

The Beacon

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church



*Sunday
May 9th*



*Trinity Sunday
May 30th*

Outdoor Movie Ministry

Pine Street will resume showing outdoor movies on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month beginning June 11. The movies are shown in Pleasants Park at dusk. Hotdogs and sides are served to those attending. We will practice safety protocols as long as they are needed. Volunteers are needed each movie to help set up, serve, and clean up afterwards. It is a great way to be outdoors and share our hospitality as a church. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Philip.

Grief Support Group

If you would like to be part of a weekly support group for grief and loss, please sign up on the second floor bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Whether your loss was recent, or has been some time, grief is a process that takes time. We will meet for 8 weeks to help encourage and support one another in their grief journey. The pastor will be leading the weekly gatherings. There will be a small cost for the purchase of books.



May Birthdays

- 2: E.J. Downer**
- 4: Lydia Downer**
- 10: Sonny Wesson**
- 13: Jennifer Downer**
- 14: Gayle Tribble**
Rose Clark
- 15: Percy Blackburn**
- 17: Jerry Schuyler**
- 19: Norah Carrington**
Amy Jones
- 21: Brody Kirby**
- 22: Reagan Vaught**
- 31: Tripp Carrington**

May Mission Offering Camp Alkulana Goal: \$500

Pine Street Baptist Church
166th Anniversary
May 1st

Reaching Out to Touch

We stand on the threshold of May, a month when creation presents floral arrangements in all their splendor and tree leaves seem to get greener by the day. Most of us are ready to welcome all that May has to offer, a pleasant relief after months of winter and even more months of a pandemic. It has been a period of time when what we wanted to do as much as anything was to simply reach out and touch, but when all the signs clearly commanded DO NOT TOUCH. We have experienced a time in our lives when it seemed impossible to reach out and touch someone, but this has only been true in the physical sense.

In 1979, AT&T's slogan "Reach out and touch someone" was incorporated into some famous commercials that encouraged us to pick up the telephone and call someone. We have been, and continue to be, able to touch someone in more than physical ways. A few weeks ago I received a call from a church member who simply wanted to let me know how a recent worship service had been meaningful for them, and then went on to affirm me as a minister of God. And I was touched by this person's words of affirmation and encouragement.

Our physical touches that come through handshakes and hugs are so important, but there are so many other ways that we can continue to touch people in a positive way, long after the pandemic is over and the masks are thrown in the trash. Jesus reached out his hand and physically touched the leper, but he also raised people up through positive words of comfort, hope, and blessing. As followers of Christ, we have the power to do the same.

Let us not stand on the threshold too long, but let us walk on through to what lies ahead, for there are many who are waiting for us to touch them through the sharing of God's marvelous love.

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