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# The POINT!

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## JANUARY THEMES:

- 1- 1 EARLY YEARS
- 1- 8 START MINISTRY
- 1-15 SERMON ON MOUNT
- 1-22 MIRACLES
- 1-29 INFIRMITIES

## SERMON SERIES:

### **Sunday Morning:**

Building Lasting  
Relationships

#### *Present Series:*

- 1 -- 1 Humble Exalted
- 1 – 8 Unjust Suffering
- 1 - 15 God at Work
- 1 - 22 Gift of Love
- 1 - 29 Infirmities

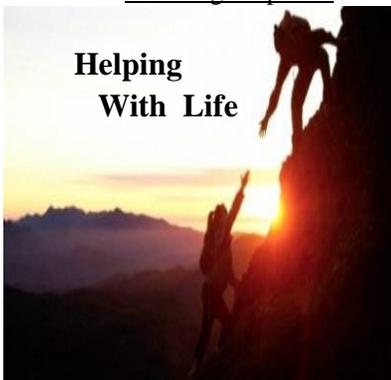
### **Sunday Evening:**

Impacting Our Community

- 1 - 1 No Service
- 1 - 8 Super Saving
- 1 -- 15 Relating with Money
- 1 – 22 Dumping Debt
- 1 - 29 Buyer Beware

## Yearlong Emphasis:

**Helping  
With Life**



New Years DAY means celebrations, family, food and football to many in our country. Christians have opportunity to be the “salt” and “light” that Jesus has called us to be. Make it clear that Jesus is #1 in your life. Start the new year by spending time praising your Savior with fellow believers, meeting around the Lord’s table and allowing God to speak to you through the Word. When people ask if you have plans, it gives you a great chance to share your faith! Then, invite them to join you in starting the new year together at Pine Run.

You will still have time for all the other festivities that the day offers, but start the year off right, by spending it in worship. Pray for others to make Jesus a priority in their new year!

Service time is 10:30 am; just like every other Sunday of the year!



Make this year special by learning more about our Savior. Each day you can spend time learning about His life on earth. Our daily Bible Reading will take you through all four Gospels during the year. Each days segment will be easy to keep up with (should you get behind, it won’t take too long to get caught up!). Morning messages will come from the previous weeks reading to reinforce the lessons and provide greater insight and application. Be encouraged by knowing that others in the congregation are reading the same passage.

God will use this reading to strengthen your relationship with Him. You will find teaching, correcting, rebuking (if necessary) and training in righteousness for every good work.

Plans can be picked up at church, found on the calendar and/or the church website.



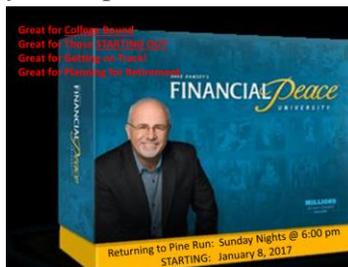
God is at work helping people grow in their love for Jesus and others. This year's giving to help the needy during the holidays was nearly double last year's giving! That allowed us to help 9 households (just under half are related or friends of church members). Gift cards were passed along to the Clio Human Services Fund. Via e-mail, we received this thank you the same day... "Thank you! We currently have a situation we can definitely use them. There is a family that lost their home to fire just the other day.. We will give them a card and let them know it was from Pine Run Church of Christ. Also, I will contact the 'At Risk Liaisons' at each school and divide the remainder of the cards to give to a family in need.

We thank you again this year for your help and please let your congregation know their generosity is appreciated by families they have helped."



The first week of January we will be removing the Christmas decorations and sprucing things up for January (bulletin boards, banners, etc.). Outside decorations will be taken down on January 2<sup>nd</sup> during the day. The inside decorations will be down by the 5<sup>th</sup> and put away so that our volunteer janitor will be able to clean as scheduled. If you can help with an area (outside, window sills, banners, greens, nativity scenes, and/or the tree); let Paul know what and when will work best for you. Together, the work will go much faster!

Thank you in advance for your help!



### FINANCIAL SEMINARS

We will be starting a new class on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The sessions will meet each Sunday night for nine weeks and last 1 1/2 hours each.

Participants have been extremely grateful for the guidance and help they have gained from participating. These seminars are great not only for adults who have retirement to plan for, but also for those needing to get out of debt, find out how to pay their bills each month or would be ESPECIALLY BENEFICIAL for those just starting out. The difference will amaze you. Cost for the seminars are \$105 (for materials that are purchased through: [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)). You can sign up online or let us know at the church.



**Lowell (Buddy) Mason continues Rehab**

Many of our members have experienced lengthy rehab or recoveries. They know firsthand how taxing the process is for family and how it can seem like forever for the patient.

Keep Lowell (Buddy) and Judy in prayer as they will be reaching the halfway point in his rehab following his two neck surgeries. Remember to pray for the children and grandchildren. Pray not only for his recovery, but for the Lord to keep the vital ministry that Buddy leads, moving forward and sharing God's grace and love around the world!



We are thankful for the answers to prayer that God continues to provide. We are constantly updating/adding/ our prayer list as we learn of needs and how God has met them. We appreciate as we look back over the year, the healing, the guidance, the provision, the new faces, God working through the faithful and the other blessings we have enjoyed.

If you know of an individual or need: Please contact Paul via his cell phone: (810) 441-4958 or by email: pstlouis59@gmail.com.

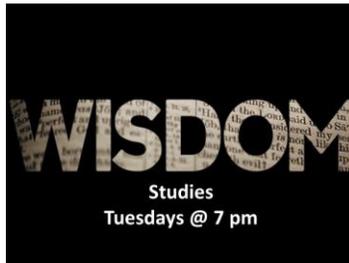


We are a little over one third of the way through Isaiah. We have seen God warn His people, give promises of the Messiah, foretell over 200 years of political history (rise and fall of nations) and reach out with messages of warning to all the known world. Ethiopia to modern day, Iran, and all the nations in between were spoken of and to by the prophet Isaiah.

The sin of pride, greed and injustice are cited as the cause of punishment. God calls for repentance by the people. He

promises to care for the faithful minority through all the trials that they face.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am to learn of other messages that God gave through Isaiah!



Tuesday night study in Proverbs resumes on January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm. Learn of God's counsel for finances, relationships and life!

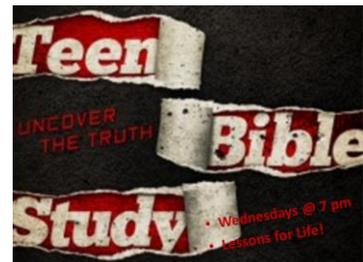


### Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Gain better understanding and appreciation of David through this study of Psalms. We are a little over 20% of the way through this book of songs and prayers. We are learning how David struggled with the wicked and how he would become frustrated with them and even with God on occasion. He knew that God would take care of

things, but that didn't always make it easy to deal with.

This study will help you grow in your prayer life and relationship with God. Time is also spent updating the prayer list, learning of answered prayer and lifting our voices to the Lord. Everyone is welcome to join us each week.



### Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

Our teens have finished their study of Proverbs and are now starting in on a study of "surprising" people that God used. This helps them to see how God might be preparing, and/or using them even now, to carry out His will.



### Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

Our teens helped decorate for Christmas, decorate cookies for visitors, run copies and more.

Any teen is welcome to come and serve!

**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](http://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:**  
**OPERATION: WE CARE**

Providing food to the Americans or spiritual food to Russians (Bibles), this ministry continues to impact lives. God has used this ministry to deliver millions of Bibles to Russia. There is great concern that the door to Russia for such a ministry may be closing due to changes in that attitudes of the nations leaders. Pray for God to continue to provide for the Word to be delivered to the Russian people.

Continue to pray as needs continue to be met throughout our country. They helped bet the water flowing to Flint and over 70 semi truckloads of water have been delivered. Louisiana had flooding, and this ministry

helped provide relief.

A part of every dollar given at Pine Run, goes to help support this ministry of Lowell (Buddy) and Judy Mason.

**Remember our Shut-ins**

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



Care packages were delivered to our shut-ins for the Christmas season. We wanted to make sure they knew they are never alone. A candy cane reminded them of Jesus' love and in the bottom were chocolate kisses to remind them that they are loved by the people of Pine Run.

**Remember our  
Service Personnel**

David Anderson  
Mathew Jennings

**Board Meeting**

January 15th following  
Morning Worship



We appreciate all the people behind the scenes who helped prepare the buildings for Christmas. Many were in and out before we had a chance to get their picture! Deanna Jones (w/ Mrs. Jones supervising we are sure!), Loretta Malin, Deb St. Louis and Ray Carlson were all involved in decorating, bulletin boards, and cleaning up when everything was done! THANK YOU!!



**VISITORS!**

People searching for a new church home, travelers, people coming to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> and even returning members have been such a blessing! We hope to see even more in 2017!