



## *P*rovoking Love & Good Works

# *Fire On All Cylinders*

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

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

*(Jas 2:10)*

It was the battle of the century -a knock-down, drag-out brawl of epic proportions. Ed versus car, round...well, I have forgotten what round it was. This time I had to replace some spark plug wires and spark plugs. Oh! How I long for the good old days of rear-wheel drive and no computerization, when an average guy who wanted to work on his car **wasn't reduced to scratching his head and saying, "Huh?"**

I figured that the spark plugs and wires would be easy enough. No computerization here. It is one of the few areas that I now feel comfortable with, aside from changing oil, and replacing brake pads. How hard could it be? I would put it to the test. All went well until I got to the last spark plug and wire. It was located in a place on the rear of the engine that was virtually un-touchable. Surrounded by wires and sensors and all sorts of other unidentifiable parts, it was nearly impossible to get at. I tried sockets, wrenches and some rigged up contraptions that I doubt I could duplicate to save my life. I felt like MacGyver -

just give me some dental floss, chewing gum, rubbing alcohol and a twelve inch piece of PVC and I am sure I **can fix about anything...yeah, right.**

Eventually I got it. I had to sit on top of the engine in a position that would impress even the seasoned yoga instructor and push with all my might. Finally, the plug broke loose and I had the answer to the question that had been nagging at me for months. The car had been running rough, though it ran. When I finally got the plug out I realized that it had been cracked and that subsequently it had split in half, which meant it was **not "sparking."** Of course, **no spark means "no go."** My vehicle literally was not firing on all cylinders.

As I put the final touches on the job and began cleaning up, I thought about how that so often describes our spiritual journey. We may have many things right. Five of our six cylinders may be working consistently and accurately. But, if only one fails, the whole fails. For instance, every law of God that we have detailed for us can be broken into two parts - love for God and love for man. If you look at the Ten Commandments you can see this

very clearly. Now, which one of these two can we fail to hold and still please God? Which of the Ten Commandments could the Israelites fail to uphold and still be acceptable? Could they **covet their neighbor's** wife, but uphold all else, and still be okay? Could they forget the Sabbath and still run spiritually? Certainly not!

This, of course, is not to say that we will execute everything perfectly. **God's grace is a wonderful thing.** However, we cannot willfully fire on only five out of six cylinders and think God will be pleased. In this day, get out those spiritual wrenches and other tools and make your necessary repairs. What are you missing? What is not firing in your spiritual life? What part of His will has taken a back seat, been put on hold or ignored - evangelism, putting off murmuring, prayer, **study..? Seek God's wisdom and work on it.**

Ed Benesh

From *Daily Edifications*



## Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.  
AM-*Never Waste a Crisis*  
PM - *Beyond Zebra*

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](http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org)

Daily EDifications  
To receive daily lessons from Ed please sign up at



## Pinellas Park Potpourri

**Ministry Leaders** tentative calendars of 2011 events - **due by Feb. men's mtg.**  
**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

**Thanks** to all who came out for the WWCC benefit dinner. Your devotion to the camp will change lives.

**L.A.C.E.** will be forming a Pinellas Park branch for 2011, which will meet monthly at Pinellas Park. Dues are \$10 a year. The Pinellas Park branch is competing with the Bartow group to see who can get the most members. See Melissa folks for details.

## February

- **8th - Work day at church house**
- **13th - Sweetheart Banquet**
- **15th - Work day at church house**
- **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 in St. Pete Hosp.
- Pam G. 50% artery blockage
- Violet (D. Lampe friend) very ill
- Connie Woods, Pain management
- Rick Woods, Bulging discs
- **Connie Woods'**, (Sister) Abnormal mammogram
- Homer and Lou Johnson Nephews, are both ill



## 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 family friendly movies, game system that can play games and DVDs, bean bag chairs and larger area rugs to decorate the new youth room.



- Deborah Pratt, (wife of Bob and **Betty's nephew**) **double mastectomy**
- Timothy Hicks, Throat cancer
- Bob Martin, is doing much better and will be having surgery on his neck.
- 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 Bible Reading

- Sunday Genesis 30-31
- Monday Genesis 32-34
- Tuesday Genesis 35-37
- Wed. Genesis 38-40
- Thursday Genesis 41-42
- Friday Genesis 43-45
- Saturday Genesis 46-47

The questions for this week are posted online at <http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org/adultamclass.php>

Each weeks answer key will be posted on the Monday after we go over the lessons in class.

## Men to serve 1/16, 19

### Song Leaders

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

### Lord's Supper

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

### Opening prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson  
 Sunday pm: Tim Martin  
 Wednesday: Bryan Martin

### Closing prayer

Sunday am: Keith Sabiel  
 Sunday pm: Phillip Martin  
 Wednesday: Chris Dorris

### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh  
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh

For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

(Act 28:27)

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## The Broken Vessel

*"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast" (1 Peter 5:10).*

Beth was only in her thirties when her beloved husband died. Four months later her second child was born. She felt as if her whole world had fallen apart, and her heart was filled with bitterness. The joy of the Lord she had known disappeared and she became cold spiritually.



For two long years Beth wandered through desert places mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Although she continued teaching Sunday school at **her church, her heart wasn't in it.** She went through the motions of living, but that was all.

Beth knew she wasn't right with God, and sometimes doubts besieged her. **"I'm not fit to serve God,"** she'd think. **"I should resign my positions in the church. With the attitudes I've had, will I ever be fit again to serve the Lord?"**

Then one night Beth had a strange dream. She was walking down a dusty little path that led to a crude, unpainted shed. Its door was open and she walked in.

**An elderly man, clad in a cobbler's apron, was molding some damp, red clay into a watering vessel.** Instinctively she knew he was making cups, urns, and pots for service. Behind him on the shelf were some beautifully decorated ones, along with some others. Then just as she espied a large plain vessel, it fell off the shelf.

The man paid no attention to Beth, but bent over and picked up the cracked and broken vessel. Holding it masterfully, he reached into an urn nearby, dipped his fingers into warm molten wax, and began to seal the broken vessel with the wax. When he finished mending it, he placed it back on the shelf behind him.

**Then leaning forward, he put his warm hand on Beth's shoulder. "'Tis better a broken vessel mended and sealed by the Holy Spirit, that is yielded and willing to serve," he whispered, "than a vessel perfect, without flaw, ornate and beautifully decorated, but unwilling to serve!"**

Then Beth woke up. The doubts that she could ever be used of the Lord again because of transgressions of the immediate past were gone. Tears of joy mingled with tears of repentance flowed freely. She felt the warm wax of the Holy Spirit pour over her wounded spirit in healing power. The crack of bitterness that had come into her broken heart at the death of her husband had healed, and she was sealed and mended with the wax of **God's love.**

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## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class— 65  
A.M.— 92  
P.M. - 41  
Wednesday - 55  
Weekly contribution  
\$2277  
Contribution Goal  
\$2500

## Area Events

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

- Gospel meeting at Bradenton COC Feb. 6-9.



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

Questions about 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

### 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

As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed.  
(Pro 26:14)

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