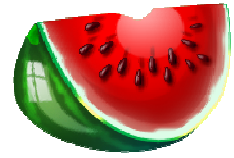


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Upcoming Dates

August 1
Senior Dinner

August 7
Covered dish dinner and a movie

August 13
Oregon Hill School
Supply Store
6-8 pm

August 19
WMU

August 21
Covered dish dinner and a movie

August 25
Worship in fellowship hall

Youth Group - noon

August 29
Senior Dinner

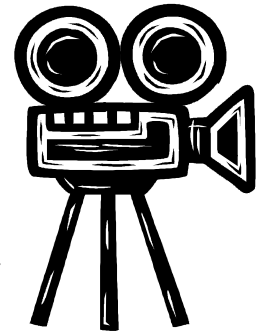
Twice a month for years now, Pine Street has offered outdoor movies for the community of Oregon Hill. Pleasants Park behind the church has provided a great location for this important ministry. At our most recent movie night I found myself looking out at the people who had gathered for the feature presentation. It was quite a diverse gathering. A great number of those attending were our homeless neighbors. The Friday night movies have become a favorite event for many of them. They enjoy the food and the fellowship. Likewise, several always arrive early to help us set up everything for the night. At our last movie, one of the men shared with me his gratitude for the movie and the food, but more so just for an opportunity for a few hours to forget that he lived on the streets.

At the movies you will also find a number of children who have come with their families. These children usually end up playing at the other end of Pleasants Park while the movie is playing. They come back and forth to the refreshments throughout the night, especially when snow cones are being served. Moms and dads spread out blankets and set up chairs to watch the movie as well.

Intermingled in the Friday night crowd will be some of our college students who will drift in and out as the night goes on. They especially enjoy the free food that is offered to the movie goers. Sitting among the crowd will be a committed group of Pine Streeters who come out to each movie, help set up and take down, serve the food, fellowship with the others there, and are a visible presence of the church in the community.

Finally, as I looked out over the crowd of people I saw men and women, boys and girls, black and white, young and old. It made me think that the people gathered is a good reflection of what the Kingdom of God looks like. I realized that I was watching more than a movie, but I was seeing how God has taken his ministry to bring our community together.

If you have never been to one of our Friday night movies I encourage you to take in a feature during August. August 16 and August 30 will be our movie nights this month. Yet, you will see more than a movie, you will see a community gathered together and Pine Street Church right in the middle of it all. Church doesn't just happen at 11:00 on Sunday mornings, it also gathers on Friday nights in an open field.



In Christ,

Philip

Clint's Corner

Along the Way

In her book **Fumbling**, Kerry Egan documents her journey as she traveled from the Pyrenees in southern France through the valleys of Navarre and westward through Spain to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. At age twenty-five, Egan took this pilgrimage just a year after the death of her father, and while she was a student at Harvard Divinity School. It was through walking eight or ten hours a day that she first began to understand what grief really was and to recognize God's presence in everyday people and places.

A few years prior to her pilgrimage, Egan was in an accident, and had not been expected to live. But she did, against all odds and against all predictions. Besides dealing with her grief, Egan saw the pilgrimage as her way of saying thank you, of giving back whatever she could to whomever she could in order to thank whatever it was that gave her the chance to live. As she walked, Egan helped people along the way – wrapping ankles, splinting knees, removing splinters, or tending blisters. She only had so much time to finish the journey, but suddenly finishing didn't seem so important. Walking was important, and being available to whomever might need a nurse along the remote and isolated parts of the route.

We are all on a journey. We are all on the way to some destination. We often walk through life moving from one location to another as quickly as we can – “I'm sorry. I don't have time. I must get to...” With our eyes clearly focused on the goal, we easily miss the opportunities God places before us. As we take our own walks through this life, as we walk the Christian pilgrimage, let us be mindful that there are people to help along the way. After all, it is their journey too.

School Supply Needs

The Oregon Hill Baptist Center will be holding its School Supply “Store” on Tuesday, August 13th. We will be distributing items to families with children in Kindergarten – 12th grade and even some college students! Pine Street Church is invited, along with several other churches, to donate supplies.

**Place in box outside of Baptist Center Office by
Sunday, August 11th**

Black & Blue Ink Pens

3x5 lined white index cards

Zipper Pencil Pouches (to fit into notebooks)

Highlighters (yellow)

Magic Markers (thick & thin)

Crayons (pack of 24)

“Big 8” basic crayons

Colored Pencils

Portfolio Pocket Folders w/prongs

3 ring binder notebooks (2 inch & 1 ½ inch)

Divider Tabs for 3 ring binders (8 subject)

1-subject spiral notebooks

Glue Sticks (lots & lots)

Scissors (blunt & pointed – Fiskar brand or similar type)

Ruler (with inches & centimeters) clear plastic is best.

Erasers (pencil top & block)

Regular sized bottles of Hand Sanitizer (for classrooms)

Spirit Quest in September

Our Spirit Quest Wednesday Night programs will resume on September 4. This year the adults will remain together in one large group for their study. In addition, the type of study will alternate between lecture and discussion. The first study will be taught by the Pastor on the “**Exodus from Egypt.**” Likewise, our children's Sparks program will resume as well. We are looking forward to a new year of fellowship, prayer and study. See you on September 4!

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

Billy Wells

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

Clara, Robert, and James Hagan

and in honor of:

Betty Stowell, Hilda Groome

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

Ruth Carter, Norman Wood, Jr.

Young Families & Singles Picnic in the Park

August 18
6-8PM

Bryan Park (at the playground)

Spouses, significant others and
children invited!

Fried Chicken provided
Bring a side dish

Just a time to be together and relax!!

Contact Jennifer Turner (648-1353) or
Jessi Vaught (789-9134)
For more Information

August Birthdays

- 1: Charles Clark
- 3: Alex McRae
- 4: Waverly Ann Jackson
- 6: Margaret Gibson
Susan Walker
Lindsey Greenstreet
- 7: Tiffany Rowe
- 8: Joyce Inge
- 9: Jennifer Turner
- 10: Mark Thacker
- 11: Wayne Floyd
Virginia Rickman
- 12: Marie Johnstone
- 15: Hannah Turner
- 19: Hilda Groome
- 20: Rob Johnston
- 28: Betty West
Lisa Crigger
- 30: Leslie McCauley
- 31: Susie St. John
Bessie Wharam

Anniversaries

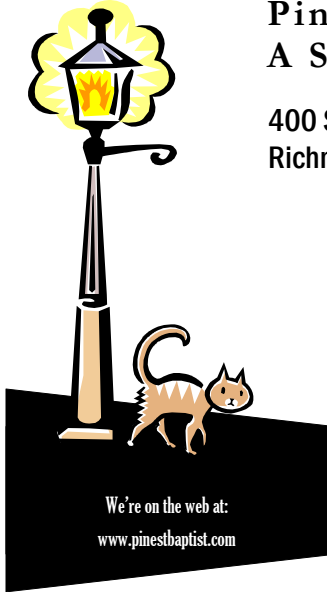
- 4: Richard and Margaret Lacy
- 12: Tony and Karen Lawson
- 21: Larry and Betty Thomas

Budget Report Through July 28

Needed to Date: \$146,931

Given to Date \$131,481

Variance: - \$15,450



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WELCOME BACK COLLEGE STUDENTS!

VCU classes resume soon and many students will be moving into Oregon Hill
We want to give them a warm welcome back!



COOKOUT
Sunday, August 25
6-8 PM

Pleasant's Park (behind the church)

Let's all work together to show the students how much we care!
Sign up on the Bulletin Board or call Jennifer Turner to help by:

- * Bringing an item of food needed
- * Donating a gift card to be used as a door prize
(I-tunes, Sweet Frogs, local Restaurant, Fast Food, etc)

- * Be Sure To Attend The Cookout
and greet the church's
New Neighbors!!