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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

Time Of Death Unknown?

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

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Rom 6:3-5)

"Time of death unknown."

That is what the report said in bold letters, concerning the silent passing of a man who was my patient while I was a medic in the United States Air Force. With no signs this man was in danger, he was left to sleep for the night and only four hours later was he discovered lying neatly in his bed without a single sign of life. At some point in that four hour period he peacefully died, but we had no idea when.

Despite what we may think or whether we know the actual **time of one's death**, death is an instantaneous occurrence. Perhaps, for many it looms large in the near future. For others, it happens unexpectedly. Death, however, is an

instantaneous occurrence – that is, there is no middle ground between life and death for the physical body. It is either living or dead. That is why we can talk about the **"time of death" and the "moment of passing."** These are marked clearly by things like lack of brain function and heart beat.

But what of the spiritual man? I think most of us understand the biblical teaching which boldly asserts that we must die to self and live for Christ (Gal. 2:20). We must become a new creature or creation. Some would have you think that there is no marker for this and that all of us simply bear the mark **"Time of Death Unknown,"** by asserting that it is more of a feeling or a thought, which may or may not be fleeting. According to their way of thinking, there is no **"time of death" or "moment of passing."**

And, yet, the Bible speaks of one. Think about it for a moment. Paul, in Romans 6, says, **"We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death..."** There is a moment of death and it is marked by the moment of baptism or burial in water as

a representation of the burial of Christ. He died physically for our salvation and we must die to self spiritually for the same reason.

Notice, as Paul continues, this glorious thought – ***"Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."*** That moment of death is also our moment of life – newness of life and life beyond compare, where we have entered a relationship with Christ and are promised resurrection and eternal bliss beyond even the physical grave and our physical **"moment of death."**

Thus, for the child of God – the one with a clear marker of that moment he died to self and lived for Christ – physical death is simply a transition to being truly spiritually alive.

In this day, may you come to grips with the reality of life and death and choose life by dying to self in the waters of baptism.

Adapted from the *Daily Edifications* column by Ed B.



Study Opportunities

Sermon A.M./P.M.
Tim Simmons - Missions
Ruth's Strategic Righteousness

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

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. We urge all members to come help encourage the hurting, reach out to the sick and lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope you join us.

L.A.C.E. Membership Drive

The Ladies of Lace will be forming a Pinellas Park branch for 2011, which will meet monthly at Pinellas Park. Dues are \$10 a year.

Where are the DVDs?

Sermon DVDs are being produced every other week, rather than weekly due to some recording issues. Check the table in the foyer for your copies.

April

- 17th - Elder's/ Deacon Meeting
- 19th - Men's meeting
- 30th - Youth retreat at WWCC

Our Family Prayer Requests

- Nancy Hargis, better after gel shot
- Joetta Lane therapy at home
- 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
- Connie Woods, got good news about her biopsy - no cancer
- Rick Woods, back problems
- **Connie Woods'** Sister Abnormal mammogram
- Homer and Lou Johnson Nephews, are both ill
- Deborah Pratt, (wife of Bob and **Betty's nephew**) double mastectomy
- Timothy Hicks, throat cancer
- Bob Martin, is doing much better and is home now.
- 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 recurring cancer.
- Larry Poteet, diagnosed with cancer; undergoing treatment
- Justice, a friend of Carol Axe
- Alex, **Madison's friend, has cancer**
- Vitinia Bonelli, stomach problems
- J.T. Hicks, Bronchial problems
- **Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's** relative in Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, foot surgery
- Wanda Jarvis, **friend of the Hargis'**, colon cancer
- Caroline Schlemmer, testing for stomach problems
- The Hollingsworth's, moving to the Heron House Assisted Living facility, that helps with Alzheimers
- Daniel Martin, undergoing testing
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Faith Woods, pneumonia
- Those travelling north for the summer

Spiritual Classifieds

Transportation

We have found a new bus! For a closer look see brother Tim Martin.

Games

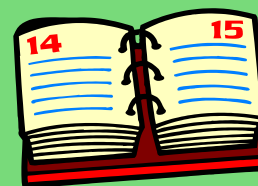
Games for Sonshine Day Camp, ages 5 and up. See *Beth Martin*.

Mission minded Givers

Thanks to all who came out to support the Mexico missions team. Your encouragement in this great work is priceless and beyond compare. God bless you all!

Bus Clean Up

All are invited to stay after services today and help your youth clean up our new-to-us bus and help make it road ready.



Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Ps. 56, 120, 140-142
- Monday 1 Sam. 25-27
- Tuesday Ps. 17, 35, 54, 63
- Wed. 1 Sam. 28-31; Ps.18;1Chr. 10;
- Thursday Ps. 121, 123-125, 128-130
- Friday 2 Sam. 1-4
- Saturday Ps. 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21

Questions online at <http://www.pinellasparkecc.org/adultamclass.php>

Men to serve

Song Leaders

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

Lord's Supper

Bread: Glenn Duncan
 Cup: Chad Nash
 Assisting:
 Kenny Brush
 Lee Duncan

Opening prayer

Sunday am: William Robinson
 Sunday pm: Harold Gentry
 Wednesday: Bryan Martin

Closing prayer

Sunday am: Phillip Martin
 Sunday pm: Chris Dorris
 Wednesday: Lee Duncan

Sermons

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

Let the Light Shine through!

Jesus said *"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world"* (John 9:5). Jesus also said that *"You are the light of the world"* (Matthew 5: 14).

Imagine a lamp. God is like the light bulb, the source of light, and we are like the lampshade. While it may seem strange to compare God to a light bulb, **we're told in scripture that "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all"** (1 John 1:5). And while I admit it may be difficult to imagine yourself as a lampshade, stay with me.

"You know him [the Holy Spirit]," Jesus tells us, "for he lives with you and will be in you" (John 14: 17). God dwells within you. While no one who **looks directly at God's face and**

His absolute holiness and power could possibly survive (Exodus 33: 20), His glory can manifest itself in many ways, including through His children, you and I. Therefore, as much as you are able to allow **God's light to shine through you, His glory will be revealed to the world.**

This is why John the Baptist said, regarding Jesus, *"He must become greater; I must become less"* (John 3: 30). John recognized that for Jesus' interests to shine, John's own self-interest must decrease. We are **like the lampshade to God's light; the thinner the lampshade is, the more the light will shine through. So let yourself become thinner, weaker, and more transparent, so that God's light will shine more brightly into the world, and so the world will not be able to ignore it!**



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."
 (Mat 5:14)

The apostle Peter has some excellent practical advice on how to let God's light shine through your life:

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1Pe 4:8-11)

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Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 62
A.M.— 107
P.M. - 46
Wednesday - 57
Weekly contribution
\$2405
Contribution Goal
\$2500

Looking Ahead

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

- CHBS Benefit Dinner - May 21st.
- WWCC week one - June 12-18 “American Idols”
- WWCC week two - July 10-16 “iAM”
- Zorilla Mission - July 11-16
- VBS - August 7-11

Put these items 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

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

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. (1Ti 2:5-6)

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