## The Courage to Swim Up Stream

People who make a difference in this world and all to often change it for the better are those that swim against the current or the majority. It is a biblical concept that runs hard against the tendency of man to assume that if many people are going after something then it must be right. Do we have the courage to go against the majority to stand for truth?

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1. The Tyranny of the Majority		
2. A Warning from Authority		
3. Instructions to the Wise		
Conclusion:		

1 January 2017

6045 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Sunday: AM Bible study 10:00, Worship 11AM, 6 PM

Wednesday Rible Study 7PM

**Prayer Requests** 

Sandy Christman's Cousin, Robin, was in a car accident and had a stroke.

**Joyce Senf,** former member at Pinellas park, had hip surgery and is in rehab. at Evergreen Woods Health, 7045 Evergreen Woods Trail, Spring Hill 34608.

**Jeanne Coates**, continues to have issues after her stroke and sends her love and requests more prayers. She sees her doctors soon in an effort to resolve some issues.

**Shirley Dooley,** requests prayers for her neighbor Joan and a friend, Mary Ellen, who has blood cancer. Treatment will not cure it, but may extend her life.

**Amma Lou Koon**, Polly's sister, had a stroke and is in need of prayer.

**Aliet Machado**, 15 year-old, has an inoperable brain tumor.

Wiley, recently tested in a medical program. Pray that he passes those test.

Alex Craig, has joined the Navy and will be undergoing training for the SEALS.

Sandy Christman Sandy's pain is improving as she recovers from surgery.

**Jonathan Farnham**, is in need of our prayers.

**Homer Johnson,** has a brain tumor and is not expected to make it much longer. He is receiving care at Freedom Square in Seminole. Keep homer and Lou in prayer.

**Ed's uncle Bill** still has CHF, but his condition is much improved.

**Carol Axe,** at home recovering from bleeding issues.

**Pam G.** cousin David Chafin, who needs lung transplant, has the flu and not doing well **Barbara Moore** is now home in Florida and doing much better.

**Subhfan Fontanills,** requests prayer for her brother and nephew, Lakaro and Alex.

**John Hedge** requested prayers for Jason Spooner and SarahJo Fuentes. **Wayne Shearer**, Chemotherapy has had positive results.

**Melissa Niven**, passed away last week after a long battle with cancer.

Bill May's mother, Judy, had surgery, but does not want chemo or radiation.

**Helen Knese**, Vivian Brush's sister, had a stroke, but is now in a rehabilitation hosp.

Vivian Brush for her friend Claudia Stewart, stage four pancreatic cancer.

Diane Haff, friend of the Phillip Martin family, has brain 2 brain tumors

**John Petersen,** friend of Diane Martin, is in Hospice care for a heart condition.

### Order of Worship – The Courage to Swim Up Stream

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Announcements

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Opening prayer / Offering

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The Lord's Supper

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Sermon – Edward Benesh

452 Standing on the Promises

1009 Battle Hymn of The Republic

Closing prayer

Song leader - Tom King



# **Announcements**

- Alex Craig Address Alex is currently in training with the Navy. You may send him mail to:
  - S.R. Craig, Alexander
  - Ship 04, USS Arleigh Burke, Div. 806
  - 3600 Ohio Street
  - Great Lakes, IL 60088-7103
- Ladies, Don't Forget! Our ladies class meets every Friday in the youth room at 1PM for Bible study. Their lessons follow our Sunday morning class.
- **Men!** Be sure to check the list of those who are to serve in worship, including the Wednesday evening speaking schedule. If you are not able to make it then please get someone to fill your slot and let Dennis Folks know.
- Brian Stover address James B. Stover #266262 (S3112L) Columbia Correctional Institution(Annex), 253SE Corrections Way, Lake City, FL 32025
- Jesus Take The Wheel We have had a great response to this. Keep it up!
- **Pantry Needs** We are in need of items for our pantry. Please do not bring any items that are expired, near expiration, dented or perishable items. Please check the dates and cans for dents. At present we do not need veggies.
- **WWCC needs funds** A lot of spectacular work has taken place in the past few months at WWCC. Most recently we have torn down three pavilions and replaced them with much safer, stable an aesthetically pleasing shelters. These, however, cost money. If the great work of the camp is to continue to have spiritual impact we must be good stewards and invest. See Phil, Glenn or Melissa for one time and/or continual giving opportunities.
- New Year is just around the corner! Soon it will be 2017 and we will look back at 2016, consider our spiritual gains and take stock of our shortcomings so we may learn from them. In an effort to help our leadership plan and our congregation grow we will soon be handing out surveys so you may evaluate the congregation and yourself on several fronts. You will also be asked to think about your talents and how they might be put to use in the work of the Lord in Pinellas Park. The Sunday evening lessons, beginning this week, will focus on planning for success in the New Year.

#### Calendar

#### **January**

- 1 No potluck in January
- 15 Leadership Mtg
- 15 Lunch Bunch meets after services, place to be announced
- 17 Men's Ministry Mtg.
- 29 Men's Leadership Night
- Soon we will be starting men's leadership classes again

#### **Our Leaders**

Elders – Phillip Martin, Tim Martin, Dennis Folks

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Search for us as well on Facebook – get Ed's "Monday Moorings" and "Friday Footing" by email – Watch our live feed on Ustream

#### **Vital Statistics**

Contribution **\$2159** Budget **\$2500**Bible Class - **53** Worship - **83** PM - **20** Wed. PM Service - **35** 

#### **Our Monthly Challenge**

The Theme for this month is courage, namely the courage stand our as a Christian in a world of darkness. Your challenge is to:

1. List those fears that hold you back spiritually

2. Act each day for 30 days to overcome just one of those

3. Start small, but think big

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