



THE BEACON

Upcoming Dates

October 3

Family Worship - 6:45 pm

October 4

Senior Dinner - 6:00 pm

October 14

Youth Meeting - Noon

October 15

Duke Group

October 17

Quarterly Business
Meeting - 6:45 pm

October 18

Senior Dinner - 6:00 pm

October 21

RBA Annual Meeting

October 28

Joint Sunday School
Youth Meeting - Noon

October 31

Halloween Outreach

Perhaps there is nothing more exciting for expecting parents than to hear their baby's heartbeat for the very first time. Early in the pregnancy the doctor is able to take a handheld device, place it on the mother's stomach, and hear the heartbeat of the child inside. Before the birth of both of my children I can still remember that excitement. The sound of the heartbeat lets you know that there is life inside.

Now the church is involved in many activities and ministries. Bible study, fellowship, missions, and the like are always ongoing in the life of a congregation. These things are an important part of the church's life. Yet, it is often said that worship is the heartbeat of the church. As the church joins together in worship, then its worship becomes the center of its life and identity. The heartbeat of worship is what pumps the Spirit of God throughout the church's body. Worship gives us the motivation and reason for why we minister, study God's word, and fellowship with one another. As goes worship, so goes the church.

Worship is also an important part of the individual believer's own spiritual life. Worship gives us an intentional time to share our lives with God in praise, thanksgiving, and prayer. As we worship God we are drawn into his presence. In God's presence the rhythm of the divine heartbeat is transferred to our own lives. We then begin to live to the beat of God's heart. Hence, everything we do is influenced by the heartbeat of God within us.

Yet, it amazes me how so many Christians choose not to worship God. For a variety of reasons we decide not to make worship a priority in our lives. We may worship sporadically or not at all. This leads, however, to a spiritual deficiency. We cannot be all that God desires for us and not worship on a regular basis. Our worship of God should be a disciplined habit that we refuse to live without. Worship is vital to our living as individuals and as the church.

So what does our heartbeat say about us? What place does worship have in our lives and how is it influencing how we live? I encourage us as the church and as individuals to check our pulse. How strong is our heartbeat? We are invited to worship God this Sunday and every Sunday. Where will be this Sunday?



Philip

Clint's Corner

October: The Month of Change

October is here! The hot, humid days of summer are behind us once more, and for many of us this is a great relief. For others...not so much. We are all, however, sitting on the cusp of seasonal change. The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are dropping, and the leaves on the trees will quickly go from splendid color to being raked into brown heaps.

Most of us have experienced the change of seasons many, many times. We come to this month of October and, for the most part, we expect no surprises in the changes we see and experience. If we held on to summer with clinched fists in the past, chances are we are still doing that. If we welcomed autumn with open arms in prior years, most likely we are still happy to see the changes of these days. But if this be true, can we accurately label this time in our life as a change? If we experience today's events just as we have experienced them in the past, where is the change in that? We are in essence simply living the same moment over and over, like some teachers who have taught the exact same lesson from one year to the next.

But what about our spiritual life? This, too, can seem like an unchanging constant. At one time I attended a church where the newly nominated deacons were required to give their testimony before the church before they officially became members of the Body of Deacons. Inevitably, almost everyone would speak to how they accepted Christ as a child, followed by the sharing of one or more experiences of their Christian youth. This is perfectly natural, but it almost eliminates the possibility that God has done anything recently in our life.

So this is my message, my challenge, for October...this month of change. Let us not only reflect upon the spiritual changes in our life over time, but let us consider and reflect upon the change God is making in our lives right now. God has not only created a new day, but new moments that are waiting to be experienced and shared. To embrace the change that God is making in our life is to embrace the truth that God is still working in our life, and thanks be to God.

Halloween Outreach

The church will once again be out front of our building on Halloween.

We will be distributing candy as well as information about the church. Hot dogs will be grilled for those trick or treating. There will be a box in the church during October for you to donate Halloween candy for the event. Individuals are also needed to help hand out candy on Halloween. See Philip for more details..



Family Worship

Everyone is invited to share in our monthly family worship service on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:45 P.M.. This contemporary and casual worship is held in the church's fellowship hall. All ages are invited to worship together.



Church Officers and Committee Chairpersons for 2012-2013

Officers

Moderator: Debbie Thacker
 Treasurer: Beverly Derr
 Asst. Treasurer: Gayle Tribble
 Clerk: Marguerite Carlson
 Financial Secretary: Gayle Tribble
 Church Hostess: Barbara Reynolds
 Historian: Carla Vipperman
 Sunday School Director: Susan Townsend
 Public Relations: Merit Carrington



Committee Chairpersons

Building/Premises: Ann Arthur
 Children: Barbara Reynolds
 Constitution: Debbie Thacker
 Endowment: Shirley Trower
 Stewardship: Merit Carrington
 Kitchen: Darla Neiss
 Missions: Terry Donohue
 Nominating: Debbie Thacker
 Outreach: Jennifer Turner
 Personnel: Shirley Trower
 Spiritual Life: Jennifer Downer
 Tellers: Gladys Wesson
 Worship: Barbara Nicklis
 Youth : Debbie Thacker
 Young Adult: Jessi Vaught

Active Deacons for 2012-2013

Jim Arthur
 Marvin Hill
 Carol Walker
 Betty Stowell
 Paul Reed

Joe Mitchell
 Debbie Thacker
 Susan Townsend
 Buddy Thomas
 Gwen Donohue

2012-13 Church Budget

Total Budget: \$207,240

Amount Needed from Tithes and Offerings: \$177,690

Weekly Offering Need: \$3,417

Please prayerfully give this year as we seek to accomplish the ministry and mission of Pine Street Baptist.



CHURCH YARD SALE & Market Place 29 A.D.

November 3, 2012 - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

- Who:** Calling anyone who has stuff to sell, loves a good yard sale deal or wants to check out what it was like to live in Jesus's day
- Where:** 700 block of Albemarle St. and the field next to Pine St. Baptist
- When:** **November 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- Why:** The missions committee is sponsoring a church-wide yard, with proceeds going to the general fund. During the yard sale, children can experience how Jesus lived at Marketplace 29 A.D.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Donate gently used items to the yard sale. Intake for yard sale items will be open on Saturday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and on Friday, November 2 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please contact Jennifer Downer if you have specific questions about yard sale items or want to schedule a home pick-up.
- Volunteer for Marketplace 29 A.D. Help create the hustle and bustle of the marketplace that Jesus would have played in as a child. Through hand-on activities, the children will see, smell, taste and touch things that Jesus did as a child. Interested in helping? Contact Terry Donohue for more information.
- Buy a space to sell your own wares. For \$10, individuals may buy a 10x10' space to set up their own yard sale items. Sellers will benefit from greater visibility and yard sale publicity on Facebook, the church website, craigslist, the Beacon, church bulletins, and neighborhood fliers. Contact Meredith Carrington to reserve your spot today.
- Be a general volunteer. Not quite sure about running a Marketplace activity, but can come and help? Contact Meredith Carrington for other volunteer opportunities like selling fundraising items, greeting guests, assisting shoppers, etc.

Don't miss this unique way to bolster the church budget and reach out to our neighbors!

Budget Report Through September 23

Budget : \$179,764
 Given to Date: \$165,799
 Variance: -\$13,985

Contributions were made to the Properties Endowment in memory of:

Billy Wells, Ethel Hughes, and Norma Bottoms

Contributions were made to the General Fund in memory of:

Charles Gibson, Ethel Hughes, Norma Bottoms,
 Clara and Robert Hagan

Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 17
 6:45 P.M.

Richmond Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 P.M.
 Gayton Road Baptist Church
 Contact the church office if you would like to be a
 messenger for Pine Street.

Congratulations

The church congratulates Virginia Jordan for being recognized as one of Richmond's 2012 Centenarians. As Pine Street's oldest member at 101, Virginia attended the inaugural Centenarian Celebration on Saturday, September 22 at the Virginia Historical Society. Virginia was given a plaque by Mayor Dwight C. Jones.



October Birthdays

2: Patricia Walz
 4: Eugene Holt
 Declan Blankenship
 5: Matt Dawson
 6: Mark Harler
 8: Joseph Whittaker
 Dorothy Dix
 9: Megan Bell
 15: Tim Guill
 17: Kevin Lord
 18: Dottie Uzzle
 19: Debbie Tolley
 21: Maxine Hill
 23: Virginia Greer
 Bobby Gibson
 26: Darla Neiss
 27: Philip Turner
 William Paige
 28: Mary Herring
 30: Joseph Mitchell
 Bobby Jernigan

Anniversaries

14: Marvin and Jean Hill
 Sonny and Gladys Wesson
 Donald and Donna Grove
 28: Billy and Charlotte Walker

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"For everything there is a season, and a time for everything under heaven."

E cclesiastes 3:1