

THE BEACON



Upcoming Dates

November 1

VIPS, 10:00 A.M.

November 3

Senior Adult Dinner

November 6

All Saints Sunday
 Youth Meeting, noon

11-11-11 Door Hanging

Blitz - noon

November 8

WMU - 9:45 A.M.
 Wallace Group - 11:00 A.M.

November 11

11-11-11 Food Gathering
 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Youth Lock In

November 14

Deacons Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

November 17

Senior Dinner

November 20

Children's Day
 Worship and Social

November 22

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 7:00 P.M.

November 23

Thanksgiving Meal for the
 Homeless - noon

November 28

Cottage Prayer Meeting
 7:30 P.M. at Susan Townsend's home

On autumn days as I sit in my office and look out the window I can see a steady flow of leaves falling from the trees in the park behind the church. The leaves fall from the branches and cascade down to the ground below. Their descent is not quick, but rather a slow journey as if it were a choreographed dance. As they fall, I find myself wondering how do they know when it is time to let go of the branches and begin the journey?

Living out the journey of faith is about letting go. In faith we let go and let God have his way with us. Like the wind that gently and sometimes ferociously blows the leaves away from the branch, so too are we moved by the winds of God's Spirit. As we live our lives we trust in God's Spirit to lead and guide us along the way. While our destination may not always be clear, our faith rests in the Spirit.

As the church we continue to seek the winds of God's Spirit as we move forward into the future. For 156 years Pine Street has been carried and sustained by the breath of God. Over the years there have been times when we have had to let go and place our faith in God. At this point of the journey perhaps we need to ask ourselves, "What is it that I need to let go of in order to fully trust God?" The church, like individuals, can hold onto that which is known in fear of the unknown. The future is unwritten and the story has many possibilities. We can forge ahead in our strength and will, or we can let go and trust in the guiding force of God's grace.

Sometimes I wish I had a crystal ball that could let me know for sure the future story of our church. It would be nice to have everything laid out before you. Yet, the nature of faith is about trusting in the Spirit, whether it is with our individual lives or as the church. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) For now we just have to let go and trust in the winds of the Spirit.

Philip

Food Gathering

11-11-11

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.

Youth Lock-In

FRIDAY, NOV. 11- SATURDAY, NOV. 12

5PM - 8:30AM

All Middle School & High School youth are invited to be a part of our
Fall Lock-In.

Spend the night at the church and enjoy games, movies, Bible study,
and of course FOOD!!!

Bring your permission slip, sleeping bag, pillow, \$10, and a snack to
share.



ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to chaperone, and assist with transportation!!
(contact Jennifer)

Clint's Corner

I think one of the strangest sayings I have ever heard is, “You always hurt the ones you love.” Hurting a loved one just doesn’t seem right...it doesn’t seem possible. But in many respects, as strange as it may be, there is a great deal of truth in this statement. We see evidence of this in many places: husbands and wives hurt one another with thoughtless and careless words, children hurt their parents as they grow and begin to distance themselves in their newfound independence, siblings hurt one another with hateful words and deeds, and on it goes.

Matthew tells us of an occasion when a lawyer approached Jesus and asked which of the commandments was the greatest. Jesus responded with the familiar words, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and then added, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Here is a clear call to love God above all others, and this love can be expressed through loving our neighbors. And so, thinking logically, we can connect the dots: If we love God above all others, and if we truly hurt the ones we love, then it might be argued that we hurt God more than anyone else.

“You always hurt the ones you love.” It remains one of the strangest sayings I have ever heard, but when considered in light of our love for God it becomes even stranger. So we are left to ponder just how much we do love God, and how that love is expressed in our love of neighbor. More troubling, perhaps, is our need to ponder all the ways we hurt God...this God we love so much.

Pursuing Missional Faithfulness

Pine Street recently met in its third cluster retreat with Mechanicsville Baptist Church and Manly Memorial Baptist Church. The weekend retreat met at Pine Street. At this point in the Pursuing Missional Faithfulness journey, Pine Street’s leadership community will begin the process of creating a future story. The future story will seek to express our hopes and dreams as a church. We will be looking 10 years down the road to 2022. What will our church look like 10 years from now. How about worship? What ministries will we be involved in? What will our community look like? These are the questions that we now seek to explore. Please continue to pray for the journey as we live into the future.

THANKSGIVING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Through the Oregon Hill Baptist Center

THANKSGIVING FAMILY FOOD BAGS: Food bags will be distributed on November 21 to families involved in Center & Church programs that have a need. If you would like to contribute food to assist with these bags then please place your items in the labeled boxes around the church **by Thursday, Nov. 17th**. Pickup list with food items needed on bulletin board. Contact Jennifer Turner if you have any questions!

THANKSGIVING MEAL for the homeless: Wednesday, Nov. 23rd @ Noon. Once again this year we will be hosting our homeless neighbors for a Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to prepare a dish to share and/or volunteer to be here to serve and fellowship then please let Jennifer know or sign up on the 1st Floor Bulletin Board.



CHRISTMAS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Through the Oregon Hill Baptist Center)

CHRISTMAS STORE: The Richmond Baptist Association Annual Christmas Store will be held on Dec. 1 & 2 @ the South Richmond Baptist Center location. Families in need who have registered in advance are able to pick out brand new toys & clothes for their children for a donation of \$5 per child.

Volunteers are needed in several areas:

Donate items (please place in boxes around church building by Wednesday, Nov. 30th)

Sort & Organize items at the store location on Nov. 28, 29, or 30 (9AM – 2PM)

Assist Shoppers on Dec. 1 or 2 to pick out gifts for children or carry items to car. (9AM- 2PM)

Clean & Pack Up items at conclusion of store on Dec. 2 (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Please let Jennifer Turner know or sign up on the Mission Bulletin Board if you would like to volunteer @ the Store Location site.

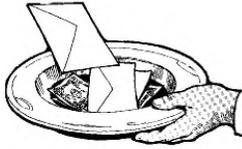
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE:

Saturday, Dec. 10th 1-2:30 PM. Each year teens from 2nd Baptist Church host a Christmas Store here at the OHBC at which children can come and “shop” for free gifts for their family members. The 2nd Baptist teens bring refreshments and an assortment of gifts. We can always use extra gifts for this event! If you would like to donate a new or “like new” item to this store then please give to Jennifer Turner by Wednesday, December 7th. Items need to be appropriate for adult men & women and need not be expensive. *Dollar Tree items are great!*



Budget Report Through October 23

Budget : \$13,828
 Given to Date: \$10,949
 Variance: -\$2,979



Contributions were made to the
 Ministries Endowment in memory of:
Clara and Robert Hagan, Billy Wells

Dear Pine Street Family,

Thank you so much for the recognition, gifts, cards, and reception for me on Sunday, October 23. It was truly a special day for me and my family. Your love and support has meant so much to me and Richard over the years. May God bless you and Pine Street Church in the years ahead.

Love you all,

November Birthdays

- 1: Marvin Hill
- 3: Lisa Paige
- 6: Merit Carrington
Robert Knighton
Jim Arthur
- 9: Marjorie Kidd
- 10: Steve Jernigan
- 12: Allen Townsend
- 14: Russell Robinson
Roy Robinson
- 20: Freddie Ann Crouch
Sara O'Mary
- 24: Glenn Neal
- 25: Jean McRae
- 26: Vivian Paige
- 29: Barbara Watkins
Buddy Thomas
- 30: Sandy Jenkins Johnson
Bryan Patrick O'Mary

Anniversaries

- 9: Noland and Ethel Hughes
- 19: Richard and Marie Johnstone
- 24: Glenn and Ellen Shaw

Lottie Moon Banquet

Friday, December 2, 2011

6:30 p.m.

**\$8.00 for age 12 and over,
 and \$4.00 for children under 12.**



*Please make your reservation with Elizabeth Welton.
 The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 23.*

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**Thanksgiving Worship
Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Thanksgiving Meal for the Homeless
Wednesday, November 23 at noon
(see inside for details)**

