

# Pinellas Park church of Christ

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## *P*rovoking Love & Good Works

### Letting Your Light Shine On!

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

(Eph 3:8-10)

Has anyone ever told you about the stars? They are great and wonderful things that light up the night sky and cause men to wonder and ponder the great questions of life. This is especially true once you get away from more urban areas and the ambient light that pollutes our view of the sky. **There is no better place than in the “middle of nowhere” with a pitch black surrounding to view the star-filled sky.**

However, did you know that many of the stars that you can now see twinkling in the night sky have long since died? Their light persists since it takes so long to get to us, but the star itself has long ago burnt out. Many are aware of this fact, but just the **other day I heard an interesting question asked about it. “If someone were in the space where that star used to be, would they be able to see the light travelling away from them, as we see it coming toward us?”**

The answer, of course, is “no.” In order for us to perceive light it must directed into the eye’s receptors. That cannot be done when the light is travelling away from us at the...well...speed of light. It is an interesting question, but one easily solved by understanding a little bit about how light works. Only if that light were, in some way, reflected back to that star would that person be able to see it.

We too are light and just like the light of the stars we are called to shine forth and never hide that flame. Now, very often as we strive to be light we are unaware of where our light is going, who is receiving it and what impact we are having. We are on the sending end of the light. We may not know who we are helping to transform or convert. By the same token, neither do we know whether or not we are turning folks away or causing them to think ill of Christ, unless it is reflected back to us in some way.

But, folks are not too often good at that sort of thing. Many years may pass before we **realize just how significant an impact we had on someone’s life. Almost an entire life-time may pass before some folks find out that the good deed that thought no one appreciated or the kind word they thought fell on deaf ears was actually heard and had long standing effects on the spiritual lives of many people.** In this day keep on keeping on, plugging away at those light bearing things, regardless of who you think can see. God knows and will take that light and really make it shine.

Ed 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.

- *The Call To Open Hearts*
- *Two Great Evils of Man*

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. - *Crazy Love*

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

Daily EDifications  
To receive daily devotion from Ed please sign up at  
[edbenesh@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### SOUL SURFER THANKS

We wanted to thank Keith and Tammy Sabiel for hosting our movie night on the beach featuring the movie *Soul Surfer*. Several were able to come for this event and enjoy not only the movie, but some beautiful weather and surroundings.

### Visitor Packs

We will soon have new visitor packs available for folks "looking for a church" to attend. See the folks at the Marching for the Master desk in the foyer if you need one or know of someone who does

## Spiritual Classifieds

### Transportation

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

### Sonshine Day Camp

Another year has ended for our Sonshine day camp. Thanks to all who have helped make it a great success, especially Tim and Beth Martin. Thank you for all your hard work.

### Mission minded Givers

Thanks for all who have "filled the cup" for the Disaster Relief in Nashville and their efforts to help those recovering from this years extreme weather. This effort continues. The cup is on the front pew for those who want to donate.



### September

- **18 - Elder's / Deacon Meeting**
- **20 - 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.
- Alex, **Madison's friend**, died this past week. Pray for her family
- **Dana And Bobbie Faulkner's** relative in Iraq, along with other soldiers
- Donna Lampe, Will need to have outpatient surgery on her foot be-

cause of ongoing issues with a non-healing ulcer.

- Darryl Flints Aunt, cancer
- Pam G. is in ICU at Northside recovering after having surgery
- Nancy Hefner, is having further surgery to correct back and neck problems due to a car accident
- Diane Martin, had outpatient surgery and will need further procedures
- Christine Martinez asked for prayers for a sister in Christ in Iowa, Teresa Mazak, who has cancer.
- Valerie Jones, **Michael Grimmer's** aunt, had surgery for cancer in Orlando and is not doing well.
- Barbara Hanson, Ed Benesh's aunt in Houston, Tx, has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing testing.



## Weekly Bible Reading

- Sunday Jer. 23-25
- Monday Jer. 26-29
- Tuesday Jer. 30-31
- Wed. Jer. 32-34
- Thursday Jer. 35-37
- Friday Jer. 38-40; Ps. 74, 79
- Saturday 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Ch. 36

Questions and answers for the One Year Bible Reading Program are available at our website 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: Glenn Duncan  
 Cup: Bob Perry  
 Assisting:  
 Lee Duncan  
 Max Benesh

#### Opening prayer

Sunday am: Keith Sabiel  
 Sunday pm: Jose Martinez  
 Wednesday: Phillip Martin

#### Closing prayer

Sunday am: Tim Martin  
 Sunday pm: Dennis Folks  
 Wednesday: Michael Grimmer

#### Sermons

Sunday Am: Ed Benesh  
 Sunday pm: Ed Benesh  
 Wednesday: Tom Hargis

## Praising God In Hard Times

*"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."* (Psalm 42: 11, KJV)

**All of us have moments when we feel discouraged by life's circumstances.** Sometimes our loved ones' efforts to lighten our load or lift our spirits fall short, and we wonder if we will ever emerge from today's trying situation with our joy intact.

It's good to know that our Father invites us to confide in Him, to share our feelings honestly in prayer. He cares for us and understands our needs and weaknesses. His comforting words, "Be of good cheer," can mean more to a hurting heart than anything else in the world.



These verses remind us that we can also encourage ourselves to hope in God, and continue to praise Him, no matter how bleak our outlook may be. We can do this by singing psalms or hymns, or reflecting on His goodness and speaking well of Him. Of course, there are times when even this seems too difficult, but just whispering a praise can usher in a sense of liberty and peace.

**There have been times when I thought, "I'll never be cheered up."** Yet as soon as I began to remind myself of His mercy and goodness, the clouds would begin to disperse. Of course, this doesn't mean that all of our problems will receive a quick fix or that it will be smooth sailing from here on out, but it does mean that our faces will brighten, the weight of the burden will lessen. We will be free to experience the joy of the Lord in the midst of life's storms and challenges.

**"Is not God high in the heavens? See the highest stars, how lofty they are!"**  
 (Job 22:12)

*Father, at times it seems as if nothing can cheer me up. Yet I am reminded to hope in You and continue to give You praise, because You are my God. I look to You today for Your holy joy, for Your peace that passes all human understanding, and because You are the health and the help of my sad expression. Encourage me through Your Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Ebony Murdoch

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help? For directions to our  
building, roadside assis-  
tance , finding points of  
interest in our community  
or for emergencies please  
call: 727-647-6758.

## Vital Statistics

Attendance Sunday  
Bible Class- 64  
A.M.- 83  
P.M. - 37  
Wednesday - 62  
Weekly contribution  
\$1792  
Contribution Goal  
\$2500

## Looking Ahead

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

- Teacher and Leader-  
ship Training Work-  
shop at Pinellas Park.  
Date to be an-  
nounced.

Put this 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

Blessed is the man who walks not in the  
counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the  
way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scof-  
fers;  
(Psa 1:1)

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