

Pine Street Baptist Church
A Steadfast Fellowship of Grace

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Upcoming Dates

May 3

Senior Dinner, 6:00 pm

May 6

Youth Group, Noon

May 8

WMU - 9:45 am

Church Council - 6:30 pm

May 13

Parent - Child Dedication

May 14

Deacons Meeting

7:00 pm

May 16

Spirit Quest Family Worship

6:45 pm

May 17

Senior Dinner, 6:00 pm

May 19

Missions Yard Sale

May 20

Youth Group, Noon

May 21

Duke Group, 11:00 am

May 23

Youth Carwash

May 27

Pentecost Sunday

For several years Motel 6 advertised their motels in the United States with a campaign that used catchy radio commercials featuring the humorous and folksy voice of writer and National Public Radio commentator Tom Bodett. The commercials ended with the tagline "We'll leave the light on for you." The idea behind the commercials was that when out on the road traveling, staying at a Motel 6 was the next best thing to being home. "We'll leave the light on for you" was Motel 6's way of saying you are welcomed here. The campaign won numerous advertising awards. It was a message of hospitality.

As the church we are called to a lifestyle and witness of hospitality, welcoming individuals into our congregation. The church, taking up the ministry of Jesus, must seek to make people feel welcomed and wanted within the body of the church. Like Jesus the church will welcome all people regardless of who they may be or what their life may look like. As the church opens itself up to others it becomes a powerful witness within its community.

I believe that Pine Street has a wonderful opportunity to engage in the ministry of hospitality in our Oregon Hill community. Our future may partly rest in our willingness to be a place that welcomes those who live in our midst: college students, homeless individuals, and other urbanites. As we practice the ministry of hospitality we are able to create an environment and a reputation for being a place that you can call home. People are looking for a place of belonging, acceptance, and encouragement. As we open ourselves up to others, God is able to establish relationships, friendships, and a sense of family. The best gift we can offer the Oregon Hill neighborhood is the gift of ourselves.

For 157 years Pine Street has called Oregon Hill home. Our community has changed over the years and continues to do so. As the church we must be willing to engage that changing community with the welcoming grace of our Lord. May we be known as a place "that will leave the light on for you" as we live out our calling in Oregon Hill.



Philip

Clint's Corner



In his sermon preached from the pulpit of the Riverside Church on July 23, 1978, William Sloane Coffin stated, "If we love our children we have to take chances. We are always being called upon to risk something big for something good." His sermon text was Matthew 18:1-11, in which Jesus says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Every week we have the opportunity to welcome children in the name of Christ, but for one week each year we have the privilege of doing this on a much larger scale. The one week of which I speak is the week of Vacation Bible School, which will be held this year from Monday, July 16th through Friday, July 20th. If you have assisted with Vacation Bible School in the past, you know that it is a fun, exciting, and rewarding experience. It is indeed "something good."

Whether you are a newcomer to Vacation Bible School, or a seasoned veteran, we can use your help. My questions to you are these: Are you willing to take a chance? Are you willing to risk something big for something good? Come experience and discover God in the lives of the young children we will welcome to Pine Street Baptist Church.

Vacation Bible School 2012

July 16-20

The volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the elevator. Sign up today.



Missions 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.

There are 2 times that people can drop things off at the Pollard Building:

Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday, May 18th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

You may also contact Jennifer Downer if you need your items picked up.

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 May we will be collecting **snacks (cookies, crackers, chips, microwave popcorn**. You may place your donation in the box outside the church's kitchen.

The CARITAS **volunteer signup** is beginning in May. The signup sheet will be on the Missions bulletin board downstairs. On Sunday, May 28 there will be an orientation meeting in the Pollard Building after worship.





Community Movie Night

Friday, May 4 at 8:00 pm

Join us for a night in Pleasants Park
under the stars
Refreshment served

Parent-Child Dedication

Sunday, May 13

We will be having a parent-child dedication service on Mother's Day, May 13. If you would like to be a part of this special service then please contact the church office by May 9.



Family Night

Worship



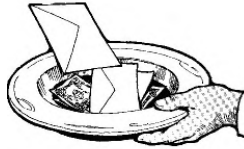
Wednesday

May 16 at 6:45 pm

Join us for a time of
contemporary worship and
fellowship

Budget Report Through April 22nd

Budget : \$103,710
 Given to Date: \$92,993
 Variance: -\$10,717



Contributions were made to the Endowments in memory of:

*Kenneth Thompson, Virginia & Garland Holt,
 Robert & Clara Hagan, McCook Family,
 Riggleman Family, Groome Family and
 Billy Wells*

and in honor of:
Elizabeth Welton

Contributions were made to the Benevolence Fund in memory of:

Lisa Clark Frankum

Contributions were made to the General Fund in honor of:

Elizabeth Welton

Congratulations to

*Kristie Hertsch and Bryan Porter in the
 birth of their daughter,
 Avery Ann Elizabeth Porter
 and*

*Leslie and Kathi McCauley in the
 birth of their son,
 Kevin Royal McCauley*



May Birthdays

- 1: Kathy Rogers
- 2: EJ Downer
- 4: Lydia Downer
- 6: Beverly Jernigan
- 10: Sonny Wesson
- 12: Martha Jackson
- 13: Scarlett Mitchell
Jennifer Downer
- 14: Gayle Tribble
Rose Clark
- 15: Percy Blackburn
Norma Mallory
- 17: Noah Jackson
- 19: Norah Ellen Carrington
Amy Tribble Jones
Nicole Mitchell
Philip Jarrell
- 21: Ella Walz
- 22: Reagan Vaught
- 23: David Wills
- 24: Linda Calisch
- 29: George Walker, Jr.
- 31: Tripp Carrington

Anniversaries

- 8: Russell and Patricia Walz
- 16: Carol and Bob Walker
- 28: Bobby and Merit Carrington

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