



The Beacon



The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church
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Albert Schweitzer was a French-German theologian, organist, writer, humanitarian, philosopher, and physician. He wrote extensively on Jesus and the New Testament. He received the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize for his philosophy of "Reverence for Life", expressed in many ways, but most famously in founding and sustaining the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné, now in Gabon, west central Africa. Schweitzer wrote,

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

This May our church celebrates its 163rd anniversary. The history of Pine Street Baptist is rich and deep and we are indebted to those who have gone before us. In 1855 a light was ignited in the community of Oregon Hill. It was the light of the good news of Jesus Christ. Since that time, generations of Pine Streeters have sought to keep the light burning brightly through worship, mission, and fellowship.



At Pine Street today we have been entrusted with this light and called to continue that mission of being A Beacon on the Hill. There is no doubt that things have changed at Pine Street over the years. However, the calling to be a light in the world continues to be our mission. The light of Christ Jesus is still a light of hope, just as it was in 1855.

As we begin our 164th year let us commit ourselves to being light bearers of the good news. Let us shine brightly in the darkness with a love of God and a love of neighbor. Jesus said,

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither can a church. We are the Beacon on the Hill!

Pentecost Sunday

May 20th

Don't forget to wear your red on Sunday, May 20th as we celebrate Pentecost.

Join in the fellowship breakfast at 9:30.

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people"

Joel 2:28

**Deacon's Meeting
Monday
May 14
@ 6:30 pm**

General Fund Budget Update
through April 22

Budget Needed to Date: \$42,288
Given to date: \$39,121
Variance: -\$3,167

Thanks to everyone for your help with the church's yard sale. A total of \$248 was raised and given to the church's general fund. Special thanks to Jennifer Downer in organizing and leading this effort.



**Hero Central
Vacation Bible School
July 9-12 from 6:00-8:30 pm**
We are looking for volunteers. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the first floor hallway.

May Birthdays

- 1: Kathy Rodgers
- 2: EJ Downer
- 4: Lydia Downer
- 6: Beverly Jernigan
- 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
Philip Jarrell
- 21: Ella Walz
Brody Kirby
- 22: Reagan Vaught
- 23: David Wills
- 24: Linda Calisch
- 28: Jasylynn Brown
- 29: George Walker, Jr.
- 31: Tripp Carrington

Anniversaries

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

Community Movie Nights are Back!

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at dusk for our outdoor community movies. Bring a friend and a chair and enjoy grilled hotdogs, sides, and a dessert as we watch movies on the big screen in Pleasants Park. May 11 will be our first movie night as we will be watching the classic "Back to the Future" movie. On May 25 we will be viewing "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"



