



March, 2014

Let Your Light Shine!

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

Upcoming Dates

March 2

Youth Committee Meeting
noon

March 4

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:00 pm

March 5

Ash Wednesday
Worship - 7:00 pm

March 6

Senior Dinner
6:00 pm

March 7-8

Youth 30 Hour
Famine

March 9

Potato Bar - noon

March 10

Deacons Meeting
6:30 pm

March 15

ESL Cooking Class

March 17

WMU Meeting

March 20

Senior Dinner
6:00 pm

March 30

Youth Meeting - noon

Bill Berry Offering for Community Missions



This past year Pine Street Baptist Church said goodbye to a good friend. The Rev. Bill Berry, retired director of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center, went home to be with the Lord. Bill spent much of his life as a minister to the people of the Oregon Hill community. His gentle spirit and servant heart was experienced by many over the years. Everyone knew and loved Mr. Berry.

In honor of his commitment to missions, Pine Street has established a new missions offering in his memory. This annual offering is designed to allow people to give directly to the ministries of Pine Street Baptist Church. Ministries such as our ongoing homeless ministry, Humphrey Adult Home ministry, and others will benefit from those who participate.

In each member's offering packet this year is an offering envelope labeled as the Bill Berry Community Missions Offering which is to be received beginning in the month of March. Prayerfully considered how much you will give to this very important mission offering. This year's goal is \$500. Your generosity will enable Pine Street to continue its ministries in Oregon Hill.

"Be the Light" General Fund Giving Report



Needed to Date:	\$69,260
Given to Date	\$68,062
Variance:	- \$1,198

What's Next?

As some of you know, one of my favorite television shows of recent years is *The West Wing*. My fondness for the show has led me to view each episode more than once, and these multiple viewings has made it easy to reference the activities of this fictitious White House in conversation and writing. Such is the case for this month's edition of Clint's Corner.

If you also happen to be a fan of *The West Wing*, you know that President Bartlet is not one to dwell on any given topic longer than necessary. Once an issue has been covered, the president wants to move on, often prompting this move forward by asking, "What's next?"

Churches are not perfect places, and it is at least this one thing that we have in common with the federal government. As an imperfect institution, the church is guilty of several things, among them being the choice to maintain the status quo instead of asking, "What's next?" and moving on. Churches are people, and people like comfort, and comfort is often found in the status quo. When an outsider enters the church and inquires about why something is done a certain way, our firm grasp on the status quo is heard in the response, "I don't know. That's just the way we've always done it." In fact, it seems likely to me that among all the dead churches in the world, it is these words that are carved into their tomb stone: **THAT'S THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT.**

God is forever moving forward in the world, whether we are or not. Asking, "What's next?" is not about fulfilling our own agendas, but yielding to God's agenda. Moving on to what's next requires courage and humility, a sense of hope, and a faith that is ready to move mountains. But staying where we are, maintaining the status quo, means distancing ourselves from God's activity in the world. Let us not lose sight of what God is doing in the world. Let us move onward behind God's pillar of cloud by day, and pillar of fire by night. And in faith let us always be asking God, "What's next?"

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Tuesday, March 4
6:00 pm

Cost: \$4.00 - adult,
\$2.00 - child,
\$10.00 for family
Sign up today
with Frances Schultz

Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, March 5
7:00 pm

Join us as we prepare for the
season of Lent.



March Birthdays

- 1: Paul Reed
 4: Russell Holt
 6: Evelyn Berry
 Kristopher Lacy
 8: Eleanor Haskins
 9: Donald Grove
 12: Jaime Ferguson
 14: Beverly Derr
 16: Betty Thomas
 17: Nancy Reed
 Jean Holder
 20: Judy Hairfield
 24: Dean Welton
 25: Jeanette Townsend
 28: Ellen Shaw
 29: Virginia Knighton
 Barbara Reynolds

Anniversaries

- 23: Richard and Erica Inge

Special Gifts

Contributions were made to the
 Properties Endowment in memory of:

Elizabeth Welton

Contributions were made to the Ministries Endowment
 in memory of:

Robert, Clara, and James Hagan

Contributions were made to the Humphrey Home
 Ministry in memory of:

Elizabeth Welton

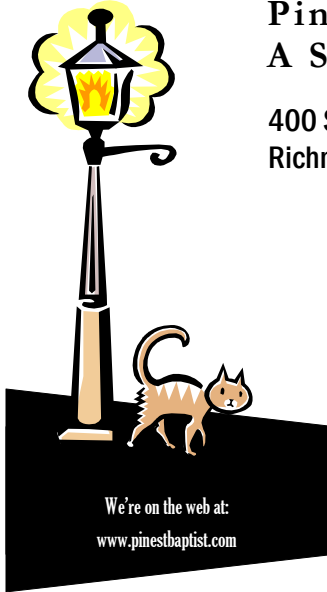
Wednesday Night Bible Study *The Seven Deadly Sins*

Begins March 12 at
 6:45 pm



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**Pine Street Baptist Church
A Steadfast Fellowship of Grace**

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The Youth of PSBC & The Oregon Hill Center will once again be participating in the **"30 Hour Famine"** on March 7-8. They will begin fasting after breakfast on Friday (skipping lunch at school). They will continue to fast together for a total of 30 hours while at church learning about world hunger issues and participating in hands on mission opportunities in the city of Richmond. Last year we met a lofty goal of \$1000.00 to support World Vision's efforts to alleviate hunger around the world. Once again **our goal is set at \$1000.00**. The teens will be asking for donations from family, friends, and church members. They will also be sponsoring a POTATO & SALAD BAR after worship on March 9th. All funds raised will go to

support their 30 Hour Famine fund raising effort. Thank you in advance for your support of this very worthwhile event!



POTATO & SALAD BAR

March 9th @ Noon

Cost: \$6 per adult, \$3 per child/ teenager

\$15 max per immediate family



Mark your calendars now for one of PSBC favorite events!! Join together after worship for a delicious baked potato and salad with lots of toppings for both! All funds raised will be going to support our youth group's effort to raise money and awareness regarding World Hunger. Also enjoy testimonies and video from their "30 Hour Famine" event from the weekend before!