

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

March, 2012



THE BEACON

Upcoming Dates

March 1

Senior Dinner - 6:00 pm

March 4

Youth Meeting - Noon

March 9

Community Dinner
6:00 pm

March 12

Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm

March 13

WMU - 9:45 am

March 15

Senior Dinner - 6:00 pm

March 18

Youth Meeting - Noon

March 19

Duke Group - 11:00 am

March 21

Spirit Quest Family Worship
6:45 am

March 23

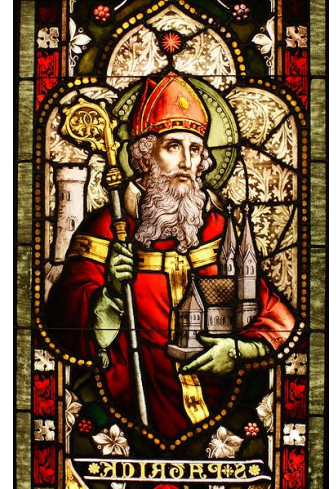
Community Dinner - 6:00 pm

March 24

Youth Bake Sale at Lowes



“Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.” These words were found on the breastplate of Ireland’s most notable saint, Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick's Breastplate is a Christian hymn whose original Old Irish lyrics were traditionally attributed to Saint Patrick during his Irish ministry in the 5th century. The words express Patrick’s belief that God’s presence permeated all aspects of life. One could not step out of God’s presence any more than a person could step out of the air that surrounds them. The Holy presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit engulfs all of creation including every individual life.



As a people of faith today, we too hold fast to this same truth. We are never separated from God’s presence. The spirit of Christ surrounds us as a loving and life giving force which seeks to instill in each of us the very breath of God. Just as we breathe in oxygen and it is transported to every cell of the body, so too does God’s Spirit fill every aspect of our lives with love and life. Christ’s spirit can permeate our families, our faith, our values, our decisions, our vocations, and friendships. The influence of Christ Jesus touches every aspect of who we are, and this influence is visible in our bearing witness to his presence in our lives.

The apostle Paul wrote of this reality in his letter to the Corinthian church. Paul confesses, “Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in a triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. For we are the aroma of Christ.”

As we celebrate the patron saint of Ireland this month, let us make Patrick’s breastplate our prayer for living in the world as God’s people today. May our lives be a blessing to others as God’s presence makes itself known in our lives.

Philip

Clint's Corner

On October 2, 1940 in Cleveland, Ohio, just weeks before he was elected to a third term, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "I see an America devoted to our freedom – unified by tolerance and by religious faith – a people consecrated to peace, a people confident in strength because their body and their spirit are secure and unafraid." Devoted, unified, consecrated, confident, secure, and unafraid are words President Roosevelt used to describe the nation. These were not only words of description, but words of vision as well. This is not just how he described the people of the United States, but how he saw them.



For the last two years Pine Street Baptist Church has been involved in Pursuing Missional Faithfulness. This process has been an opportunity to look at the past, present, and future of our church. The process and the results of what has already transpired will continue for years, but the formality of Pursuing Missional Faithfulness is coming to an end. The Leadership Team recently gathered together and embarked on putting together a future story for our church, a story that will be shared with the entire congregation in the coming months.

You are Pine Street Baptist Church, and Pine Street Baptist Church is you. Each month as I write this piece for the Beacon, it is my desire that you be challenged in some way. This month I want to challenge you in a more direct way. As President Roosevelt had a vision for the nation, so you should have a vision for your church. As you think about the future of our church, consider how you would complete the statement, "I see a Pine Street Baptist Church that..." Identify your vision, and then take the next step. Visions are not to be kept secret, but rather to be shared. Let your vision for Pine Street be known by sharing it with someone else. Share it with a friend, the leadership team, and the church staff. Write it down, call it in, or send an email. Now is the time to share your vision. Now is the time to be in prayer about how we, striving to do God's will, might play a part in fulfilling our visions. Now...is the time.

Spirit Quest Family Worship

Wednesday Night - March 21 at 6:30 pm

Join us this Wednesday for a contemporary worship in our church's fellowship hall.

This time of worship and praise is for all ages.

Easter Cross Display



The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to share in the Easter Season with the church by bringing in your crosses to display both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Crosses may include sculptures, paintings, handy work, hangings, and more. Cross jewelry will also be on display on Palm Sunday only. Please bring your items on Wednesday night March 28th, or early Sunday morning April 1st, and place them in the conference room on the second floor. Please include your name and a brief description of where the cross came from and its significance in your life. Please contact Martha Jackson with questions or comments.

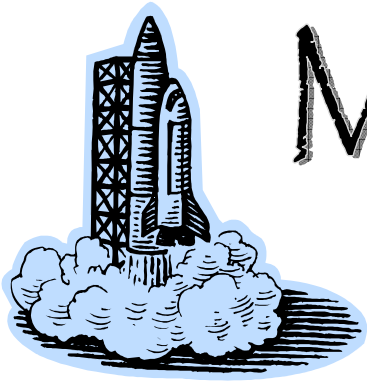
Community Dinners

Friday, May 9 and May 16

6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to our community dinners on Friday, May 9th and 16th. This will be a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Dinners will be held in the Pollard building beside the church. Dress is casual and all are invited. This invitation will be extended to our community at large. No need to bring anything. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the nursery!





Mission Control

Pine Street Baptist on Mission

CARITAS Ministry

Pine Street Baptist will serve as an intake site for Caritas
June 2– August 3

In order to prepare for this ministry we are asking church members to donate needed items to be used each night. During the month of March we will be collecting paper napkins and cups. You may place your donation in the box outside the church's kitchen.

Mission Yard Sale

May 19, 2012

The missions committee will be sponsoring a yard sale on May 19 to help raise money for its various mission projects: CARITAS, Humphrey Home, etc. If you have items you would like to place in the yard sale then please contact Jennifer Downer about times and places for dropping items off. Volunteers will also be needed on the day of the yard sale.



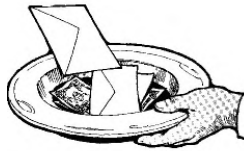
Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions

Church Goal: \$1500

Once again we are invited to support our North American missionaries through the convention's offering. North American missionaries serve around our country in various places of ministry. We are privileged to have our own missionary in the Rev. Jennifer Turner. Each member's offering packet contains an envelope for this offering.

Budget Report Through February 26

Budget : \$76,054
 Given to Date: \$65,450
 Variance: -\$10,604



Contributions were made to the
 Ministries Endowment in honor of:

Margie Kidd, Hilda Groome

and in memory of:

*Chuck Minor, Norman Wood, Jr., Elsie
 Mitchell, Billy Wells, and Clara & Robert
 Hagan*

Contributions were made to the
 Properties Endowment in memory of:



Vacation Bible School

July 16-20

Save the Date

March Birthdays

- 1: Paul Reed
- 2: Gladys Wesson
- 4: Russell Holt
- 6: Evelyn Berry
Kristopher Lacy
- 8: Eleanor Haskins
- 9: Donald Grove
- 14: Beverly Derr
- 16: Betty Thomas
- 17: Nancy Reed
Jean Holder
- 20: Judy Hairfield
- 23: Virginia Ford
- 24: Dean Welton
- 25: Jeanette Townsend
- 28: Ellen Shaw
- 29: Virginia Knighton
Barbara Reynolds



Anniversaries

- 23: Richard and Erica Inge

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**Maundy
Thursday
Worship**
April 5 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for our annual Maundy Thursday worship. Through music, media, and a message we will reflect on Jesus' final hours leading up to the cross. We shall also share in the observance of the Lord's Supper.



Easter Morning Worship
April 8th

Early Morning Outdoor Worship

8:30 am

Easter Breakfast

9:00 am

Sanctuary Worship

11:00 am

