

THE BEACON

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church



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Community Movie Nights

Friday, September 8th

Friday, September 22nd

Sunday School

**Sunday school promotion
Sunday is September 10.**

Deacon's Meeting

**Monday, September 11th
6:30 p.m.**

Please prayerfully consider
giving to the ***Alma Hunt
State Missions Offering***
Pine Street's Goal: \$500

The weekend retreat at Camp Alkulana is full, with 85 people attending. It was a great response, and there is a lot of excitement about this upcoming weekend.



Who Built the Ark?

**Sunday, September 10th
11:00 Worship Service**

**A Performance Featuring the
Children's Choir
and Youth Readers.**

The Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study

BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE joy
peace **PATIENCE**
KINDNESS
goodness **FAITH**
GENTLENESS **FULLNESS**
& self-control **GALATIANS 5:22-23**

**Wednesday Bible Study
begins September 6**

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study resume on September 6. Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by prayer and Bible study. Our first Bible study will be a four-part session on the Fruits of the Spirit. We look forward to joining together



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made donations toward backpacks and school supplies. The Oregon Hill Baptist Center served 64 children this year. With the monetary donations from the church, we were able to purchase 13 very nice backpacks for middle and high schoolers. Your participation in this community mission project is very much appreciated.

Jennifer

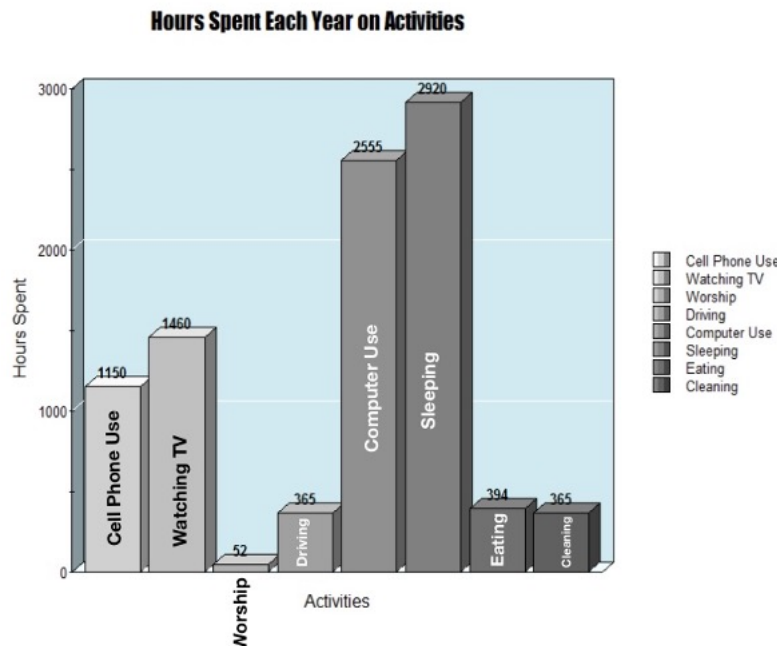
It's About Time

Whoever said "time flies" coined the phrase correctly. Where does the time go? Like currents in a fast-moving river, time rushes along, and we often cannot keep up. The calendar pages turn quickly. Likewise, our calendars are full. Our schedules become a buffet of appointments, events, activities, gatherings, meetings, and reminders that leave little room for catching our breath. Will Rogers said, "If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

We sometimes find ourselves in holes, wondering how we got there.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the church at Ephesus, wrote, *"Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Ephesians 5: 15-20)

Paul reminds us as Christians to make the most of our time by living wisely in the world because the days are evil. We can quickly become distracted by life, tempted, unraveled, lose focus, drift away from God, and the like. As the classic hymn, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, lyrics suggest, *"Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love."* This is why Paul calls us to be "filled with the Spirit" and to make worship a priority in our lives. Worship draws our focus back to God, reorients our lives back to what really matters, and helps us prioritize what really matters in our lives. However, when you take a look at how the average person uses our time, worship takes a back seat to everything else. The graph below compares the average annual hours we spend in worship to some of our other activities. The graph speaks for itself.



Now when a worship service is only offered on Sundays, this means we mean we have to create worship for ourselves at other times. We have to find time to incorporate the worship of God into each day of our lives. We don't have to be sitting in a pew of a sanctuary to draw ourselves into God's presence in an attitude of worship. Worship can occur at any moment in any place when we draw our attention away from ourselves and our world and back to God. This must be a daily occurrence.

However, we cannot neglect sabbath corporate worship. One of the most important things we do as Christians is to join fellow believers on Sunday in worship. The time we spend in worship, singing, praying, and listening to God's word is vital in the life of the believer. To neglect Sunday worship is like depriving the human body of water and air. You cannot be a growing and healthy Christian without the practice and discipline of worship. Worship grounds us and awakens us to God's presence in our lives and prepares us to live each week as followers of Jesus, making the most of our time. The clock is moving and so are we. Let's not leave God behind. Time is too important to neglect our worship of God. Make worship a priority on our calendars; on Sunday and every other day and then let everything else fill in the empty spaces.



OHBC Christmas Store

It's hard to believe, but it will soon be time for the OHBC Christmas Store. Be watching for additional information coming soon.

