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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

Victory by another name...

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

(1Jn 5:2-4)

It wasn't the last thing we would do for the house we were building for our new friends in Mexico, but it was certainly one of the most memorable. We had labored for two days to put the roof on the house and in the early afternoon of the second day, beating the heat of the later afternoon, we finally reached the last piece of shingle to be nailed to the roof. Our foreman had this great idea. **"Why not let the man of the house, the new owner, nail in the final one."** It was a great idea and we all agreed. Our only problem was telling him what we wanted him to do.

With a few words of broken Spanish we were able to let him know that we had **"one more" (uno mas) shingle and we wanted him to nail it to the roof.** The man picked up the hammer. He took hold of the nails. He laid out the shingle, with a few small alignment corrections by us. Then he swung away on the first nail. Hitting it perfectly, he drove it home in just a couple of swings. One nail was left. We were only two hits away from completing this

roof. He placed the nail, swung once, the twice and the final nail was in. As the final hit was made all of us yelled, **"El Finito," meaning "the end,"** indicating our victory over this troublesome roof. The owner of the house caught on and yelled with us a second time, **"El Finito."** Altogether we shouted one last time, **"El Finitio."**

Unfortunately, what we did not know at the time was that **"el Finitio" is ITALIAN for "the end," not SPANISH.** So, there we were, four Americans and one Mexican, standing on a roof on top of a mountain in the middle of Mexico, shouting out our victory for the world to hear...in Italian. **We got a good chuckle** about it later. However, it is funny how through all that miscommunication and misinformation all of us understood victory. We knew what we were doing we **just didn't know how to say it.** We shared no common language, but all of us understood the idea of victory, just as all of us, whether we understand one another or not, can understand and take hold of victory in Christ.

Each and every one of us can reach "the end" of this life having conquered sin and death through Christ, regardless of our race, gender or status in life. You do not have to speak a certain language or look a certain way to have the salvation of Christ. All can embrace his righteousness and grace. All can be saved. Are you? **Are you speaking His language...** the language of truth?

In this day, embrace your victory through Christ and live. 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 Was Jesus #5*
- **Men's Leadership Night**

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
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.

VBS Preparation

VBS is rapidly approaching. Be sure you invite all your friends, family...and enemies for that matter, especially to the family Day Dinner on the 14th.

New Members

Jose and Christine Martinez have placed membership with our Pinellas Park family. If you have not already, be sure you meet and welcome them. They can be contacted using the following information. 14293 Neptune Rd., Seminole, FL 33776. Their phone number is 727-324-7243 or 770-733-3380. Welcome!

Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation

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

VBS Flyers

Be sure you pick up some of the VBS door hangers and flyers so you can invite your friends and neighbors. They are on the table in the foyer.

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.



July

- **31st - Men's Leadership Night**

August

- **5-7 - Teen Recharge at WWCC**
- **7-11 - VBS "Believe it or Not : It's in the Bible"**
- **14 - Family Day Dinner following VBS.**



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, Will need to have outpatient surgery on her foot because of ongoing issues with a non-healing ulcer.
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Pam G. was in the hospital with a sever infection, but has now been transferred to the Apollo Rehabilitation center right next to Ed White Hospital in St. Petersburg.
- Nancy Hefner, former member here, had back surgery in Colorado - is home and doing well
- Bud Stover, had knee injections
- Diane Martin, had outpatient surgery and will need further procedures
- Christine Martinez asked for prayers for a sister in Christ in Iowa, Teresa Mazak, who has cancer.
- **Buddy Mierkey Jr.'s Girlfriend's** (Cynthia Lewis) father died.
- All our travelers this busy summer.



Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Isa. 31-34
- Monday Isa. 35-36
- Tuesday Isa. 37-39; Ps. 76
- Wed. Isa. 40-43
- Thursday Isa. 44-48
- Friday 2 Kgs. 18:9-19:37; Ps. 46, 80, 135
- Saturday Isa. 49-53

Questions and answers for the One Year Bible Reading Program are available at our website online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Men to serve

Song Leaders

Sunday am: Phillip Martin

Sunday pm: Men's Leadership

Wednesday: Tom Hargis

Lord's Supper

Bread: Tim Martin

Cup: Keith Sabiel

Assisting:

Kenny Brush

Chris Bell

Opening prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson

Sunday pm: Harold Gentry

Wednesday: TBA

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Timmy Martin

Sunday pm: Keith Sabiel

Wednesday: TBA

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh

Sunday pm: Men's Leadership

Wednesday: TBA

Today Is The Day...

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7).

I've been photographing families for years and recently a couple asked me to shoot their wedding. After I pulled up to the gardens and gathered my gear, I made my way toward the bride's chamber.

With no make-up, her hair a mess, and standing there in an oversized button down shirt, the bride-to-be beamed. As her closest friends and family gathered around her she gushed over details about the next few hours to come. After I sneaked out the door, I took shots of the empty chapel filled with white lace, tree branches, and temperature so low it felt like a winter wonderland.

It hit me at that moment. What did the writers of the New Testament mean when they said Christ represents the bridegroom and the Church represents the bride? In my early days of Sunday School my teachers never taught the meaning of the Second Coming. They never equated the excitement I should have for Christ's return to the excitement of a new marriage.

When Paul mentioned that he desired to die to spend eternity with Christ, I always felt guilty for my apathy about the future. For some reason floating on clouds playing harps for eternity never appealed to me like I thought it should. But as I studied the Bible, I realized God never intended eternity to look like that. As Revelation 21: 1-4 says, "Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth', for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"



I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation...he has covered me with the robe of righteousness...as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

(Isa 61:10)

With truth like that how can we act apathetic about Christ's return? As I entered into the bride's chambers once again I saw her with her hair curled around her face, her make-up flawlessly done, and her lacy, white dress enveloped around her. Her preparation of meeting the bridegroom stirred my heart.

One day Christ will return and the Church adorned, as a beautiful bride about to walk down the aisle, will meet Him. We will enter into a place where death is no more and crying, sickness, and suffering will cease to exist. With this truth, I find the perseverance to live my life.

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Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 62
A.M.— 83
P.M. - 46
Wednesday - 45
Weekly contribution
\$1058
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Looking Ahead

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

- VBS - August 7-11
“Believe it or Not, It’s in the Bible”
- 14 - Family Day Dinner in the Annex

Put this 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

Bless those who persecute you; bless
and do not curse them.

(Rom 12:14)

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