

THE BEACON



- 1: Charlie Clark
- 6: Margaret Gibson
Susan Walker
- 9: Jennifer Turner
- 10: Mark Thacker
- 12: Marie Johnstone
- 15: Hannah Turner
- 20: Rob Johnston
- 25: Asher Johnston



Community Movie Nights in August

August 11th

August 25th

Mark Your Calendars

Church Picnic

August 13, 4-7 pm

Brighton Green Community Center & Pool
609 N. Pinetta Dr, 23235

Join the congregation of Pine Street Baptist for fun and fellowship at the church picnic. Chicken will be provided, and please bring a dish to share. \$3 per person for the meal; an additional \$5 per person for those that would like to swim (2 and under are free). Please sign up on the bulletin board at church or by contacting Meredith Carrington at 804-437-1992 by 8/9.

Senior Lunch

Wednesday, August 23

Home of Gwen Donohue
219 Roslyn Hills Drive

Enjoy lunch, and share your thoughts about activities you would like to pursue in the future. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 20. Lunch will be prepared for all who attend.

Oregon Hill Family Weekend at Camp Alkulana

September 22-24

Join the Oregon Hill and Pine Street Church family for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Length of stay and type of lodging are flexible. Meals will be provided. Activities could include caving, hiking, swimming, crafts and more! To find out more or reserve your spot, contact Jennifer Turner or Meredith Carrington by 9/17. A sign-up sheet is available at church and online at <https://forms.gle/r7HzuxX2Exb4WTMu9>.

Friends Along the Way

Jennifer and I recently took a trip to Natural Bridge, Virginia, and hiked to see the natural wonder. Along the way, we passed individuals who were making their way back. With each group of people we passed, there was a friendly exchange of greetings, a comment about the beauty of the trail, or the pleasant weather of the day. We even stopped and conversed with one couple when she realized I had on a t-shirt that identified me as an alumnus from the same small college that she attended. I later told Jennifer, "This may be the friendliest path I've ever traveled."

While that may have been a friendly path, there is nothing like having Christian friends walk with you throughout the paths we take in life. Some of these paths are times of joy and happiness where our friends share the good times of life and celebrate with us the present goodness. There are other times, however, when our friends walk with us through some of life's most challenging times when life is painful and unbearable. During these times, they help shoulder the burdens we find ourselves carrying and, indeed, sometimes help carry us. In Proverbs 17: 17 we read, "*A friend loves at all times.*" The love of a friend is undoubtedly a true treasure, a gift from God.

As I have heard many of you remark over the years, I am grateful for my Pine Street friends. What a blessing it is to have such a family of support to encourage and care for each other as we journey along our paths. The rich friendships we share as a family of faith have provided us with what we needed at different times in our journeys. Likewise, we have also had the privilege to return care, love, and support to those who have needed help along the way. It's nice to meet friendly people along the paths we take. But it's much better to have true friends to travel the paths with you.

Philip



Oregon Hill Baptist Center Back to School Store Tuesday, August 8th

We will be distributing items to families with children in Kindergarten through the 12th grade, and even to some college students. Pine Street Church is invited, along with several other churches, to donate supplies (please refer to the list published in the July Beacon).

All donations should be given to Jennifer Turner by Sunday, August 6th.

If you need assistance with school supplies, please contact Jennifer Turner at 804-648-1353 to register and receive an appointment time for Tuesday, August 8th.

2024 Church Budget

The 2024 Church Budget will be presented for approval at the annual business meeting in November. The preparation of the church budget is now in its earliest stages. If you have input regarding the 2024 church budget, please provide that input to the following individuals:

Jessica Kirby or Gayle Tribble regarding any input on the personnel portion of the budget.

Jessi Vaught, Lindsey Hershner, or Clint Jackson regarding any input on all other budgeted items. Thank you.

August Sermon Series



Join on Sunday mornings in August for a four-part sermon series entitled, "In God's Element" as we reflect on the four elements of Wind, Earth, Water, and Fire as found in scripture. What can we learn about God and how God relates to us through these power symbols?

Who Built the Ark?
Sunday, September 10th
Children's Choir Performance
