



Pine Street Baptist Church

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How would you define stewardship? Stewardship is another way of talking about ministry, and it would revolutionize ministry if people could think of it in terms of stewardship—that we are accountable to God for what we do and with what he has trusted to us.

The word stewardship comes from the Greek word *oikonomos*, which means somebody who manages a household. A person doesn't own the household but manages it. And stewards in the ancient world, of course, were trusted with everything from seeing that the floors were clean, to the finances, to the public face of that household. We are not the owners but have been trusted with resources and the care of everything—creation, gifts and talents, money, time, the gospel—for the sake of God's purposes in the world.

As we begin a new church year each of us must reflect on how we will live out our stewardship in the coming year. We must each consider how we will care for everything that God has entrusted to us as Christians and as members of Pine Street Baptist. We should understand that our entire lives are to be an offering to God. Stewardship is more than just the pocketbook although that is an important part of Christian stewardship. Financially we do offer back to God a portion of what God has blessed us with. In the Bible this is called a tithe and was considered to be 10% of one's wealth. When we give back to God through our offering we are saying in our giving that we trust in God to care for us more than the wealth we possess.

As members of the church we are also called to give of our talents. Every person has been blessed by God with abilities. Each person is different and gifted in their own way. As Christian stewards we must seek to discover how we can use our giftedness to further God's Kingdom in the world. The church is a collection of individual talents that are joined together to carry out God's work in the world. Every person has a talent and every person has been called to use that talent. Serving God and serving others combine to give us a complete and full Christian experience.

Finally, we are called to give of our time. Time is a precious commodity because time is limited. We are only on this earth for a certain amount of time. How we use that time is a question of stewardship. In each 24 hour day we should ask ourselves how we can use the gift of that day to the glory of God. How do I spend my time, with whom do I spend my time, and where do I spend my time are good questions to consider as Christians and as the church.

Tithes, talents, and time are the trifecta of Christian stewardship. Each one is important to faithfully caring for everything that God has entrusted us with. Christian stewardship is as important as Christian worship. Any of stewardship is really an act of worship of God. Thus, may we each faithfully worship, serve, and give as we begin a new year as Pine Street Baptist Church.



Stewardship
a way of life

Kid of the Month

Name: Asher Johnston

Church Connections: Rob and Sawyer Johnston, Linda Johnston - grandmother

Age: 5

Grade/School: Kindergarten, Falling Creek Elementary

What do you like to do for fun: Go to the playground

Favorite Superhero: Spiderman

Favorite Toy: Spiderman toy

Favorite thing about church: Play

Favorite Movie: Spiderman

Favorite Sports: Basketball and soccer



It's Neat to Meet

Meetings for October

- October 4 River City Faith Network and Oregon Hill Baptist Center
75th Anniversary 200-400 PM
- October 6 Church Council 630 PM
- October 11 Youth Meeting noon
- October 12 Deacons Meeting 600 PM
- October 19 WMU Meeting 1100 AM



Halloween Outreach Saturday, October 31 at Dusk

Once again Pine Street Baptist will decorate the front of our church as we distribute candy to the children. We will also be grilling and serving hot dogs to anyone who comes by. Donated candy is needed to share. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Costumes are welcome.

October Birthdays

- 2: Patricia Walz
- 4: Eugene Holt
Declan Blankenship
- 8: Dorothy Dix
- 15: Tim Guill
- 19: Debbie Tolley
- 21: Maxine Hill
- 23: Sean-Michael Ferguson
- 26: Darla Neiss
- 27: Philip Turner
William Paige
- 30: Joseph Mitchell

Special Gifts

Contributions were made to the Endowment Fund in memory of:

Gladys Wesson, Jean Hill, Clara, Robert, and James Hagan Billy Wells, Ted and Marian Costin

Contributions were made to the General Fund in memory of:

Virginia Lee Priddy, Billy Priddy

Contributions were made to the Bill Berry Fund in honor of:

Jennifer Turner

**Deacon Family Luncheon/Youth Potato Bar
Oct. 25th immediately after church**

Don't miss an opportunity to fellowship with your deacon and support our Youth program all at the same time. Your invitation with details of the event will be delivered to you by your deacon. Mark your calendars.

**Parents Lunch Out
October 18th 12-3 pm**

The Children's Committee will be feeding and entertaining all kids ages birth through 5th grade after church on Sunday, Oct.18 to allow parents some adult time. This is our way of saying Thanks for sharing your family with us. Enjoy!!!!!!!

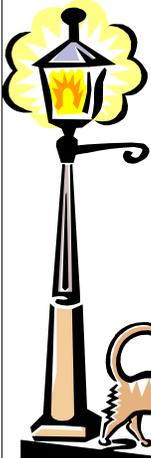


2015 BGAV ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2015

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
RICHMOND, VA

Contact the Church Office if you would like to be a messenger to the annual meeting. Come and learn about what Virginia Baptists are doing in our state and around the world.



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We're on the web:
pinestbaptist.com

First Annual Meeting
of the
River City Faith Network and
Oregon Hill Baptist Center 75th Anniversary
Sunday, October 4 at Pine Street Baptist Church
200 - 400 PM

The River City Faith Network will be recognizing the 75th Anniversary of The Oregon Hill Baptist Center. The theme "With These Hands" will offer a worship and celebration service, a brief business session, special recognitions, and tours of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. There will be hands on mission opportunities for attendees, including packing hospitality bags and grocery bags, a workshop on homeless mats, and much more. There will be associational displays for the various ministries of the network. There will also be a reception in honor of the Center.