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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

Zeal According To Knowledge

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

(Rom 10:1-3)

For the third time this month I was overcharged at my local pharmacy for goods that I had purchased. Three times this month I went in to catch a sale they were having – one of those Buy One, Get One deals. For one of the deals I had a coupon as well, though I am by no means an extreme coupon user, storing up goods that I may or may not use or need in my personal warehouse just because I can.

I am not a shopper, but do like to save money on the things that I do purchase. Thus, I went in to get my deals. The deals would eventually materialize, but the trip itself turned into a half hour venture for four cans of whole, unsalted almonds, some granola and milk, all of which were on sale.

This, quite frankly, is beyond my break point for value. I was saving about \$15 on these three items, but it was just not worth the frustration of having to stand across a counter watching two fully grown adults try to figure out the deal that THEY were offering because it would not ring up right. Besides, a half hour ago, I had fifteen minutes to drive five minutes to work. I was now late.

To make matters worse, every time I had this issue it was the same cashier. Every time I was overcharged and had to stand and wait for these great periods of time, it was because of this **one person. He just didn't seem to get it. On one of the occasions I had to actually explain the discrepancy to this man and I don't know the first thing about running their operation.**

Of course, all of these thoughts came to me and the frustration built and the near-anger ensued before the time when I found out that this fellow was new. He was an older gentleman forced to go back to work by the poor economy and he was having a hard time learning a computer skill set. It was hard, he revealed to me, since the one computer that he did own was over ten years old and he thought maybe he used it twice.

Now, though I had never been rude or acted impatient in any way while these incidents occurred, I had a new understanding of the problem. In such understanding the calmness I displayed and the patience I mustered were not merely faces I donned for the moment, but genuine and informed. As I stood in line this morning behind a woman, whose order he had messed up, and watched his and her frustration, I prayed that he was doing better and would find success. Even though I was late, again, because of his missteps at the cash register, I **didn't mind.**

It is so easy to act without understanding. I would imagine that most of the times we get angry, jealous, hurt, envious, fearful, anxious or react in some emotional or overly-emotional way, it is due, in part, to a lack of understanding on our part. We are simply missing some piece, large or small, of the necessary information that we need to have a proper reaction. Many have this same inclination when it comes to practical spiritual matters. They act, but it is not according to understand, but unrestrained emotion.

In this day, let passion fill your heart and let understanding rule both.

Ed Benesh

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.

- *Thirst of the Open Heart*
- *Habakkuk's Complaint*

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. - *Crazy Love*

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.

Fifth Wednesday Singing

This coming Wednesday, August 31, we will forego our normal classes and have a congregational singing. This is a time dedicated to not only giving men and opportunity to hone their skills at song leading, but learning new songs as a congregation. Be sure you are there.

Visitor Packs

We will soon have new visitor packs available for folks "looking for a church" to attend. See the folks at the Marching for the Master desk in the foyer if you need one or know of someone who does

Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation

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

Sonshine Day Camp

Another year has ended for our Sonshine day camp. Thanks to all who have helped make it a great success, especially Tim and Beth Martin. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Mission minded Givers

Thanks for all who have "filled the cup" for the Disaster Relief in Nashville and their efforts to help those recovering from this years extreme weather. This effort continues. The cup is on the front pew for those who want to donate.



September

- **4 - Fellowship dinner after services**
- **18 - Elder's / Deacon Meeting**
- **20 - 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 cancer.
- **Michael Grimmer's** aunt had cancer for surgery which may be spread through her body
- **Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's** relative in Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, Will need to have outpatient surgery on her
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Pam G. is recovering at Northside and is doing much better
- Nancy Hefner, back surgery and PT
- 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.
- Valerie Jones, **Michael Grimmer's** aunt, had surgery for cancer in Orlando
- Barbara Hanson, **Ed Benesh's** aunt in Texas will be undergoing surgery to remove tumors
- **Carol Axe's sister** Doris, congestive heart failure
- Del Hollingsworth, pneumonia
- **Gertrude Robert's** daughter, at Northside in serious condition



Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Habakkuk
- Monday Jer. 41-45
- Tuesday Jer. 46-48
- Wed. Jer. 49-50
- Thursday Jer. 51-52
- Friday Lam. 1:1-3:36
- Saturday lam.3:37-5:22

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: Tom Hargis
Wednesday: Phillip Martin

Lord's Supper

Bread: Glenn Duncan
Cup: Bob Perry
Assisting:
Lee Duncan
Max Benesh

Opening prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson
Sunday pm: Harold Gentry
Wednesday: Todd Walden

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Timmy Martin
Sunday pm: Keith Sabiel
Wednesday: Taveris Butler

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh
Sunday pm: Ed Benesh
Wednesday: Phillip Martin

For our heart is
glad in him, be-
cause we trust in
his holy name.
(Psa 33:21)

Praising God In Hard Times

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)

Trust. Hmm. **Trust...the word was rolling around in my mind** when I woke up this morning. Such a simple word, but it can be the hardest thing to do.

It was easier to trust as a child than as an adult, for me. As a kid, I trusted that my best friend would never hurt me (I found out **that wasn't true**). I trusted that what my teacher said was ALWAYS right (found out **that wasn't true either**). The list could go on, but as we know, as time goes on the list of **things that we CANNOT trust...grows.**

We live in a world full of sin. Satan has made **sure that we don't feel comfortable trusting in** things. He has made sure that we trust things that we can see more than things that we cannot see. If we can see it, we can believe it right? **That's one of Satan's many lies.**

This brings me back to this morning. **Trust...trusting God.** The problem that I was having was that I think sometimes we trust that God will do something because it is our conviction that he said he would, but the problem is that we might have misunderstood the promise.

Many times when we read the Bible we do it with an objective in mind, which can cloud our interpretation of what God actually meant. Matthew 6:25-34 is a good example. Jesus is talking about the fact that we do not need to worry because God will take care of our needs.

Does that mean that we do not have to plan or that don't have to work because God will provide? No – God expects to be good stewards. But one could look at these texts and hope that it means that we will never have trouble because Jesus said not to worry.

So, can we trust God? We know in our hearts that answer to that question. Just make sure that you ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you search the scriptures for answers or as you pray for guidance in your life.

If we can trust NOTHING else, we can always trust God to have our eternal salvation in mind.

Robyn Williams



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Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 55
A.M.— 82
P.M. - 45
Wednesday - 40
Weekly contribution
\$2246
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Looking Ahead

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

- Teacher and Leadership Training Workshop at Pinellas Park. Date to be announced.

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

(Joh 6:35)

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