

**PINE RUN
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Yearlong Emphasis:



**Pine Run begins
151st Year!**

THE WORLD, would make a big JOKE out of the fact that the day this congregation selected leaders and recognized their founding was APRIL 1st, 1866! The Apostle Paul reminds us of the “wisdom of the world” and what they consider “foolish”. “We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block for the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” This endeavor has outlasted the sawmills & lumber yards, the post office and virtually all other businesses and buildings!

The Pine Run Church of Christ stands firm in lifting up Jesus Christ and strives to help others experience the transforming power of her Lord!

On April 3rd, we would like to get a picture of everyone present, on the front porch of the building. We will take time to briefly reflect on the past, and then resume working for an even brighter future.

The “Official” 150th celebration will be held in September.

**Clio
Area
Schools
Strategic
Plan**



Blessed with the opportunity of helping shape our local schools for the next 3-5 years; and impact all of the young people of Clio for the rest of their lives; we asked for prayers and sought for God to work through us.

The Results? (Pending School Board Approval):

VISION of where we WANT the schools to be: Leaders in Educational excellence.

MISSION: Building a SOLID Foundation for Success.

Emphasis on Academics, especially STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) fields are to be increased. Realizing the need to instill a hunger and desire for learning in each student is vital to attaining our goals.

As Christians, we can appreciate these results: GOD reminds us of the importance of knowledge & wisdom throughout Proverbs; and challenges us that “whatever you do, work at it with all your heart...” (Col. 3:23). Jesus reminds us of the importance of a solid foundation when He

speaks of the wise and foolish builders (Matt. 7:24-28). He helps us appreciate the impact we can make on an individual's ENTIRE life (Proverbs 22:6).

God's views and values, were embraced by those present, even if they might not have understood their source or implications.

Let us continue to find ways to be used of God to transform the lives and future of others!



March was a transformational month for us as we introduced our daily prayer schedule and then joined with Mt. Morris congregations in praying for Revival in the community (emphasis was March 27) and for the new Mayor's transition (emphasis was March 6).

Many have seen the movie "War Room" that challenges Christians to be more active in prayer. Pine Run has taken the challenge to expand our own prayer lives and strive to build unity in the body of Christ.

People can find our latest prayer schedule on our church calendar. We encourage you especially on those days, to pray for the people (missions) that have been selected, in addition to the others on your prayer list. It is our desire, to see God work mightily in our community as His people unite to seek His blessings!

H.O.P.E. Comes April 10th

The faithful supporters of Pine Run help fund the ministry of H.O.P.E. The most recent efforts in Haiti, will be reported to the congregation, by the missionaries, themselves, during the morning worship service on April 10th (10:30 AM).

We challenge you to join us for that service and be encouraged by how God is working through this ministry to touch not only the lives of every youth in Clio schools, uniting the body of Christ in Mt. Morris area, impacting others throughout our region (including Flint) but as far away as Haiti!



Fresh from the Garden!

The recent warm weather, may have enticed you to start thinking about planting a garden. If you haven't thought about it, it's not too late to make this a mission for sharing Jesus' love this year.

We are asking gardeners to plant a "little" extra and bring their surplus with them to church to be shared with those unable to have gardens. Veggies left at services, will be donated to local food pantry.



We completed a study of all three of John's Epistles in March. One quickly recognizes the emphasis on LOVE throughout his letters and it's importance in the life of the Christian. It's easy to forget the amazing transformation that God had brought about in the life of this Apostle, who was once known as a "Son of Thunder" and many times during Jesus' ministry placed more importance on himself and his wants, then on being aware of the needs of others.

Taking that into account, Christ's followers realize that regardless of our past, God can mold us into a reflection of His love and glory!

Join us as we begin a study in Jude and are warned about "false teachers".

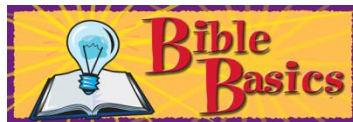


Longer daylight hours, brings a return to our Sunday Evening Worship Service. Throughout the winter months, we used this time to help people in our community discover God's wisdom for handling their finances and saw tremendous results.

We now look forward to gathering for singing God's

praise, spending more time encouraging one another, praying and allowing God to speak to us through His Word.

Come and rediscover how God used this to further strengthen His people. Many congregations no longer offer this; and many also have recognized that the Church is not as grounded in the Word as it has been. It's no secret that the more time you spend letting God speak to you, the more you will recognize His voice and leading in your life.



GOD'S WISDOM

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

There WAS a plan to emphasize and teach God's plan for families through special material produced by Focus in the Family this Spring. That plan has been replaced for now, with our Tuesday Night Study in Proverbs. This book was written by a father, who repeatedly speaks to his heir, about lessons they need to learn in life. These lessons will spare them pain and suffering. God's wisdom is again recognized, because nearly 3,000 years later, these lessons are just as applicable for young people today. The study shows a stark contrast between the "ways of the world" and the "ways of God". As adults, thinking back on our experiences; we can more easily see the blessings that God intends VS the destruction that Satan seeks.

All are welcome and will benefit from the principles that we are discovering!



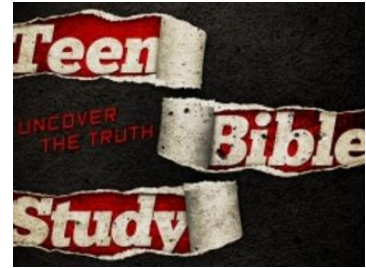
Study & Pray

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am

Beginning to feel like we understand the "power of Prayer" and seek to constantly remind ourselves to look to God to help us carry out the work to which we have been called? Our study in Ezra underscored the difference it can make. Able to change the views of heads of governments, overcome the threats of enemies, provisions in abundance from unexpected sources are just some of the lessons we discussed. We also saw "well intentioned" people who discovered how they had strayed and the devastating results in their lives and those around them. It was a reminder to live holy lives, have minds that have been transformed and ever look to God for guidance.

Join us as we see what lessons that God has for us in Nehemiah! Not familiar with this book of the Bible? All the more reason to join the fellowship, prayer and allow God to speak to you!



Wednesdays @ 7 pm

Our teens gather in a living room and learn from Jesus' life, We are studying in Luke and seeing Jesus' compassion, integrity, determination and willingness to suffer so that our lives and future might be brighter.

Let us know if you are interested in joining!

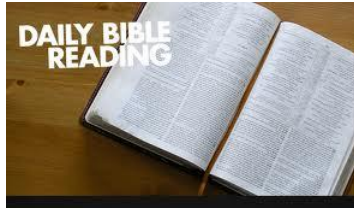
Teen Training

Thursday @ 7:00

Job skills (diligence to a task, learning office skills, and more) along with handling of money have been focal points over the past month. God has much to say about these matters and the youth are leaving with a better appreciation for what they have presently and what they need to know to have a brighter future as they handle the responsibilities that God gives them.

***Check us out on
Facebook!***





We begin reading Paul's Epistle to the Romans. This letter is different from all of Paul's other letters, because this was the only one that was written to people he had not had the opportunity to share the Gospel with personally. Knowing this, you then understand why it is the only one that spends so much time on the basics of the Gospel, (all are sinners, justified by faith, salvation is God's gift, importance of Christian baptism and the work of the Holy Spirit). These are vital issues for the believer to know. Take time each day and review these "basics" and then be reminded of the things you've learned in messages on Sunday morning and evening!

The more time you spend listening to God, the more He can help transform your mind and the Spirit can produce the fruit that will change your life and those around you!

Programs can be picked up in the church foyer, be found on our monthly church calendar and/or viewed on our website: <http://pinerunchurch.org/reading-his-word.html>



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MISSION FOR THE MONTH:

From our Senior Citizens to



our young people today, Rock Lake has provided spiritual training and inspiration to the people of Pine Run. Our Seniors could appreciate a youth's testimony from this past summer who stated, "I've never been in a place with so much love in my life". The Apostle John would be pleased!

The camp will have a new commercial convection oven to start the new year. As the camp prepares for another season, we've already begun raising money to help young people attend Rock Lake. Those that attended last year are anxious to return.

Pray for the staff, the volunteers, the campers and that God is glorified by all that takes place. Remember, part of your faithful support of Pine Run Church of Christ, goes to help touch lives through Rock Lake's mission!. **Remember our Shut-ins**



Larry French
(Grand Blanc)

Faye Sargent
(Flint)



Janice Weir
(Frankenmuth)

Remember our Service Personnel
Mathew Jennings

BOARD MEETING:

April 17

Following Morning Worship



150th Anniversary Celebration **Sept. 9, 10, 11, 2016**

Be gathering your photos and stories to share. We would like to have an extensive collection to have on display during the celebration (we will make copies of your items and return them to you).

Think of ways to make the celebration special and memorable and share those ideas with Paul or one of our Board members.

We only have 1 chance to do this right, so be praying, gathering, planning and inviting!

Be watching for additional information in the coming months!