

# The Beacon

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



### **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship**

A worship service observing the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will take place on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Worship  
Sunday, April 4, 2021  
11:00 a.m.  
in the sanctuary.



All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrated day of the church year.



*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 2: **Kirsten Guill**  
**Karmen Holmes**  
3: **Ava Jones**  
4: **Susan Townsend**  
5: **Charlotte Blair**  
7: **Gwen Donohue**  
8: **Jean Carter**  
9: **Marguerite Carlson**  
13: **Bradley Vaught**  
17: **Caroline Townsend Neal**  
19: **Clint Jackson**  
30: **Glessie Hairfield**
- 12: **Mark and Debbie Thacker**  
20: **Charlie and Rose Clark**  
27: **Gail and Ray Tribble**

*Celebrate Easter*

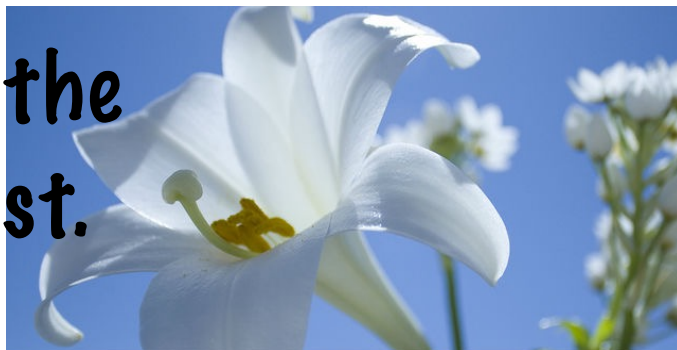
Christ the Lord is ris'n today,  
Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say,  
Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply,  
Alleluia!

**Celebrate the  
risen Christ.**



I really enjoyed reading Philip's answers in the January Beacon and am thankful he was willing to spend time answering them. There are aspects of his job as pastor that I had not considered and learned more about his role, both now and during 'normal' times. I admit that I have even less knowledge of Clint and how his role is both different from and complements Philip's. I posed the same questions to Clint as to Philip. Enjoy!

Jessi Vaught

### **A Conversation with Clint**

#### ***How long have you been at Pine Street?***

I joined Pine Street Baptist Church as Associate Pastor on September 1, 2007. If my math is correct, I have “officially” been at Pine Street for almost fourteen years. I say “officially,” because I served in the same capacity for the year prior to September 1, 2007, but was being paid by SynerGeo, not the church. Just a tidbit of information you can use during your next trivia night festivities.

#### ***What does a day in the life of Clint look like serving as Associate Pastor?***

It really depends on what day, what month, and what year. Things change with the changing seasons of the Christian year, and my duties and responsibilities have changed over the years. That said, I will give just a brief overview of some of the things I try to accomplish, if not each day, then each week.

Each Sunday I participate in, and serve as one of the leaders, of worship. In the week prior to Sunday, I assist with the preparation of the worship service, including the preparation of the order of worship (bulletins), PowerPoint presentations, and the occasional selection of music. My worship preparation is done in close association with Philip, taking direction from his planned sermon text and message. I also help prepare for special services, like Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Blue Christmas.

Each week I prepare a Bible study lesson for the Carter-Fidelis class, and am usually working on, or thinking about and planning, a Wednesday night Bible study.

Regular visitation has not been very feasible during the pandemic, but during “normal” weeks, I try to keep a regular schedule of visitation, including visits to senior friends and those in the hospital. It will be good when visitation rules are relaxed once more, making it possible to visit with more of our members on a regular basis.

In my employment contract it states that I am to “assist in the administrative duties of the office in answering telephones and producing printed material.” That means I am likely going to be the one who takes your call when you call the church, and that I spend a good bit of time at the copy machine. But having said that, it should be noted that my administrative duties have taken a new direction recently. Beginning January 1, 2020, my responsibilities now include the supervision of the day-to-day operations of the church custodian, including the communication of information and issues regarding the maintenance of the church building and grounds. This responsibility

includes serving as the contact person regarding scheduled work, special projects, and assuring that all correspondence (estimates, invoices, etc.) are handled in an efficient manner. Also beginning January 1, 2020, I became responsible for leading the operations team in their meetings, as well as communicating with the team regarding any information, meeting times, etc.

At this time I am also responsible for producing and distributing the weekly newsletter and the monthly Beacon. Each day I also try to set aside a little time for personal reading, Bible study, prayer, and/or reflection for my own spiritual health. Additionally, each Thursday morning I participate in the homeless ministry with Jennifer, Philip, and Marie.

***How has the pandemic changed how you spend your time at Pine Street?***

The pandemic has not changed what I do as much as it has changed how I do things. For example, I have not been in the classroom teaching the Carter-Fidelis Sunday school class during the pandemic, but I still prepare a lesson each week, and every other week I have been sending two weeks of my lesson notes to each member of the class so that they can continue with their own Bible study time.

Even though I still prepare an order of worship that is used by myself, Philip, and Jennifer, I have not been preparing bulletins for worship during the pandemic, and worship preparation itself has taken on a new direction. Still participating in worship leadership, that leadership is now seen as a recorded service on Facebook or YouTube. During times of in-person worship, I have helped prepare the PowerPoint presentations that have largely replaced the printed bulletin each week.

Visitation during the pandemic has been very limited, so other methods of contact and communication have been employed, mostly through cards, notes, telephone calls, emails, and text messages.

***What has been the hardest part of the pandemic for you personally?***

In speaking with a variety of people over the last year, I think that I have weathered the pandemic better than some. But for me, I think the most difficult part has been the absence of what I will call the “up-close-and-personal” part of our relationships; the hugs, and the handshakes, and the gatherings around the table.

***What positive changes do you hope to see come out of the pandemic?***

For church, and for life in general, I hope that we will see, understand, and accept that there is more than one way to do something, that there is no one “right” way, whether it be worship, communication, or whatever. We can learn from this, and use it moving forward. Churches, probably as much as anyone, have been historically trapped in doing things the way they have always done them. We can find unity, not only in the diversity of people, but in the diversity of our traditions and methods. We have been pushed to discover how technology can be used to connect with our congregation and beyond, and this can have positive affects after the pandemic is over.

While the Pine Street congregation does well with this, I hope that we will realize anew the importance of staying connected with one another, encouraging one another, and praying for one another.



