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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

How Shall We Worship?

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

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

(Psa 96:9)

Today we have gathered to do that very thing. We have come to humble ourselves before the Lord, giving Him the thanks and praise that He alone deserves. Today we have come to worship, especially mindful that nearly 2,000 years ago our savior gave himself on a cross, was buried, but rose again.

Worship, while it is glorious in so many ways, can and has proven problematic for many when we consider the practicality of it all—who will do what; when will it be done; how do we do so zealously and foster growth; etc.

In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul speaks at length about this practical side of worship, stating for us some basic principles and guidelines for how we ought to conduct ourselves when we assemble.

First, our worship is to be done with the idea of edification in Mind (14:3-5, 17, 26). While worship is God-

centered, it is God's will that it also edify all involved. Thus, what you do and how you do it is important, especially if you are leading worship. We should not mumble, speak to quickly, distract or conduct ourselves in a way that will discourage or detract from the Goal of worshipping our Lord, even if it means we simply remain silent. When we lead our goal should be to guide others into the presence of God with clarity and precision. This is difficult if other worshippers cannot hear you, understand you **or don't know what you** are talking about.

Second, our worship should be orderly (14:40). In other words it should not seem as if we threw it all together at the last second and those involved have no idea what they are doing. Again, if you are leading this means you have prepared, know what you will do and purposely make every attempt to enrich the worship and thus encourage. If you are a participant it means that you do not distract or create chaos or disorder while

participating in the services. To help us with this our elders have recently decided to place the announcements at the end of our services and begin, instead, with a welcome and call to order for our assembly so we each have a moment to focus our attention on our Father. It is the time to get your mind right, humble your heart and, at the same time, turn off that cell phone, silence the watch alarm, etc. Finally, worship must be approached with a maturity and growth fostered by His Word (14:19-21). When such maturity is absent then worship tends to be reduced to "our needs" or "our wants" or "our likes and dislikes" rather than HIS WILL. It tore the Corinthian church apart. It still does.

I do hope you will make a concerted effort to not only be here each an every time we assemble, but will do so with edification, order and growth in Mind.

Ed B.



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.

- *The Weekend That Changed the World Forever*
- *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 for all ages during each service

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. ***They have also set up a table in the foyer to greet visitors, invite them to return and give them valuable information about the church.*** Join MFTM to help in this effort to reach those who reach out to us by visiting.

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?

DVDs are being produced every other week and are available in the foyer.

April

- **30th - Youth retreat at WWCC**

May

- **15th - Elder's / Deacon's meeting**
- **17th - Men's meeting**
- **29th - Men's leadership Night**

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, got good news about her biopsy - no cancer
- 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.

Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation

We have found a new bus! For a closer look see brother Tim Martin.

Games

Games for Sonshine Day Camp, ages 5 and up. See *Beth Martin*.

Mission minded Givers

We are continuing to collect money for our mission work by using the collection containers in our classrooms. Plan each week to donate to the valuable and needed missions of our church.

Worship Order Change

From this Sunday forward we will have our announcements after services **conclude and a "Welcome" message** to open our services and call to order.



- 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
- 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
- Wanda Jarvis, **friend of the Hargis'**, colon cancer
- Caroline Schlemmer, testing for stomach problems
- The Hollingsworth's, moving to the Heron House Assisted Living facility, that helps with Alzheimers
- Daniel Martin, undergoing testing
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Faith Woods, pneumonia
- Those travelling north for the summer

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday 1 Chron. 1-2
- Monday Ps. 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
- Tuesday 1 Chron. 3-5
- Wed. Ps. 73, 77-78
- Thursday 1 Chron. 6
- Friday Ps. 81, 88, 92, 93
- Saturday 1 Chron. 7-10

Questions and answers for this study are available online at the following web address <http://www.pinellasparkeoc.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: Tim Martin
 Sunday pm: Tim Martin
 Wednesday: Glenn Duncan

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Bob Perry
 Sunday pm: Dennis Folks
 Wednesday: Michael Grimmer

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh
 Wednesday: Will Robinson

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
 (Rom 12:12)

But, How Can I Rejoice?

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1, 2).

The word "rejoice" creates a picture in my mind of celebration. Yet it must be more than a happy emotion or a festive occasion. **Many days don't feel like party days.** Financial troubles, heavy workloads, illness and infidelity happen regardless of our race or home address. So how do we rejoice?



In his book, *Counterfeit Gods*, Timothy Keller provides this definition: **"To rejoice is to treasure a thing, to assess its value to you, to reflect on its beauty and importance until your heart rests in it and tastes the sweetness of it"** (*Counterfeit Gods*, p 173).

Let me remind you today that in the midst of whatever trouble you face, you have a reason to rejoice. We have been justified through faith. What a glorious truth to treasure. By faith in Jesus Christ, we have been made right with God. Nothing on earth can bring joy like that.

We have peace with God. How sweet it is to know that sin no longer separates us from God. We have an intimate relationship with the Creator of the Universe. We have gained access into **grace. What could be of greater importance than God's unmerited favor shown to us?** Savor the goodness of being forgiven.

We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. You have hope. Not a deceptive hope that tomorrow will be better, but something solid to cling to. One day we will see God in His glory. Evil, sin and death will be defeated; God will be victorious; every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Great and gracious God, teach me to rejoice in the hope that I have in You. Amen.

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Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class- 67
A.M.- 98
P.M. - 46
Wednesday - 47
Weekly contribution
\$2127
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Looking Ahead

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

- CHBS Benefit Dinner - May 21st.
- 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

And walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
(Eph 5:2)

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