

The Beacon

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church
September, 2018

With the turning of the calendar to September we realize that the seasons will be changing as well. On September 22 we officially begin the Autumn season. Likewise, with the arrival of Fall we will also begin to look at our wardrobe. The shorts and flip-flops of summer will be put away just as warmer clothing will be brought out. However, as we know in Richmond, the change of seasons doesn't always happen on the calendar date. We can still be having summer days well into September and even October. As a result, deciding what to wear each day can be kind of tricky.



In Paul's letter to the Colossians he suggests a wardrobe to wear every day as a follower of Jesus. For Paul there is a dress code when it comes to God's people. Paul writes,

“As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”

As followers of Jesus we are called to follow his lead in how to dress or live in this world. When we live out Paul's words to the Colossians in our own lives, then the world will know who our fashion designer is. With this wardrobe we will be ready to make Jesus known in every season of our lives. People will take notice. Just as people often ask us, “where did you get that?” The same may be asked about our spiritual dress. People will want to know the reason why we live our lives the way that we do.

Although the seasons change, let us be steadfast in wearing the wardrobe that Jesus has laid out for us. It may not always be the most stylish according to the world's standards, but it will be a life that glorifies God in everything we do.

Philip

With Gratitude

“In September, Clint Jackson will celebrate 11 years as associate pastor of Pine Street Baptist Church. We have been very blessed to have him as one of our leaders and inspiration to our congregation. We appreciate his hard work and dedication.

The Personnel Committee

The Three Trees

The The Three Trees, a musical presentation, will be presented by the Children's Choir on Sunday, September 9 during the 11:00 a.m. service. This musical is the story of the lives of trees and their hopes for the future and how that future changes and God's part in that plan. We are excited to present this musical and narrative presentation to our congregation and hope that you will plan to join us that morning and bring a friend. Our children have worked very hard and your support is important. Please mark this date on your calendar and be prepared to be blessed!



A Celebration of the Gift of Music

Psalm 150 teaches us to praise God with trumpets, lutes, harps, tambourines, cymbals, strings, pipes, and dance. Music is truly a universal language, and an incredible gift from God. On Sunday, September 23rd we will celebrate God's gift of music through a special worship service. Join us as we worship God through some new musical experiences, and experience some familiar music in new ways.

General Fund Budget Update through August 19

Budget Needed to Date: \$87,219
Given to date: \$71,746
Variance: -\$15,473

Deacons Meeting

Monday
September 10 @ 6:30 pm

September Birthdays

- 1: Barbara Spouse
- 13: Jean Neisz
- 16: Frances Schultz
Ava Powers
- 18: Luca Townsend-Neal
- 22: Jennifer Hairfield Wilson
Peggy Holt

Anniversaries

- 14: Percy and Dorothy
Blackburn
- 16: John and Tina O'Mary
- 30: Annis and Charlotte Blair

Halloween Outreach

If you would like to plan and participate in this year's Halloween outreach, then please sign up on the team ministry board on the first floor. Once a group is formed we will then meet and begin our planning.



Community Movie Nights for September

September 14: The Quiet

September 28: Solo: A Star Wars Story

Movies begin at dusk
Free refreshments served

We return to our regular Wednesday Night Schedule on September 5. Meals will begin at 6:00 pm and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will begin at 6:45. Please make sure name is on the reservation list for the prepared dinners. Reservations need to be made on Mondays by noon.



A chance encounter with a Rembrandt painting catapulted Henri Nouwen on a spiritual adventure. Inspired by the painting, Nouwen started to reflect and meditate upon Luke's powerful story of a father's love for his two sons. Looking through the lenses of Rembrandt, Nouwen, and Luke we will explore this best-loved Gospel parable.



The Return of the Prodigal Son
Our Study Begins Wednesday,
September 5

Church Council Meeting September 25 @ 6:30 pm

Please plan to attend our meeting as we pray and plan for the fall season of our church. If you are unsure if you are supposed to attend then please contact the church office.



The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for **Alma Hunt** (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unwavering dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time. The offering provides funding for all **Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV)** missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the **Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV)**.

The annual goal and allocation of funds are determined by the Executive Director/Treasurer of WMUV and the Executive Director of the BGAV and approved by their respective boards.

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

Remember to use the special offering envelope marked "State Mission" in your envelopes.

