

**PINE RUN
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The POINT!

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DECEMBER THEMES:

12- 4 HUMILITY

12- 11 SUFFERING

12- 18 GOD AT WORK

12- 25 GIFT OF LOVE

SERMON SERIES:

Sunday Morning:

Building Lasting

Relationships

Present Series:

12 -- 4 Humble Exalted

12 -- 11 Unjust Suffering

12 - 18 God at Work

12 - 25 Gift of Love

Sunday Evening:

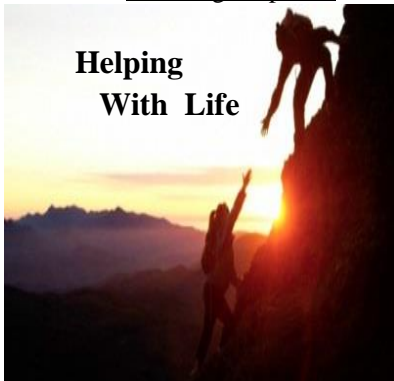
Impacting Our Community

12 - 6 Retirement & College

12 -- 13 Real Estate/ Mortgages

12 -- 18 Great Misunderstanding

Yearlong Emphasis:



Time to get the church decorated for Christmas. There are outside decorations, greens, banners, poinsettias, tree and more. Our goal is to have everything completed by the first Sunday in December. If there are areas you would like to help with, or just willing to volunteer to wherever/whenever needed, please let Paul know.

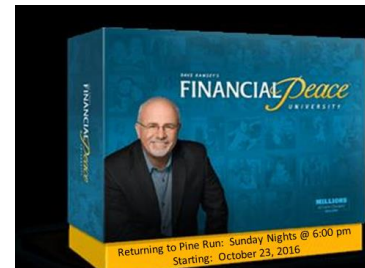


We will again be helping area families in need during the holidays, with gift cards. We will be taking contributions on December 11th and 18th during the Worship Service. Gift cards will be distributed the week of the 18th.

If you know of a family, please let Paul know.



Join us on Christmas Day as we gather to study at 9:30 and then join in worship at 10:30. The worship service will feature traditional Christmas Carols along with the reading of the Nativity and communion service. Encourage your loved ones to honor Christ with us!



FINANCIAL SEMINARS

There are just 3 weeks left in this seminar course. We have had the opportunity to work with a couple from Chesaning and assist them in developing a plan to improve their financial status.

If you know of others who would benefit, let Paul know.

Lowell Mason continues Rehab



Lowell Mason underwent the second surgery on his spine and is now in a rehab facility in the Joplin, MO area. He is having difficulty using his right hand. Continue to keep him and family in prayer throughout this time of recovery.



Sickness has been making the rounds. Many of our seniors are susceptible to infections and we ask that you keep them in prayer.

Pray for those who face loneliness or depression through the holidays, as they are often forgotten.

Pray for our missions that they will have the resources to continue their vital work. Pray for the missionaries to be encouraged and strengthened in their service.

Pray for our nation that we might return to "one nation under God."

Pray for the work of the Kingdom. So many are hurting and need the help that only the Father can provide.

. Please contact Paul via his cell phone: (810) 441-4958 or by email: pstlouis59@gmail.com.



- Sundays
- 9:30

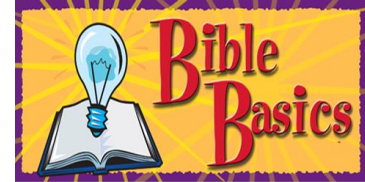
• Study in the Major Prophets!

We are less than 20% of the way through Isaiah and have already seen God lay out 300 years of "coming" world history. He spoke of which nations would rise to dominance, what order and how they would then fall. He also encouraged His people to trust Him, as His anointed one would one day establish an everlasting Kingdom of peace, to which people from all nations would flock.

Join with us as we continue to learn how these things apply to our lives and will enable us to overcome the challenges and trials that we will face in life.



Replaced with Financial Seminars for the remainder of this year. Our Seniors who struggle driving at night are not put in harms way through this change AND is allows us to reach out to others and help them deal with issues in their life.



- Tuesdays
- 7:00 pm

• Learn life lessons from Proverbs

SUSPENDED UNTIL END OF HUNTING SEASON!

- Wednesdays
- @ 10:30 AM

- Learn about Prayer & Praise from Psalms
- Keep up with how God is answering prayers



WEDNESDAYS

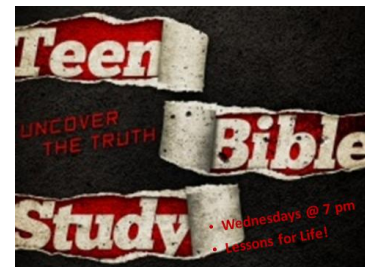
10:30 am

Our midweek study has moved on to the book of Psalms. We've seen David praise God for His creation, His Deliverance and His supremacy.

Some of the Psalms deal with prophecies of the life and the Kingdom of the Messiah. Talks not only of Jesus' reign, but also His suffering for us.

Updates are provided of those on our prayer list. Time is spent in prayer, besides study.

Join us each week!



- Wednesdays @ 7 pm
- Lessons for Life!

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Life's lessons so young people can enjoy blessings and avoid pitfalls are being shared each week.



Teen Training **Thursday @ 7:00**

Time will be spent not only with office work, but also with helping to get things ready for the holidays. Keep our teens in prayer!



We enter the last month of our program and will be heading into letter by James, Peter and John. James talks about the basics of the Christian walk.

Peter helps prepare Christians for difficult times and having the proper attitude. He reminds us of the special place that we have in the work of the Kingdom.

John's three letter will focus on the importance of loving others.

Do you think that our world today could benefit with wisdom in improving relationships? Dive into the reading by getting a Reading Program at church or checking it out online at:

<http://pinerunchurch.org/reading-his-word.html>

We will start 2017 by returning to a daily reading from the Gospels.

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



Get the latest on activities, prayer needs and other information by following us on facebook: Pine Run Church of Christ



www.pinerunchurch.org

Stop by and check out pictures from recent events, find the daily Bible reading and learn about upcoming events and weekly schedule!

MISSION FOR THE MONTH:



A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Great Lakes Christian College announces a partnership with The Solomon Foundation that will blaze a new trail of hope for our ministry and college. The GLCC Board of Trustees made the decision on October 28, 2016 to accept the gift/leaseback proposal from The Solomon

Foundation which results in the College gifting our property to The Solomon Foundation and, in return, they pay off our mortgage obligations and provide a generous grant that will be used for operations. The assets that we gift and the future lease payments we make are used to fund loans provided to churches for expansion and growth by the Solomon Foundation. It is the Solomon Foundation's purpose to serve churches by lending churches money so they can build and expand their ministries.

God continues to answer prayer and to provide and release His resources to ensure we have a College in Michigan that will grow in its effectiveness of training students for Christian leadership in the church and in the world. We believe this to be one huge positive step forward in what we will accomplish for the cause of Christ in Christian higher education. For further information, contact Phil Beavers.

Remember our Shut-ins

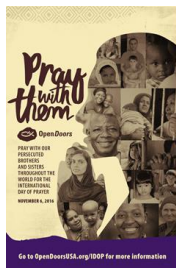
Tracy Desgrange- Flint
Lowell Mason- MO
Faye Sargent- Flint
Janice Weir- Frankenmuth

Remember our Service Personnel

David Anderson
Mathew Jennings

Board Meeting

December 18th following
Morning Worship



International Day
of Prayer for
Persecuted Church
November 6th

We were reminded that the Devil is at work around the world. We learned that the in Mosul, Iraq; though it had once the largest Christian population in the area, it no longer has any Christians due to the persecution that has been raging. We also learned that those undergoing persecution desire prayer for strength to remain faithful even unto death; and do not seek to escape dying for Christ.



Special thanks to all those who helped assure that we included all the known veterans who are part of, or related to members of Pine Run.



Thanks were given for the many educators associated with the people at Pine Run. Special recognition is deserved for Mrs. Glenowyn Jones who spent 49 years employed as a teacher.



NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH!

Much discussion about the Presidential election during November, but how many people were talking about November being: Native

American Month? The Sunday before Thanksgiving we recognized how God worked through Native Americans in an amazing way to preserve the life of the Pilgrims and bring about the first Harvest Celebration to these shores.

We were reminded that the Pilgrims were Christians who were seeking a place where they could simply worship the Lord without the restrictions of man made regulations. Their arrival in late 1620, forced them to survive on whatever food they had brought with them. In that first year, they saw their population decline from 100 down to 57. A treaty with a local native American tribe, led to Squanto teaching the pilgrims how to plant their crops and fertilize (using dried fish). The Indians supplemented the food supply of the pilgrim for the first few years. They helped protect the pilgrims and taught them about natural medicines. Together they would celebrate the harvest for several days in the Fall of 1621.

We would do well to remember that people who are “different” from us, can be used of God to teach and help us through difficult times. We are reminded of the importance of treating others with respect and love. The importance of people working together is one of the greatest lessons we can learn from the First Thanksgiving.

Let us continue to give thanks for all of God’s blessings every day!