

Pinellas Park church of Christ

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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

Keeping Sin's List

**"Love...doesn't keep score of
the sins of others"**

1 Corinthians 13:5

The Message

I like to keep lists. I have lists of all the sermons I have taught, lessons I have preached and baptisms I have performed since the time I have been preaching. I have a list of places that I have been, states that I have lived in, jobs that I have had and great adventures that I have been on. I have lists of things that I need to work on in my spiritual journey and there is a list of some of the things I have been **able to accomplish with God's favor** and grace. Even this Daily EDification column is sort of a list of the happenings of my life.

There is a list, however, that I do not **keep...at least not in written form**. It is actually a list that, at times, I have to keep myself from making and referring to often. No matter how we try it is so tempting for us to keep a list of the ways we have been wronged, as if we are creating an account or ledger that we can show and hold **over other people's heads to either** make ourselves feel better or to let the other person know just how indebted they are to us.

Couples do this sort of thing all the time. Some folks even do it with God, **creating a list of "good works"** that they do, thinking maybe it warrants

their entrance into eternal bliss. Some parents do it with their children, bringing up the past flaws, which are often committed in times of growth, so they might control the behavior today – as if making your child feel bad is a motivating principle in behavior.

Lists are great tools, especially when it comes to things like money and **contacts and "things to do."** Lists are **great for "counting our blessings."** Yet, when it comes to sins or wrongs against us, list are not only inappropriate, but wrong.

Now, are you the kind of person who **"keeps and accounting of wrongs"** against you, unwilling to let them go and grant forgiveness? Are you the grudge holder and bridge burner type of person? I would hope not for those types of behaviors, regardless of what a person has done, are out of harmony with following after Christ, who knew no sin, but was put to death for yours. Have you been so wronged as to overshadow the cross of Christ and make it of little or no effect? Certainly not!

In this day, put away that list, forgive and find freedom in His graciousness, as you give it to others.

Edward Benesh

*Adapted from the internet column
"Daily Edifications"*

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



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.

- *What's Your Excuse?*
- *Congregational Singing*

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
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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.

Ideas Needed

Our new bus is ready to roll for the summer, but currently lacks graphics that advertise the church and our mission. If you have ideas or suggestions please see Phil Martin.

Where are the DVDs?

DVDs are available on the media center door. Please pick your up.

Zorilla Missions

Keep the Mexico Mission team in your prayers final arrangements are made for the trip. Daniel Martin has joined our team. We leave in one month.

Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation

We are looking for those artistic people who can help by giving their suggestions for graphics for our new bus.

WWCC Camp Time

Today many of our members will be leaving for WWCC and assume the role or camper, teacher, counselor or director. Keep all involved in this work in your prayers

Mission minded Givers

We are continuing to collect money for our mission work by using the collection containers in our classrooms. Give and your money will help others less fortunate, in need of hearing the gospel and will find its way back to you in the blessings of God.



June

- **13th - Sonshine Day camp starts**
- **19th - Elders Deacon Meeting**
- **21 - Men's Meeting**



Our Family Prayer Requests

- Paul Brown, friend of Kathy R. brain cancer.
- Audrey Young, ongoing health issues
- Brian Stover, Needing prayers
- Charlie B., Ongoing health issues
- Marion Brule, In assisted living
- Violet (D. Lampe friend) very ill
- Rick Woods, back problems
- **Connie Woods'** Recovering from surgery at home
- Homer and Lou Johnson Nephews, are both ill
- 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, 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, stomach problems
- Caroline Schlemmer, testing for stomach problems
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Erin McKinney, is cancer free
- Pam G. had surgery after breaking her foot and is now at rehab.
- Dawn Ricketts, daughter of Jeanne Peterman, had her baby and all is well. Congratulations Jeanne
- Nancy Hefner, former member here, had back surgery in Colorado - is home
- The Dahlstroms, whose daughter was accidentally shot
- Bob Weyandt had minor surgery this past week to remove kidney stones
- Joetta fell a couple weeks ago and is still recovering from a leg injury

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Pr. 4-6
- Monday Pr. 7-9
- Tuesday Pr. 10-12
- Wed. Pr. 13-15
- Thursday Pr. 16-18
- Friday Pr. 19-21
- Saturday Pr. 22-24

This is the same as it was last week. It is our break week. You can use the time to catch up or get ahead. Questions and answers for the weekly Bible reading plan are available online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Men to serve

Song Leaders

Sunday am: Phillip Martin

Sunday pm: Tom Hargis

Wednesday: Tom Hargis

Lord's Supper

Bread: Harold Gentry

Cup: Timmy Martin

Assisting:

Bryan Martin

Chris Bell

Opening prayer

Sunday am: Keith Sabiel

Sunday pm: Michael Grimmer

Wednesday: Bob Perry

Closing prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson

Sunday pm: Chris Bell

Wednesday: Harold Gentry

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh

Sunday pm: Congregational sing

Wednesday: Tom Hargis

As for man, his days
are like grass; he
flourishes like a
flower of the field;
(Psa 103:15)

Feeling Plucked?

"You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land...Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit" (Psalm 80:8-9, 12)?

I am not a great gardener. Green house plants will thrive in my presence, but flowering plants? They are all annuals for me. But, I adore African violets and one day at the store I saw they had them on super sale. I bought two and put them in my kitchen window. After a while, the blooms died. One I plucked, the other for some reason I didn't. I kept watering them. The one whose spent flowers I'd plucked began to bloom again. The other lay dormant. So I plucked off the now shriveled flowers. Within a week, it began to bloom as well.



Then I saw this verse. It made me realize that our spiritual fruit is **meant to be shared. If it isn't, how can we grow more?** If left on the plant, it will shrivel up, become unattractive, and stunt our growth.

I think we go through cycles in our spiritual growth just like the seasons for fruit and flowers on a plant. God will grow something in us and when it is ripe, someone who needs it will come along, hungry for God and pluck it. We may feel drained and perhaps a bit used up – but that is okay. It is the time to go dormant, return to the Word and let God nurture us. We need time to grow more fruit. If we allow that to happen, I believe the next batch of fruit will yield more.

If you have been doing something for God and feel used up and plucked clean, back away and become dormant for a while. Let others **minister to you. Replenish the nutrients in your "soil" by spending** more time alone with His Word and in prayer. Let the living water of Christ soak in and the Son shine on you a while. Soon, you will bear more fruit and be ready to serve again.

And, if you have spent flowers in your spiritual life – fruits of your labor that are no longer a joy – let them be plucked away. Someone else will fill the gap while you rest. God will see to that if that ministry needs to continue. Lay dormant and let Him prepare you for another ministry, or to return to that one newly blossomed and ready to attract others to His beauty again.

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tance , finding points of
interest in our community
or for emergencies please
call: 727-647-6758.

Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 64
A.M.— 98
P.M. - 55
Wednesday - 65
Weekly contribution
\$2851
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 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

"No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." Luk 16:13

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