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Pine Street Baptist Church



Explore God || Greater Richmond Community Outreach Initiative September 11 - October 23

Pine Street Baptist Church will be joining hundreds of other Richmond churches for a joint outreach ministry beginning September 11, 2016. This joint effort will involve 7 Sunday morning worship services and a weekly small group meeting. The initiative is designed to reach out to the Millennial Generation in the city. Demographers and researchers typically use the early 1980s as starting birth years and use the mid 1990s to the early 2000s as final birth years for the Millennial Generation.

The publicity will be paid for and organized by the WE Believe group. They have financed and secured multi-month advertising through billboards, radio, internet, and social media to promote the ministry. Individuals will then be able to go to the ExploreGod.com website and discover which churches are participating.

The Sunday worship and weekly small group meeting will address 7 important questions.

- I. Does Life Have a Purpose?
- II. Is There a God?
- III. Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?
- IV. Is Christianity too Narrow?
- V. Is Jesus Really God?
- VI. Is the Bible Reliable?
- VII. Can I Know God Personally?

We invite each person to begin praying for this outreach effort. With so many Millennials living around the church this will be a great way for us to share the Gospel with our neighbors as well as promote our church. To find out more information about the outreach effort you can go to the website at ExploreGod.com.

Special Gifts

Contributions were made to the General Fund in memory of:

Lillian Ashworth

Contributions were made to the Endowment Fund in memory of:

Lillian Ashworth, Billy Wells, & Clara, Robert and James Hagan

Be the Light: General Fund Report

Needed to date: \$140,266

Given to date: \$127,402

Variance -\$12,864

(includes Verizon payments)

Through July 24

August Birthdays

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| 1: Charles Clark | 12: Marie Johnstone |
| 6: Margaret Gibson | 15: Hannah Turner |
| Susan Walker | 19: Hilda Groome |
| 9: Jennifer Turner | 20: Rob Johnston |
| 10: Mark Thacker | 25: Asher Johnston |
| Miranda Smith | 31: Susie St. John |
| 11: Virginia Rickman | Nathan Smith |
| | <u>Anniversaries</u> |
| | 21: Larry and Betty Thomas |

Oregon Hill Baptist Center School Supply Store

Once again the OHBC will be holding a School Supply Store. On Tuesday, August 9th, parents who have children active in church or center programs or who live in the 23220 or 23219 zip code areas may “shop” for supplies for their children (K-12th grade). We request a \$2 donation per child if at all possible. Your Help (along with other churches and individuals) is needed to collect the supplies! Thanks so much for your help!! Below is a list of what are the most needed items: Place in box outside Baptist Center Office by Tuesday, August 9th

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| Sturdy Back Packs | “Big 8” basic crayons |
| Black & Blue Ink Pens | Colored Pencils |
| Pencil sharpeners (small hand held) | Portfolio Pocket Folders w/prongs (plastic is best) |
| Wide rule and College rule Loose Leaf paper | 3 ring binders |
| 3x5 lined white index cards | Divider Tabs for 3 ring binders (8 subject) |
| Zipper Pencil Pouches (to fit into notebooks) | Glue Sticks (lots & lots) |
| High Lighters (yellow) | Scissors (blunt & pointed – Fiskar brand or similar type) |
| Magic Markers (thick & thin) | Ruler (with inches & centimeters) clear plastic is best. |
| Crayons (pack of 24) | |
| Erasers (pencil top and block) | |



Dear Pine Street Family,

This is a special message to offer encouragement to our Pastor as he prepares for his month of sabbatical. I know we all are grateful for the 25 years of service he has already given to Pine Street! We look forward to what God has ahead for our church and how God will speak to Philip and through him as we continue to move forward in the future! I want to remind all of us that Philip is going to be away from the church but only for one month . It is a time for him to have a much deserved rest. We want him to really rest and focus on himself during this time. We hope he is able to do some things he has wanted to do, such as: visit other churches, interact with other clergy or read his little heart out as he loves to do. Sabbatical means to cease or rest from activity. It has a biblical basis, coming from the word sabbath and first seen in Genesis, where we see God resting after his work of creation . Philip is in fact only taking a break . We as the church need to honor our commitment to allow him this time . We are fortunate that while he is away we have Clint here to help fill in some gaps and be available for any needs that may arise . Pine Street has always been known to be supportive of each other. The month of August will be a time to surely show our love and care for each other. After all, Philip is on sabbatical, the church is not! We have many ministries to attend to and encourage each of us to continue forward during this time with the business God has given to us. We need to support Clint as well as each other and pray for our Pastor to come back rested and rejuvenated. Know that we, the deacon body, are here for all . We hope that all will feel free to contact your family deacon as well as Clint for any concern that may arise . While Philip may not be on the front lines during August, I know Pine Street will be in his prayers as we will continue to lift him up in prayer as well . May the church continue to seek God's guidance and strength as we look forward to our future and opportunities to spread the love and good news of our Savior and Lord!

In Christ's service together,
Debbie Thacker

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