



THE BEACON



God is in the Midst of the City

A few years ago Jennifer and I drove into Toronto, Canada for the first time. Neither one of us had ever been there so everything was new. Now I'm not sure if it was us or the layout of the city, but we struggled finding our way. It just seemed that with every turn we became a little more lost. Of course, this led to frustration and tension in the car as we tried to navigate our way out. By the time we finally exited the city limits we were exhausted. We looked at Toronto through the rearview mirror with no desire to return.

For over 163 years Pine Street Baptist Church has been located in the city of Richmond, Virginia. Since 1855 Pine Street's roots have been anchored in Richmond soil. Those who were born and raised in Richmond you have seen enormous changes over the years. Indeed, Richmond continues to change on a daily basis.

As a community of faith, Pine Street Baptist has made a commitment over the years to our urban home. Our ministries and mission have been guided by a desire to share God's love in the heart of Richmond.

While ministry in an urban setting can lead to frustration and tension, we realize that God continues to have a heart for the city. In Psalm 46 the psalmist writes, "God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns."

With each new dawn, our church has the privilege to make God's love known to all those who live in Richmond. From families, to the homeless, to the VCU community, we bear witness to God's presence. Our "beacon" continues to shine forth God's light. May we always burn brightly with love, mercy, and grace.



Clint's Corner

A, B, C, D, or F?



It is not uncommon for someone to walk up to me and hand me something they want me to read. It might be a newspaper article, a report of some type, or even a book. I don't always read every word, or agree with every word, but I try to read enough to gain an understanding of what has been written. Not long ago I was presented with a small book about what it means to be a church member. I was just about to return the book to its owner when I decided that the contents of the book read like a school report card, listing six classes for which we can reflect upon and assign ourselves a grade. So, consider these six areas of church membership, give yourself a grade for each, and ponder the results. And, if there was a "needs improvement" section, what would be written there?

- (1) **I will be a functioning church member.** The key word here is "functioning." Church members should be actively involved in the work and ministry of the church. How involved are you?
- (2) **I will be a unifying church member.** Church members are presently divided on many fronts, everything from socio-economic status to theology to politics. Jesus wanted us to be united in one body. Is your emphasis on uniting our congregation, or making divisions deeper and wider?
- (3) **I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires.** Our church consists of individuals, but our focus should not be on our own personal, self-centered desires, but on the common good of the church as a whole body.
- (4) **I will pray for my church leaders.** Ministers don't need prayer, right? After all, they are ministers. Sorry, but we ministers need all the prayer we can get. Are you including church leaders in your prayer time?
- (5) **I will lead my family to be healthy church members.** This implies that all church members have a leadership role, especially within their families. Are you a healthy church member yourself, and are you helping your family be a healthy church family?
- (6) **I will treasure church membership as a gift.** Church is a precious gift from the God who called us together as a steadfast fellowship of grace, brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you consider your church membership to be a treasured gift from God, something you hold near and dear, and is it revealed in your life?

So, what did your church membership report card look like? Did you get straight A's? I didn't. I have some work to do.



**River City Faith Network Annual Meeting:
Sunday, October 21 3:30-5:3 PM.
Skipwith Baptist Church**

Pine Street Baptist Church is one of many churches in the city of Richmond and surrounding areas that cooperate together through missions to reach our city for Christ! Some of the main ways this group of churches work together is through the support (financial, material donations, volunteering, prayer, etc.) of 3 baptist community centers and Camp Alkulana. Pine Street Church is a very significant part of this network of

churches by the mere fact that we house one of the 3 centers (The Oregon Hill Baptist Center) since 1974. We also give a percentage of our Sunday offering to support the work of the RCFN.

Each year the Network holds a meeting at which we can hear very important updates regarding the ministries we support and the budget, etc. set forth for the coming year, as well as other important information regarding our city and it's mission needs. Please consider attending this meeting as an elected representative/messenger from our church (we are allowed 5 or just as a visitor (unable to vote) who wants to be informed and show support for all the Network is doing around our city!

If you are interested in attending then please let Philip know before Wednesday, October 17 (our quarterly business meeting)

Theme: Maximal Ministry!

Theme Verse - Proverbs 31:20 "She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy."

**3:30 PM - Skipwith Baptist Sanctuary
(Worship, Music , Business Session, Recognition of Churches, Reports,
2019 Budget Recommendation)**

**4:15 PM - Keynote Address - Mr. Reginald Gordon
(Office of Community Wealth Building, City of Richmond)**

**Following Address - Box Supper by Reservation
(\$5.00 per person; \$20.00 maximum per family)**




Quarterly Team Ministry Covered Dish and Meeting

Sunday, October 14th
following worship

2019 DEACON NOMINATIONS

Nominations for new deacons will be held on Sunday, October 14 and 21. Please return your nomination form to the specially marked box in the 2nd floor foyer.




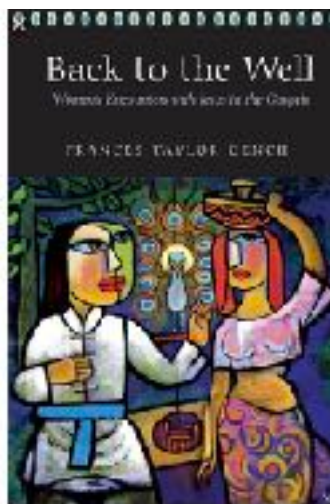
October 16

There will be a quarterly church business meeting on Wednesday, October 17 at 6:45 pm. Please plan now to attend as we hear about the exciting things going on at Pine Street Baptist Church

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 2 @ 6:30

All church officers, committee chairpersons, and team leaders are invited to attend.

Wednesday Night Bible Study beginning in October

Join us as we reflect on Jesus' encounters with women in the Gospels and what these encounters have to say to us today.





Join us as we distribute candy, church information, and serve hotdogs to the Oregon Hill community. Volunteers are needed to staff the event. Stay afterwards to watch the annual Oregon Hill Halloween parade.



Sunday, November 4
Morning Worship

You are invited to submit names and pictures of friends and family that passed away since last November. During the morning worship we will acknowledge our loss and give thanks for their lives. Names and photos must be submitted to the office by Sunday, October 28



**POTATO BAR
YOUTH FUND RAISER:**

Help Support our Youth Program as they begin to raise funds for 2019!

Sunday, November 4th - Following Worship

(Baked Potato & Toppings, Salad, & Dessert)

\$6 per adult, \$3 per child/teen, \$15 max per household family

NEW THIS YEAR: Help them raise even more money by offering to assist in the purchase of food & supplies!! See the list on the bulletin board on the first floor hallway if you would like to sign up to assist in buying potatoes, toppings, etc. OR contact Jennifer Turner.



**The final two
Community Movie Nights
are scheduled for
Friday, October 12 and 26
@ dusk**

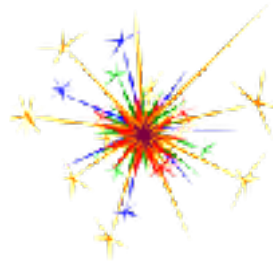
Join us in Pleasants Park as we conclude this ministry for the year



THE CLINIC is an annual ministry of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center and sponsored by Huguenot Road Baptist Church. It is a special outreach to our Thursday morning homeless meal friends. This year the event will be held on Thursday, **October 18 (10AM - Noon)**. Services offered include: A meal (of course!), doctor/nurse visits, flu shots, haircuts, eyeglasses, backpacks, shoes, socks, underwear, blankets, & bingo (with prizes!). All Services are **FREE!!!** This event has been a blessing to many from our community for several years.

From the Oregon Hill Center

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Back To School Supply Drive! Also to the Youth Group and other PSBC members who assisted as volunteers on the day we distributed the items - You are AWESOME!! 92 Children were very excited to receive new backpacks and LOTS of school supplies to start back the new school year on the right foot!!



Sparks Begins
October 3
6:45 - 7:45 PM

*Wednesday Night Program
for children K-5th grade*

*Helpers are always needed
Contact Jennifer Turner*

Youth Meetings in October

October 12 - Youth to RVA Folk Festival
October 21 - Youth Group Meeting
noon-2:30 pm



October Birthdays

- 2: Patricia Walz
- 4: Paul Neiss
- 5: Lee Stevens
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

Budget Offering Update

Budget: \$100,434
 Given: \$83,935
 Variance: \$16,499



Please remember your regular weekly offering. Every gift is important to continue the work and ministry of the church. Let's commit to finishing the year strong!

