

Pinellas Park Church of Christ



"Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.' And he came up to Jesus at once and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you came to do.' Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him."

Matthew 26:48-50

It was a Friday and I felt horrible, which is not normal. It wasn't the normal array of allergies and sinus issues which plague my existence this time of year, keeping me awake all hours of the nights with its forced miserableness. It was something else....something deeper...something fundamental. It was simply me.

As most Christians, due to the circumstances of life and ministry I was feeling very unworthy. This, of course, is the quicksand of self-evaluation. You look inside, thinking you will be better than you actually are only to realize the stranger looking back at you is far from what you want to be. You doubt your commitment. You wonder, "What if I had only..." You think, "Things aren't exactly going right and must all be my fault because..." and then list all of your failings.

The danger, of course, is allowing what I had allowed, if but for a moment, to enter my heart – the feelings that I am just not worthy of God's time, attention and work. I let my momentary failures affect my view of the great and gracious power of God.

You see, God wants you to go through this sort of struggle. He wants you to look inward and see the shortcomings, but not with an eye on acquiescing to sin and absconding from life. Instead, His will is that you rely upon Him more fully, rest your faith in Him completely and then act with His wisdom in both life and ministry.

Have you ever noticed that when Judas came to Christ in the garden how Christ, looking at this man who had followed him everywhere, but was now, as we might say, "stabbing him in the back," He still called him "friend." Some say that they believe Christ was being sarcastic, but I don't believe so. Instead, use of this word shows us something very deep within side of Christ. It is not spoken to reflect the acceptance of the errant actions of his disciple, but to display Christ's fundamental attitude toward sinners and humanity as a whole. Judas was in desperate need of a friend, just as we do most when we are living in sin, self-doubt and betrayal of the fundamental principles that guide our spiritual thought processes.

We are never going to be perfect. Even in our failing Christ still desires our friendship and salvation. He loves us. After all, he died while we were yet sinners, so that

2 March 2015

6045 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park, FL 33781

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

Wednesday: Bible Study 7PM



Prayer Requests

Todd Walden had a heart attack and is now at Northside hospital in ICU. He is undergoing hypothermia therapy to help his body heal. Keep the family in prayer.

Rick Buonoguardo, is at Northside with a sever infection in his leg. He may go to a rehab center later this week to continue Intravenous antibiotics.

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

Amma Lou Koon, Polly's sister. Is not doing well. Her cancer has returned.

Bob Wayandt, will be going through cardiac rehab for five weeks.

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, has a weak heart and may need more testing.

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.

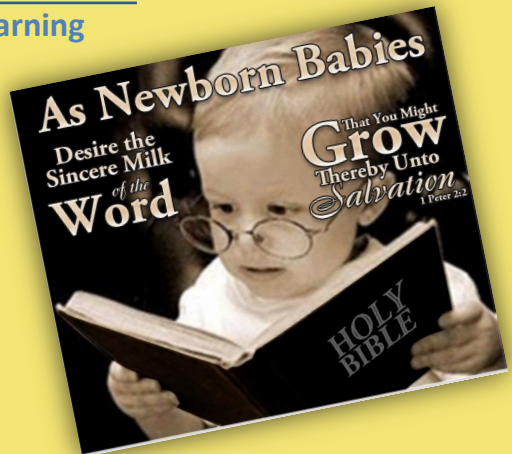
Evelyn's daughter Allison has Lou Gehrig's Disease

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

Villanueva family, at the passing of _____

Order of Worship – The Joy of Learning

71 As The Deer
671 Purer in Heart, O God
Opening prayer and offering
962 Were You There?
The Lord's Supper
678 More About Jesus
Sermon – Edward Benesh
674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
669 Take My Life, and Let It Be
Closing prayer



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salvation could be ours. God deemed us worthy of such a sacrifice and His attitude has not changed.

The next time you find yourself in this boat of self-loathing, doubt and confusion, remember that Christ is your friend, even if you are friendless in this world. God bless!

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.
- **Collection for the Waldens.** We will be taking up a special collection this Sunday for the Walden family to help with medical and other expenses. A single collection tray will be left on the Lord's Super table so that donations can be collected after services today.
- **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, March 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 one of the homework in the Stepping Up workbook. Come ready to share.
- The picnic scheduled for yesterday at Freedom Lake Park will be held today after services in the annex.
- 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. Do not forget to pick up your tickets from Ed. We are asking each member to try to sell a couple of tickets to the event.
- Our ladies will be attending the WWCC Ladies Day will be held on March 14th. They will leave at 7:30 AM and return the same day at around 4:30PM

Calendar

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

Deacons – Glenn Duncan, Keith Sabiel, Todd Walden

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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...

The Bible is a book of great certainty. It uses the word "know" in at least 1340 verses through out. In 1 John alone the word "know" is used at least 27 times and is often in what we call the perfect tense, indicating that you can know and stand in the state of knowing. How so? Because the Bible is firm, reliable and divine.

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