

**PINE RUN  
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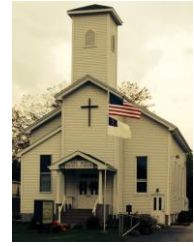
# The POINT!

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**NOVEMBER THEMES:**

11 - 1 PERSECUTION

11 - 8 VETERANS

11 - 15 EDUCATORS

11 - 22 FAMILY

11 - 29 KINGDOM

**SERMON SERIES:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Building Lasting

Relationships

*Present Series:*

11 -- 1 Thankful for Freedom

11 -- 8 Thankful for Veterans

11 -- 15 Thankful for Educators

11 -- 22 Thankful for Family

11 -- 29 Thankful for Kingdom

**Sunday Evening:**

Making a Positive Impact  
in our World

11 - 1 Lasting Impact

11 - 8 Sharing the Hope

11 - 15 Compassion

11 - 22 Humility to Serve

11 - 29 Spirit Empowers

Yearlong Emphasis:



Throughout November, we will be focusing on reasons and people to give thanks for. We'd like people to get involved in helping us give thanks. If you know of VETERANS and/or EDUCATORS, we would like to recognize them during our Morning Worship Services. We are asking for their names, service and date of service. They will be recognized through displays, bulletin inserts, power points, verbal recognition and receive a token of our appreciation.



**Sunday  
School  
Classes**



**Beginning November 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Adults: Auditorium

Youth: Basement

**Water**

**Distribution**

**Continues**

**in Flint**

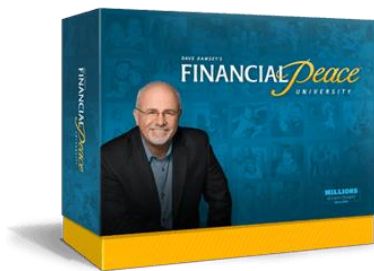


Flint has been recognized in the past few months as being the most impoverished city in America and has contaminated water (chemicals and lead) supply to the homes of it's residents.

God has enabled 4 blocks of homes to receive bottled water over the past 3 weeks. Lowell Mason, a Timothy of Pine Run, contacted us about wanting to provide a semi- truck full of water through his "We Care" ministry. IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services), based out of Indiana funded the cost of the truck and "We Care" provided the water. Special thanks to Raymond Berry who provided the storage area.

Volunteers from the church head out on Monday afternoon, loading pick up trucks, and then delivering the cases of water door to door. The people have responded with gratitude, helpful information and even assisting with the distribution.

The city is now back on a more reliable source, but awaits to hear that the lines are now clear of contaminants.



Those participating in the Financial Peace University Seminar are being blessed with motivating instruction from God's Word with everyday application. Identifying where our money goes, structuring to make it be more effective, learning how people will "take it from us" and how to protect ourselves, how to get out of debt, how to be prepared for emergencies and more are lessons being shared.

The group provides support, encouragement and shares personal stories of challenges and victories. They are finding hope as they put the lessons into practice. The proven benefits, about halfway through the program far outweigh the initial cost of the program to the various households.



We continue with our reading in the fourth Gospel, John. It is exciting to see how God is transforming the congregation as they spend time with Him each day. Bill Brossman, who filled the pulpit, recently visited and

commented on the difference that he can see. God is at work!

This is a good opportunity to encourage family and friends to read along with you. You can pick up a copy of the Bible Reading Plan at the church, share the church calendar or check it out online at: <http://www.pinerunchurch.org/reading-his-word.html>. Discuss with them the day's reading. Sharing in this manner will help you to learn God's Word and help all of you to grow in Jesus!

### **Bible Basics**



Our Tuesday evening study (7 pm) we will be spending the next few weeks overviewing each of the 66 Books. Understanding content, how they fit together and the application for our lives today will be key components of the lessons. New people are always welcome to join us!

### **Bible Bowl is HERE!!**



Jewell Gray, Skia Moore, Jacob Desgrange and Zach Desgrange have signed on and our learning more about the Gospel of Luke and the life of Jesus. Memory Verses

(15 each month), and being able to answer detailed questions requires a great deal of effort. They are learning that you have to stay at it, or you will begin to forget. Study habits are being taught as well.

Their first tournament will be on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and will cover the first four chapters of Luke. Be praying for and encouraging these youth as God prepares them for even more effective service in the future!



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MOVING LOCATIONS**

### **BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE CHANGES**

Practices have been moved to Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

### **PRAYER AND STUDY MOVES TO MORNING**

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM

### **THE WORD—Put on Hold—**

Wednesday night study for youth has been put on hold and replaced for the time being, with Bible Bowl practice.



### **Prayer & Study**

#### **Wednesdays @ 10:30 am**

God continues to answer the prayers of His people. Improvement of health, test results coming back negative, lives being transformed, resources provided, doors being opened, uniting of God's people to meet needs are just SOME of the answered prayers we are seeing.

The study continues in the Minor Prophets. One participant commented, "it's like reading the paper" as we look at the issues God's prophets were addressing nearly 2700 years ago. We benefit by seeing the results of choices that society makes and can alter our direction.

Come and experience the power of God and the insight His Spirit provides!

**THE**



**Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm**



### **Teen Training**



**Thursday @ 7:00**

These youth are vital to our congregation NOW, and will continue to be an asset to the Kingdom. Learning and teaching classes, cleaning and now helping distribute water to neighbors, God is using them to touch lives!



**Y S P**  
YOUTH SING PRAISE

**Sundays 9:15- 9:30 AM**

Our youth are learning new songs and starting Sunday mornings with praise. Songs can stick in our minds, and how powerful godly lyrics can be in helping youth stay focused on serving Christ and living holy lives for Him!

### **Pine Run**



**Sundays @ 9:30 AM**

Our young people do not have time to get B-O-R-E-D! So much material is covered every Sunday, much of it are stories they have never heard, that they are challenged and discovering how much they can learn. The content that they now have, can now be used to help address concerns and issues that they bring up.

A recent lesson led them to ask about: Devil Worship, witches and demons. Stories they learned about King Saul and the witch of Endor, results of following false gods, King Saul's fits of rage and more; can help them see where these things lead and how GOD views them.

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!



**"Brunch with Jesus"**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Following Morning Worship!**

**Everyone Invited!**



**MISSION FOR THE MONTH:**

**Lowell Mason**

"We Care" provided one semi-truck full of water. We started the first two weeks passing out water to about 130 households in the Colorado and Wyoming neighborhoods in Flint. The third week we were able to add about 30 more homes from the Arizona neighborhood as well.

Lowell has contacted and informed us that the trucking company has volunteered, at their expense, to provide another semi-truck if needed. They were so impressed with what we are doing that they wanted to do more! We will monitor the water quality reports and know that God has provided additional resources if needed (reminds you of the baskets full of leftovers from Jesus' feeding of the multitudes!

Pray for Lowell and the provision of this much needed water!



**MAKE LASTING IMPACT  
ON FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS?**

LOVE Inc. of Genesee County is open to working with us to offer financial instruction to the neighborhoods we have been delivering water to.

Instruction based on God's Word can help show residents



**1 Water in Storage**



**2 Packing Vehicles**



**3 One of the Neighborhoods**



**4 Another Delivery**

| Date:     | SS   | MW   | EW   | BT  | WN   | TT  |
|-----------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Oct. 4    | 18   | 31   | 8    | 7   | 9    |     |
| Oct. 11   | 13   | 26   | 7    | 8   | 9    | 4   |
| Oct. 18   | 14   | 27   |      | 3   | 7    |     |
| Oct. 25   | 13   | 26   | 6    |     | 4    |     |
| Oct. Avg. | 14.5 | 27.5 | 7.0  | 6.0 | 7.25 | 4.0 |
| 2015 Avg. | 12.7 | 24.7 | 12.0 | 5.2 | 9.0  | 4.6 |

SS- Sunday School MW- Morning Worship  
BT- Basic Training WN-Wednesday Night

EW- Evening Worship  
TT- Teen Training

that God offers hope and can transform their lives, their future and eternity!

Financial Peace University is willing to work with this partnership and provide materials at a 50% discount. We are looking at families making their own investment to provide further motivation to make the necessary changes in their lives.

Pray as we seek God's leading, best way to implement and reach out to "not just provide a 'fish', but instead to teach them to 'fish'!"

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Larry French

Faye Sargent

Janice Weir

**Remember our  
Service Personnel**

Mathew Jennings

**BOARD MEETING:**

Dec. 6

Following Morning Worship