



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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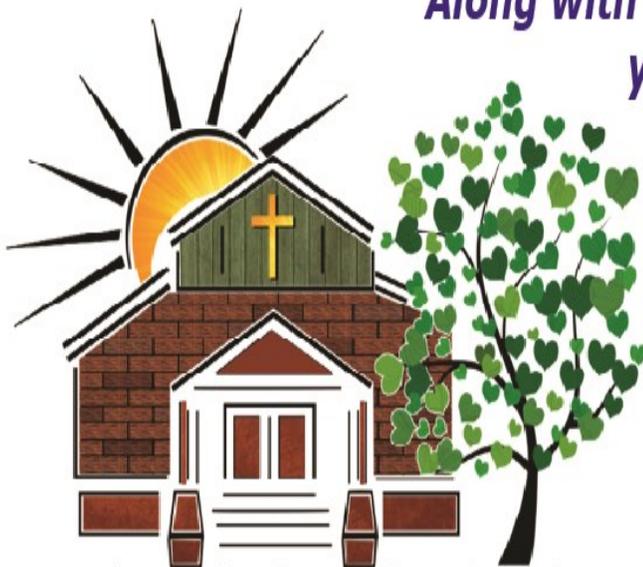
***Join the Missions Committee to***

## **Tour The Mission of Yahweh**

**We will:**

- Deliver the clothing collected during the April Agape Offering, and
- Take a tour of the Mission

*Along with learning some history of the Mission you may find where your unique gifts can help the residents.*



**The Mission of Yahweh**  
*Serving Homeless Women and Children*  
Since 1961

**May 10th at 10:00 a.m.**

Contact Kari Work at  
**[kwork@mgcinc.net](mailto:kwork@mgcinc.net)**  
to secure a spot  
or for additional information.

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# Pines Family News & Current Events



**Join your Pines family on May 19th at 6:30 PM.**

If you missed the last one, you won't want to miss this one! Food, prizes, fellowship. A wonderful, fun family evening for all. Come and join us!



Congratulations! Phil and Linda Wetz are grandparents again! Their daughter Allison and son-in-law Brent gave birth to their second child this past Saturday (4/16). The baby girl is Avery Belle Gilmore (20"; 7lb, 4oz) born at 3:28am in Austin Texas. Congrats to big brother Wilson too!



**Our Thoughts  
and Prayers  
are With you**

Our prayers go out to Kezzie Deffebach with the loss of her dear husband Bill. A service was held for Bill at Pines on April 27th. Bill was a good man and will be missed by many.

*thank you*

Many thanks to my Pines family for all the prayers, cards, texts, and calls. I feel the love and caring across the many miles. Cotton will be laid to rest Friday, April 22nd in Jennings, LA at the VA cemetery with military honors. God bless you all, Linda Lebsack



## **Wondering how to order flowers for the Sanctuary or Narthex?**

—cost for Narthex flowers is \$50 and the Sanctuary is \$75.

We offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a live arrangement.

Please email:

Melissa Gravett at [mgravett0123@gmail.com](mailto:mgravett0123@gmail.com) or

Linda Aldred at [lindaaldred1@aol.com](mailto:lindaaldred1@aol.com).

You can also sign up in the Fellowship Hallway on the flower calendar while at church.



**Do you have a student who will be graduating from high school or college this year?** Please send their name, school and one paragraph about your student to [cindy@pinespc.org](mailto:cindy@pinespc.org). We would LOVE to highlight your graduate in our bulletin! Cindy needs to have this information by May 2nd. Feel free to call with any questions (713.467.2234 x110)

**Please mark your calendars with the NEWSLETTER DUE DATES:**

May 20th (for the June 2022 issue)

Grace and Peace to you,

As we continue to live into the excitement of the empty tomb of Easter, I am overjoyed with what God is doing in our midst here at Pines! One of the commitments this church has made over the years is to attempt to be more intergenerational in our worship and in our activities. Recently, I have enjoyed our Thursday Night Bingo extravaganza's. I have so much fun seeing the gathered group of about thirty-five or more join together over a meal and at the bingo table. These wonderful nights of laughter and "serious" bingo playing has brought members and friends of all ages together to share in wonderful fellowship and learning. I say learning because each person, whether they are 81 or 8 learn from each other. The children and the adults sit together, not apart from one another, and they listen to the stories told by all. It's a wonderful sight to see one of the children sharing what brought them joy that day and then the adult sharing what made their day great. By being together, across the generations, we build and strengthen not only Pines, but the Kingdom of God as well.

I am so thankful for all Kristin Beall, Director of Family Ministries, has brought to our family of faith! Kristin understands the importance of providing intergenerational opportunities for our faith family. One of the first thing she resurrected was our Prayer Pal Ministry. This is such a simple, yet very effective way, to bring the generations together and build a cohesive family. As much as prayer is important, so is worship. Recently, it's been difficult for families to stay in worship following the Children's Message. We feel worship is an extremely important part of a child's development, and that we should provide ways for families to worship together as part of the greater church family. With this in mind, the Christian Education, Worship and Property Committees have sought and received permission from the Session to remove the two back pews on the northeast corner of the Sanctuary to develop a "Family Friendly" worship space. This space will include small tables and chairs available for the children, while also providing other seating options for adults.

The Committees and the Session feel we have a directive from the Directory of Worship in our Book of Order to welcome children of all ages into worship. The Book of Order states, "Children and youth bring special gifts and grow in their faith through their regular participation in worship" *PC(USA) Directory for Worship-W-2.0201*. Not only do they bring special gifts and grow during worship, but each generation learns from and teaches the other. I also am reminded of the baptismal covenant we make with our little ones who are being baptized. The congregation promises to be active in nurturing their faith, and where else are all Christians nurtured in their faith? We come to know nurture, love, faith and family as we worship our Living God.

I pray you will join me in welcoming and loving our children and their families as we move forward together in faith.

Together in Faith,



# Children and Youth

May dates to note for families:

May 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Group 6-7:45pm Human Hungry Hippos

May 1<sup>st</sup> Mission Trip Meeting Noon in Senior High Room

May 8<sup>th</sup> No Youth Group for Mother's Day

May 15 Youth Group 6-7:45pm Gym games Hoop trivia racing

May 22 End of Year Parties in Sunday School 9:15am and Youth Group End of Year Party-new rooms hangout games 6-7:45pm

Get ready to celebrate everyone being at the end of a school year and all the fun we've had learning together this year!

May 1<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation Sunday

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Graduate Sunday

Sunday School is each Sunday in May but a break with NO Sunday School on Memorial Weekend, May 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special service project morning on June 5<sup>th</sup> and THEN starting June 12<sup>th</sup> there will be an exciting One Room Sunday School for ages 4-18 in the youth senior high room centered around Veggie Tales all summer long! Stay tuned for all the coming summer events!

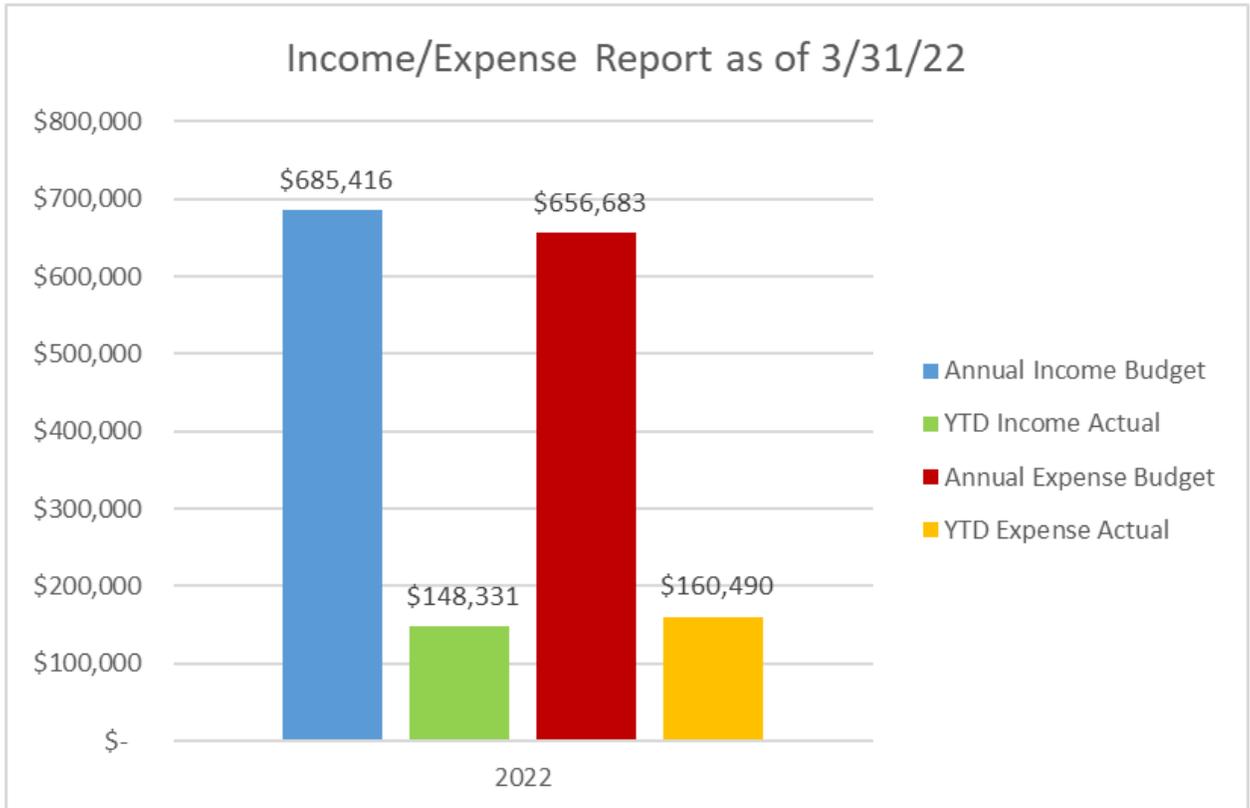


Palm Sunday Parade



Newly painted youth room

# Stewardship



## STEWARDSHIP NOTES:

March, 2022 financial statements can be summarized as follows:

1. Pledge income in March is slightly below forecast for the 3 months. Non-pledge income is below forecast.
2. Overall, committee expenses were on track vs. budget expectations. Mission expenditures are accrued on a 1/12th basis each month; Staff committee is expecting a BOP credit in April, Property and other committee expenses were close to forecast. Worship committee purchased several months of communion supplies.
3. Total Income was \$148,331; total expenses were \$160,490; leaving a Net Loss of \$12,159 for the year.

## Session

### Here are some highlights from the April Session meeting:

- Session heard the faith statements and examined Confirmands Marley Langston, Tristan Hammond, and Luke Sherrill, and approved their membership at Pines. They will be confirmed on May 1. In addition, Session approved Marley's and Tristan's baptisms on May 1.
- approved Amanda Hofstetter as a member of the Stewardship Committee
- authorized Kristen Beall to preach on June 5 while Rev. Andy is on the trip to Oberammergau
- Head Usher Chris Wolfe is asking for volunteers to serve as ushers
- The Property Committee will sponsor a Church Workday on May 14

Craig Walker  
Clerk of Session



## STEPHEN MINISTRY ARTICLE IN MAY NEWSLETTER

As I suspect is the case for most of us, it has become increasingly difficult for me to listen to and watch news reports showing the destruction and loss of life occurring as a result of the fighting in Ukraine. Several weeks ago, I made an exception to my practice of not watching such news reports when I heard a preview for a story about a minister who refused to leave the capital city of Kyiv during the heaviest part of the fighting.

The story described a dedicated minister who had refused to leave the city after sending his wife and two children to safety in another country. When asked why he had not fled to a safer environment, the minister said that he stayed so that he could walk the streets and visit on a daily basis with the members of his church family. He admitted that, while he could not stop the conflict nor guarantee safety for anyone, he could:

- Listen to people as they described their fears and anxieties
- Pray for each person as well as for a cessation of the fighting
- Share his belief that God was present and loved all of his children, even in the midst of a horrific war
- Provide hope by simply being present and conveying his belief that better days would come

As I reflected on this news story, I concluded that this courageous and faithful minister was doing what Stephen Ministers are trained to do, which is to come to people during difficult periods in their lives and walk with them. Neither the pastor in Ukraine nor Stephen Ministers are **CUREGIVERS** who can solve the problems surrounding them, but they can be **CAREGIVERS** to those being impacted, just as the minister in Ukraine did.

Several weeks later, I was touched by the Daily Meditation I received on March 26 from the Henri Nouwen Society. The following excerpts from the meditation reminded me of how Stephen Ministers work with those in need:

*God prefers to work in secret...In God's sight the things that really matter seldom take place in public...It's the totally unknown people, praying and working in silence, who make God save us yet again from destruction.*

I again thought of the work of Stephen Ministers who do their work "in secret" because of the confidentiality pledge that is a part of every Stephen Minister relationship.

One does not need to be in a war zone to feel a need for a Stephen Minister. Our life journeys are filled with a myriad of challenges and sometimes it is helpful to have someone with whom we can share in a confidential manner and who will listen in a loving and non-judgmental way. If you feel you might benefit from interacting with a Stephen Minister, feel free to contact Rev. Bill Willis at [bill.00.willis@gmail.com](mailto:bill.00.willis@gmail.com).

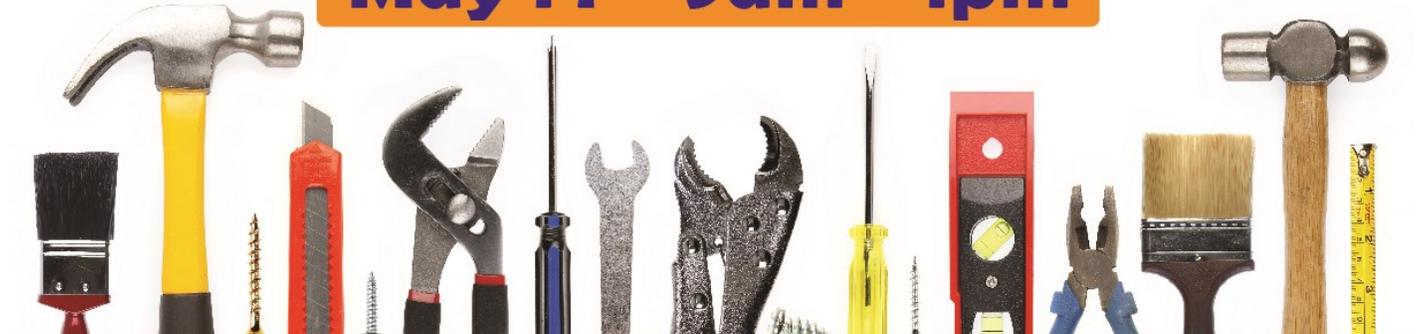
Phil Wetz

# Property Committee Invites YOU!

## Spring Work Day

## A Variety of Jobs For Every Age and Skill

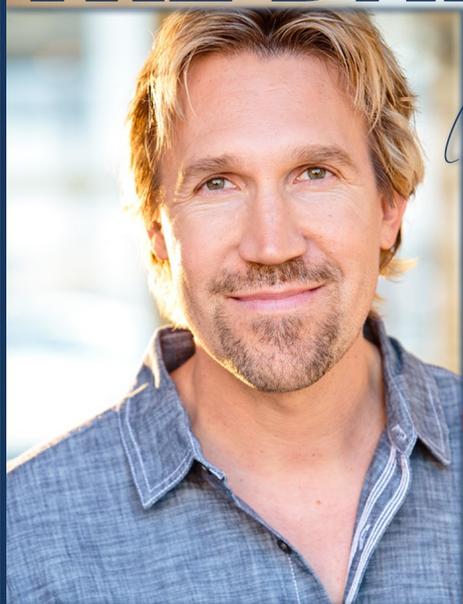
### May 14 - 9am - 1pm



## LUNCH SERVED AT NOON by Chef Walt!

# SAVE THE DATE

## TUESDAY - May 24, 2022



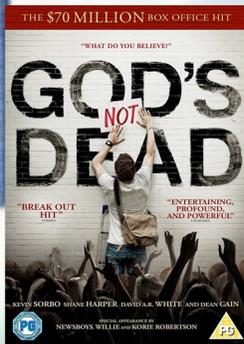
**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**David A.R. White**  
PRODUCER & ACTOR

# Miracles of The Mission

## Fundraising Luncheon

### 11am Check-in

The Junior League of Houston



**The Mission of Yahweh**  
Serving Homeless Women and Children Since 1961

[www.MissionofYahweh.org](http://www.MissionofYahweh.org)



**Join us and play so more kids can read every day!**

Friday, May 13, 2022

9:00 to 11:00 am

Braeburn Country Club - 8101 Bissonnet  
It will be a fun morning of breakfast bites,  
bubbly and, of course, BINGO!

Casual Attire

**CLICK HERE** to reserve your spot or visit:

<http://bidpal.net/bbkbingo>

Keep doing the things you love.

**Catch health problems before they go too far.**

Life Line Screening offers a 5-screening package to provide peace of mind or early detection for risks of stroke and cardiovascular disease. The combination of these tests helps detect problems—before you have symptoms and while you and your doctor can still take action...so you can keep doing the things you love.

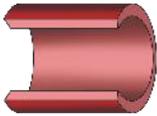


Register now to check the health of your arteries

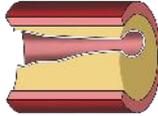
5 Important Screenings for Only \$149 (Special Package Pricing)

- Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)
- Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

**Plaque buildup can lead to cardiovascular disease, stroke and aneurysms.**



A normal artery allows blood to flow through easily.



Plaque buildup in the arteries reduces your blood flow and can be dangerous if left untreated.

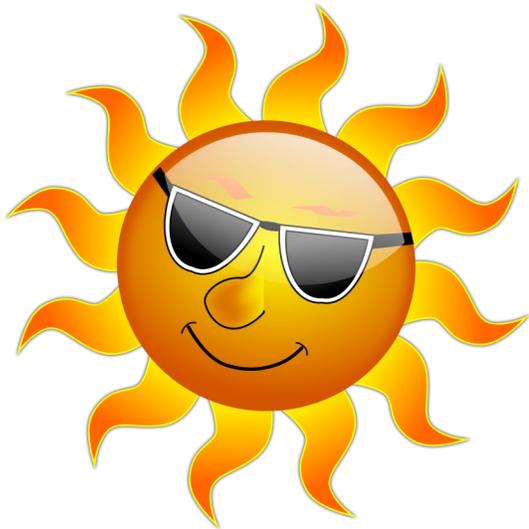


Join the **10 million people** who have been screened. We are coming to your neighborhood.

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

Pines Presbyterian Church  
12751 Kimberly Lane, Houston TX 77024

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call toll-free **877-754-9648** or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HS](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HS)



Please join us for Camp Pines 2022!

**WE ARE OFFERING 3-WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMPS**

PACKED WITH FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, SPANISH WITH MRS. FERGUSON,

AND DAILY ART PROJECTS! *with Linda Barber*

**Schedule:**

WEEK 1 (JUNE 6-9):  
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES  
WEEK 2 (JUNE 13-16):  
DINOSAURS AND DIAMONDS  
WEEK 3 (JUNE 20-23):  
WET AND WILD!

plenty of  
play-time &  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
EVERY WEEK!

JOIN US FOR 1-, 2-, OR ALL  
3-WEEKS. REGISTER SOON.  
SPACE IS LIMITED!

**Info:**

**DAYS:** MONDAY – THURSDAY.  
NO CAMP ON FRIDAYS.

**TIMES:** 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM  
PACK A LUNCH.

**TUITION:** \$240/WEEK

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
ONE-TIME \$25 FEE

**Requirements:** Must be fully potty-trained and born before December 31, 2018. **Class Size:** 3-Year Olds - 12 Campers; 4-Year Olds - 14 Campers; 5-Year Olds - 14 Campers. **Teachers:** Classes will be taught by Pines Preschool teachers. High School/College Aids will also help with programming. **Priority Registration:** Priority will be given to current preschool students and church members, followed by siblings and new families.