

Pinellas Park Church of Christ



Proving the Bible

Proving whether something is true or not is called apologetics. This word is derived from the Greek word “apologia,” which means “to defend.” After all, if the Bible is not true or if it is filled with errors, Christianity would only be a “blind faith”—something people believe without any evidence to support it.

However, Christianity is *not* a blind faith. It is the *only* religion that can prove itself, and a main source of that proof is the Bible. Although it is becoming less common, there are still people who tell others that they follow Christianity “because it feels right” (or use wording like that). This is unfortunate, since there is a lot of evidence supporting Christianity. Why one would not take advantage of the overwhelming evidence is beyond me. Just about every discipline of study can offer something toward the proving of the Bible. Among the greatest of these are archeology and biology. What we have expected to find both within us and within the world affirm over and over the truth and accuracy of scripture. These are too abundant to list in an article of this nature.

However, I do want you to think of another type of “evidence” for the validity of the Bible – the lack of evidence against it. You see a lot of folks claim that the Bible is just some ancient corrupted book that is really nothing more than the writings of some ancient men that may give a great sense of morality, but offer little else. To prove this they suggest that it is inaccurate, corrupted and biased beyond what we might consider reasonable. The problem with this assertion, however, is that it has never been proven. When evidence is offered for the

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6045 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park, FL 33781

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

Wednesday: Bible Study 7PM



Prayer Requests

Joyce Gianvito recovering from pneumonia.

Steve, neighbor of Jose and Christine, has Parkinson's and is in a Rehab center.

Amma Lou Koon, Polly's sister. Her cancer has returned, involving 3 lymph nodes

Bob Wayandt, came through his heart cath just fine and is on some new meds.

Roy, father of Pam G., is in very poor health and needs prayer

Rochelle Peterman, Jeanne Peterman's daughter-in-law cancer treatment / MS

Sandy Christman, continues to recover from her surgery.

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

Gerald Roberts, Polly's brother, was diagnosed with Chronic Leukemia.

John and Evelyn Bohn, would love to have visitors.

Jinx Givens, camp caretaker, had a heart cath this past Thursday.

Pam Kosyak, friend of Carol B., undergoing testing for cancer.

Carol Axe, recovering from foot surgery

Bob Noland, friend of the Rossy & Benesh families, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Melissa Niven, continues treatment for cancer. Keep her in your prayers.

Evelyn's daughter Allison has Lou Gehrig's Disease

Diane Haff, a friend of the Phillip Martin family, is in rehab. following a stroke.

Virginia Hernandez, passed away yesterday morning in Houston. The Villanuevas have gone to Houston to mourn with family. Keep them in prayer.

Order of Worship – The Joy of Work

118 God Has Smiled On Me

622 Ring Out The Message

Opening prayer and offering

354 I Gave My Life For Thee

The Lord's Supper

629 True-Hearted Whole-Hearted

Sermon – Edward Benesh

643 Sowing The Seed Of The Kingdom

634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Closing prayer

Song Leader – Phillip Martin



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position it is either immediately proven or is, itself, very suspect and often later refuted by the facts. No one has ever disproven the facts of the Bible. It does not happen. Evidence is simply not there. Men have tried for years and have shattered themselves against the impenetrable wall of scripture.

Announcements

- **Welcome Sister Kenya.** Kenya Jenkins, who has been worshipping with us for several months, has placed membership with us. Make sure that you welcome her to our congregational family. Her address is 6550 150th Av. North, Clearwater, FL 33760.
- **Brother Harold Gentry** is moving back north and this may be his last Lord's Day with us. Be sure you wish him well. Thank for your service brother Harold. We love you! You will be sorely missed!
- **Life, Joy and the Pursuit of God** – This week's discussion is about trusting the Bible. Youtube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jc2wqBfk20E>
- **Stepping Up!** Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 26th in the youth room at church. If you did not get a book, Phillip has them for you to pick up. Men, you should be working through Day three of the homework in the Stepping Up workbook. Come ready to share.
- On February 28th we will have a **church family picnic/fish fry**. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for side dishes that you can bring.
- **Be sure you check out the bulletin board in the foyer. It details some of the works we are involved with and gives insight into the ways you may be able to serve. For instance, it lists items needed for our pantry**
- Make plans now to attend the annual **Mexico mission** taco fiesta and silent auction. Take flyers to invite your friends and family. They can be found in the foyer by the bulletins. Be sure you check our Facebook page this week to get a preview of the items in the auction.

Calendar

February

28 – Congregational Fish Fry at Freedom Lake Park at Noon

March

13-14 – Ladies Day at WWCC

14 – Mexico mission Taco Fiesta

15 – Lunch Bunch

15 – Leadership meeting

18 – Men's Ministry Meeting

Be sure you check our bulletins board for events that are going on at other congregations in the area. As we encourage others to attend our events, we should be uplifted and edified by theirs. God Bless.

Our Leaders

Elders – Phillip Martin, Tim Martin, Dennis Folks

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by emailing him – Watch our live feed on Ustream

Vital Statistics

Contribution **\$1844** Budget **\$2500**

Bible Class - **39** Worship - **70** PM – **40** Wed. PM Service – **44**

Little Did You know...

When man is put out of the garden for his sins against God he is not given work as a punishment as some have said. God gave man work from the very beginning as part of his obligation. Work is not the curse and slight against our joy. However, the blood, sweat and tears that can go along with it are the curse and threaten joy of work.

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