

THE BEACON

Pine Street Baptist Church

Rolling Stones and Revealing Glory: Celebrating 162 Years of Pine Street Baptist Church

162 years is a long time. Back in 1855, Christians in the city of Richmond sought to begin a mission in Oregon Hill. This new church start would eventually become known as Pine Street Baptist Church. What a challenge it must have been for those first members. Operating on barely any kind of financial capital and with only a handful of individuals they began to seek their dream. Dreams that arose out of a conviction that God is always up to new things, new ways, and new adventures. Indeed, at the very heart of faith is trusting that God is able to accomplish much when our faith is placed in him.

What we may see as impossible, God sees as an opportunity to reveal his glory. Remember the words that Jesus spoke to Martha when he asked for the stone in front of her brother Lazarus' tomb to be removed after several days, "Did I not tell you if you believe you would see the glory of God?" Jesus speaks this message to us as well as the church in this place. If we believe and fully place our faith in God, then God shall reveal his glory to us in miraculous ways. As the church we are a people of open tombs not closed ones. We believe that God is the creator and sustainer of life and he calls us to come forth from our tombs of death and to walk in the newness of life. Just as Jesus told the crowd who witnessed Lazarus' miracle to "unbind him and let him go", God seeks to free us from our binding fears and doubts and into a life of active faith that seeks to bring glory to God's name.

On this our 162nd anniversary of a church we must not be deterred by the obstacles in our way, but remember that God is good at rolling stones and setting people free to new life. 162 years is not too long for God to do something new. May God bless us as we continue to walk in faith the wonderful journey of Pine Street Baptist Church.

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May Birthdays

- 1: Kathy Rodgers
- 2: EJ Downer
- 4: Lydia Downer
- 10: Sonny Wesson
- 11: Savannah Stevens
- 12: Martha Jackson
- 13: Jennifer Downer
- 14: Gayle Tribble
- Rose Clark
- 15: Percy Blackburn
- Norma Mallory
- 17: Noah Jackson
- Jerry Schuyler
- 18: Sarah Stevens
- 19: Norah Ellen Carrington
- Amy Tribble Jones
- Nicole Mitchell
- Philip Jarrell
- 21: Ella Walz
- Brody Kirby
- 22: Reagan Vaught
- 23: David Wills
- 24: Linda Calisch
- 28: Jasylynn Brown
- 31: Tripp Carrington

Anniversaries

- 8: Russsell and Patricia Walz
- 28: Bobby and Merit Carrington

Budget Update

Through April 23

Budget: \$55,471

Given: \$57,646

Variance: +\$ 2,175

(Includes Verizon Payments)



Building Godly Friendships

Vacation Bible School

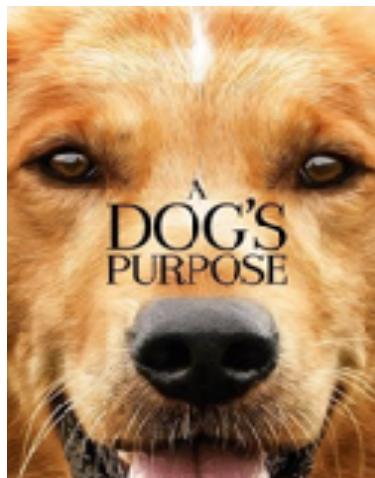
July 10 - 13
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Volunteer Today

Community Movie Nights

Return May 12

Movies are shown the second and fourth Friday of every month



May 12

Welcome New Members

Barbara Sprouse

Sarah O'Mary

Karmen Holmes

Jerry Schyuler

May 26

New Addresses

Barbara Sprouse
7002 Coachman Lane
Apt 204
Henrico, VA 23228
(804) 274-9195

Bonnie Burns
3511 Tanelorn Drive
Apt 1923
Henrico, Virginia 23294
(804) 241-8969

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lindsey Turner
who will be graduating from
James Madison University on May 4 with a
Masters of Arts and Teaching

Congratulations to Lindsey Hershner
who will be graduating from
Virginia Commonwealth University
on May 12 with a
Masters of Social Work

Congratulations to Clint Jackson
who will be graduating from
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond
on May 27 with a
Doctors of Ministry



Meeting
Reminder!

Deacon's Meeting
May 8 at 6:30 pm

WMU Meeting
May 15 at 11:00 am

**Wednesday
Night
Sparks**

will have its final
meeting before the
summer break on
May 24
Thanks to all who
helped in this
important children's
ministry

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 4

REMEMBER THINK RED!

Thank you!

Thank you Pine Street Baptist Church for your prayer, support, and love in helping me go on and get through one of the most challenging, fun-filled, tearful, joyful, weeks of my life. Thrown into the mist of such prevalent injustices in New York City was heavy and heart-wrenching. I have never witnessed the Holy Spirit more, not in myself, but in the homeless man next to me, the business's striving to go green, local, and fair trade, I saw His face. I saw Him in the least of these. The Lord was working in New York City before me or the rest of my team got there. Throughout the week I began realizing that fighting injustices is not a chore, but an opportunity to step into God's mission of an all knowing, perfect Justice.

We must first look to the cross because the cross is the biggest injustice of them all. Jesus died to give us, the people that turn our back on Him when things get rough, the ones that deny His name, and the ones who are so unworthy of his love, grace. And His work did not end at the cross, therefore neither did ours. Jesus is sovereign. He is sovereign over everything, over every injustice that faces us. He is sovereign over human trafficking. He is sovereign over homelessness. He is sovereign over sex trafficking. He is sovereign over the misuse and mistreatment of the earth. He is sovereign over American politics. He is sovereign over natural disaster. How awesome is that in which we get to serve such a powerful, wonderful, and passionate God? Through His sovereignty and sacrifice we can lay our heartbreak at the cross because it is not our burden to carry.

Then we must look to the face of Jesus and tackle injustice in the way He did for us, selflessly. Again I would like to sincerely thank you for all of your donations, prayer and time. You have loved me so well and I will forever be grateful for all you do. I would also like to point out that you should not feel guilty in accepting this thanks, if you did not donate because the power of prayer is necessary, powerful, and alive. Your prayer willed me to keep going when the heart-ache was heavy, Thank you.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

Thank you for believing so strongly in Jesus and his passion for justice, while in New York I received a glimpse of it and it was beautiful.

Hannah Turner

Make God Smile

at Pine Street Baptist Church

We have a front door, a back door, a living room,
and a roof.

Help Blow the Roof Off Sunday School

FRONT DOOR: Make contact with friends, neighbors, and inactive members. Invite them to come to Sunday school with you. Make them feel welcome and included from the minute they walk through the door.

BACK DOOR: Stay in touch, show genuine concern, check on their needs, and listen to them.

LIVING ROOM: Strive to make our church and Sunday school a hospitable place where people feel welcome and comfortable. Be genuine, and allow them to be genuine as well. Give them a reason for being here. Make sure the environment is conducive to interaction and conversation with one another.

ROOF: Blow it off, like popcorn blowing off the top of the popper!

Each Sunday school class is challenged to encourage its members to invite new people to their class during the Sundays between June 4 - July 9. Invite inactive members, friends, neighbors, and family member to come and be a part of the class. Each class will be competing with one another to have the most new attendees. Start thinking and praying now about who you might invite.
All age classes will be participating.