

# Pinellas Park church of Christ

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## *P*rovoking Love & Good Works

### *Banking On God!*

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Mat 6:19-21)

Over the last five years I have had to alter or completely change how I bank. It all started when I noticed some charges to my account that I knew were not mine. While my family and I were away at a Christian youth camp, someone from Miami paid for \$500 worth of GPS cards using my account information. On another occasion money had been taken from my account by a company I had never heard of who claimed to have delivered a product at my request, though the product was never received and I had never authorized any of it.

Now, the bank, because they are insured for such things, gave my money back once I filed enough paperwork to fill a rather large folder and they investigated to make sure my claims of illegitimacy were accurate. Yet, it was still a pain because I now had to change all of my accounts, which meant that I had to get new cards, new checks and then call all the companies that I legitimately deal with and alter the account information. I was robbed of not only money, but precious time and energy. These I would never get back.

There is, however, one bank where I have never had such problems and never will. Well, it is not a bank per se. In fact it is not even located in this world, but it is the place where I store the real treasures of life. Each day I make every attempt to deposit in this account the returns I get by living fully immersed in Christ. Each and every day, when I exercise godliness, grow and win souls for Christ I make deposits into this account. Though I do not earn my salvation by them these things that **make life sweet...that are the best things this life has to offer...things like peace and hope and love...are reserved for me and** can never be taken from me. Oh! I may surrender them or let go of them, but there is no foe or friend that can in clandestine fashion break into this vault of God and take away this joy. There is no **hacker that can crack God's code.** It is absolutely and ultimately safe, just as I am when I put my trust fully in Him.

Where have you placed your treasure? Have you put them in a safety deposit box? It can be stolen. Maybe you locked them in a safe in the bottom of some dark closet somewhere? It can be destroyed. Maybe you have no idea what true treasure is beyond the sorrowful, shallow thinking that would include the Lexus in your driveway or the pool in your backyard or some artwork or signed memorabilia or stocks. In this day, lay your true treasure up in heaven so none may rob you of ultimate joy, your purpose or meaning.

Ed

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.

- *Who is this man Jesus?*
- *Life Under the Sun*

Sunday Adult Class  
*Walk Through The Bible*

Wednesday Adult Class  
*Holy Lands Lessons*

Wednesday Teen Class  
*The Me I Want To Be*  
Classes available for all ages during each service

Young Adults  
Sun. - *Walk Through Bible*  
Weds. - *James' Wisdom*

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  
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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.

### Friday Devotionals

The Summer, Friday evening devos. will begin **July 1 at the Sabiel's home on the beach.** Details to come.

### Memorial for Larry Poteet

At 2 p.m. today we will be holding a memorial service for Larry Poteet. All are also invited to a dinner at the Peppertree lakes Condo club house on 116th Ave. between 4th and 9th streets.

### Thank You

Thanks to members Helen Bell, Joy Nugent and Keith Sabiel for cleaning the floors in our annex and auditorium.

## Spiritual Classifieds

### Transportation

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

### WWCC Camp Time

Thanks to all who worked, attended and supported the first week of Weeki Wachee Christian Camp. It was an exhausting, but rewarding week. It is less than one month until we do it all again in July.

### Mission minded Givers

Thanks for all who have "filled the cup" for our mission to Mexico. From this Sunday on all money collected in these cups will benefit Disaster Relief in Nashville and their efforts to help those recovering from this years extreme weather.



## July Calendar

- **10-16 - WWCC week two**
- **11-17 - Mexico Missions**
- **17 - Elders / Deacon meeting**
- **19 - 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 recurring cancer.
- Larry Poteet family, **after Larry's** passing earlier this week from a long battle with cancer.
- Alex, **Madison's friend, cancer**
- **Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's** relative in Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, stomach problems
- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Pam G. is recovering from a broken leg and some broken ribs sustained in a fall during recovery. She could use some encouragement and visits.
- Nancy Hefner, former member here, had back surgery in Colorado - is home
- Polly Stover, broke her elbow
- Bob Weyandt recovery from kidney stone surgery
- Joetta recovery from falling
- Diane Martin, had outpatient surgery and will need further procedures
- Pray for our upcoming missions at camp and in Mexico



## Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Prov. 27-29
- Monday Ecc. 1-6
- Tuesday Ecc. 7-2
- Wed. 1 Kg. 10-11; 2 Chron. 9
- Thursday Prov. 30-31
- Friday 1 Kg. 12-14
- Saturday 2 Chron 10-12

Questions and answers to follow along with this study and guide your reading are available online at [www.pinellasparkcoc.org](http://www.pinellasparkcoc.org)

### Men to serve

#### Song Leaders

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

#### Lord's Supper

Bread: Harold Gentry  
 Cup: Timmy Martin  
 Assisting:  
 Bryan Martin  
 Chris Bell

#### Opening prayer

Sunday am: Tim Martin  
 Sunday pm: Glenn Duncan  
 Wednesday: Phillip Martin

#### Closing prayer

Sunday am: Bob Perry  
 Sunday pm: Dennis Folks  
 Wednesday: Michael Grimmer

#### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh  
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh  
 Wednesday: Glenn Duncan

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.  
 (1Jn 4:7)

## The Book of Love

*"...The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin" (Exodus 34:6, 7).*

A few years ago, at Christmas, I was given the most unusual and wonderful gift I had ever received. It was a common notebook, but over the entire previous year, my husband had filled it with love notes to me. For hours, I drank in the messages conveyed in that little book. Now, years later, I keep it close to me, often rereading my favorite sections. It has given **me insight into my husband's character, what is important to him and how he feels about me.**



The gift reminds me of the treasure we have in the Bible, the book of God's love for us. Throughout its pages, in every chapter and verse, we can discover who God is and how much He loves us.

**The Old Testament recounts God's love and faithfulness to His chosen people Israel, while the New Testament reveals, through Jesus Christ, God's amazing love for each one of us.**

Peasants, prophets and kings poured out their personal **experience of God's love and their words are recorded in** Scripture. King David said, *"Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the great deep. O LORD, You preserve both man and beast. How priceless is Your unfailing love!" (Psalm 36:5-7)*

**There is endless nourishment waiting for you in God's book of love. Become one of those whom David talked about when he said, "They feast on the abundance of Your house; You give them drink from Your river of delights" (Psalm 36:8).**

*Thank you, God, for Your love for me. May I soak in what You have for me in Your Word today. Amen.*

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## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class— 60  
A.M.— 100  
P.M. - 56  
Wednesday - 45  
Weekly contribution  
\$2592  
Contribution Goal  
\$2500

## Looking Ahead

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

- 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!

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## 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

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

(1Jn 4:8)

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