



November, 2013

Let Your Light Shine!

THE BEACON

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

As I write my Pastor's letter for this edition of The Beacon there are four new headlines on my internet connection for my computer:

Upcoming Dates

November 3

All Saints Sunday

November 6

Family Worship - 6:45 pm

November 7

Senior Dinner - 6:00 pm

November 10

Youth Group - Noon

November 11

Deacons Meeting
and Dinner - 6:00 pm

November 15-16

Youth Lock In

November 18

WMU Meeting

November 24

Humphrey Home
Dinner
Youth Group - Noon

November 25

Christmas Store
Orientation - 7-8 pm

November 26

Thanksgiving Service
7:00 pm

November 27

Thanksgiving Meal
for the homeless - Noon

*Female Suicide Bomber Strikes Russian Bus, Killing Five
Police Respond To Shooting At Nevada Middle School
Police: Three People Shot At Vegas Nightclub
Two Dead After Michigan Senior Center Shooting*

The sad thing about these headlines is that we have become used to them. They are the stuff of everyday news in our society. The shock effect that they may have had at one time in our world is not the same. We have become conditioned to the idea that this is just the way things are. Our world just seems to choose the way of Cain. Cain of course was guilty of committing the first act of violence in the Bible. Envious of his brother Abel, he rose up and killed him.

The book of Genesis, in which the story is found, records God's conversation with Cain after the killing. God says to Cain, "What have you done? Listen, your brother's blood is crying out from the ground." The blood of Abel cried out from the very soil that Cain walked upon. It was a cry that reached God's own hearing and caused him to seek out Abel as well as confront Cain with what he had done. The story of Cain and Abel is simply the prelude to a world prone to violence because of sin.

The blood of senseless violence continues to cry out from the ground. The culture of death that our world has given into stands in contradiction to the intent of God for all of creation. Our world has cheapened life, made taking life easy, and adopted Cain's way of dealing with anger. Our ground is soaked in blood.

As a people of faith we protest this violence with a message of life. Jesus said, "The thief comes to kill, steal, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life and life in abundance." (John 10:10) Jesus call us to live our lives so that they reflect the sacredness of all life. Every life is of value to God, precious in his sight, and worthy of respecting and protecting. We can never be content with the way of violence in our world. As the church we continue to place our energy in those things that promote life, even as we stand against our tendency to follow the path of Cain.

Clint's Corner

Included in Paul's letter to the church in Rome is a brief discussion on how we are to live in the Spirit. The Spirit should be active in each disciple's life, just as it was in the life of Jesus. We are to "live according to the Spirit," and "set our minds on the things of the Spirit." Our life in the Spirit is confirmed when we call out to God as our parent, realizing that we are children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ.

In this season of thanksgiving, we should express our gratitude for being a member of God's family. But as Paul writes these words of triumph, encouragement, and transformation, he is conscious to include an important "if." If we are children, then we are also heirs...IF "we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

Betty Smith wrote a wonderful coming of age story that takes place in Brooklyn, New York in the earliest days of the twentieth-century. It was a time when infestation and disease was passed from child to child in the schools. In an effort to combat the spread, children were subjected to humiliating examinations, and if found to be infested they were ridiculed and tormented by their peers. Smith writes: *It might be that the infected child would be given a clean bill next examination. In that case, she, in turn, would torment those found guilty, forgetting her own hurt at being tormented. They learned no compassion from their own anguish. Thus their suffering was wasted.*

Paul is one who knows suffering, and yet he concludes that any suffering he may have in the present cannot compare to the glory that awaits him in the future. There is a common saying that "misery loves company," but whether great or small, our suffering should not be used as an excuse to bring suffering to others. To suffer as Christ suffers should be seen as an opportunity for compassion toward others, actually relieving them of some of their misery. As children and heirs, may we learn compassion, such that our suffering is not wasted.

Tithing—The Last Frontier

It was once said that the wallet is the "last frontier." It is the final area to be conquered—the last thing that comes to God in surrender. Jesus spoke much about money. He said that we cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24). The word "mammon" was the common Aramaic word for riches, which is akin to a Hebrew word signifying "that which is to be trusted." In other words, we cannot trust God and money. Either money is our source of life, our great love, our joy, our sense of security, the supplier of our needs—or God is.

When you open your purse or wallet, give generously and regularly to your local church. A guide as to how much you should give can be found in the "tithe" of the Old Testament—10% of your income. Whether you give this amount or not, make sure you do give something to the work of God (see Malachi 3:8-10). Give because you want to, not because you have to. God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

"Be the Light" Giving Report

Keep Up the Good Work

Needed to Date: \$13,852

Given to Date \$13,423

Variance: - \$429



**Don't Forget to Turn
Your Clocks back
one hour on
Saturday,
November 2!**



Thanksgiving Food Collection:

The Oregon Hill Center is once again asking for Thanksgiving "like" foods. We will be giving out Thanksgiving Bags on MONDAY, Nov. 25th to families who have pre-registered.

The types of foods we are requesting include:

- Instant Stuffing & /or Potatoes &/or Rice
- Gravy (Turkey or Brown)
- Flavored Rice (Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
- Canned Hams
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes (Family Size Cans)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Apple Sauce
- Green Beans (Family Size Cans)
- Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup
- Cans of Fried Onions
- Corn (Family Size Cans or 2 smaller cans)
- Muffin or Cornbread Mix
- Macaroni & Cheese (Family Size Box)
- Pre-made Pie Crust already in Pie Pan (Graham Cracker)
- Instant Puddings to make pies
- Apple Juice
- Instant Coffee (small jar)
- Box of Tea Bags (small box)
- \$10 Gift Cards from Kroger
(to be used toward purchase of Turkey or other perishable items)

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Wednesday, November 27

Noon

Once again this year on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving we would like to invite those in our community without a home or family to join together for a home cooked meal with all the fixings. If you are interested in contributing a prepared dish or volunteering to help serve, then please sign up on the downstairs bulletin board or let Jennifer Turner know.



1,000 Things We are Thankful For

Beginning on Sunday, November 3rd, you can go to the table in the downstairs foyer and write down the things you are thankful for. Our goal is to reach 1,000 thanks by Thanksgiving. Each thing we are thankful for will be added to a garland to show our gratitude through out the month. The garland will then be used to decorate for the various Thanksgiving dinners hosted at church.

Salvation Plan Scripture Memorization

We will memorize, as a church, a verse every week for 7 weeks, beginning in November. The verses follow the Salvation Plan to help us draw closer to God and to help us to witness more effectively

So Many Miracles Theatrical Performance

Saturday, November 16

We will be having **Sally Bell's lunch** at the church followed by a trip to the Powhatan Auditorium to see the play, **So Many Miracles** (Missionary George Mueller's life story as it unfolds through the eyes of his daughter, Lydia.) As a young divinity student living a riotous life, George attends a house prayer meeting and for the first time observes people who have a genuine relationship with God. Under deep conviction, he cries out to God for salvation. Later, as a missionary in England, George chooses to trust God alone to supply his needs. He learns many lessons about the power of prayer as he sees God's daily provision for his family and ministry needs.

The cost is \$20 for lunch, transportation and love offering.

(\$10 if you do not want to eat lunch)



**SO MANY
MIRACLES**

*The Story of
George Mueller*

J. Douglas Schaedel



Humphrey Home Thanksgiving Meal on November 24

If you would like to participate in the annual tradition then please sign up on the missions' bulletin board or talk to Terry Donohue

" 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

Congratulations and Thanks

It is hard to believe that on September 1 Clint has been with us for six years as our Associate Pastor.

Marie celebrated her 22nd anniversary as our custodian on October 14.

What would we do without them?

November Birthdays

- 1: Marvin Hill
- 3: Lisa Paige
- 6: Merit Carrington
Jim Arthur
- 9: Marjorie Kidd
- 10: Steve Jernigan
- 12: Allen Townsend
- 14: Russell Robinson
Roy Robinson
- 20: Freddie Ann Crouch
Sara O'Mary
- 24: Glenn Neal
- 25: Jean McRae
- 26: Vivian Paige
- 29: Barbara Watkins
Buddy Thomas
- 30: Sandy Jenkins Johnson
Bryan Patrick O'Mary

Anniversaries

- 19: Richard and Marie Johnstone
- 24: Glenn and Ellen Shaw

Thank You

I would like to say thanks to each and everyone for their prayers, thoughts, calls, and cards. I do appreciate everyone and everything.

Love and Prayers to All,
Rose Floyd

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

Billy Wells and in honor of: Virginia Knighton

**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 *LaVerne Lacy Taylor,***

*Ted & Alice Ganaras, Kim Neal Ott,
Gladys Wesson, Ruth Carter, Ted Hairfield*

RBA/OHBC Christmas Store
December 5 & 6, 2013
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The annual Baptist Center Christmas Store will be held at the South Richmond Baptist Center. Families with children involved in our Center & Church programs as well as others from our community & beyond will have the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their children for only a \$5 donation per child. All donations are put into an emergency relief fund to assist people in need throughout the winter with heating bills.

Volunteers are needed in several areas:

Donate items (please place in boxes around church building by Wednesday, Dec 4th)

Sort & Organize items at the store location on Dec 2-4 (9AM – 2PM)

Assist Shoppers on Dec. 5 or 6 to pick out gifts for children or carry items to car. (9AM-2PM)

Clean & Pack Up items at conclusion of store on Dec. 6 (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Please let Jennifer Turner know or sign up on the Bulletin Board if you would like to volunteer @ the Store Location site.



Children's Christmas Store
December 14, 2013
1:30-3:00 PM

All children ages 3-12 are invited to attend the Oregon Hill Baptist Center annual Christmas Store! This is the place where you can get cool gifts for your parents & siblings. Come and browse and then take your selections to the gift-wrapping station. Parents and children enjoy yummy refreshments while they wait. AND it is all FREE!! Arrive anytime between 1:30 & 2:45, no appointment necessary.

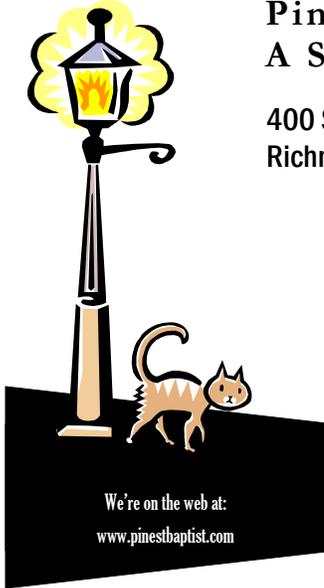
If you would like to DONATE new or "like-new" items for our children to choose from then just give them to Jennifer T.

Winter Clothing Items Needed

Men's Long Johns, Adult Knit Gloves & Hats, Adult Sweatshirts,
 Blankets & Adult Sleeping Bags



These items are greatly needed to assist our homeless neighbors as the cold winter months are upon us. If you are able to donate any of these items please give them to Jennifer or place them by her office door. Thank you in advance for your assistance!!



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New Small Group

Several months ago Philip led a Wednesday night study using the video series Sacred Rhythms by Ruth Haley Barton. This study introduced us to spiritual disciplines like Lectio Divino and Examen. I like the result it had with our group, the depth of our feelings and the richness of the things we shared.

Please consider joining me Sunday, Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at my home to begin a new small group that uses these same prayer disciplines, that we may encourage one another and grow closer to our Lord.

Susan Townsend



Lottie Moon Banquet
Friday, December 6 at 6:15 p.m.

Speaker: Jerry and Kathy Parker

Singer: Gerry Robinson

Cost: \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child, \$20 per family

Elizabeth Welton will be taking reservations through Dec. 1.

Please pay at the time you make your reservation