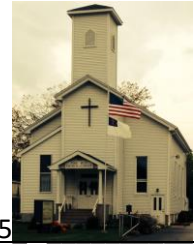


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### MARCH THEMES:

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### SERMON SERIES:

#### **Sunday Morning:**

Building Lasting  
Relationships

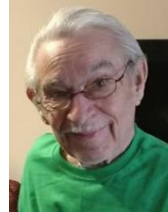
#### *Present Series:*

3 -- 5 Making Peace  
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3 - 26 Caring for Others

### Yearlong Emphasis:



### **Buddy Mason continues recovery**



Reprinted from Duke Mason's Facebook Post:

"On October 12<sup>th</sup> and again on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Lowell underwent 2 extensive spinal surgeries. The surgeons were treating him for severe spinal stenosis.

Over the past few years, he had been slowly losing feeling and mobility in his arms and legs. Due to his dwarfism, there are only a handful of surgeons trained to do these intense and risky operations. After months of mis-diagnosis, he was finally able to find help. Following the surgery, he spent 3 weeks in the hospital, and then almost 3 months in a rehabilitation facility.

Finally, he returned home just a few days ago. The doctor has ordered home therapy to continue because his mobility and feeling are still very limited.

Since the age of 9, Lowell has traveled the country and the world singing Gospel music. And up until 1 week before his surgery, he was still on the road singing. The carrier on the back of his vehicle off his motorized scooter. However, his wife had to basically lift him into the vehicle!

Since the surgeries, Lowell and his wife have not been able to travel and sing, resulting in no income for over 4 months!

Lowell has spent over 70 years traveling and spreading the message of Christ, across America and Around the World! And during Lowell and Judy's 54 years of marriage, their ministry has been focused on helping people in times of need. From world-wide issues, to disaster relief at home and abroad they have been dedicated to spreading God's love by helping others. Lowell wants to return to traveling and spreading the Gospel!

We are asking for you to consider helping Lowell and Judy.

The goal is to:

- Find a vehicle that he can enter while on his scooter
- Help with some of the expenses resulting from the surgeries and the loss of income during the past month.

Please pray about this and consider donating.

Thank You,

Help spread the word!"

Lowell (Buddy) grew up at Pine Run and we have supported his ministry for years. In addition to our regular support, the board had approved sending an extra \$100 a month (for up to 6 months) during his surgery and recovery. The church board will be looking at possibly extending that support at their next meeting.

If you would like to help besides, you can send assistance directly to Lowell (Buddy) Mason

117 Forest Drive

Carl Junction, MO 64834

Or designate your gift for Buddy and give to Pine Run Church of Christ and we will forward it for you.

## NEW PROJECTOR Added to New Computer



Unfortunately, technology ages and starts to break down. Fortunately, we have a God who provides for all of our needs.

When the church laptop computer broke a few months ago, we were told that the operating system was about to hit the 10 year mark and would no longer be supported. Looking at the cost of repairing a computer with an obsolete operating system vs. the cost of a new laptop to board opted to spend the “little” extra and get a new laptop that was much more powerful and suited for our present needs.

The video projector has been going for months. We found out that a circuit board could be replaced (\$125 for the part). The board considered several purchase options and selected the above projector (which will be slightly brighter).

God has blessed through His people faithfully and then again through some great deals. The laptop and projector were both replaced for under \$400! God is good!



What a mighty God we serve! He cares and watches over His people, even when we don't realize it!

When Buddy was facing his surgery, the doctors warned that it could leave him paralyzed or affect his voice. God brought him through without any of those complications.

Recently, one our ladies was admitted to the hospital for the “flu.” Doctors discovered that her heart is only operating at 30%. They found no blockages and she is to meet with a heart doctor to find out what the plan is. She is now home serving her family and Lord while waiting for her appointment.

Another of our ladies recently spent a weekend in the hospital, with her daughter concerned about a stroke. She too is home, and is scheduled to meet with the Dr. soon for results.

Tracy continues to recover (now at home) following a brain aneurism.

Other members have also faced health concerns or continual struggles. God enables them to continue on each day and remain faithful in attendance and service.

Last month we added Deb's grand nephew who was heading to a mission field, where the leader had been arrested for

preaching the Gospel. God not only provided safety, but enabled her great nephew to share his testimony with fellow athletes in the country AND the leader was released from prison within 1 week of our starting to pray about the matter!

When we gather for worship, we are surrounded by miracles and answered prayers.

Who do you know that is in need of prayer?

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



• Sundays  
• 9:30

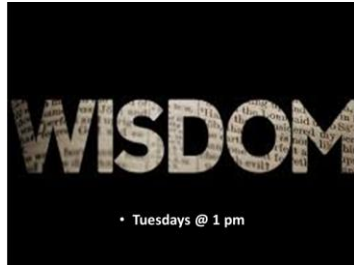
• Study in the Major Prophets!

Our study in Isaiah has made it clear that God was reaching out not only to the Jews in the Old Testament, but also to the surrounding nations. Messages of warning and judgement were sent to all of the known world. God's power is further revealed as He laid out world history for nearly 300 years (not including the prophecies of Jesus' coming). He specified, which nation would rise and then who would replace them. At one point, He even mentions by NAME a future leader!

God's people are reassured that GOD can protect and deliver them. Instead, they would rely on alliances and armies that would prove to be failures. Times when they DID trust, God delivered.

It's also fascinating to see the offenses that God identifies. Oppression, injustice, lack of compassion, rejoicing over enemies are mentioned, besides idolatry.

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



Our Tuesday study has moved to early afternoon (1:00 PM). Our study in Proverbs is a reminder of parents responsibility to teach their children and morals and values that God wants them to have. We see that lessons are repeated throughout the book; and not to be overlooked, they were written down so that long after Solomon had passed, people could be blessed by the lessons that he taught.

Learn of God's counsel for finances, relationships and life!



## Study & Pray

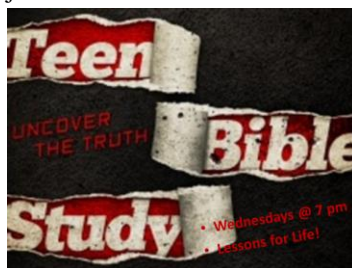
**Wednesdays @ 10:30 am**

The Psalmists dealt with the same issues nearly 3,000 years ago, that we do today.

Oppression of the righteous, trials, illness, aging, concern for the nation, grateful and full of praise, desiring judgement on the wicked and looking ahead to the fulfillment of God's promises are the basis of many of the Psalms. There are times when you can see how their attitude is changed, as they spend time with God. Prophecies of Jesus' life and ministry are also found throughout the book.

Time is also spent updating our prayer list and going to God in prayer.

Discover what you have been missing! Everyone is welcome to join us each week.



**Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm**

Fascinating to see hear teens in Flint sharing what it would be like having Jesus as a teacher in a classroom or as a fellow student. Perceptions of how Jesus would be accepted or treated were fascinating. The response He received from people in His own time, provides insight on how people would respond today.

Taking those observations and then showing how Peter wrote for Christians in a hostile environment to live assists in showing them how Christ wants them to live at school. Peter talks about the world not understanding and our teens can see how true that is.

Be praying for our teens that they might apply these lessons to their life and become the light that their neighborhood and schools need to see.



**Thursdays @ 7:00 pm**

Our teens helped to set up for the "God Loves You" Banquet. One of the three was able to attend the banquet besides. We appreciate their help emptying trash, straightening the building and assisting with office work besides.

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:**



**2017 Calendar**

April 30: Camp Workday  
May 19 & 20: Men's Weekend  
June 2-4: College Weekend  
June 25-30: 10-13 year old Camp  
July 9-14: 14-17 year old Camp  
July 16-18: 5-10 year old HALF WEEK Camp  
July 16-21: 5-10 year old FULL WEEK Camp  
July 23-28: 10-13 year old Camp  
July 23-28: 10-13 year old Nature Camp  
July 23-28: 14-17 year old Nature Camp  
August 4-6: 5-10 year old Nature Camp Weekend  
August 11-13: 5-9 year old Princess Weekend  
August 25-27: Family Camp Weekend  
September 22 & 23: Women's Weekend

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Faye Sargent- Flint  
Janice Weir- Frankenmuth  
They were so appreciative of the Valentines Cards and gifts from the congregation. It lifted their spirits!

**Remember our Service Personnel**

David Anderson  
Mathew Jennings

**Board Meeting**

March 19th following Morning Worship

We are glad to welcome back, Dorlene Dougherty as a Trustee of the Pine Run Church of Christ. She will be filling the term of Michael Desgrage.



We'd like to thank Deb St. Louis and her children's worship class for the various craft projects this past month. Following their lesson, they would work on a craft and then came and gave to the adults to pass along the lesson that they learned.

They also helped with making a "get well" card that was then signed by the adults and delivered to a faithful member who was hospitalized.

We are grateful that they are learning to share their skills and talents to brighten the lives of others and share the love of Jesus!



We have a good turnout and a wonderful evening as we reflected on God's Love for us. "Spiritual Journey" journals are still available so you can record for future generations, how God reached out and shared His love with you!

We were able to share some of the evening with our shut-ins to remind them of God's love and continued care for them!



**Daylight Savings time ends!**

You will lose an hour of sleep on March 11<sup>th</sup> so plan accordingly so you're not late!

