

October, 2013



# Let Your Light Shine!

## THE BEACON

**Pine Street Baptist Church:  
Where "Welcome" is not Just a Greeting, but a Way of**

### Upcoming Dates

- October 2**  
Family Worship
- October 3**  
Senior Dinner
- October 6**  
Be the Light Sunday
- October 11**  
Community Movie
- October 13**  
Children's Sabbath
- October 16**  
Quarterly Business Mtg
- October 17**  
Senior Dinner
- October 19**  
Cooking Club
- October 20**  
RBA Fall Meeting
- October 25**  
Community Movie
- October 27**  
Youth Meeting
- October 31**  
Halloween Outreach

Most of us have probably had that experience of visiting and staying at someone's home. Someone opens their home up to us in order to provide us a place to stay. Now sometimes when you stay with someone else it can feel awkward. You kind of get the feeling that they really don't want you there. Hence, you really do not know how to act. It is not your home and you feel as though you are intruding upon their time and space.

On the other hand, there are those experiences in staying at someone's house and they make you feel right at home. You can sense that they are genuinely glad that you are there and that you are not an inconvenience. You can relax and be yourself because they make you feel right at home. They welcome you into their home.

As a church, the challenge for us is to make people feel at home when they are here. It should be our desire that for each person who enters our building that we communicate to them that we are genuinely glad they are with us. The ministry of hospitality is vital to the health and life of the local church. If the church is seen as a place where persons can discover a sense of belonging, then people will be drawn to it. They will not only be drawn to the church but they will also want to participate and support the church in its worship, fellowship, and mission. When people feel like they belong then they will give of themselves in many different ways.

As we begin a new church year, the challenge for us at Pine Street is to commit to being a place where all feel welcomed. Whether it is a new resident in the neighborhood, a college student who attends VCU, a homeless person that participates in our Thursday program, or a life long member of the church, we want each person to feel welcomed. Our motto this year will be ***"Pine Street Baptist Church: Where 'Welcome is not just a greeting, but a way of life.'"*** As we commit ourselves to a ministry of hospitality, then people will feel at home within our church. We recently installed a lamp post in the front yard of the church. Each night the light is on for people to see. It was placed there as a symbol for others and as a reminder to ourselves that all are welcome here at Pine Street. We want to be that place where people can feel at home. For when you feel you belong, then there is no place like home.



# Outreach Opportunities

## Community Movie Nights



**October 11 and October 25  
at dusk  
in Pleasants Park**

## Ministry Opportunity

"A group of women from different countries at VCU are meeting in the kitchen every month to make friends, practice English, and learn to cook new recipes. We had our first meeting of our Cooking Club on September 21st and 12 women came. They were all very excited about the chocolate chip cookies they made and the new people they met. We would love to have anyone who would want to support the group help out by coming to visit and having conversations over food at the end, offering to teach us a recipe you are an expert at, or helping with child care so that women with children can come to the class. If you are interested in donating ingredients for a recipe that would help too. Please contact Lindsey Hershner at [lindsey.hershner@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.hershner@gmail.com) or 804-306-2106 if you have more questions."



## Halloween Community Outreach

**October 31st  
beginning at 5:00 pm**

You can help by:  
donating a bag of candy at church  
and/or  
greeting people at our  
outdoor table in front of the church



## Special Worship Service Sunday, October 13:

*A Children's Sabbath*

Join us for worship as we celebrate the role of children in the life of our congregation

## Christmas Cantata Practice

Christmas is less than 3 months away.  
Contribute to the church's celebration by singing in the choir's annual Cantata. Practice is on Wednesday nights!

**“ A Holiday Concert”  
Featuring the U.S. Army Band  
Saturday,  
December 14, 2013**

Come, join your friends for this exciting afternoon of entertainment as the U.S. Army Band performs their annual holiday concert in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy lunch at Carmine's, a new family styled establishment in Washington.

Total Cost per Person: \$89.00

Please make check payable to Pine Street Baptist and mail by November 8 to: Linda Johnston  
2112 Jarman Lane  
Richmond, Virginia 23235

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Properties Endowment in memory of:**

*Billy Wells*

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

*Clara, Robert, and James Hagan,*

**Contributions were made to the General Fund  
in memory of Ruth Carter**

**October Birthdays**

2: Patricia Walz  
4: Eugene Holt  
Declan Blankenship  
5: Matt Dawson  
6: Mark Harler  
8: Joseph Whittaker  
Dorothy Dix  
9: Megan Bell  
15: Tim Guill  
17: Kevin Lord  
18: Dottie Uzzle  
19: Debbie Tolley  
21: Maxine Hill  
23: Bobby Gibson  
Sean-Michael Ferguson  
26: Darla Neiss  
27: Philip Turner  
William Paige  
28: Mary Herring  
30: Joseph Mitchell  
Bobby Jernigan

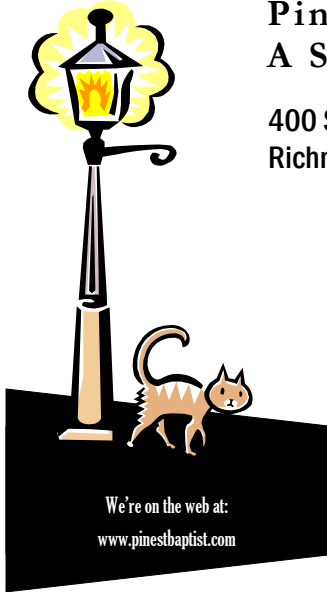
**Anniversaries**

14: Marvin and Jean Hill  
Sonny and Gladys Wesson  
Donald and Donna Grove  
28: Billy and Charlotte Walker

**Richmond Baptist Association Annual Meeting  
Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 pm  
Chamberlayne Baptist Church**

Contact the church office if you like to intend this very important meeting of the association.

The meeting will hear recommendations from the Center for Congregational Health in respect to the conflict and division of our association.



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# **Be the Light Sunday**

## **October 6**

Join us in our 11:00 AM worship as we covenant together to  
“Be the Light” in Oregon Hill.

We will be celebrating our Ministry of Hospitality  
as part of Pursuing Missional Faithfulness journey.

Stay after worship for a baked potato fellowship lunch spon-  
sored by the youth. Reservations required