

# Pinellas Park church of Christ

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## *P*rovoking Love & Good Works

### *Elusive Christians*

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

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

(Heb 10:24-25)

Did you know that great white sharks sometime frequent the coasts of Florida? I am not trying to scare anyone off of visiting our area, but when I found out about this fact I began to do a little bit of research into these beasts. What I found was interesting and did not really match a lot of the hype that is often put out on the airwaves and screens across our country.

Great Whites are very elusive and thus we don't know much about them. We do, however, know some things.

Let me mention just one. Did you know that Great White sharks are actually carried inside their mothers in eggs? The eggs hatch internally, but **are not fed by the mother's body.** Instead they have to eat the unfertilized eggs or their younger, weaker siblings just to survive. Thus, before they are even born they must fend for themselves. Once they are born they immediately leave their mother never to return, living truly on their own.

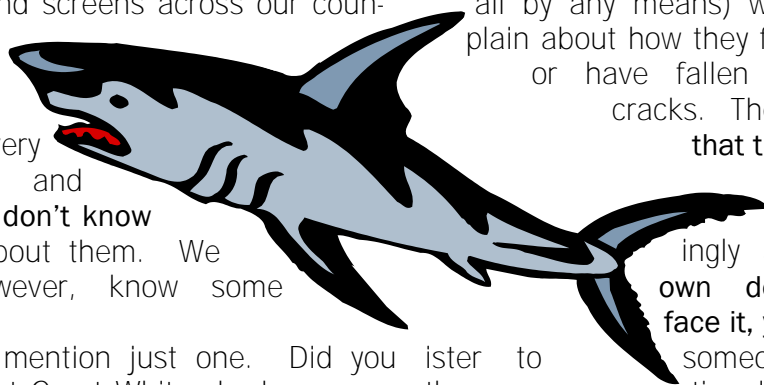
Maybe that is how you feel. Maybe you are going through your daily routine feeling all alone, having been abandoned by this world. Maybe you feel as if you were dealt a bad hand and few have reached out to assist you. You are not! Not only is there a God that cares about you deeply, but His children, the church, would love to have an opportunity to embrace and encourage you if you will not swim away.

Some folks are like that. Each and every week I preach I see folks who come in after the services start only to sprint for the door as soon as the service is over. Some of these folks (not

all by any means) will later complain about how they feel neglected or have fallen through the cracks. The sad truth is **that they didn't fall.**

They went there willingly and by their own devices. **Let's face it, you can't min-**

ister to someone who is not there or continually avoids you. In this day be a friend and make friends **of God's children.** Your load will be lighter, your mood much improved and your outlook more positive, not to mention the fact that your faith will get stronger and you will soon find yourself growing in this family atmosphere.



Edward Benesh



## Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.

- "Already Gone!"
- Wrong Place, Wrong Time

Sunday Adult Class  
*Walk Through The Bible*

Wednesday Adult Class  
*Teachable Moments*

Wednesday Teen Class  
*The Me I Want To Be*  
Classes available for all ages during each service

Young Adults  
Sun. - *Walk Through Bible*  
Weds. - *James' Wisdom*

*Sunday Morning Ladies Class, Raising Girls—*  
TBA please see C. Benesh

Connecting With God  
**The Preacher's Blog**  
[edbenesh.blogspot.com](http://edbenesh.blogspot.com)

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

### 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.*** Tim and Beth are visitation leaders. See them to help out.

### Bus Donations

We have recently purchased a new shuttle bus. If you would like to make a donation to offset the cost of this much needed vehicle, see Phillip Martin.

### Where are the DVDs?

DVDs are being produced every other week and are available on the media room door.

## Spiritual Classifieds

### Transportation

We are looking for those who can donate funds to offset the cost of our new bus.

### Day Camp Referrals

If you know of someone in need of child care during the summer and who might be interested in attending Sunshine Day Camp, see Tim or Beth Martin

### Mission minded Givers

We are continuing to collect money for our mission work by using the collection containers in our classrooms.



### 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.

### May

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



## Our Family Prayer Requests

- 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, cancer in remission
- 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, not doing well-cancer
- Alex, **Madison's friend, has cancer**
- Vitinia Bonelli, stomach 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 that helps with Alzheimers
- Daniel Martin, got good test results
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Faith Woods, pneumonia
- Erin McKinney, diagnosed with skin cancer and will need surgery
- Pam G. had surgery after breaking her foot and is a Northside Hospital
- Dawn Ricketts, daughter of Jeanne Peterman, having a baby
- Carrie Benesh, foot injury

## Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Ps. 32, 51, 86, 122
- Monday 2 Sam 13-15
- Tuesday Ps. 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
- Wed. 2 Sam. 16-18
- Thursday Ps. 26, 40, 58, 61, 62, 64
- Friday 2 Sam. 19-21
- Saturday Ps. 5, 38, 41, 42

Questions and answers for the weekly Bible reading plan are available online at [www.pinellasparkcoc.org](http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org)

## Men to serve

### Song Leaders

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

### Lord's Supper

Bread: William Robinson  
 Cup: Michael Grimmer  
 Assisting:  
 Kenny Brush Sr.  
 Max Benesh

### Opening prayer

Sunday am: Timmy Martin  
 Sunday pm: Harold Gentry  
 Wednesday: Bryan Martin

### Closing prayer

Sunday am: Dennis Folks  
 Sunday pm: Chris Dorris  
 Wednesday: Lee Duncan

### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh  
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh  
 Wednesday: Harold Gentry

## Getting Rid of Goliath!

***"Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 1:8, KJV).***

*David probably spent most of his early life keeping sheep. He had many experiences in the wilderness and opportunities to know God. He had seen God work on his behalf protecting him and strengthening him. In this time of aloneness he had*



*built his relationship with God. His knowledge of God's ability surpassed his knowledge of the ability of anyone else therefore the awesomeness of God was something in his heart and not his head.*

*When David arrived at the place of battle he was amazed at the ignorance of Goliath and shocked by the fear of Israel. The defiance and strength of Goliath existed because he was empowered by the fear of Israel. Had Israel feared God more than Goliath they would not have had an enemy. "The fear of man brings a snare: but whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe." (Proverbs 29:25, KJV)*

*To fear God is to reverence, accept and honor who He is. It is impossible to know who God is without intimacy. 'Goliaths' stand in the areas where God is not exalted and known. Our words and conversations will reveal who we are better acquainted with. It is interesting to note that in the conversations between David and the men there is no mention of God except from David.*

*The people had been listening to Goliath every morning and every evening. They chose the words of Goliath above the knowledge of God. In so doing they had created a "high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God." (2 Corinthians 10:5). T, KJV) The result of this was they became servants of Goliath even before the start of the battle. We are told they became dismayed and greatly afraid. (v. 11) If the voice of God is not louder to us than every other voice we will begin to serve those voices. It is important we keep His word before us and hear His voice.*

*When David ran towards Goliath he declared that this defeat would show the whole earth there was a God in Israel. When we take down the Goliaths everyone will know God is with us.*

*"the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Dan 11:32, KJV).*

**"Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, My salvation and my God"**  
 Psalm 43:5

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## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class- 67  
A.M.- 99  
P.M. - 39  
Wednesday - 54  
Weekly contribution  
\$2360  
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!

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## 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

**"Blessed is the one who considers  
the poor"**  
Psalm 41:1

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