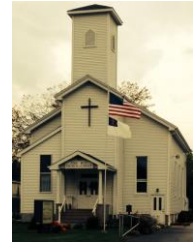


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# The POINT!

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## JANUARY THEMES:

- 1 - 3 PRAYERFUL
- 1 - 10 COMPASSIONATE
- 1 - 17 GENUINE
- 1 - 24 RESOLUTE
- 1 - 31 RESILIENT

## SERMON SERIES:

### **Sunday Morning:**

#### Building Lasting Relationships

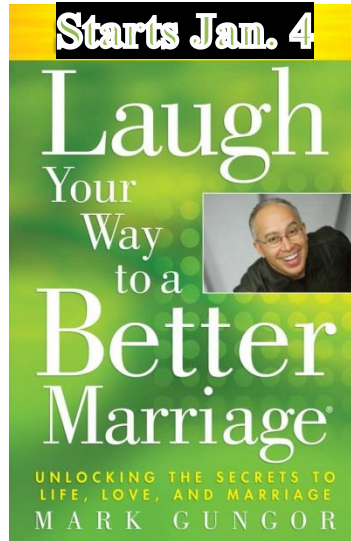
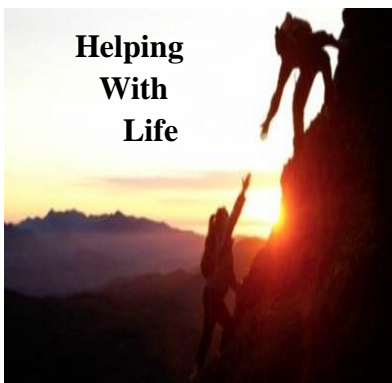
#### *Present Series:*

- 1 -- 3 Mr. Mike Harrison
- 1 - 10 Learning to Care
- 1 - 17 Genuine Generosity
- 1 - 24 Resolution
- 1 - 31 Adjusting to Situations

### **Sunday Evening:**

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

- 1 - 3 Buyer Beware
  - 1 - 10 Insurance
  - 1 - 17 Retirement/College
  - 1 - 24 Real Estate/ Mortgage
  - 1 - 31 Great Misunderstanding
- Yearlong Emphasis:



### **Marriage Study**

For 12 consecutive Monday nights we will study God's principles for marriage. This study will start at 7:00 pm each week can cost \$15 per couple. This will pay for your study guide

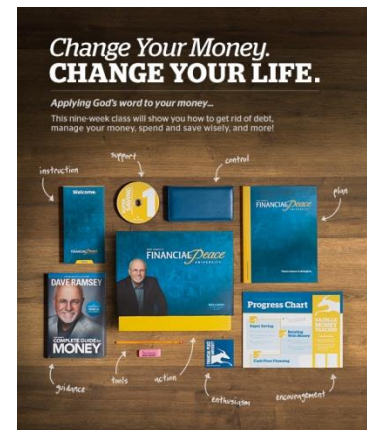
Topics in January are:

- 4: What's Normal?
- 11: Men's Brains vs. Women's
- 18: Few vs. Many
- 25: Formula for Success

Mark Gungor's study will provide helpful insight into relationships. It is presented in a comedic presentation as video clips will be viewed and then reflected on by the group.

This is a tremendous opportunity to invite family,

friends and coworkers who are looking at improving their relationships.



### **NEW CLASS WILL START FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Seminars are bringing hope to households.**

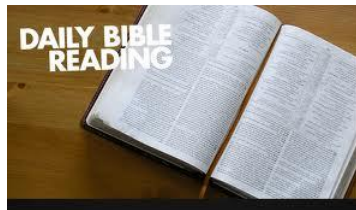
Weekly seminars meet at the church on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. One class is over halfway through and will finish in January. Step by Step direction; hands on involvement by participants and group support are beneficial in modifying behaviors. The result is proving repeatedly that people are learning to save, debt is being paid off, plans are being developed and

implemented to lead to Financial Peace.

This is another great opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors and coworkers who are looking to gain control of their finances and introduce them to a wise and loving God who has a plan for their life!

**You can go to:**

[http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1012145/atid/1\\_mi](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1012145/atid/1_mi) to sign up. Cost is \$95 for your materials.

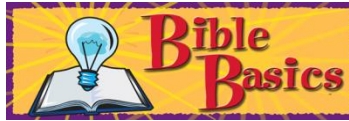


Daily Bible Reading is an effective method for growing closer to God. The 2016 program for Pine Run has been designed to lead people to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a life that will positively impact others.

In 2015 we spent the year reading about Jesus. Lives were changed. Now we will move on from learning about Him, to becoming LIKE HIM!

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>

Encourage your family members and friends to read along with you and discuss the content each day. Great way to get support and encouragement, while helping others to grow in Jesus!



### **GOD'S WISDOM Tuesdays 7:00 pm**

This Adult study will begin in the book of Proverbs and take a closer look at the wisdom that God provides for His people. Topics covered will include: relationships, knowledge, finances, work, benevolence, priorities and more. God promises to give wisdom to the one who asks (James 1:5). Come and accept the wisdom He offers.

Invite others to come and join in on the study and discussion each week. The class will last for an hour and is free to all!



### **Study & Pray**

**WEDNESDAYS  
10:30 am**

Our adults can look back on numerous answered prayers in 2015 and know there will be more to come in 2016. Make sure your family and friends are lifted up before the throne of God by our Prayer Warriors.

Study continues in the Minor Prophets. We have just started Zechariah and seeing how these messages were given along with Haggai's to a people who were

given the task to get the people back to God and doing the things He had called them to do. God's wisdom is seen throughout the book. Many of the challenges they face are common to Christians today, who can gain insight and become better prepared for their tasks.

This group meets about an hour each week and is always welcome to newcomers. There is no charge for participation!



### **BIBLE BOWLERS**

#### **Developing Study Habits**

One of the most important skills for young people to develop, is the ability to study. Preparing for their third tournament, our youth are beginning to acquire and hone these skills. They are discovering the need to constantly review (use it or lose it) material they have gone over.

They still do best when someone walks them through the material, and we need to continue to pray and help them learn how to read with understanding for themselves.

It's exciting to see their self-esteem grow as their study skills develop.

They will continue to be studying from the Gospel of Luke and will not compete again until February.

## **Teen Training**

Thursday @ 7:00

It's been an amazing transformation to see our youth grow and develop over the past year. They have become more knowledgeable of God's Word, more responsible, are learning lessons to help them in life and have been provided with an opportunity to touch hundreds of lives in their own neighborhood!

It will be exciting to see how God will work IN and THROUGH them this coming year!



Sundays 9:15- 9:30 AM

Jesus taught that God seeks people who "worship in spirit and in truth". Our young people learning songs that they can relate to, will help them to make their worship more personal.



Pine Run Raiders

**Sundays @ 9:30 AM**

The amount of Scripture presented to our young people during this program can seem overwhelming, yet it is amazing how much they retain and what they pick up. Hearing story after story of those who obey and see God work; along with stories of those who rely on self and fail; will make an impression on the importance of following God! The Holy Spirit will not only lead them into truth now, but will also help them to recall what they have learned later, when the lessons will help them deal with situations they are facing.

This is the KEY BIBLE TEACHING PROGRAM at Pine Run and parents and grandparents are strongly encouraged to make sure their youth are involved in this program!

To follow their lessons you can go to our website:

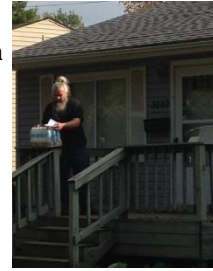
<http://www.pinerunchurch.org/child-development.html> and click on the links for the various "Raiders" lessons! You will quickly discover why this is one of the top sections on our website!

**Water**

**Distribution**

**Concludes**

**in Flint**



Many youth are provided an opportunity to go overseas for a week or more and help meet needs in the name of Jesus. They come back with stories to tell of lives that were changed and a new perspective on how God can use them.

God has provided our youth an opportunity to witness lives being touched right in their own neighborhood for the past 10 weeks. Senior Citizens, single parents, and others who experienced tainted drinking water in Flint, shared their appreciation for the faithfulness of our volunteers in bringing bottled water to their door on a weekly basis. Our youth worked alongside adults distributing this water.

God had made the water available through Lowell Mason (who grew up at Pine Run) and his ministry and then more water through the trucking company who delivered that first load. We worked to keep the people informed on the latest news regarding their water and were pleased to hear test results come back in December that people who had their water tested, had NO LEAD OR COPPER! After 10 weeks of ministry, we delivered the last of the water just prior to Christmas!



## Jesus Remembered at Christmas!



From our Youth Christmas play,



to announcements through the local papers,



to inviting over 300 households in Flint and people seeing our new lighted Nativity as they drove past the church, We did what we could to make sure people knew that Jesus is the reason we celebrate and can find: Peace, Unity, Truth and Victory!



### Growing in 2016!

While we are not sure where God is going to lead following the Water Distribution Ministry, we do know that we are expanding our advertising to include: Bridgeport/Birch Run Herald Newspaper. Each week, we will have an ad on the church page listing our services and contact information.

We are pleased to have a household from Birch Run and another from Bridgeport who are presently attending our Finance Classes.

*Check us out  
on  
Facebook!*



We have people from Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee and other states that follow us. Do You?



Did you know...

Our website has been visited over 400 times in December, alone?

Nearly 3000 visits will be made this year?

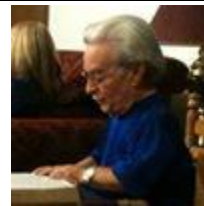
Over 7600 pages have been read?

We have over 70 pages of content from the past year?

It gets updated weekly?

### MISSION FOR THE MONTH:

Lowell  
Mason



It's fitting that as we look at celebrating 150 years of service, we remember one who grew up at Pine Run and has gone on to serve the Lord across America and around the World.

Lowell has been extremely involved with our congregation over the past few months, as his ministry provided us with the first truck of water for distribution.

God has used his concerts, meeting physical needs in America, distribution of Bibles in Russia and more to glorify Christ and build up the Kingdom.

### Remember our Shut-ins

Faye Cockrill  
Larry French  
Loretta Malin  
Faye Sargent  
Janice Weir

### Remember our Service Personnel

Mathew Jennings

### BOARD MEETING:

Jan. 17

Following Morning Worship