



April, 2014

He is Risen!

THE BEACON

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

Upcoming Dates

April 2

Family Worship
6:45 pm

April 6

Youth Committee
Noon

April 10

Senior Dinner

April 12

ESL Cooking Class

April 13

Youth Meeting - noon

April 15

RBA, WMU Spring
Celebration

April 16

Business Meeting

April 17

Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm

April 19

Journey to the Cross

April 21

WMU

April 24

RBA Spring Meeting

I don't know about you but I am ready for Spring. Winter has been especially cold and snowy this year and even though I am a snow lover, I am ready to move forward. Even as I write in this edition of the Beacon, Winter is still holding on in Richmond. Cold temperature and snow are still in the forecast. However, time will move forward and eventually Spring will fully arrive. The new life of Spring can only be held back for a given amount of time. Spring will come; that is for certain.

As a people of faith we likewise can confess that "Easter will come." Easter will come not just as a calendar date, but as an annual reminder that Jesus is risen. We once again will acknowledge that God has resurrected Jesus from the dead and that we now share in the power and miracle of that moment in our own lives. Jesus once shared these words with a grieving sister, *"I am the resurrection and the life and everyone who believes in me, even though they die, yet shall they live."*

New life is now available to all who will receive the good news of Jesus and trust him with their lives. The sin, grave, and death will lose their grip upon our lives as the new life in Jesus blossoms forth from within. This new life is coming and there is nothing that can hold it back. So while Winter might linger for the moment, joy comes in the morning. A new morning; a resurrection morning. Easter morning is coming. Thanks be to God.



"Be the Light" General Fund

Giving Report

Needed to Date:	\$86,575
Given to Date	\$83,878
Variance:	- \$2,697

FEEDING THE SPIRIT

Prior to becoming president, John Adams contacted his former classmate, Charles Cushing, writing that, "...upon the stage of life, while conscience claps, let the world hiss! On the contrary if conscience disapproves, the loudest applauses of the world are of little value." What Adams seemed to be saying was that, in the living of our lives, the voice within will often stand in opposition to the voice of the world. We know this to be true through the apostle Paul's words about how living in the flesh stands in opposition to living in the Spirit. To the church in Rome Paul wrote, "...we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Put poetically, someone once said, "Two natures beat within my breast; one is evil and one is blest; the one I love, the one I hate; the one I feed will dominate." We feed ourselves, we feed our families, and we feed our pets, but do we ever feed the Spirit of God that dwells within us? If we want the Spirit to reign within us, the Spirit must be fed. If we have a genuine desire for love to conquer evil, the Spirit must be fed. If we want the law of the Spirit to free us from the law of sin and death, the Spirit must be fed.

Feeding the Spirit, however, does not happen through some magical or automatic process. In resistance to the temptations of the flesh, we must daily choose to think and live in accord with God's Spirit. We must be steadfast, true, and faithful, just as God has exhibited these qualities toward us through Jesus the Christ. In prayer we must listen to what the Spirit has to tell us. There are a plethora of items on the menu of life, all of which seem equally alluring, and equally fulfilling. But let us make our choices from the foods of God's Spirit, relocating our heart...our life...toward its quest in God.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR YOUTH!

We are proud to report that our teenagers raised \$1,432.73 to help fight hunger around the world! That is enough to feed, clothe, and educate 1 child for 3 1/2 years. We surpassed our \$1000.00 GOAL again this year!!!



Thanks to all who donated to the cause by either being one of the 92 people buying a potato at our Potato Bar, purchasing a baked good at our bake sale, giving a financial gift, or praying for our teens and their leaders. On March 7 & 8 fifteen youth and 5 adults fasted for 30 hours, played simulation games, participated in educational videos and Bible study, all in an effort to learn more about the effects of hunger around our world and what we can do about it! They also participated in service projects such as decorating and packing homeless snack bags, collecting food for the Oregon Hill Center Food Pantry, and visiting and praying with residents at Dominion Place senior living apartments.

A special thanks to : Angie Hall, Debbie Thacker, Darla Neiss, Jennifer Downer, & Philip Turner for their assistance with this event!!



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Vacation Bible School

July 7-10

Volunteers are needed. Whether you have helped before or have never helped you are invited to make a difference in a child's life. Sign up on the bulletin board on the first floor across from the elevator.

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
- 13: Barbara Nicklis
Bradley Vaught
Eliana Blankenship
- 16: Margaret Lacy
- 17: Caroline Townsend Neal
- 19: Clint Jackson
Sue Downs
- 27: Shirley Trower
- 30: Glessie Hairfield

Anniversaries

- 12: Mark and Debbie Thacker
- 20: Charlie and Rose Clark
- 27: Gail and Ray Tribble

Special Gifts

Contributions were made to the
Properties Endowment in memory of:

*Joyce Blair Loving, Tommy Welton, Genia Lail,
Virginia Matthews, Billy Wells*

Contributions were made to the Ministries Endowment
in memory of:

Robert, Clara, and James Hagan, Virginia Matthews

Contributions were made to the General Fund
in memory of:

Joyce Blair Loving, Allen and Katherine Witt

Contributions were made to the Lottie Moon Offering
in memory of:

Elizabeth Welton

Bill Berry Offering for Community Missions

Goal: \$500.00

Given to Date: \$765.00



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Family Worship

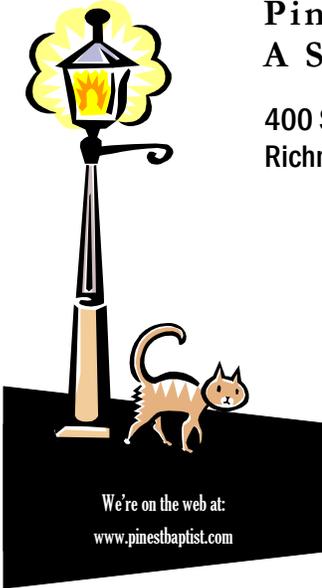
Wednesday, April 2

6:45 pm

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

6:45 pm



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A Steadfast Fellowship of Grace**

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Richmond, Virginia 23220

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

**Maundy Thursday Worship
April 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday
April 19, 10 am - 2 pm**

*The Journey to the Cross will be open to travel and meditate
The Labyrinth will be set up for contemplation and prayer
Lots of fun activities for the kids while you make your journey.
Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Cooking Class, Crafts, and Games
Lunch will be served at noon (\$2 per person)*

**Easter Early Service at Hollywood Cemetery
April 20 at 8:30 a.m.**

Breakfast to follow in fellowship hall

**Easter Sanctuary Worship
April 20 at 11:00 a.m.**