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*P*rovoking Love & Good Works

Count your many...Sins?

“Love...doesn’t keep score of the sins of others”

(1 Corinthians 13:5 – The Message)

I like to keep lists. I have lists of all the sermons I have taught, lessons I have preached and baptisms I have performed since the time I have been preaching. I have a list of places that I have been, states that I have lived in, jobs that I have had and great adventures that I have been on. I have lists of things that I need to work on in my spiritual journey and there is a list of some of the things I have been **able to accomplish with God’s favor** and grace. Even this Daily EDification column is sort of a list of the happenings of my life.

There is a list, however, that I do not **keep...at least not in written form.** It is actually a list that, at times, I have to keep myself from making and referring to often. No matter how we try it is so tempting for us to keep a list of the ways we have been wronged, as if we are creating an account or ledger that we can show and hold **over other people’s heads to either** make ourselves feel better or to let the other person know just how indebted they are to us.

Couples do this sort of thing all the time. Some folks even do it with God, **creating a list of “good works” that**

they do, thinking maybe it warrants their entrance into eternal bliss. Some parents do it with their children, bringing up the past flaws, which are often committed in times of growth, so they might control the behavior today – as if making your child feel bad is a motivating principle in behavior.

Lists are great tools, especially when it comes to things like money and **contacts and “things to do.”** Lists are **great for “counting our blessings.”** Yet, when it comes to sins or wrongs against us, list are not only inappropriate, but wrong.

Now, are you the kind of person who **“keeps and accounting of wrongs”** against you, unwilling to let them go and grant forgiveness? Are you the grudge holder and bridge burner type of person? I would hope not for those types of behaviors, regardless of what a person has done, are out of harmony with following after Christ, who knew no sin, but was put to death for yours. Have you been so wronged as to overshadow the cross of Christ and make it of little or no effect? Certainly not!

In this day, put away that list, forgive and find freedom in His graciousness, as you give it to others.

Edward Benesh

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? 2*
- *Kings, Coups and Corruption, Oh My!*

Sunday Adult Class
Walk Through The Bible

Wednesday Adult Class
Faith Lessons—Early Church

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

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

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



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.

Thank You

Anna Grace Poteet writes, "**Words cannot express the appreciation for the love, prayers and phone calls an food...received through Larry's hard fought battle with cancer. He was so happy to be a member of this loving Christian family. In Christian love, Anna Grace, Sean, Scott and Paige**"

July Calendar

- **Today - Fellowship meal after a.m. services**
- **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 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



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.



Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday 1 Kg. 15:1-24; 2 Ch. 13-16
- Monday 1 Kings 15:25-16:34; 2 Ch. 17
- Tuesday 1 Kg. 17-19
- Wed. 1 Kg. 20-21
- Thursday 1 Kg. 22; 2 Ch. 18
- Friday 2 Ch. 19-23
- Saturday Obadiah; Ps. 82-83

Questions and answers are available online at www.pinellasparkcoc.org

Men to serve

Song Leaders

Sunday am: Tom Hargis
 Sunday pm: Phillip Martin
 Wednesday: Tom Hargis
 Lord's Supper: SEE
 Bread: Harold
 Cup: Timmy Martin

Assisting: BULLETIN
 Board: BULLETIN
 Opening prayer: BOARD
 Sunday am: Tim Martin
 Sunday pm: Dennis Folks
 Wednesday: Michael Grimmer

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

Come to Me

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

I love this scripture. This is a promise that I have held onto so many times in my life. I believe that this scripture so clearly describes the character of Jesus and His desire for our lives.

When we think about relaxing, we often think about a massage, a nice bubble bath, or a day at the spa. How many of us can say that when we think about relaxation, we think about Jesus? How many of us truly come to Him when we are burdened and allow Him to give us rest?

I have to admit that allowing myself to rest in Him is not as easy. I often find myself treating Jesus as my best friend. I tell Him everything and ask for His wisdom and counsel. But, once I have told Him everything, I continue to worry about or try to control the situation. You see, in order for Jesus to give us rest, we have to take His yoke upon us and learn from Him. We have to stop trying to control everything that happens in our lives, and give all of the control over to Him.

There are so many things in our world today that can make us weary. Many of us worry, some deal with issues of obsession and control, others have exhausting relationship issues. We allow our circumstances to burden us and we become tired and stressed.

This is not the life that Jesus has for us. He does not want us to be weary and longs to give us rest. His gentleness and humbleness can be refreshing and renewing. Just the thought of sitting with Jesus and allowing Him to take on my burdens brings peace to my soul.

When we come to Jesus broken and upset, He longs to show us how small our lives really are when compared to eternity and the life we will have with Him when we leave this world.

However, while we are here, we can find joy in knowing that our Savior has promised rest from the world in Him. He is waiting for us to come and rest in His arms. He is longing for us to sit at His feet and find peace that surpasses our understanding.

Are you living the life that you have been called to live? Do you allow Jesus to bring rest and peace to your life? Or do you spend every moment of your life searching for a way to find rest and relaxation?

Ask God to remind you that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. When you begin to feel tired and stressed, stop and come to Him. When you come, don't just come, but come and unload. He promises that He can take it and is more than willing to give you the rest and relaxation you need and deserve!



"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

(Isa 55:1)

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Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday
Bible Class— 51
A.M.— 84
P.M. - 41
Wednesday - 45
Weekly contribution
\$1749
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

I will instruct you and teach you in the way
you should go; I will counsel you with my
eye upon you.
(Psa 32:8)
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