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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

The Price Of Integrity

The LORD judges the peoples; judge me,
O LORD, according to my righteousness
and according to the integrity that is in
me.

(Psa 7:8)

David was the king after God's own heart, but David was also a human being living fully in the human condition (2 Samuel 11). Trapped on the slippery slope of his sinful desires, David commits adultery with Bathsheba, tries to cover it up and eventually has to kill her husband, Uriah, in order to keep the secret of his sins. It is a heart wrenching downward spiral that David would not escape until the prophet Nathan confronts him, telling him, "You are the man," or, to put it another way, "You are a sinner."

There is, however, an interesting thread that runs throughout the story that highlights the goodness of man, which contrasts well with David's actions. You may recall that David first tries to cover his sin by having Uriah come from battle to take his ease and perhaps "lie with" his wife. Uriah, however, is a man of integrity and refuses to do so while the Ark of the Covenant and his fellow soldiers are in the field dwelling in tents fighting for the Lord's kingdom. David even tries to get Uriah drunk, releasing his inhibitions, so that he would then "lie with" his wife. Again, Uriah does not, but sleeps on his own doorstep. From then on his fate was sealed. He sent Uriah back to the front with a letter to the general, Joab, which said that Uriah was to go to the front where the fighting was at its worst. Once the fighting began, all the men were to pull back from this mighty man of valor and integrity, assuring his speedy death by the hand the enemy...or so it

would seem. The plan worked, at least in the sense that Uriah was killed. However, the Bible also points out that there were other men who died with Uriah. In other words, not all of the men fell back. Some of them, though the order was from the king himself, did not leave Uriah to die alone, but **stood with him...died with him because** David during this time lacked their same integrity.

Why would someone do that? They had to know it was a setup. They had to know there was no chance of survival. Why do it? Perhaps because they understood something that few seem to connect with today – there are some things worth dying for. Integrity, honesty, faithfulness, honor and valor are not things to offer up on some temporary altar of sacrifice, even when that altar pays homage to the highest authority in the land. Uriah did not die alone because **David's army was full of men of integrity** who saw the inconsistency of a king and chose the honorable course, though the consequences were grave.

How often do we run across that same thing in our spiritual battle? How often does the road become hard, where our integrity and honor and faithfulness are tested? How often do we do the difficult thing and stay the course, even when the consequences are great – loss of job, loss of money, loss of promotion, loss of friends...etc. Does our integrity shine through? Does Christ shine through? These unnamed men died with Uriah and are forever an example of honor and faithfulness to us. What sort of example are we settling?

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.

- *Quit Ye Like Men!*
- *The Surprising Savior*

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.

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.

Our Condolences

To Anna Grace and family at Larry's passing. We are praying for you all.
Thank You

The thanks of the congregation is extended to the members who helped clean the floors of both the annex and our auditorium. It looks fantastic.

June

- **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 family, after Larry's

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

Thanks to all who worked, attended and supported the first week of Weeki Wachee Christian Camp. It was an exhausting, but rewarding week. One month until we do it all again in July.

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.



passing earlier this week from a long battle with 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
- Pam G. had surgery after breaking her foot and is now at rehab.
- Nancy Hefner, former member here, had back surgery in Colorado - is home
- The Dahlstroms, whose daughter was accidentally shot
- Bob Weyandt had minor surgery to remove kidney stones
- Joetta fell a couple weeks ago and is still recovering from a leg injury
- Be sure you thank our Father for all the blessings, including a wonderful week of camp, our fathers,,,

Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday 1 Kgs. 5-6; 2 Ch. 2-3
- Monday 1 Kings 7; 2 Ch. 4
- Tuesday 1 Kgs. 8; 2 Ch. 5
- Wed. 2 Ch. 6-7; Ps. 136
- Thursday Ps. 134, 146-150
- Friday 1 Kgs. 9; 2 Ch. 8
- Saturday Prov. 25-26

Questions and answers are available online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Men to serve

Song Leaders

Sunday am: Phillip Martin

Sunday pm: Tom Hargis

Wednesday: Phillip

Lord's Supper

Bread: Harold Gentry

Cup: Timmy Martin

Assisting:

Bryan Martin

Chris Bell

Opening prayer

Sunday am: Todd Walden

Sunday pm: William Robinson

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: Michael Grimmer

"Daddy! It's You!"

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words...And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:26

"This is a picture of you, Daddy." That is what our youngest son said as he handed me the piece of paper he had been working on for over an hour. He had come to work with me and wanted some work of his own. So I gave him some paper and a couple crayons and told him to draw some family pictures. Like a good boy, he did.

As I looked at the paper, the first question that came to mind was, "What in the world is this?" But, you can't ask that kind of question because it may hurt his feelings. Why? To him it was clearly a picture of daddy. How am I supposed to interpret that? What am I supposed to make of the jumbled mess that he is calling me? Should my feelings be hurt? Should I be flattered? Well, knowing the artist like I do and given the fact that he referred to me as "daddy," I was flattered.

It made me think about the things we bring before God, our Father, at times, only for us it is kind of backward from the above scenario. We are creating the picture (our lives) and so often it is a mess. When we look at it, it's confused and we don't even understand it. When we become frustrated with it we hand it over to God and say, "I don't understand - help me fix this." The Father, however, takes one look and says, "Oh, yes, I know what this is and I can help." He sees all things clearly when to us it is a great big mess. That is why Paul, in Romans 8, talks about how, when we are sore distressed in our prayer and just don't seem to know what to do or what to say, God, through the spirit, knows all.

In this day, will you give it all to your Heavenly Father? Dads, will you set that kind of example for your children and pass it on as a heritage of godliness?

Ed

Happy Father's Day
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The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

(Pro 23:24)

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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- 68
A.M.- 121
P.M. - 121
Wednesday - 38
Weekly contribution
\$1686
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!

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

Fathers, do not provoke your chil-
dren, lest they become discouraged.
(Col 3:21)
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