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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

The Value Of Spiritual Planning

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Php 3:13-14)

My daughter is getting her hair cut. **Sounds like an easy thing and I don't** know why I would be, but I am kind of nervous about it. She is a sensitive type, though does not often give that appearance to others, and I am never sure how she will react. One time we had her hair cut short, as she had requested, and someone called her a boy. She cried for days and insisted on **having a "girl's" haircut from that day** forward. Dad got in some big trouble over that one.

This time, however, my daughter and **my wife talked it over for days (I wasn't** about to walk willingly into that kind of trouble again). They got magazines and looked up hairstyles. They pondered and weighed options. In the end, my daughter picked a style that is shorter, but not too short. Short enough to make me nervous, but not so short that I would step in and say, **"Absolutely not," knowing it would end** in tears. In other words, they planned. Moments ago I receive a picture mail on my phone with the smiling face of my lovely daughter and her new haircut. **SUCCESS! I couldn't be happier,** though it seems like the smallest of

things. It is just hair, after all...but that is the **"guy" talking here.** To her it means a lot and her joy means a lot to me. Thus, success through planning is the only acceptable option.

It reminds me of the old adage which says **"If we fail to plan we plan to fail."** How true it is. Whims may seem like **great things...at the time...but often do not pay off.** Now, **don't get me wrong,** we can plan so much that our lives become mindless and lack substance and feeling. We can be obsessive about, but that is a whole other issue. The simple fact of the matter is that if you do not plan your life then you are planning to fail at life.

The same is true with spiritual things. What is your spiritual plan? How do you plan to grow and mature as a Christian and are you working the plan? How do you plan to fulfill the great commission and seek the lost? How have you planned for eternity and is your eye fixed on that prize every day? What is your plan? Do you plan your finances, shopping trips, haircuts, work outs? What about your soul? How are you planning for its care?

In this day, make a plan for the most important aspect of your life, the **spiritual part.** **Don't let your journey here end in tears.** It won't be like having a bad hair day or bad haircut. Instead, plan to be with God for all eternity in a place where there is no sorrow or pain or suffering.

Ed

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.

- *Who is this man Jesus?* 3
- *God's Preparation*

Sunday Adult Class
Walk Through The Bible

Wednesday Adult Class
Faith Lessons—Early Church

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.

Friday Devotionals

Due to some awkwardness in this year's summer schedule the weekly Friday devotionals will not occur on a regular basis. We will keep you posted.

Thank You

Anna Grace Poteet writes, "**Words cannot express the appreciation for the love, prayers and phone calls an food...received through Larry's hard fought battle with cancer. He was so happy to be a member of this loving Christian family. In Christian love, Anna Grace, Sean, Scott and Paige**"

July Calendar

- **10-16 - WWCC week two**
- **11-17 - Mexico Missions**
- **17 - Elders / Deacon meeting**
- **19 - Men's meeting**



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
- Rick Woods, back problems
- Timothy Hicks, cancer in remission
- 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.
- Alex, **Madison's friend, cancer** has gotten worse
- **Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's** relative in Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, requests prayers to be more spiritually focused; also

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

Our campers and staff leave today for the second week of camp. Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they travel and spend a wonderful week **studying God's word.**

Mission minded Givers

Thanks for all who have **"filled the cup"** for our mission to Mexico. From this Sunday on all money collected in these cups will benefit Disaster Relief in Nashville and their efforts to help those recovering from this years extreme weather.



has ongoing stomach related issues.

- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Pam G. is recovering from a broken leg and some broken ribs sustained in a fall during recovery. She could use some encouragement and visits. She is now home from rehabilitation.
- Nancy Hefner, former member here, had back surgery in Colorado - is home
- Bud Stover, had knee injections
- Bob Weyandt recovery from kidney stone surgery
- Diane Martin, had outpatient surgery and will need further procedures
- Pray for our upcoming missions at camp and in Mexico; also our many travelers this week



Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday 2 Kgs. 1-4
- Monday 2 Kgs. 5-8
- Tuesday 2 Kgs. 9-11
- Wed. 2 Kgs. 12-13; 2 Ch. 24
- Thursday 2 Kgs. 14; 2 Ch. 25
- Friday Jonah
- Saturday 2 Kgs. 15; 2 Ch. 26

Even with the Mexico mission, we will continue our Bible reading. Questions and answers are available online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Men to serve

Song Leaders

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

Lord's Supper

Bread: Tim Martin
 Cup: Keith Sabiel
 Assisting:
 Kenny Brush
 Chris Bell

Opening prayer

Sunday am: Timmy Martin
 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: Ed Benesh
 Wednesday: William Robinson

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

(Isa 55:1)

Water From God's Reservoir

"Oh, how I love your word! I think about it all day long" (Psalm 119: 97, Living Bible).

"All scripture is God-breathed...so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

It was a week of body-numbing activity as we worked in clinics near poverty stricken villages. We awakened early and fell into bed exhausted each night. Children seemed to pour from buses like water out of a bottomless pitcher. Challenges multiplied as we faced the logistics of meeting the endless vision, dental and medical needs of over 2,000 children.

We were Christians—surely we began each day in lengthy meditative prayer and gleanings from the Bible? While some of the team met each morning for a few quiet moments, the reality was that responsibilities swirled for those of us in leadership, demanding attention nearly every waking moment.

In the midst of these long days that were drenched with activity and people, the gracious Spirit of God repeatedly reminded me of words that had long before been committed to memory and implanted in my heart. From this resource, God brought to my attention answers to problems even before they were articulated. He provided all that was necessary for the needs of the moment.

The city in which I live depends on reservoirs for its water supply. When there is insufficient winter snow or spring rain, we are warned to carefully monitor our water use. In a similar way, our spiritual reservoirs cannot go long without refilling. Returning from the humanitarian project described above, I was desperately thirsty for fresh and abundant "water of the Word" and God is faithfully refilling what I had spilled into others' lives.



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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— 68
A.M.— 92
P.M. - 44
Wednesday - 69
Weekly contribution
\$3032
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Looking Ahead

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

- VBS - August 7-11

Put this 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

"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
(Isa 55:6)
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