

Pine Street Baptist Church
A Steadfast Fellowship of Grace

February, 2013

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Upcoming Dates

February 3

Youth Sunday Lunch Trip

February 6

Valentines Banquet
6:00 pm

February 7

Senior Dinner, 6:00 pm
Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm

February 10

Youth Meeting - Noon

February 11

Open High School Safety
Meeting - 6:00 pm

February 12

Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper - 6:00 pm

February 13

Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 pm

February 14

Men's Basketball, 8:00 pm

February 17

Winter Youth Jam

February 21

Senior Dinner, 6:00 pm
Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm

February 24

Youth Meeting - Noon

As Jesus journeyed toward the end of his ministry he was able to share with his followers how he felt about his approaching death. Jesus always knew that the cross was before him and that his time on earth was limited. This knowledge undoubtedly influenced his way of thinking as well as his interaction with others. What would Jesus want to say or do before he took his last breath?

Jesus spent his last hours with his friends and family in some of the most intimate moments of his life. He shared a meal with his followers and used the occasion to express his love and devotion to each one. Through the sharing of a common cup at the Passover meal or to washing his disciples' feet, Jesus chose to offer love to those around him as his own death was near.

This leads us to ask ourselves, "What would we want to say or do before our own deaths?" If we knew that tomorrow was our last day, then how would it affect how we lived today? Would we spend our time trying to earn a few more dollars for our bank account? Would we spend the day worrying about some of the things that had been keeping us up late at night? Or might we harbor a grudge against another one last time? If we knew that tomorrow would be our last, how would we live today?

Perhaps by reflecting on Jesus' last day we find a model for living every day of our lives. What would our lives look like if everyday we shared love with those around us? If we approached every moment with the question, "What is the most loving thing I can do here?", what effect might that have on our own lives as well as the lives of those around us. Life is indeed a precious gift that must be celebrated and shared everyday. When we love God and love others as Jesus did, then everyday will be a blessing.

While we don't know what tomorrow holds, God has given us this day to live to its fullest. Each moment of life is an opportunity to embrace life by offering love to all. Like Jesus, we can give of ourselves to others through service and acts of kindness. For ultimately what people will remember about us when we are gone is not the size of our house, or car, or the kind of job we had, or the places that we went. People will remember if we were loving. That is what made Bill Berry special and it is why we remember him the way that we do.

Thanks Bill,

Philip

Clint's Corner

Seeking Justice

The word “just” has been defined as: (1) Acting or done in accordance with what is morally right or fair; (2) Deserved (a just reward). The word “justice” has therefore been defined as: (1) Just conduct; (2) Fairness. From Hebrew to Greek, and on to our modern definitions, we see a common theme, and this theme is seen in the word “right.”

Our first definition of the word “just” says that to be just, or to act with justice, is to do what is morally right. The problem comes when we ask a follow-up question: What is morally right? Before we can do what is “right” we must know what “right” is. And this, as you might imagine, is where we get into some trouble, because we do not all consistently share the same idea of “rightness.” It was not all that long ago that there were some who said voting for Mitt Romney was the right thing to do, while others insisted that voting for Barack Obama was the right thing to do.

As Christians, the easy out seems to be to do whatever it says to do in the Bible, for the Bible, the inspired word of God, must be right. Deuteronomy 22 teaches that if a man marries a woman and he discovers that she is not a virgin, the woman is to be brought to the entrance of her father’s house and “the men of her town shall stone her to death.” Is this the right thing to do? Is this just? For those of you who say that that was Old Testament wisdom, I offer these words from Paul to the church at Corinth: But if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair. This is biblical teaching, but in Arab countries where women are stoned and are forced to wear a veil, we are often outraged. Are we being hypocritical, believing in a book but not following its teachings? What is the right thing to do? How do we determine the right thing to do? Seeking justice can often be a complex matter, but it remains a matter of utmost importance, and a matter we must continue to pursue.

A Heart for Jesus Valentine's Banquet Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm



Dinner will be a soup, salad, and bread buffet with an ice cream sundae bar for dessert. The evening will include a program, activities and games, and a chocolate sale.

Sign up on the church bulletin board today!

SAVE THE DATE



Sonrise National Park
Vacation Bible School

July 8-12

Begin now to prayerfully consider
how you will be a part of
VBS this year.

Dear Pine Street Family,

I would like to thank all my church family for their prayers, calls, and cards after my surgery.

Joe Mitchell

Dear Pine Street Members and Friends,

I want to thank each of you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and gifts while I was in the hospital and Manor Care. Your love and concern meant so much to me. Thanks again.

Hilda Groome

Dear Pine Street Family,

Thank you so much for the love and support that you gave to us at the passing of my sister. Your comfort is so appreciated.

Charlie & Rose Clark

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Billy Wells and Bill Berry

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*Clara and Robert Hagan,
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February Birthdays

- 3: Carissa Downer
- 5: Rusty Grove
- 6: Russell Walz
Jessi Vaught
- 8: Karen Lawson
- 10: Rose Floyd
- 11: Stewart Landrum
- 12: Richard Lacy
- 13: Vivian Pollok
- 15: Brandy Grove
- 18: Cameron Blankenship
- 20: Angie Hall
- 21: Virginia Snellings
- 27: Tyler Walker
Lillian Ashworth

Anniversaries

- 21: Beth and Alex Wang
- 25: Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Robinson



Budget Report Through January 27

Needed to Date:	\$58,089
Given to Date:	\$50,206
Variance:	\$7,883

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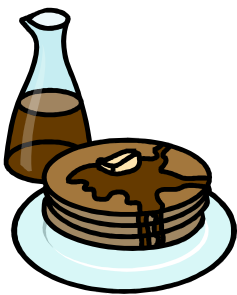
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The Season of Lent

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday,
February 12
at 6:00 pm

**Sign up on the church bulletin
board or call the office**

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday,
February 13
at 7:00 pm



Join us for a time of prayer and
reflection as we begin the
Season of Lent.