



Provoking Love & Good Works

Seeking Hidden Treasures

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

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding... then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

(Pro 2:1-5)

I bought the books years ago. I still remember where I was and most of the circumstances. It was a cool Saturday morning and I was returning home from coaching a soccer game when I passed a garage sale that advertised "books." I love books. I love to read and study and dig beyond the surface of most matters, especially biblical matters. Thus, I was attracted immediately, though I am not a person who frequents the garage sale scene on a regular basis.

Pulling alongside the road amidst the myriad of cars that had gathered for this retail melee, I exited the vehicle and focused immediately in on the stacks and stacks of books that they had been so gracious to even organize into topics. I was shocked to find that they actually had a box that they had labeled as "spiritual" with some faded, well-past-its prime Sharpie. As I began to sort through the items and older man walked over and simply blurted out, "I will sell you that whole box for \$1." Needless to say, my dollar came out, I loaded the car and was instantly gone.

Of the 30-40 books in the box, half went to dumpster. Of the remaining books, only 8-9 were actually decent books that I have

kept over the years, but if you have seen the price of books (especially theology books) lately then you know I got a bargain.

Just the other day I pulled out one of the books that I had simply browsed through after the original purchase. I am creating a series of notes for one of my classes and this book seemed, based on the title, to fit the bill. Not having time to read it right then, I tossed it on the stack I was creating to form the basis of my research.

The day wore on and I finally got to the book and immediately noticed that someone had left a bookmark it about halfway through. When I turned to the bookmark, however, I realized that it was only a bookmark in function, not form. Someone had, for some reason, used two ten dollar bills to mark this page. So, the book that I purchased for pennies had actually profited me to the tune of about \$19.

The matter that struck me with greater impact, however, was the fact that the book sat on my shelf for at least 8 years without me ever opening it. It held this hidden treasure the whole time I have owned it and I never noticed it. The owner before me had obviously done the same or had put it in the book and forgot about it. Perhaps there were even times when it would have come in handy. Perhaps there were times when it could have bought something important, but was left undiscovered. I know that in my preaching career many of those things applied. Yet, it was undiscovered.

How often are God's blessings left unclaimed and undiscovered by the men who actually need them, though they are literally, each and every day, an arm's length away from them? How many people, for instance, worry or become anxious over the trials of life and never once think that the Bible that sits on their living room shelf right next to that chair where they sit every night has all the answers they would need? How many folks who must make important decisions or are entering a critical time in their life think to pray? How many lonely and miserable people never once stop in or inquire about that church family that worships each week just down the road from them? How many people sit in church buildings each and every week just waiting for the answer to that important question, failing to open God's word for themselves to find out?

God's treasures are amazing and boundless, but we have to dig for them, discover them and uncover them. He doesn't often scatter them on the surface for he knows the value of feeling invested. In this day, seek His treasure and find His blessing by seeking his face in prayer, Bible study and righteous living.

Ed



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.
AM- *Walk in Giant footsteps*
PM - *Seeking Job's Answer*

Sunday Adult Class
Walk Through The Bible

Wednesday Adult Class
Christianity 101

Wednesday Teen Class
The Me I Want To Be
Classes available most Sundays and Wednesdays for all ages.

Young Adults
Sun. - *Walk Through Bible*
Weds. - *Proverbs*

Sunday Morning Ladies Class, Raising Girls—
TBA please see C. Benesh

Weekly Bible Reading
Job 40-41 & Gen. 12-29

Online Worship Services
access to live video feed at
www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Daily EDifications
To receive daily lessons
from Ed please sign up at
edbenesh@gmail.com.

Pinellas Park Potpourri

Congratulations Todd and Julie Monahan at the birth of Baker **Ministry Leaders** tentative calendars of 2011 events are due by this coming business meeting.

Marching for the Masters, an outreach group of the Pinellas Park Church of Christ meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the church library following morning services.

Ladies Zumba Class: Monday Evenings
See Donna Brush for details

Our condolences

For the family of Judy Conrad. Her funeral will be held on January 22 at the Palm Harbor church of Christ at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1000 16th St. in Palm Harbor.



Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation: Bus for the Sonshine Day camp.

Games: Games for Sonshine Day Camp, ages 5 and up. See Beth Martin.

Wanted - donations of café tables and chairs, family friendly movies, game system that can play games and DVDs, bean bag chairs and **larger area rugs** to decorate the new youth room.



January



- **16th - Elders / Deacon Meeting**
- **18th - Men's Meeting**

Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, recovering from recent hospitalization, regain strength
- Ronald Brush, heart surgery
- Tom Harmon battling lung cancer, wife Carolyn and family.
- Marilyn Libby, sister of Carol Axe, Chemotherapy
- Paul Brown, friend of Kathy R. brain cancer.
- Brian Stover, Needing prayers
- Charlie B., Ongoing health issues
- Sandy Christman, Pain mgt.
- Marion Brule, In assisted living
- Donna Lampe Various ailments
- Linda Lampe has cervical cancer
- Violet (D. Lampe friend) very ill
- Connie Woods, Pain management
- Rick Woods, Bulging discs
- **Connie Woods'**, (Sister) Abnormal mammogram
- Homer and Lou Johnson Nephews, jail / cancer
- Deborah Pratt, (wife of Bob and **Betty's nephew**) **double mastectomy**
- Timothy Hicks, Throat cancer
- Bob Martin, Multiple strokes, partial paralysis, rehabilitation and wife, Judy while she cares for him.
- Co-worker of Beth Martin Asks for prayers for premature twins.
- Audrey Young, weakness and diminished health
- Chris Dorris family at the passing of **Chris' father, and their trip to Indiana** for the memorial and committal
- Barbara Moore, recently diagnosed with peripheral vascular disease
- Christy Claypool (sister of Linda Rossy) recovering from bladder surgery
- Ralph King home improving
- Del Hollingsworth - Stomach ulcer
- Bob Weyandt - home recovering
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe, who she has studied with online, has been baptized, but has suffered persecution for it and has been hospitalized

Weekly Sermon

- **This week's sermons** are designed to follow our path as we begin our journey walking through the scripture - a year long reading program through **God's word**.
- It is our desire to further help each and all of us understand better some of the great characters in scripture and catch a glimpse of their humanity, trials, errors and righteousness

Men to serve 1/16, 19**Song Leaders**

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

Lord's Supper

Bread: Harold Gentry
 Cup: Timmy Martin
 Assisting:
 Lee Duncan
 Dennis Folks

Opening prayer

Sunday am: Todd Walden
 Sunday pm: Michael Grimmer
 Wednesday: Bob Perry

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Tim Martin
 Sunday pm: Timmy Martin
 Wednesday: Keith Sabiel

Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

(Jas 5:16)

ESV

B.L.E.S.S. - A guide to praying for yourself or others

BODY – Lord, thank you for my health. Please strengthen me physically today. Ease the tension in my shoulders and head. Give me wisdom to take care of myself wisely. Help me to be disciplined in what I eat and give me determination to exercise today. Protect me as I go about my day. Thank you that You are a shield around me. I need Your help today especially with _____.



LABOR – Father God, I give You all my efforts today. You know where I work hard and You know where I slack off and procrastinate. Help me focus today. Help my mind to retain what I study. Bless my efforts today. Help me to prioritize the important things in my life. Multiply my efforts and may my accomplishments be fruitful. Thank you that my weak points are the very entry point for Your strength. Fill me with Your Spirit and help me today to _____.

EMOTIONS – Lord, You alone know how I can so easily be dragged by my emotions instead of being led by Your Spirit. Today I bring to You the areas within my heart that feel unstable and shaky. Thank you that You are my Rock today. You give me a firm place to stand. Give me self-confidence that is rooted in You. Help me to feel encased in Your peace today and to trust You completely with _____.

SOCIAL – Father God, bless my friendships and lead me into purposeful friendships with others who seek You. Give me strength to distance myself from social situations that could draw my heart away from You. Fill my lonely places with the assurance of Your presence. Be with the woman You have chosen for me and bless and protect her today. Help her with whatever she is facing and draw her close to You. Bring me a friend to encourage and one who will encourage me. Today I pray a blessing on _____.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Lord, help me to trust You and to depend on You. **It's so easy to try to lean on my own understanding.** Help me to sense Your presence with me today. Give me a strong desire to read Your Word. Help me to understand what You are saying to me. Show me what needs to be cleansed in my heart and life today. I ask Your forgiveness for _____. Give me a deep desire to draw near to You and to make time to quiet myself so I can hear You speak.

Pinellas Park
church of
6045 Park Blvd.
Pinellas Park, Fl

Phone: 727-544-8920
Preacher :727-723-4519
Preacher email:
edbenesh@gmail.com

Visitors are you in need of help? For directions to our building, roadside assistance , finding points of interest in our community or for emergencies please call: 727-647-6758.

Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 65
A.M.— 102
P.M. - 47
Wednesday - 33
Weekly contribution
\$3147
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Area Events

Let us try our best to support the events of other local congregations.

- See bulletin board for more details.



Visit the Pinellas Park Church of Christ online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Questions about ministries?

Preaching Programs

- P. Martin, E. Benesh

Missions

- C. Axe, T. Hargis, M. Nash, 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

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

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the
earth.
(Job 19:25)

Pinellas Park church of Christ

6045 Park Blvd.

Pinellas Park, Fl 33781

To:

