but how often do we notice? How often do we change our habits, seek new perspective or try something new to purposefully get closer to Him? Do we daily just "drive by" his handiwork never noticing its beauty? Do we brush past his children or find them more of a nuisance to our fast pace and daily directive dictated by our daily planner? Do we not touch and taste and see and feel and experience Him in all that is around us in an intimate way?

Maybe it will be as simple as saying "hi" and sharing a smile or brief conversation with that person you see every day, but for whom you have no time. Maybe, it will start by simply parking your car further away from work in a different spot and noticing a little more of this world He has purposely made for you. However you start, let this be the day that you too become a noticer.



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.
Are You a Christian Atheist?
Blessed Like Ruth

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

Connecting With God
The Preacher's Blog
edbenesh.blogspot.com

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

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. We urge all members to come help encourage the hurting, reach out to the sick and lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope you join us.

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.

Where are the DVDs?

Sermon DVDs are being produced every other week, rather than weekly due to some recording issues. Check the table in the foyer for your copies.

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

Today is our dinner to benefit the Mexico mission. All are invited to stay whether you give a dime or dollars. Be sure to stay and encourage our Mexico mission team.

Grace House

Thanks to all who donated items for the Grace House. A letter from them is posted on the bulletin board.



April

- **Today - 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, is awaiting results from a recent biopsy
- 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.
- Larry Poteet, diagnosed with cancer; undergoing treatment
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Paul Christman hope now after being at All Childrens Hospital
- 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 surgery, Apr. 12, to remove calluses
- Wanda Jarvis, **friend of the Hargis'**, colon cancer
- Bobbie Faulkner, recovering after a car accident
- The Hollingsworth's, moving to the Heron House Assisted Living facility, that helps with Alzheimers
- Daniel Martin, undergoing testing

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday 1 Sam. 4-8
- Monday 1 Sam. 9-12
- Tuesday 1 Sam. 13-14
- Wed. 1 Sam. 15-17
- Thursday 1 Sam. 18-20 & Psalm 11 & 59
- Friday 1 Sam. 21-24
- Saturday 1 Sam. 21-24 & Ps. 7, 27, 31, 34, 52

The questions for this week are posted online at <http://www.pinellasparkc.org/adultamclass.php>

Men to serve

Song Leaders

Sunday am: Phillip Martin
 Sunday pm: Tom Hargis
 Wednesday: Phillip Martin

Lord's Supper

Bread: Glenn Duncan
 Cup: Chad Nash
 Assisting:
 Kenny Brush
 Lee Duncan

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
 Wednesday: Phillip Martin

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;
 (1Ti 2:8)

Check or Deposit?

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace, AS YOU TRUST IN HIM so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

I once had a lady tell me that her counselor told her to quit praying because it was only causing her to focus on her problems. What a sad statement! Prayer is the amazing opportunity to invite God into situations and relationships in order to bring hope and healing.

I understand what the counselor was saying, yet prayer is so much more than simply rehearsing the difficulties and challenges and desperately begging God, "please, please".

Dutch Sheets, in his book Watchman Prayer, says it well. "Prayer is not a check request asking for things from God. It is a deposit slip – a way of depositing God's character into our bankrupt souls."

Think about who God is. His character, reflected in the very names we find in Scripture describe the power and might, the majesty and the mystery, the love and the caring that God desires to bring into our lives through prayer.

When we focus on God and all He is, our perspective changes, our faith grows and peace begins to settle over our bankrupt souls as we look to Him. Thankfulness begins to flow in the place where desperation resided.

Think about the situations and relationships that are troubling your heart right now. Set aside the blank check that you want God to fill and take instead the deposit slip of His character and pray into those situations in a new way. It will change the way you pray and it will change you and your situations.

-Gail Rodgers



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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— 53
A.M.— 97
P.M. - 38
Wednesday - 42
Weekly contribution
\$2513
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Looking Ahead

This is our extended calen-
dar 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!

Visit the Pinellas Park Church of Christ online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Our 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

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. (1Ti 2:5-6)

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