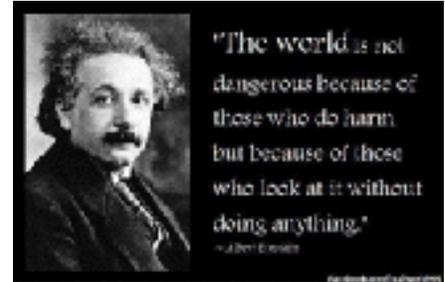

THE BEACON

Pine Street Baptist Church

What is it that frightens you? What are you scared of? What makes the hair on the back your neck stand up and what makes you close your eyes? Most people are frightened by something: a dark room, an empty house, a thunderstorm or as Jim Stafford's 1974 song said, "I don't like spiders or snakes." Even more so, our world can be a scary place at times. The daily news often reports numerous stories that remind us that we live in a scary world: terrorism, nuclear proliferation, ferocious hurricanes, financial insecurity, and violence in our streets just to mention a few.



As the church we must consider our role in the world in which we live out our faith. What kind of presence are we to be in a world that can be a scary place? There is no doubt that God has called his church to be a positive force of love, grace, and mercy, which seeks to bring forth our prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." God has called us to advance his kingdom by living our lives in such a way that God's Kingdom is made real in our world. The church can never sit on the sidelines and conclude that the world is beyond help. It was Albert Einstein who wrote, "*The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm but because of those who look at it without doing anything.*" As the church we must continue to speak and act in such a way that people will experience the kind of love that "casts out fear." (1 John 4:18)

Jesus gave us the example and model for us to follow. Jesus challenged the status quo, called out the religious and political establishment, and invested himself in the lives of the hurting and broken. Jesus brought a message of light and hope to a dark and scary world. As the church we must also be that "beacon" that shines forth this same message. The church doesn't need more pews, but it more passion, the kind of passion that Jesus lived out in his life. And as the church, we too may become frightened of stepping out into that darkness. But let us remember Jesus' own words: "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."



Halloween Outreach

Once again the church will reach out to the community on Halloween by handing out candy, grilled hot dogs, and Christian hospitality. This is always a fun evening in Oregon Hill. You can help by donating Halloween candy during the month of October or by participating that evening. All are welcome to join the celebration.



3rd Annual Fall Meeting

Sunday
October 22, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Hosted by:
St. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH
BELT CAMPUS
700 E. Belt Blvd., Richmond, VA, 23224

Theme:
“Grand Opening of the South Richmond Baptist Center Satellite
– A Fresh Wineskin!”

Mark 2:22 – “...but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

Worship, Ministry Placement Committee and Stewardship Reports, Center and Camp Missions Tours, Shuttle Tours to the SRBC Satellite, Book Signings, Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres! If you would like to be a messenger then please contact the church office.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 18
6:45 pm.



Deacon Nominations

Please prayerfully consider who you will be nominating for our deacon ministry. Ballots are available at church and must be placed in the ballot box on the second floor by October 8.



All Saints Sunday November 5

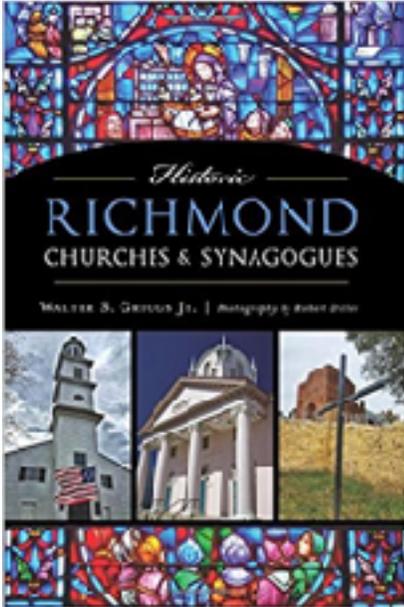
Once again we will be remembering those who have passed away since last November. This year we are asking you to submit the individual's name as well as a picture for a special emphasis on that Sunday.

Community Movie Nights

October 13 and 27

These are the final two movies of the season!

A special thanks to everyone who helped with this year's VCU welcome back cookout. It was a great day!



We're Chapter 18!

The new book, **Historic Richmond Churches and Synagogues**, by Walter S. Griggs, Jr. has a wonderful chapter on Pine Street. The book was written by a former professor of history at VCU whom just happens to be the cousin of our own Susan Townsend.

The book is available at Barnes and Noble as well as through amazon.com

I learned some things I did not know!

Budget Update

Through September 20

Budget: \$123,994

Given: \$116,230

Variance: - \$7,764

(Includes Verizon)



October Birthdays

- 2: Patricia Walz
- 5: Sarah Downer
- 7: Michael Treadway
- 8: Dorothy Dix
- 15: Tim Guill
- 19: Debbie Tolley
- 21: Maxine Hill
- 26: Darla Neiss
- 27: Philip Turner
William Paige
- 30: Joseph Mitchell



Down the
Road

Thanksgiving Worship - November 21

First Sunday of Advent - December 3

Candlelight Christmas Eve - December 24

Lock In = Sleepover!

WHEN? Friday - Saturday
(October 6-7, 2017)

WHERE? Pine Street Baptist Church

WHAT TIME? 6PM - 8:30AM

FOR WHO? 6th thru 12th graders



To Sign UP and for more
information:

Contact Jennifer Turner (804-648-1353)

or Angie Hall (516-4469)

REIMAGINE STEWARDSHIP

We continue to offer a weekly Bible study on stewardship in the life of the Christian as well as the church. The study is for anyone looking to see God's generosity with new eyes by going beyond budgeting to develop a holistic understanding of stewardship.

The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the fellowship hall

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

Thomas Merton

DO ALL YOU CAN
DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.
JOHN WESLEY