

# Pinellas Park church of Christ

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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

## Who Rules Your Life?

If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

(Joh 7:17-18)

**"Righteous rulers make righteous rules so the righteous may first rule themselves that all men may prosper."** If only those who live like weeds in our political landscape could figure out the meaning of such an assertion and the far reaching consequences of its power, then our world would not only be different, but also far more prone to uphold a set of values that benefit each and every man's existence on many levels.

Unfortunately, those who see themselves as part of what some have called the "ruling class" suffer from the elementary problem of not wanting to be ruled by either the will of the people, those who know better or a godly sense of virtue. At the same time they ask you to let them rule your life through legislation and law enforcement. At best it is inconsistent. Worse, however, is the tendency to create and perpetuate an inbred ideology that some men are simply above the law, while most have no choice but to follow the often inane, immoral or unneeded and burdensome code of legalities that is often studied, but seldom understood, even among those who profess allegiance to it.

This issue lies deep at the heart of why so many Americans are frustrated, and have been for some time, with what we may loosely term "politics." It is difficult, at best, to follow leaders who either make little to no sense or are moving our country and its laws away from any recognizable source of authority with meaning, but instead are using a veil of "public service" as an excuse to impose their authority-lacking will on citizens. They don't want to question and serve. They want to rule without question. Of course, this is the tendency of man. For a moment give some thought to how this often plays out in the realm of personal spirituality. Have you ever had any difficulty giving your will over to God's will? Most of us have no problem letting others know when they are living out of harmony with God or His will. Yet, how good are we when it comes to our service within His will? All too often we want to be the rulers of our own lives, but hold others to a very different standard. It is okay for us to whine and grumble and murmur and be unloving or keep some pet sin of our own around. Yet, when it comes to calling out others for those same things we are as proficient as any lawyer with the law in pointing out not only the loophole that sets us free from the law, but closes it for others.

In this day be determined to let His will be your will in all things. Make God your ultimate source of authority and you will never be frustrated spiritually and neither will those whom you serve.

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.

- *The Open Heart Forgives*
- **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](http://edbenesh.blogspot.com)

Online Worship Services  
access to live video feed at  
[www.pinellasparkcoc.org](http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org)

Daily EDifications  
To receive daily devotion from Ed please sign up at  
[edbenesh@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### ONE - Daily Living That ONE Thing

This coming Wednesday our adult class will begin a new series of lessons simply called **ONE** - based on Paul's charge to focus on that "ONE thing...pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Each week we'll focus on a different aspect of the Christian journey. In class we will learn about His expectation with regard to each facet and then issue a challenge to spend the next week focused on that one thing, offering practical tools to help you achieve success.

## Spiritual Classifieds

### Transportation

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

### Visitor Packets

Available in our foyer are information packets for those visiting looking for a church to attend. These may be found by asking the member manning the table in the foyer or the preacher.

### 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.



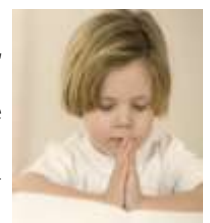
## September

- **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.
- **Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's** relative in Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, Will need to have outpatient surgery on her foot
- Pam G. is home recovering after surgery
- 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
- **Stacey Camp's mother**, recovers from a stroke
- **John Bohn**, heat stroke
- All who are suffering the after affects of hurricane Irene



## Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Ezek. 1-4
- Monday Ezek. 5-8
- Tuesday Ezek. 9-12
- Wed. Ezek. 13-15
- Thursday Ezek. 16-17
- Friday Ezek. 18-19
- Saturday Ezek. 20-21

Questions and answers for the One Year Bible Reading Program are available at our website online at [www.pinellasparkeoc.org](http://www.pinellasparkeoc.org)

### Men to serve

#### Song Leaders

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

#### Lord's Supper

Bread: Timmy Martin  
 Cup: Jose Martinez  
 Assisting:  
 Taverris Butler  
 Brice Stover

#### Opening prayer

Sunday am: Glenn Duncan  
 Sunday pm: Michael Grimmer  
 Wednesday: Chad Nash

#### Closing prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson  
 Sunday pm: Bob Perry  
 Wednesday: Chris Bell

#### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh  
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh  
 Wednesday: Michael Grimmer

## *Each Step I take...*

*"The steps of the godly are directed of the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand." (Psalm 37:23, 24 NLT)*

**When I first heard the doctor say to me, "It's cancer,"** I couldn't quite comprehend that he was speaking to me. As a nurse, I had heard the doctor say that about some of my patients, but this time he was addressing me. That dreaded C word belonged to me. How could that be?

The months that followed were filled with surgery and now aggressive chemotherapy. Every time I go to the hospital, I get more stuff to read about cancer. People who know **me well, keep asking me "How are you feeling?"** I'm grateful for the many kind friends who are praying for me and showing me their loving support.

### **But I don't want to revolve each day**

around the cancer diagnosis. I want to live each day to the full in the power of the Risen Christ, as normally as I can. So, I plant more flowers, I invite people over for lunch and **I ask them what's happening in their lives. I go for** daily walks around Mill Lake, and I read interesting books (not about cancer).

And what about the future? I am comforted to know that Jesus has already been there. He goes before me and behind me, He is all around me and within me. His Word says: *The steps of the godly are directed of the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.* (Psalm 37:23, 24 NLT)

*Thank you, Father for the truth and comfort of this song:*

*Each step I take my Savior goes with me, and with my hand in His, He leads the way....*

*Each step I take I know that He will guide me. To higher ground He ever leads me on.*

*Until some day the last step will be taken, each step I take just leads me closer home.*

Helen Lescheid

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.  
 (Psa 17:5)



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## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class– 71  
A.M.– 92  
P.M. - 45  
Wednesday - 37  
Weekly contribution  
\$2242  
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!

Visit the Pinellas Park Church of Christ online at [www.pinellasparkcoc.org](http://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

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O  
God; incline your ear to me; hear my  
words.  
(Psa 17:6)

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