

Pinellas Park church of Christ

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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works *Here I am To 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

As we begin to talk about worship, let's start with a mind-boggling thought. As we consider our galaxy, just ours, a scientist suggested this analogy. Imagine a perfectly smooth glass pavement on which the finest speck can be seen. Then shrink our sun from 865,00 miles in diameter to only two feet and place a ball on the pavement to represent the sun. Step off 164 feet to represent proportionately the first planet, Mercury, and put down a tiny mustard seed. Go another 120 feet and for Venus put down a BB. Go about 156 feet further and put down a green pea representing earth. Step off about 216 feet and for Mars put down a pinhead. Sprinkle around some fine dust for the asteroids, then go about 1576 feet and put down an orange for Jupiter. After 2000 feet put down a golf ball for Saturn. Now—over 4000 feet, a marble for Uranus. Another 4700 feet and you get to Neptune. Put down a cherry. We have gone 2 ½ miles and haven't even discussed Pluto. Now on a surface 5 miles across we have a seed, a BB, a pea, pinhead, some dust, an orange, golf ball, marble and a cherry. Guess how far we would have to go on this scale before we could put down another 2-foot ball to represent the nearest star? 6,720 miles before we would arrive at that star. Miles. And that is just the first star among millions in one galaxy. All of these bodies are perfectly synchronized and the most

accurate timepiece known to man (Swindol, *Come Before Winter*, p. 294f.).

Phenomenal. Amazing! The God Who created that and the God Who invaded our space to die on a cross for our sin, is the God Who has invited us to worship today. No wonder David asked in amazement, "Why do you care about us humans?" (Ps. 8). It is amazing that a God so Big would do such a thing for beings so small.

The Wise men said—"We have seen His star in the east and we have accepted His invitation. We have come to worship Him" (Mt. 2:2). The presence of God was humanized in Jesus and the wise men encountered Him in worship.

When was the last time you worshipped? You didn't attend worship—you worshipped? When was the last time you really stopped and considered what it is we do in worship? Do we understand the words we are singing? Are our prayers simply given by rote? Do you really **understand the significance of the Lord's** super and commune with him?

Isn't our God and his attention worth more? Is it really too much to ask devote a couple hours of our time and focus on Him? He is mindful of us. Are we mindful of Him each and every time we gather?

Edward Benesh



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.

- Acts Of Worship
- 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

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

Congratulations

Congratulations Keith and Tiffany on the birth of Makenzi Sabiel. She was born May 16 at 9:10 p.m., weighing 7lbs. 1 oz, was 18.5 inches long.

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.

WWCC Camp Time

All those planning on attending or helping out at WWCC the first week should get their applications in ASAP. The week is expected to fill fast.

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

- **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
- Betty Hollingsworth, is not doing well and has been moved to Woodside Hospice House at 6700 102nd Ave. in Pinellas Park.
- 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 now at rehab.
- Dawn Ricketts, daughter of Jeanne Peterman, having a baby

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday 2 Sam. 22-23
- Monday Ps. 57, 95, 97-99
- Tuesday 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21-22; Ps. 30
- Wed. Ps. 108-110
- Thursday 1 Chron. 23-25
- Friday Ps. 131, 138, 39, 143-145
- Saturday 1 Chron. 26-29; Ps. 127

Questions and answers for the weekly Bible reading plan are available online at www.pinellasparkeoc.org

Men to serve

Song Leaders

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

Lord's Supper

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

Opening prayer

Sunday am: Tim Martin
 Sunday pm: Phillip Martin
 Wednesday: Glenn Duncan

Closing prayer

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

Sermons

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

Big God, Big Dreams!

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." (Proverbs 29:18 King James Version).

"If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed" (The Message).



So many meanings to the word dream: to think, imagine, have ideas. An internet search reveals over 200 million sites related to that one word! People of renown have used the word to inspire and challenge: 'I have a dream' (Martin Luther King, Jr.); "Nothing happens without a dream" (Carl Sandburg); "Hold fast to dreams..." (Langston Hughes).

Of all people, followers of God should dream big because God is the reason for our dreaming. From the beginning of time it has been His plan that all people everywhere know of His great love. He used—and continues to use—men and women and His creation to tell the story, and the ultimate message became His very Son.

With God's goal in mind and His Holy Spirit to empower us, we can look at the needs of the world and dream about how God would want those needs met. When God challenged Moses to lead the people out of Egypt, He asked, "What is that in your hand?" God had a dream and was ready to use Moses in the fulfillment of the dream, even when what he had in his hand looked like a mere stick of wood.

We would do well to consistently look at what is in our "hands," consider God's vision for the world and then dream big about how He might use us. We must constantly encourage our children and grandchildren along these same lines. Involve them early in projects where they see how their seemingly small efforts contribute to the fulfillment of God's dream, projects such as making sandwiches for the homeless, meeting missionaries, going on short-term mission trips and living out God's vision of love with the those around them, especially towards the unlovely.

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

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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— 62
A.M.— 909
P.M. - 53
Wednesday - 41
Weekly contribution
\$2963
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

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's
throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids
test the children of man.
(Psa 11:4)

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