



THE BEACON

Upcoming Dates

- September 1**
Church Picnic
3:00-7:00 pm
Roslyn Conference Center
- September 4**
Spirit Quest Worship
6:45 pm
- September 5**
Senior Dinner, 6:00 pm
- September 8**
Youth Group Meeting
noon
- September 9**
Deacons Meeting
7:00 pm
- September 13**
Community Movie Night
at dusk
- September 16**
WMU Meeting
- September 17**
RBA WMU fall meeting
- September 18**
Annual Business Meeting
6:45 pm
- September 19**
Senior Dinner, 6:00 pm
- September 27**
Community Movie Night
at dusk
- September 29**
Youth Group, noon

Well it is “Back to School” time for many in the Richmond area with the arrival of September. The buses will soon be running their routes, school bells will begin to ring, and children once again will find homework part of their daily routine. For students, the summer probably flew by while for many parents, they eagerly look forward to sending the kids off to school again. Yet, for both parents and children, the school year brings with it a lifestyle change. Days now revolve around a school schedule.

As Christians, when we commit to a relationship with Jesus Christ, there is likewise a lifestyle change for us. Just as a school day orders life for students and their families, in following Jesus we are given a new schedule to live by. Our relationship with Jesus orders our lives, sets our priorities, instructs in how to live, and gives us an identity as a student/disciple of the Lord.

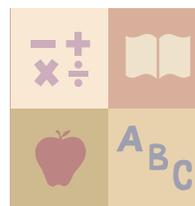
As Jesus lived out his life on earth, his students followed him wherever he went. Each day offered them a new opportunity to learn more about being a disciple. They had good days as well as bad days when it came to following Jesus. Some days it seemed as if they understood the subject matter while on other days they didn’t seem to have a clue. Yet, like a good teacher, Jesus was patient and understanding of his disciples. He saw the potential that each one had in being a faithful disciple and follower. Even the disciples didn’t believe in themselves, Jesus did.

Jesus looks at us today as his followers and sees the potential that each of us can have when guided by and filled with God’s grace. As a student of Jesus, we are all in the process of growing in our faith, developing the skills to live for him, and becoming well versed in the Gospel story. Jesus’ disciples are not simply contained in the pages of the New Testament, but we too share in this learning endeavor to become more and more like Jesus Christ. Fortunately, God is not finished with any of us. There is always more to learn.

“You have one teacher,
and you are all students.”

Matthew 23:8

Philip



Clint's Corner

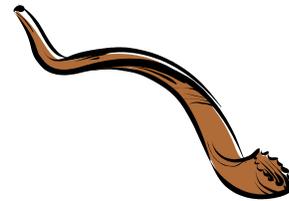
The Sagrada Família, Antoni Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, is one of Barcelona's most popular tourist attractions. His original design calls for a total of eighteen spires, representing in ascending order of height the twelve apostles, the four evangelists, the Virgin Mary and, the tallest of all, Jesus Christ. When completed, the church will have three facades: the Nativity, the Passion, and the Glory.

Constructed between 1894 and 1930, the Nativity façade was the first to be completed. Dedicated to the birth of Jesus, it is decorated with scenes reminiscent of elements of life. The sculptures are ornately arranged and decorated with scenes and images from nature, each a symbol in their own manner. Facing the rising sun, the Nativity façade is divided into three porticos, each of which represents a theological virtue (hope, faith, and charity).

This does not begin to scratch the surface of the elaborate detail Gaudí worked into his design. His plan for this structure might be likened to transforming the stories of the paper Bible into the architectural elements of stone. Through his architectural design, Gaudí found a way to reveal to the world his dedication and commitment to God. With this in mind, we must ask, "What is it in my life that reveals my own dedication and commitment to God?" And just as architects shape the world around us, we might also ask if our own acts are shaping the world in a way that reveals the Kingdom of God.

Spirit Quest in September

Our Spirit Quest Wednesday Night programs will resume on September 4. This year the adults will remain together in one large group for their study. In addition, the type of study will alternate between lecture and discussion. The first study will be taught by the Pastor on the "Exodus from Egypt." Likewise, our children's Sparks program will resume as well. We are looking forward to a new year of fellowship, prayer and study. See you on September 4!



Special Worship Service

Worshiping God at

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 pm

In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means, literally, "Head of the Year," and as its name indicates, it's the beginning of the Jewish year. Join us as we worship God in light of this annual Jewish celebration.

Annual Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:45 pm

Please plan to attend now as we adopt a new church budget as well as vote on the nominating committee's

Calling all Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade!!

“SPARKS”, our Wednesday Night program for children
will be resuming for the school year on
September 11th!

Join us as we play games, sing, make crafts, and learn about Jesus
and other people in the Bible
Each Wednesday from 6:30-7:45PM

Lead by Jennifer Turner & other various volunteers

**Any Adults or Teenagers interested in assisting Jennifer
on a rotating basis please let her know!!**



Welcome to the Youth Group!!

The Pine Street Youth Group will be welcoming in all new 6th Grade students on
Sunday, September 15th

Come join us for an ALL DAY EVENT!!!

Noon – 9:30PM

Lunch, Games, and Getting to Know Each Other

THEN>>>

Travel together to Middlesex, VA (in our “luxury” van) for what
is known as

YEC (Youth EnCounter)

Where we will meet up with other teenagers for good music,
fun & energetic preaching!!!

THEN>>>

The adult leaders will drive home while you sleep!!!!



**CALLING ALL
YOUTH**

Contact: Jennifer Turner if you have questions (648-1353)

WELCOME BACK COOKOUT

Was A BIG HIT!!!

We held our second annual Welcome Back Cookout for College Students on August 25th. Last year we had to find something to do with all of the leftovers. HOWEVER, this year we had so many show up that we had to run out and get more food!!

***134 guests registered within the 18-25 year old age group!** Boy, that is a lot of prospects for our college ministry!!!

***11 guests registered who were of a different age group** or did not put their age on the registration form.

Some other guests were there who did not register.

That is more than **145 people** who were reached with the love of our church family and experienced not only good food, but experienced how truly wonderful Pine Street Church is!! More people than any Outreach event in a very long time!!

Not only did guests come, and come, and come! But Pine Street Folks made a great appearance as well!!! **46 (volunteers & attendees) were present!**

THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK AND GREAT SHOW OF SUPPORT!!!

The Goal of this annual event is to reach out to the community of college students around us and let them know that we are a "Light on the Hill" to which they can turn during their short years of study in the Richmond area. That we value their presence and seek to be a good neighbor in many different ways (spiritually, physically, & socially).

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!

School Supplies Appreciated By All

The Oregon Hill Back To School Night was held on August 13th. Because of Pine Street Church members' donations of backpacks and school supplies along with several other Richmond Baptist Association Churches...140 children received needed supplies to start back to school on the right foot! Thanks to all who contributed through donations and to our wonderful youth group along with several adults for volunteering to assist on the day of the event!

Much appreciated, Jennifer

**Contributions were made to the
Properties Endowment in memory of:**

Billy Wells and Ruth Carter

**Contributions were made to the
Ministries Endowment in memory of:**

*Clara, Robert, and James Hagan,
Ruth Carter*

**Contributions were made to the General Fund
in honor of**

*The McCook Family
and in memory of Ruby Lacy, Ruth Carter*

In Gratitude

Thank you all for your support during my illness and recovery. I always felt as if PSBC was only a prayer away. I appreciate the pastors and Pine Street family for taking the time to visit, call, and check in on me during my recovery. Your kindness encouraged me to return to my church family on Pine Street. Thanks be to God.

Maxine Hill

Thanks to Philip and Clint and all my brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers, calls, and cards. Your support has meant so much to me.

Kathy Harler

To my church family,

I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was in the hospital and rehabilitation. I am glad to be back.

Hilda Groome

September Birthdays

- 2: Shannon Harris
3: Katherine Ann Hall
4: Mary Simms
7: Alice Herring
11: Kathy Harler
13: Charlotte Walker
Jean Neisz
16: Troy Floyd
Frances Schultz
17: Christy Floyd
17: Marie Herring
18: Luca Townsend-Neal
20: Melissa Childress
22: Jennifer Hairfield Wilson
Peggy Lemons
28: Casey Glass

Anniversaries

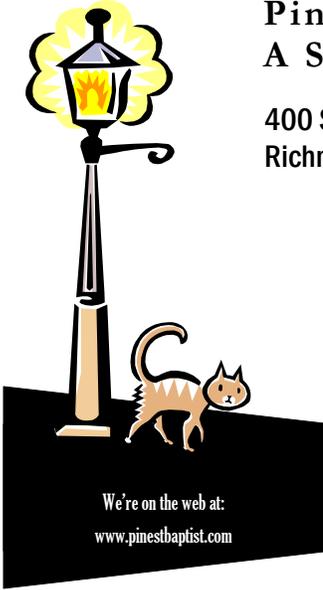
- 2: Joe and Scarlett Mitchell
14: Percy and Dorothy Blackburn
16: John and Tina O'Mary
24: Roger and Kathy Harler (50th)
30: Annis and Charlotte Blair

Budget Report Through August 25

Needed to Date: \$160,599

Given to Date \$143,312

Variance: - \$17,287

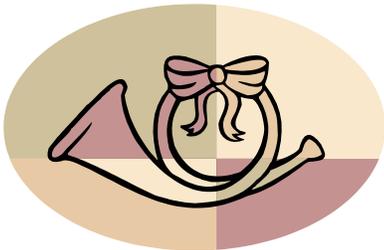


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**A Holiday Concert” Featuring the
U.S. Army Band
Saturday, December 7, 2013**

Come, join your friends for this exciting afternoon of entertainment as the U.S. Army Band performs their annual holiday concert in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy lunch at Carmine’s, a new family styled establishment in Washington.

Total Cost per Person: \$89.00

Please make check payable to Pine Street Baptist and mail by November 8 to:

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