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**Our Mission**

Pinewoods exists to worship and proclaim the excellences of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, to promote unity among God's people, to make disciples by equipping them for works of service, and to ignite a life transforming movement of the gospel in Pensacola, the Gulf Coast, and the world.

*From the desk of Senior Pastor Joel Treick*

This month we're continuing our interview series by sitting down for a conversation with our Children's Director **Brenden Camp**. As I write this, Brenden is hard at work on our annual Pinewoods Faith and Arts Camp, which takes place July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you haven't registered yet, you can do so by completing the registration form on our website ([pinewoodschurch.org](http://pinewoodschurch.org)).

Without further ado...here's Brenden!



**Pastor Joel:** First of all ... thanks for taking the time to do this! I know you have a busy month ahead of you. We'll get to some of that in a bit, but I wanted to start off by asking you some personal questions about your faith and your family. Were you brought up in a Christian home? Can you recall a specific moment when you became a Christian?

**Brenden Camp:** I was raised in a Christian home. I grew up knowing the tenets of the faith and went to church regularly. I was baptized at 13 by profession of faith in the Baptist church I grew up in... but it wasn't actually until I was 17 that the Holy Spirit really impressed the truth of the gospel on my heart. Late one night I felt drawn to pick up my Bible that had been sitting on the table next to me, so I opened to the book of James, read it through, and was convicted that my whole life I had been the life of a "hearer" and not a "doer" of God's word. It was instantly clear to me that I really am a sinner and that I really need Jesus to save me. So I asked him to, he did, and he has been changing me ever since!

**PJ:** That's awesome! Tell us a little bit about your wife, Ashley. When did you meet? How old were you? Did you know you wanted to marry her right away? (Did *she* know she wanted to marry you right away? How long did it take you to convince her?!)

**BC:** Ashley and I met on May 9th, 2008; which means I was 18 - almost 19 - and she just turned 18! We met swing dancing and her very first question to me was, "Do you believe in Jesus?" And in her words, my eyes lit up and I said, "Yeah!" Kind of unbelievably we went our separate ways that night and found out a few years later (after we were married!) that we had both gone home and prayed and asked God for each other. Both of us knew we were meant to be married and neither of us knew the other knew... it's all pretty crazy!

**PJ:** What has marriage taught you about the gospel? Would you say that marriage has brought you closer to God?

**BC:** The best way to describe what I have learned about the gospel in the last 9 years of being married is that God's grace is alive. His mercies are new every morning. His faithfulness is great. I've learned how unwilling He is to let me stay the same - how dedicated he is to my sanctification and how often he has used Ashley in my life to grow me spiritually. We have learned together through suffering that Jesus is not only sufficient, but that he is actually satisfying. I think almost everything I know about the gospel has come through being a husband and dad!

**PJ:** I couldn't agree more! Tell us a little bit about your kids. How many do you have? How old are they? What has being a dad taught you about the gospel?

**BC:** We have two beautiful little girls; Kiera, 5 and Oakley, 3. Honestly there are so many things these two teach me about the gospel, but the clearest one to me is just how much God loves his own children. Sometimes I look at them and wonder how anybody could love me more than I love them. And I'm reminded that he gave up His only Son to adopt me as a son. I mean...whoa.

**PJ:** Okay ... so you're not only a husband and a dad ... you're our Children's Director! What *is* a Children's Director? How do you see your role in the life of our church?

**BC:** As a Children's Director, my ultimate purpose is that the children in our church know and love Jesus and that our families grow and thrive in the gospel. So from the littlest babies in nursery to the almost youth in 5th grade, the whole purpose of Children's Ministry is the discipleship of our kids and families. Sometimes that means the practical, behind-the-scenes stuff of nursery scheduling and curriculum hunting; other times it means hanging out with kids to give parents a night out to be refreshed. But all of the time it means being available, having honest conversations with parents and kids, praying regularly with and for the families in our church, using the outlets available to keep us serving one another and our community, and leading our kids in a safe and loving environment through programs such as Sunday school, Sunday Night Live, and Faith & Arts Camp (which is coming up fast!).

**PJ:** I want to switch gears for a minute so we can talk about missions. Recently, you and Ashley have sensed a call to full-time, cross-cultural, foreign missions. Is that something you've always felt? What about Ashley's call to missions? Does she feel the same way about missions that you do? What excites you about missions? What makes you afraid?

**BC:** Yes, I have sensed the Lord calling me into missions almost for as long as we've been married. Ashley sensed that calling in high school, so I was just a little late to the game... To me the first few years of recognizing this call was pretty abstract. I knew that God had gifted us with certain things that made sense for missions and I knew serving and telling people about Jesus was something we both wanted to do with our lives. But shortly before we came to Pinewoods four years ago God really started to show me what missions is about in a concrete way. I started seeing - and see even more today - that there is nothing else we can do with our lives but go into the world to serve people through the gospel.

**PJ:** What excites you about missions? What makes you afraid?

**BC:** Being immersed in a new culture with people who are different from us, being in a place where we can see the gospel light up new paths and we can disciple new worshipers, raising our girls in a way that they see practically that our lives are not our own; that's all stuff we are excited about! I think the thing that scares me the most is the unknown. We have given our lives fully to God and asked him to do what he will with us and send us where He wants us, but sometimes I find myself asking Him secretly not to do anything TOO drastic. So that... plus I'm not a huge fan of big insects. But here's the thing: nothing compares to the fact that Jesus is alive, that he has made US alive, and that he has called us to be part of HIS mission to tell the world about him. What a privilege! So in light of that, the stuff that scares me feels pretty trivial.

**PJ:** Recently, our Missions Team sponsored you on a vision trip to Nicaragua. What was that like? Did that solidify your call? Do you sense that God is calling you to Nicaragua?

**BC:** First of all, I want to say that we are so thankful for our Missions Team. They are such a gift from God and encouragement to our family! So yes, our trip to Nicaragua was awesome! We had the opportunity to see what life and ministry will look like if that is where the Lord sees fit to place our family and we really enjoyed our time with the missionaries we hope to work with! I think Ashley would have stayed for good and gotten straight to work if our tickets didn't have a return date! For me it was eye-opening too because it wasn't until we were actually there that I started to feel the full weight, excitement, and risk of leaving behind what we have and know here in the States. It's really cool though because Nicaragua is a place where we'd both be able to use our unique gifts together, so it seems to be a great fit and the Lord has certainly put the people of Nicaragua on our hearts and minds. And the girls haven't been yet, but they sure love talking about it!

**PJ:** What's the next step in the process of becoming a full-time missionary with Mission to the World? Language school? Fundraising?

**BC:** Our next step in the process is REV in July! All we know is that we don't know much and that everyone who has been through it looks like they've seen things... No, seriously though, REV just stands for Readiness Evaluation, which is a week-long intensive course where MTW - our sending agency - will help us learn our strengths and weaknesses and how to address them before and after we are on the field.

**PJ:** Well, I for one hope you do A-OK with MTW REV. Hopefully they'll approve you ASAP. (Presbyterians sure do use a lot of acronyms, don't we?!) How can we be praying for you? How can we help you serve our kids?

**BC:** We are really looking forward to the next steps in this missions process and seeing how God continues to answer our prayers. Please pray for us as we get ready for REV that it will go well for us and that we will be able to keep

moving forward in this process quickly! Also, the week before REV is Pinewoods' Faith & Arts Camp, so please pray for a smooth week, abundant help, and that the kids who come will leave knowing Jesus (better or maybe for the first time). And please pray in general for our family: especially for the spiritual and physical strength we need to get through this crazy season!

If you'd like to serve our kids, the opportunities are just about endless. We have Faith & Arts in July, followed by our big kick-off for fall in August, and events such as Parents' Night Out later in the fall, and then the holidays! So if you have an interest in teaching, leading, or serving, there's always a place and always a need for you and the gifts God has given you at PW Kids! We love our church and thank God for all of you!

**PJ:** Thanks, Brenden! The feeling is mutual. As the dad of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, I'm very thankful for all you do as our Children's Director. As a pastor, I couldn't be happier that God is calling you into full-time missionary work! We'll keep you and your whole family in our prayers.

Well ... that's it for July! Please keep the Camps in your prayers. They're a really special family, and we want to do everything we can to encourage them! If God give you an opportunity, let them know how thankful you are for all they do! Have a great summer!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joel

## PRAYING FOR OUR PINEWOODS MISSIONARIES

### **Ian and Heather serve in a sensitive ministry.**

Ian and Heather are excited to report that their team is expanding! The couple who visited them a few months ago has now joined their team. This couple, Keith and Debbie, have served in West Africa before so they know French and they are familiar with the local culture.

Ian and Heather recently attended a conference in Europe with others from their agency. While there they met with others who work in West Africa, worshiped in English, heard people share from their hearts, prayed with others, and attended lots of meetings. It was exhausting but they had a good time. After the conference, they stayed there for some days with Ian's parents. It was a nice time relaxing and enjoying parts of God's creation (the mountains and the ocean), and the cooler weather.

A short-term missions team recently visited to see the work they are involved in as well as the work in other countries in West Africa. The team enjoyed visiting the local church that Ian and Heather attend and meeting some of the nationals that they work with.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For Keith and Debbie as they raise support to come here.
- For Evan and Bonnie as they continue to raise support and as they prepare to attend their training in Brussels.
- For Ian as he teaches MINTS Theology classes in the coming wee



**Ian, Heather, their children and their parents, David and Marcia**



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**Evan and Bonnie** serve in a sensitive ministry.

Evan and Bonnie are spending the month of July in Belgium in preparation with for their first overseas missions assignment with MTW. This training in Belgium will give them hands-on experience with cross-cultural missions ministry.

In their latest prayer letter, Evan noted that Charlotte, Lucas, and Bonnie have lived almost all their lives in Mississippi, and that Evan has spent the majority of the past ten years in Mississippi. As they move to their ministry destination, much of what they have known will change greatly, and that is why this verse from Hebrews is so meaningful to them:

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25*

It reminds them that they are not going off alone. They will have support and love from so many places, and in Brussels they will be training with about ten missionary families as they all prepare together for a huge change in their lives. Evan and Bonnie feel that they have so much support from churches and people in America. They are consistently amazed at how many people pray and care for them. They realize that life on the mission field can feel isolated as they leave almost everything they know behind, but it constantly reassures them to have such a large support group responding to their prayer letters and praying for them.

Evan and Bonnie currently have approximately 70% of their needed funding, and hope to be able to move to their overseas assignment sometime in 2018.

### Prayer requests:

- Please pray for our time in Belgium, that is will be a fruitful experience, and also pray that we will be able to thrive and learn while caring for our young family -- Charlotte, age 2, and Lucas, 4-months-old.
- Pray that we will not feel isolated but constantly reminded of our place in the community of God.
- Pray for Debbie and Keith as they prepare to join our team in Africa.

Please note that prayer cards for Evan and Bonnie, two of our newest missionaries, are available in the plastic pocket display located in the Narthex.



**Bonnie, with her 2 children, Lucas and Charlotte**

**David and Jan** serve in a sensitive ministry.

In his Spring 2018 newsletter, David presented the following challenge:

**Finding the 1%:** *What would happen if every PCA church pledged 1% of their members to missions? Dr. Lloyd Kim, the coordinator of MTW first presented this challenge at the 2016 General Assembly. Are more workers joining? Yes, and we are preparing for growth, but there is still much to be done. One percent of the PCA means 2,877 new long-term cross-cultural workers in 10 years (by 2026). **It's a big vision asking for bold prayers and bold going.** To see resources and how you can take part, visit [www.mtw.org/1](http://www.mtw.org/1). In our Global Muslim Ministries we now have 107 workers in 27 locations. We could use another 100 workers in our current locations, and there are at least 15 new locations where we could begin work immediately and place another 52 people. Neal, our ID, is urging us to pray for 400 new workers in the next 10 years. **Will you join us?***

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### PRAISE God with us for:

- Jan being able to stay with her dad for 4 weeks; God's comfort & peace for her family
- an unexpected opportunity for Jan to share about cross-cultural Gospel work with a women's Bible study during that time
- God's care for us as we were apart for almost 4 weeks
- the good time with the ten students from Covenant College; they learned about Islam in a secular context, about working cross-culturally, and had opportunities for evangelism in our community
- a good start to the rainy season in Stellenbosch & the progress Daniel is making in rehab after his knee operation last month
- the joy of being back at home together

### PRAY for:

- fruit to be borne in the lives of the Covenant College team, especially that some would be called to full-time service in the Muslim world
- wisdom in taking up some of the slack locally as Kurt & Jill are on their 6 month home assignment
- progress in the 1% Challenge; the PCA and each church in it has been challenged to send 1% of its members for cross-cultural service in the next 10 years; for our Global Muslim Ministry (our public brand for Enterprise) that will mean about 400 new workers. For more information, [click here](#).
- God's grace toward us not to prove vain this year, but that we steadily become more like Jesus in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity

**Rev. Fred Klett serves with CHAIM in the Northeastern U.S.** CHAIM promotes the gospel among the Jewish people through direct evangelism, motivating and equipping churches, and discipling Jewish believers. It is the mission of CHAIM to help rebuild the Reformed witness to the Jewish people in the USA.

***Please be in prayer for CHAIM's street evangelism effort in Philadelphia during the Fourth of July weekend.*** This is a great opportunity to witness to many during this Independence Day weekend in the Cradle of Liberty, Philadelphia.

**Joel and Stephanie** serve in a sensitive ministry.

**Looking back:** As Joel and Stephanie near the end of their first term in France as a couple (2nd term for Joel, 3rd for Stephanie), they are grateful for many things:

- We have gained a new appreciation as a couple for intercessory prayer, and how God loves to work in answer to our prayers.
- We have sensed intensified spiritual warfare recently, and been comforted that, even though you may not know specifics, you are on our team and praying for us, and *that makes a difference* in the spiritual realm.
- We have enjoyed getting to know our teammates here in France and are grateful for their fellowship and their evident passion to see Christ's Kingdom advance in the darkness.
- Joel's French has gone from zero to easily conversant (in spite of how much he'd tell you he still needs to improve)!
- Our little church plant is starting to see the beginnings of a core group, with several people eager to use their gifts in "their" church, and we've tripled our current meeting space by renting the room next door.
- As Joel, in particular, has adjusted to French culture, read French authors, had conversations with French pastors, and interacted with non-believing professionals, we have felt a real "fit" for ourselves as a couple with the French culture and spiritual needs here.

**Looking forward --** Joel and Stephanie's thoughts on the future of their ministry:

- Yet even as we count our blessings, if we're honest, we also feel a growing sense of not yet having found "our place" in our current ministry. There are definite advantages of having the rich resources of 5 missionary families currently assigned to our church plant. Still, we can't shake conversations we've had with nationals that have challenged our thinking about our ministry here.
- The French pastor Joel interned under said he sees Joel's apologetics gifts as useful in a broader context than one local church. Our hearts go out to so many French pastors, struggling and so very alone in shepherding their flocks.
- One pastor believes that what the French church needs is for its members to catch a vision for how being a Christian transforms, not just Sunday morning, but also their work Monday through Friday (something Joel is passionate about). Joel has also discovered through his community activities that software developers, tech entrepreneurs, hackers, and *libre* software advocates are very much an "unreached people group" whom he has a real affinity for. How will they discover that the creativity and liberty they cherish comes from a creative and liberating God?
- **The needs in France are so great, and Joel, in particular, has such an unusual combination of gifts,**

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passions, and talents, we would love your prayers as we explore what God might be calling us to in the future. With the blessing of our team leader and others in MTW, we are beginning a gift-evaluation process to help us find our fit for our next term here in France.

- You have stood with us all these years as we married and transitioned to France. You have prayed us through all the moves and transitions. You rejoiced with us in our greatest gift this term: our joyful, energetic little Pascal.
- We would not be here without your love, encouragement, and support. We are excited about what God has for us in the future, and would love your continued prayers through this process.

**Praise God for:** giving us a new appreciation for intercessory prayer, his protection in the midst of spiritual attack, good fellowship with teammates, Joel's fluency in French, the start of a core group for our church, and God's provision of a large meeting space next door.

**Pray with us for Joel's work with French partners in developing a Sunday school curriculum,** for volunteers to get excited about collaborating, that it would communicate well to both teachers and children, and that it would bring out the centrality of Christ in both Old and New Testaments, thus giving French believers confidence in Christ's relevance to all of life.

**Pray that God would continue to draw people in this community to Himself,** open doors for the Gospel, and give his people, both Catholic and Protestant, renewed fervor in intercessory prayer.

**Praise God** for confirming his call to France in our hearts and through others, and **pray as MTW works with us to help identify our gifts and find our best fit for our next term on the missions field in France.**



Joel and Stephanie strolling across an aqueduct.

**Ben and Katie Nelson** serve with MTW in Midtown Mobile, AL.

Ben and Katie are happy to report that the Midtown Church Planting Project now has a name....***Christ Redeemer Church***. After much prayer and discussion, their leadership landed on this name which really expresses their desire from the beginning for the church plant. They desire to lift high the name of ***Christ***, the One to whom and for whom all glory is given. In addition, their heart has been to trust the Lord to do a work of **Redemption** in Midtown/Downtown Mobile. This area, which once had a vibrant Christian witness, is in need of faithful gospel-centered churches.

**Christ Redeemer is excited to announce that they have found a consistent Place to gather.** After being nomadic for a few months, they have entered into a three-month trial contract with **Trinity Episcopal Church on Dauphin Street in the heart of Midtown**. Christ Redeemer meets every other Sunday evening at Trinity in their parish (fellowship) hall. This is a beautiful space and meets the group's needs wonderfully. Please pray that this set up continues to work for both parties and that Trinity becomes a longer term meeting space for this growing church plant.

While Christ Redeemer is intentionally only meeting every other week as a large group, one of their main goals as a



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group is to be as active as they can in meeting new people in the city. The group has been encouraged by the number of folks that have been coming to the large group meeting on Sunday evenings with 30-40 adults and around 30 kids coming each time! The group is planning strategically about how to invest in their kids, as they can literally see the next generation in the room with them!!!

Christ Redeemer also wants to reach out to the growing number of singles/young professionals in the area. They are partnering with Duane Baxter and the Christian Medical Ministry of South Alabama in reaching out to medical students, as well as supporting several from the group who are serving Immigrants and Refugees in Midtown. With so many needs in the city, the leadership team is praying specifically about what ways the Lord wants them to join in with what He is doing in Mobile.

### Prayer Requests:

- That God would bring people to Himself as we continue to reach out in the city.
- That our gathering group would continue to grow as we move towards launching a service mid-fall.
- That God would supply our needs. We are still in much need of outside financial support as we get this new mission church started.
- That God would give us direction as to where he wants us to serve in the city.



**A group from Christ Redeemer enjoying a picnic in Bienville Square.**

**Ben and Andrea** serve in a sensitive ministry.

Recently, Ben, some of his team members, and a group of over 20 Muslims and team members gathered to watch the World Cup. This was a good bonding time with great conversations. **Please pray that this and future gatherings would provide an opportunity to meet more spiritually open Muslim men.**

God provided a surprising amount of ministry opportunities during Ramadan. Ben and a team member broke fast and began a Bible study with a group of Muslim men. Some of the men are the husbands of the women that Andrea had studied the Bible with last summer. Ben was very encouraged by the Bible study. More men than they were expecting came and every one of them was very engaged. **Pray that each of these men (one of which is Solomon) would have a true hunger for the Word of God and be eager to continue to meet. May each of them come to Christ in salvation!**

Some of Andrea's Muslim friends came to visit and meet our new baby, Abigail (now 5 months old), during Ramadan as well. One of these friends was Sara, who said she recently went on a trip and stayed in a hotel. She found the Bible that was placed in her hotel room and started reading it on her own. Her five-year-old son also showed interest in it and wanted to carry it around with him. She told her son to show reverence for it by not placing it on the floor. Preciously, Andrea was concerned that Sara was no longer spiritually interested when she said she couldn't meet to study the Bible a few months ago, but her recent visit revealed that Sara still has a hunger for spiritual things, but is genuinely consumed with helping and finding good schooling options for her mildly autistic son. **Please pray that God would provide a great schooling option here so that Sara doesn't have to move away.**

**Please pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of our Muslim friends and draw them to Himself.** May He make it clear to Ben and Andrea who He is working in so that they can come alongside what He is already doing. **Pray also pray that God would lead us to more Muslims who are spiritually hungry.**

**Mack Griffith, Chaplain (Ret) Colonel USAR, serves as the associate director of the PRCC (Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel), an agency of the PCA's Mission to North America (MNA).** He is a "chaplain to the chaplains" for the PCA and Reformed chaplains who serve our military forces. Email: [Mgriffith@pcanet.org](mailto:Mgriffith@pcanet.org)

**How you can become personally involved in the PCA's Chaplain Ministry:**

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For valuable information on the PCA's Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains (the PRCC) and for suggestions on how you personally may become involved with this ministry please visit this website: <http://pcamna.org/chaplain-ministries/>

**This month we are highlighting the prayer requests of three military chaplains who are deployed to posts in Europe.** Please pray for these chaplains, their families, and the troops they minister to.

**CH (CPT) Leon Buchanan, USA, 1-91 CAV (Airborne) 173rd IBCT (A), Grafenwoeher, Germany (ARPC - First Presbytery)** Ministry in the land of Bavaria is going well. I continue to pray that God will raise up faithful people that I can disciple, after 9 months of being with the unit. God has answered my prayers by providing three Paratroopers that are coming to Bible study regularly. I am coming out of a spiritually dry place because of neglect of the Word. I became wrapped up in too much staff and Army tasks, but I am feeling spiritually filled with the love of my family and fellow believers.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that God will continue to use my family and me. Ask Him with me to provide the fellowship of believers as well (Iron sharpens iron). **EMAIL:** [leon.s.buchanan.mil@mail.mil](mailto:leon.s.buchanan.mil@mail.mil)

**CH (LTC) Collin Grossruck, USA, USAG-RP, Kaiserslautern, Germany (PCA - Pacific Northwest)** We praise God for expanding opportunities for youth ministry in our area with Club Beyond, and ministry to single Soldiers through the Navigators, and Cadence. With changes in our Chaplain staff, we look forward to partnering more with others in our area to reach more active duty Soldiers and families. On a personal note, as our family adjusts to our daughter moving into public DOD school, we are considering relocating to save time overall. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please stand with us in prayer for teamwork with two Chaplains joining our team this spring. We continue to be short a needed sergeant. Without that direct supervision, several young Soldiers on our team struggle with basic life skills. Pray that our request to have a new chapel built will be approved. **EMAIL:** [collin.s.grossruck.mil@mail.mil](mailto:collin.s.grossruck.mil@mail.mil)

**CH (CPT) Mike Basie, USA, 54th BDE Engineer Battalion, 173rd IBCT, Vicenza Italy (ARPC - First Presbytery)** I continue my work with the 54th BEB, 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy. The bulk of my ministry energy is devoted to counseling Soldiers and families. The operational tempo remains extremely high with most of my Soldiers being away from Home and family more than half the year. God's grace remains the one great Constant here. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for great strength and wisdom for my family, especially my wife Jenny. Also that the Kingdom would come into the lives of Soldiers and families here **EMAIL:** [mike.j.basie.mil@mail.mil](mailto:mike.j.basie.mil@mail.mil)

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7/15/2018	Meghan Hinson	Cynthia Acosta	Robby Hinson	TBA
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR - BRENDEN CAMP

### A Word of Encouragement for PW Kids' Teachers:

As a teacher of children who will by God's grace grow up into communicant members of Christ's church (hopefully even this local expression of it!), you have both an incredibly daunting task and a mind-blowing privilege set before you. The task is daunting because we sense our inability and unfitness to accomplish it. After all, which one of us feels equipped to lead the next generation of disciples to the Lord and then send them out to make more disciples? I often feel like Jeremiah, who when called by God retaliated, "'Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak...'" But here is also the mind-blowing privilege: God's answer to Jeremiah is his answer to *you* as a teacher. "To all whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak . . . For I am with you." (See Jeremiah 1:4-8.) You may notice that God doesn't encourage young Jeremiah with some false hope that the task in front of him *isn't* daunting. In fact, he confirms it! Jeremiah is *powerless* to accomplish God's purposes. But he gives a promise – the same promise that is echoed in the words of Jesus in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19) – which continues to hold true for us as we lead our children into deeper discipleship and disciple-making: "I am with you." The task is daunting and the privilege is mind-blowing...*but God's grace is staggering, and behold! He is with you always, to the end of the age!*

### Teaching Tips:

When it comes to teaching children the truths of God's word, there are a few non-negotiables, and it might come as a surprise to you that they do not have much to do with the *act* of teaching.

#### SPEND TIME IN THE WORD:

Arguably the most important factor of being a teacher of God's word on any level is that you are spending time in God's word throughout the week, especially in the text you will teach. I know this is easier said than done, especially for those of you who are full-time parents, employees, and live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We can and *must* do this, however, if we want our teaching to take root in the hearts and lives of our kids! (And yes, it is really that important.) You may remember that Jesus in his High Priestly Prayer (Jn. 17) asked of the Father, "Sanctify [the disciples] in the truth; your word is truth. *As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*" This means that before Jesus commissioned the disciples to "go" he asked that they might *first* be immersed and set apart in God's word. Teachers, begin mastering the word of God...and even more importantly *be mastered by the word of God daily.*

#### SPEND TIME IN PRAYER:

This brings us to the second most important factor of being an effective and godly teacher: spending intentional time in prayer. Just as Jesus prayed for us that God's word would take root in our hearts, we need to focus on that same request, not only for *ourselves*, but also for the *children* in our classes!

**Pray before you read** that the Spirit will illuminate the meaning of the text, that you might see more clearly "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6), and that you will be changed. **Pray while you read** that the children you are teaching will grow in the knowledge of God our Savior, who loves them and desires that they come to saving faith in Jesus through his word (1 Tim. 2:4). **Pray after you read** for your fellow teachers, church leaders, and families of Pinewoods that "Christ may dwell richly in [their] hearts through faith" (see Ephesians 3:14-19 for Paul's full gospel-saturated prayer for the church in Ephesus, and a really helpful jumping off point toward regularly praying for others).

#### SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS:

Finally, don't be afraid to ask! If you are confused about a text, need prayer for yourself or your family, or just simply need to have a good conversation, talk to your shepherding elder, Pastor Joel, fellow teachers, or myself. Life is always better lived in *real, caring, intentional community*. And the best news is, we don't have to make one up... Jesus gave us each other! We are his *body*, and we are in this life and on this mission together!

Are you interested in teaching? Do you sense the Lord calling you to make disciples but you aren't quite sure where to begin? Consider these few tips, pray about being involved in serving our children, and let us know! We would love to come along side you as you seek out how the Lord has gifted you to serve our closest and youngest neighbors and family in Christ!

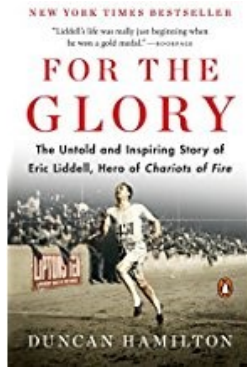
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to raise up each new generation of children to:*

*Learn God's truth through his Word*

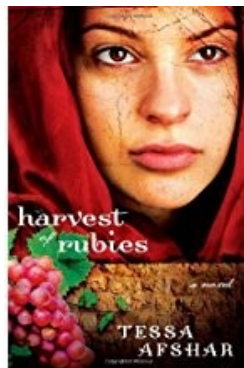
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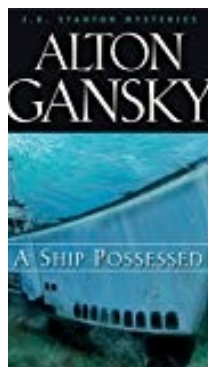
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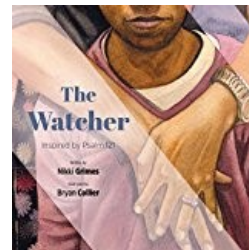
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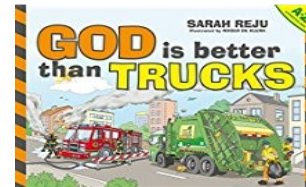
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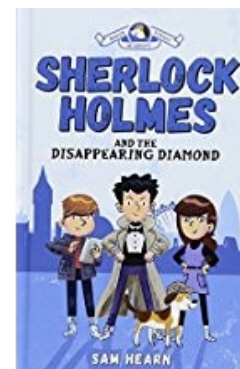
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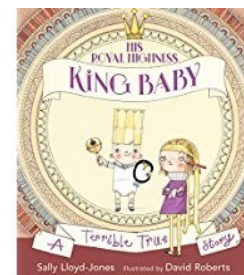
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by Sally Lloyd-Jones

**PINEWOODS FAVORITE  
CHRISTMAS CAROL  
COUNTDOWN**



What is your,  
“it doesn’t feel like Christmas until  
I hear \_\_\_\_\_” song?

Cast a vote each Sunday in July  
for your favorite Christmas  
songs and carols.

**PINEWOODS' TOP TEN  
FAVORITES BIG REVEAL...  
ADULT CHRISTMAS  
PARTY 2018**

**Stay Connected**

**Sunday Schedule:**

Sunday School: 8:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:00 am  
Home Groups: 6:00 pm  
(see home group list)



**Sunday School**

Classes begin each Sunday Morning at 8:45 a.m.

**PW Kids (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)**

*Meet in Education Building (Rooms 7 & 8)*

**PW Students -(Jr/Sr High)**

*Meet in The Mike (Youth Bldg.)*

**Young Adults Class**

*Meet in Education Building (Room 6)*

**Adult Class**

*Meet in Education Building (Room 5)*



**Sunday - 6 pm**

**McSwain / Sport Life Group -**  
*(Jean 516-3990)*

**Milstid / Drew Life Group -**  
*(Frank 968-0274)*

**Ladner Life Group -**  
*(Judy 968-9888)*

**Treick / Roe Life Group - 5:30 pm** *(Shirley 748-0154)*

*Will be meeting in education building until Fellowship Hall remodel is complete.*

**Tuesday**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast - 6:15 am @ Denny’s** *(Don 748-0151)*

**Hannah Prayer Group - 8:30 am** *(Sarah 476-4978)*

**East Hill Life Group - 6:15 pm** *(Suzy 469-1138)*

**College & Careers - 7:00 pm** *(Mercer 516-6971)*

**Wednesday**

**Precept Studies - 9 am** *(Sheryll 479-5944)*

**Tabletalk Group - 10:30 am** *(476-4978)*

**Music Ministry -** *(Kate 982-0786)*

**Thursday**

**West Nine-Mile Life Group - 6:00pm @ Bruce & Sheryll Biles’ home**  
**3580 Ashland Avenue**

*(Heather 228-209-4092; Sheryll 850-479-5944)*

*This group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month*

**\*\* Please Note: Times and Locations subject to change from each week so please call first. \*\***



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SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> SS 8:45 am Worship 10:00 Home Groups 6 pm  <i>Ben Ishee</i> <i>Daniel McSwain</i>	<b>2</b>   <i>Tom Roberson, Jr.</i> <i>Samuel Marshall</i> <i>Ralph Meacham</i>	<b>3</b> Men's Prayer 6:15 am Hannah Prayer 8:30 East Hill 6:15 pm College & Career 7  <i>Wendi Bowman</i>	<b>4</b> Tabletalk 10:30 am  <i>Fourth of July</i> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Carolyn Bush</i> <i>Margie Valent</i>	<b>5</b> W 9-Mile Home Group 6:00 pm  	<b>6</b>   <i>Christina Riffe</i> <i>Elizabeth Sainata</i>	<b>7</b>   
<b>8</b> SS 8:45 am Worship 10:00 Home Groups 6 pm	<b>9</b> Diaconate 6:00 pm Session 6:00  <i>Lydia Hual</i> <i>Mary Schaier</i>	<b>10</b> Men's Prayer 6:15 am Hannah Prayer 8:30 East Hill 6:15 pm College & Career 7	<b>11</b> Tabletalk 10:30 am  <i>Neal Funches</i>	<b>12</b>   	<b>13</b>   <i>Silas Ziglar</i> <i>Sam Jones</i> <i>Matthew Schelling</i>	<b>14</b>   <i>David Phillips</i> <i>Brendan Camp</i> <i>Judy Ladner</i>
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<b>22</b> SS 8:45 am Worship 10:00 Home Groups 6 pm   <i>Stacey Ziglar</i> <i>Lily Gallagher</i> <i>Rebecca Goen</i> <i>Wanda McSwain</i>	<b>23</b>   	<b>24</b> Men's Prayer 6:15 am Hannah Prayer 8:30 East Hill 6:15 pm College & Career 7	<b>25</b> Tabletalk 10:30 am  	<b>26</b>   <i>Lauren Bowman</i>	<b>27</b>   	<b>28</b>   <i>Joe Phillips</i> <i>Khristian Gallagher</i>
<b>29</b> SS 8:45 am Worship 10:00 Home Groups 6 pm	<b>30</b>   <i>Brandon Dean</i>	<b>31</b> Men's Prayer 6:15 am Hannah Prayer 8:30 East Hill 6:15 pm College & Career 7	<b>Ladies ~ Join us for a morning of Fun and Fellowship</b> Bring your favorite coffee/tea mug <b>Saturday, July 21, @ 9:30am</b> to Krissy McKee's home 1626 Twin Pines Circle, Cantonment <b>Saturday, October 27, @ 9:30am</b> to Myrene Treick's home for a time of food and female fellowship! We have planned this to be a relaxed time to get to know each other!			