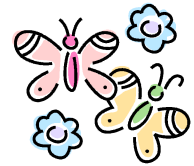


Pine Street Baptist Church  
A Steadfast Fellowship of Grace

April, 2013



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## Upcoming Dates

April 10  
Family Worship, 6:45 pm

April 11  
Senior Adult Dinner, 6:00 pm

April 13  
Youth to Fredericksburg, VA

April 14  
Youth Group Meeting, Noon

April 15  
Duke/Wallace Group

April 16  
RBA WMU Annual Meeting

April 17  
Breakfast for Supper by the youth

Quarterly Business Meeting  
6:45 pm

April 25  
Senior Adult Dinner, 6:00 pm

April 28  
Youth Group Meeting, Noon

Have you ever been somewhere in which the people there made you feel special? They related to you with the mindset that you were important to them. Sometimes we will frequent a business again and again because of the way they treat us. On the other hand, if we feel mistreated or ignored we might not ever go back again. The same thing can be said about people. We've all had those experiences when visiting another where they genuinely were glad you were with them. They wanted you there. Likewise, we have probably had experiences as well when those we were with made us feel like an inconvenience or a bother. In this case, they would rather be somewhere else. How you are made to feel in any of these situations matters.

As a church we should always be asking ourselves, "How are we doing in treating those who come into our building whether for worship, Sunday School, a mission activity, or just to check us out?" As a church, we should seek to be a welcoming and affirming place where people feel as though they are genuinely important to us and we are happy they are with us.

Unfortunately, churches sometimes fall short in this regard. Rather than feeling warmly received, sometimes individuals in visiting a church feel forgotten or even ignored. Instead of being received with a welcoming spirit they are left to visit on their own. There are even times when churches convey a message to those who visit them that they are welcome as long as they do not inconvenience those of us already here.

Just as how you are treated might effect whether or not you return to a business, the same can be said about a church. With visitors, their impression of their first visit to a church will have a lot of influence in whether or not they return. People don't simply want to attend a church, they want to belong and feel as though their presence is welcomed by those already there.

Over the years, Pine Street has had many individuals visit our congregation. Some visited and never returned, some made multiple visits, and some eventually joined as full members. Ultimately a visitor's level of commitment is their choice. However, as members, we must be intentional about our hospitality, welcoming to all, and offer Pine Street not simply as a place to attend but as a home to belong.

Philip



## Youth Meet 30 Hour Famine Goal!

16 teenagers and 4 adults successfully went 30 hours without food while learning first hand about hunger. As their stomachs growled, they prepared meals for others. Soup was prepared and delivered to church and community members who have been ill or grieving. Baked spaghetti and sides were taken to our friends at the Humphrey Home along with bingo and prizes. Youth also went door to door collecting food for the Oregon Hill Center food pantry.

The teens spent the evening together in Bible study, reflection, and learning games all focused on the world's hunger crisis.

A great big "THANK YOU" to all who contributed to the lofty \$1000.00 goal set to support the ministry of World Vision. Thanks to you, we are pleased to announce that the teenagers exceeded their goal!! Enough money was raised to feed and educate a child in a third world, food-deprived country for 3 years!!

## College Exam Study Space & BREAKfast

Once again Pine Street Church and The Oregon Hill Center will work together to offer our community college students a quiet place to prepare for their final exams. We will also be providing a late night pancake dinner as a time for them to take a break and just relax a bit during their long hours of studying.

If you are interested in assisting in any way (supervising study hours, cooking pancakes) then please contact Jennifer Turner. Please be in prayer for these young adults during this stressful time of the year.

### Budget Report Through March 24

Needed to Date: \$85,425  
 Given to Date \$77,925  
 Variance: - \$7,500

### Oregon Hill Prints and Afghans

Pick up one for a friend of Oregon Hill or even for yourself. Prints are available by contacting the

church office or through the church's website at [www.pinestbaptist.com](http://www.pinestbaptist.com).

The 22" X 17" suitable-for-framing print, features 6 newly commissioned illustrations of

### ***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.



**Parent - Child Dedication: Sunday, May 12 at 11:00 am**  
**Call the church office if you would like to dedicate a child**

To My Church Family at Pine Street,

We would like to thank all of you for your cards, prayers, and phone calls during my recovery from a recent heart attack.

We were most appreciative of Philip's visit and Clint's phone calls as well as the church members concerns. Please keep us in your prayers and thank each of you.

Glen and Claudia Neal

To My Church Family,

I would like to thank the members of my church for the many cards and prayers during my sister Jenny Greer's passing. I would also like to thank Philip for being with me and my family at this difficult time.

Charlotte Blair

To My Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my hospitalization and rehabilitation. I am grateful for the many beautiful cards and calls.

Jim Arthur

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

*Billy Wells*

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

*Robert and Clara Hagan, Billy Berry*

**in honor of:**

*Kathy Harler*

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

*Ted Hairfield, Mildred Nunallie,  
Irene Walz, Virginia Greer, Bill Berry*

## April Birthdays

- 4: Ann Arthur  
Susan Townsend
- 5: Charlotte Blair
- 7: Glen Shaw  
Gwen Donohue
- 8: Jean Carter
- 9: Marguerite Carlson  
Cyndi Fields
- 11: Norman Humphrey  
Carol Walker  
Danielle Bell
- 13: Barbara Nicklis  
Bradley Vaught  
Eliana Blankenship
- 16: Margaret Lacy  
Elizabeth Welton
- 17: Caroline Townsend Neal
- 19: Steven Mitchell  
Clint Jackson  
Sue Downs
- 20: Shirley Gibson
- 23: Jerry Herring
- 27: Shirley Trower  
Becky Fraunberger
- 30: Debra Ripley  
Brittany Crigger  
Glessie Hairfield

## Annivesaries

- 2: Melissa and James Childress
- 7: Troy and Janet Floyd
- 12: Mark and Debbie Thacker
- 20: Charlie and Rose Clark
- 27: Gail and Ray Tribble

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