

**Pine Street Baptist Church  
A Steadfast Fellowship of Grace**

October, 2011

# THE BEACON



## Upcoming Dates

### October 1

Youth Encounter Rally

### October 2

Youth Meeting, Noon

### October 5

Spirit Quest Begins

### October 6

Community Sr. Adult Dinner , 6:00 pm

### October 7

Movie Night

### October 14-15

Pursuing Missional Faithfulness Retreat

### October 16

Youth Meeting, noon

### October 16

RBA Fall Meeting

### October 19

Spirit Quest Worship and  
Quarterly Business Meeting

### October 20

Community Sr. Adult Dinner, 6:00 pm

### October 21

Movie Night

### October 22

Humphrey Home Picnic

### October 23

Youth to Kings Dominion

### October 30

Bring a Friend Sunday

### October 31

"Market Place 29 AD" Halloween  
Outreach

With autumn upon us we are already beginning to feel the affects of the changes in the seasons. We will be waking to slightly cooler mornings as well as sleeping through cooler nights. We will also begin to notice that our days are filled with less daylight as night comes earlier. Finally, the changing of the leaves will visually remind us of autumn's arrival. Personally, I like living in Richmond which fortunately gets to experience all four seasons. Regardless of how hot the summer may be I know that fall will eventually come. Likewise, regardless of how cold winter is there is still the coming of spring. Seasonal changes are good for the body and spirit.



The author of the book of Ecclesiastes writes that life is a mixture of seasons. The well known words have been the subject of song, art, and poetry. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." What follows the opening statement is a litany of life experiences; birth and death, planting and plucking up, killing and healing, breaking down and building up, weeping and laughing, morning and dancing, throwing away and gathering, embracing and refraining from embracing, seeking and losing, tearing and sewing, silence and speaking, love and hate, and war and peace. Ecclesiastes reminds us that the seasons of our lives change. Some of these changes are welcomed while others bring uneasiness, fear, and anxiety.

Our faith affirms, however, that our God is Lord over all the seasons of our lives. Regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in, God remains as that constant presence and influence. God walks with us through all the seasons of life, the good and the bad, as a faithful friend and companion. Seasons change, but God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. This is good news for each of us. Time passes and with it comes the ups and downs of life. God, however, is faithful; then, now, and always.

Begins October 5

## Staff Anniversaries

The congregation would like to recognize these important staff anniversaries this month. Each one is an important part of the Pine Street ministry team:

**Rev. Clint Jackson**

5th Anniversary as our Associate Pastor

**Rev. Jennifer Turner**

15th Anniversary as the Director of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center

**Mrs. Marie Johnstone**

20th Anniversary as the Custodian of Pine Street.

\*In honor of Marie's 20th year there will be a reception for her on Sunday, October 23 after our morning worship.



## **Halloween Outreach Monday, October 31 at dusk**

### **Marketplace 29 AD - Living Like Jesus.**

Come experience life at the time Jesus lived. Come make crafts, smell the spices and work with wood. Enjoy food, fellowship and candy, too!

We still need donations of candy for Halloween night and will still serve hotdogs to the visitors. We also need some volunteers who are interested in helping out in the Marketplace.

## Clint's Corner

When it comes to hospital visitation, I have two rules to which I try to adhere. First, don't stay very long. Lying in a hospital bed may look quite restful, but for those of you who have experienced it, you know that it can be anything but restful. My second rule is to conclude the visit by praying with the patient. One of the things I frequently pray for is that the patient will be free from anxiety. Once again, if you have been there, you know that hospital stays can be filled with anxiety.

When Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, he wrote, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (NIV). In one of my Bibles I have a bracket around these verses, and out to the side in the margin I have written, "WHAT A DEAL!" And what a deal it really is. With gratitude-enhanced prayer we are able to cast our anxieties upon God, and in return we get peace. What a deal!

Note that Paul writes that it is the peace *of* God, not the peace *from* God. We can easily argue that this peace does originate with God, but just what is this "peace of God," and does it jive with our own concept of peace? This is more than a simple freedom from conflict. It is the object of divine promise brought about by God's mercy, granting deliverance and freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as a result of sin. This peace can only be a result of reconciliation with God.

I don't know about you, but I'm more than happy to trade in my anxiety for peace. Or am I? Are any of us? We easily say "Yes," but why does it seem that worry and anxiety is still a significant part of our lives? Perhaps it is because we are all patients, sick with the effects of sin. Perhaps it is because we have become comfortable in our own darkness, for standing fully in the light might reveal something we had just as soon keep hidden. So let us keep praying, for ourselves and for others, thankful for what God has already done, and filled with the hope of what God can still accomplish. And may the "peace of God" rest softly upon us, guiding us all the way.

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### **Pursuing Missional Faithfulness**

The church continues to explore its Future Story through Pursuing Missional Faithfulness. Cluster groups have been meeting over the last months, praying, discussing, and envisioning Pine Street's future.

The leadership community will share in a retreat at Pine Street on October 14-15 with Mechanicsville Baptist and Manly Memorial Baptist. The leadership community is made up of: Terry Donohue, Jim Arthur, Betty Stowell, Susan Townsend, Merit Carrington,

Jennifer Turner, Clint Jackson and Philip Turner

Please pray for the retreat and the team.

## Online Prayer Chain

We are launching a new online group for people who like to stay connected to the church online. The group will include an Electronic Prayer Chain, Calendar and Daily devotionals. If you would like to be a part of the online group, please visit the following web address and click the "Join This Group" button:

**<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pinestreetbaptistchurch>**

You can also sign up on the Mission Bulletin Board downstairs, by adding your email address and you will then receive an electronic invitation to join the group.

# 11-11-11 Food Gathering

We will have a **community food drive** on  
Friday, November 11 from 5-7 pm  
in Pleasants Park behind the church.

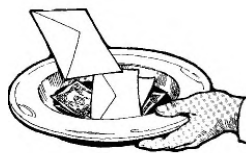
Drop off staple food items for the food closet and stay and enjoy a grilled hot dog and other refreshments.

We will be distributing door hangers with this information about the food drive on Sunday, November 6 after morning worship. Volunteers are needed to place door hangers on our neighbors' doors.



### Budget Report End of the Year Report

Budget : \$177,910  
 Given to Date: \$162,344  
 Variance: -\$15,566



#### **Contributions were made to the Ministries Endowment in memory of:**

*Linda Dolan, LaVerne Muse, Billy Priddy, Tommy Welton, Sherrie Welton, Clara and Robert Hagan, Barbara Riggleman, and Virginia Lee Priddy*

#### **Contributions were made to the Ministries Endowment in honor of:**

*Jean Hill, Norman Wood, Jr., and Charlotte Walker*

#### **Contributions were made to the Properties Endowment in memory of:**

*Billy Wells and Linda Dolan*

#### **Contributions were made to the General Fund in memory of:**

*Charles Gibson*

**Every Gift Matters:  
 Thanks for your  
 generosity**

### October Birthdays

- 2: Patricia Walz  
 4: Eugene Holt  
 Declan Blankenship  
 5: Matt Dawson  
 6: Mark Harler  
 8: Joseph Whittaker  
 Dorothy Dix  
 9: Megan Bell  
 11: Charles Hairfield  
 15: Tim Guill  
 17: Kevin Lord  
 18: Dottie Uzzle  
 19: Debbie Tolley  
 21: Maxine Hill  
 23: Virginia Greer  
 Bobby Gibson  
 26: Darla Neiss  
 27: Philip Turner  
 William Paige  
 28: Mary Herring  
 30: Joseph Mitchell  
 Bobby Jernigan

### Anniversaries

- 14: Marvin and Jean Hill  
 Sonny and Gladys Wesson  
 Donald and Donna Grove  
 28: Billy and Charlotte Walker



## 2011-2012 Church Officers and Committee Chairpersons

The nominating committee would like to thank the following individuals for their service to the church. Please pray for these leaders as they guide our church.

### Church Officers

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Moderator:           | Debbie Thacker     |
| Treasurer:           | Beverly Derr       |
| Assistant Treasurer: | Gayle Tribble      |
| Clerk:               | Marguerite Carlson |
| Financial Secretary: | Gayle Tribble      |
| Hostess:             | Barbara Reynolds   |
| Historian:           | Carla Vipperman    |
| Sunday School Dir:   | Susan Townsend     |
| Public Relations:    | Merit Carrington   |

### Committee Chairpersons

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Building and Premises: | Ann Arthur       |
| Children:              | Barbara Reynolds |
| Constitution:          | Debbie Thacker   |
| Endowment:             | Shirley Trower   |
| Stewardship:           | Merit Carrington |
| Kitchen:               | Darla Neiss      |
| Missions:              | Jennifer Downer  |
| Outreach:              | Barbara Nicklis  |
| Personnel:             | Shirley Trower   |
| Spiritual Life:        | Martha Jackson   |
| Tellers:               | Gladys Wesson    |
| Youth:                 | Eric Downer      |
| Young Adult:           | Jessi Vaught     |
| Worship:               | Barbara Nicklis  |
| Nominating:            | Debbie Thacker:  |

## Our Larger Baptist Family Meetings

Messengers are needed to attend the **Richmond Baptist Association** Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 16 at Ginter Park Baptist Church.

The meeting begins at 3:00 pm and is followed by a dinner (contact the church office if you would like to be and messenger and to make a reservation)

**Lindsey Turner, one of our Summer Sojourners will be giving her testimony.**

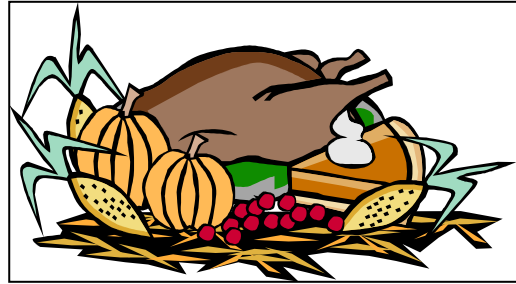
Messengers are needed to attend the **Virginia Baptist General Association** Annual Meeting on November 8-9 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Contact the church office if you would like to be a messenger.



**OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER**  
**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION**

*Please have items to the Center by, Thursday, November 17th*

**Instant Stuffing & /or Potatoes &/or Rice**  
**Gravy (Turkey or Brown)**  
**Flavored Rice (Rice-a-Roni, etc.)**  
**Canned Hams**  
**Yams/Sweet Potatoes (Family Size Cans)**  
**Cranberry Sauce**  
**Apple Sauce**  
**Green Beans (Family Size Cans)**  
**Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup**  
**Cans of Fried Onions**  
**Corn (Family Size Cans or 2 smaller cans)**  
**Muffin or Cornbread Mix**  
**Macaroni & Cheese (Family Size Boxes)**  
**Pre-made Pie Crust already in Pie Pan (Graham Cracker)**  
**Instant Puddings to make pies**  
**Apple Juice**  
**Instant Coffee (small jar)**  
**Box of Tea Bags**



**\$10 Gift Cards from Kroger, Martin's or Walmart**  
 (to be used toward purchase of **Turkey or other perishable items**)

*Thank you for your donations!!*  
*Contact Jennifer if you have any questions*  
*(648-1353)*

**Missions Yard Sale Update**

The missions committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated in last months yard sale. A total of \$402 was raised by the sale.





## Annual Choir Christmas Cantata: Mary, Did You Know?

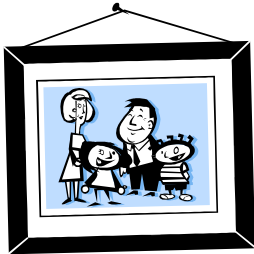
You are invited to sing in this year's Christmas Choir Cantata. The choir is looking for additional members to share the gift of music on December 17th.

Practice is each Wednesday night at 7:45 P.M.

Come and sing as we welcome our new born Savior.

### Pictorial Directories

Our new pictorial directories are available at the church. If you did not have your picture made you can still receive a new directory. Suggested donation for non-photographed individuals is \$5.



***Pennies From Heaven***  
*You can still share your change with  
your Sunday School Class!*



**The Pine Street Seniors Present:  
Christmas at the American Jubilee  
Saturday—December 10, 2011**

Come and join your Pine Street friends as they travel south once again to Selma, NC.

Visit the Carolina Premium Outlets  
Lunch at the Robbins Nest Restaurant

American Jubilee Christmas Show

Total Cost per person: \$90

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**Bring a Friend**  
**Sunday**  
**October 30th**

**Invite someone to join us for church and a  
fellowship dinner.  
Members are asked to bring a covered dish**