

*Growing Upward, Inward, and Outward...*

## NEW WORSHIP TIMES...see pg 6 for more info!

JOIN US  
PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SMALL GROUP STUDY  
**THE CASE FOR CHRIST**  
*By Lee Strobel*  
ADULTS ADMIT ONE  
**FREE MOVIE**  
{& LUNCH}  
SUNDAY SEPT. 23 12 to 2PM

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### Save the date...

for an **All Church Study** beginning September 23, with the movie "**The Case for Christ**" from Lee Strobel's bestselling book. Following the lunch and movie on the 23rd, there will be multiple opportunities for small groups to meet over 4 weeks and discuss the movie companion DVD series. Go to [www.pinespc.org](http://www.pinespc.org) to sign up today! We'll be looking for you!

**Congratulations to :**

**Ron and Helen Stenzel**, new great grandparents of Addison Kay Furlong. Addison was born on August 11th;

parents **Sandra and Ben Johanneman** and **big brother James**, with the birth of Lillian Mae on August 15. Lillian is also the granddaughter of Nick and Shirley Bollich;

parents **Leigh and Brian O'Connor** with the birth of John Killian on August 20. John is also the grandson of Pines members Paul & Trish McElroy, David & Lin O'Connor and the late Becky O'Connor, as well as the great grandson of the late Addison and Louise McElroy.



**Congratulations to John McClintic and Rebecca Schnabel.** The couple were married on August 10, 2018 in Dripping Springs, TX. They will live in Phoenix. Blessings upon your marriage that it be filled with joy!



Nina Hendee,  
Owner of Taste of Texas

If you want to be a hostess

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## Back By Popular Demand -

The Pines Presbyterian  
Women  
are  
Pleased to Resume  
the

## 9th Annual Tablescapes Luncheon

Our Featured Speaker  
is  
Nina Hendee

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Catered  
by Massa's  
Grill

Wait Staff - The  
Men of Pines



**What is Tablescapes?** It is a special day in the life of our church where hostesses (ladies who are members of the church) volunteer to decorate a table in their own "unique" theme. It's an event where the ladies of the church are encouraged to invite friends and also an opportunity get to know other church members on a more personal basis. The men of Pines get involved by volunteering to be the servers. Every year there is a wonderful guest speaker and this year it will be Nina Hendee. Nina and her husband Ed own "Taste of Texas" steakhouse and both are very involved in the community. If you interested in being a hostess, please contact Linda Aldred ([lindaaldred1@aol.com](mailto:lindaaldred1@aol.com)) or Connie Sipp ([cbsipper@gmail.com](mailto:cbsipper@gmail.com)). For those wishing to just attend the luncheon, sign-ups will begin in a few months; just look for updates in the church newsletter and bulletin.

**Please mark your calendars with the following**

### NEWSLETTER DUE DATES:

**October 19** (November newsletter)

**November 23** (December newsletter)

**December 14** (January 2019 newsletter)

We need someone to wash the dish towels in the kitchen. This is a great way to support your church. You would just need to pick them up once per week (you can get them on Sunday when at church or any other day of the week), take them home, wash them and bring them back. If you can help in this area, please give Cindy a call in the church office. Thank you!!

# A Message From Our Pastor

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Grace and Peace in Christ's name,

Although summer is over, the temperatures outside remain high and so does my excitement for what is happening here at Pines this fall. Among the many programs and activities happening over the next several months is our community wide mission project, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are inviting members of our community to join with us as we do our part to help feed children around the world.

Scripture reminds us in Matthew 25:35, "...for I [Jesus] was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,..." Our partnership with FMSC, and our engagement with the community will help us fulfill this scripture and our mission to Look Upward, Grow Inward and Serve Outward. Through God, FMSC strives to eliminate malnutrition and starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in a generation that hears and responds to the cries of those in need until all are fed. As a Christian non-profit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

"Hunger is the world's biggest solvable problem." – *World Food Programme*. FMSC believes that food is the foundation for all other progress. To a starving child, hope can only truly begin once a reliable source of nutritious food has been established. FMSC produces a special MannaPack™ meal formula developed by food scientists to specifically stop malnutrition. This is where we will need your help. On Friday, 11/2 and Saturday, 11/3 we will need volunteers to help produce 100,000 MannaPacks. We can do it, but it's going to take you, your friends, neighbors and co-workers to make it happen.

FMSC exists because of volunteers just like you, age 5 to 95, who generously give their time and energy to feed starving children in desperate need around the world. YOU are an essential part of the FMSC Mobile MannaPack. FMSC doesn't use machines to package the meals because they realize the personal, impactful experience created by packing the meals by hand. It transforms an experience from just "something good to do" into something deeply personal. FMSC volunteers experience a fun, one-of-a-kind team building experience with co-workers, family, friends and strangers alike. This experience often turns into a desire to do more and reach farther, until all are fed.

This event can also use your financial assistance. I pray you will strongly consider donating your time, but I also pray you'll think about making a donation to help make this pack successful. Twenty-five cents feeds a child one meal, \$80 feeds a child for a year, \$365 feeds a family for a year and \$1,800 fills one pallet of the 11 needed for our MobilePack. To make a financial contribution you may write a check to the church marked FMSC. Another tangible way of donating is to pick up one of the FMSC donations cans in the Narthex and place it on your dinner table at home, and every time you eat a meal you put at least \$.25 in the can. We will have a special day in October when you can return your can to church.

I pray you'll consider being involved at some level in this amazing project to feed hungry children. For more information on FMSC click this link [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org) and to learn about a MobilePack click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ech5XOryipM&feature=youtu.be>. You may also contact me for more information and to see how you can help.

God is doing amazing things here at Pines! I pray you will consider being part of this Kingdom building event as we do our part in welcoming others in while feed God's children.

Blessings,



# Youth Happenings!

**Mark your calendar for the weekend of  
October 26th—October 28th!!**

The Pines Youth Ministry will be participating in the All Church Study on *The Case for Christ* during Sunday School hours from September 30th—October 21st. We will be having our own showing of the film in 2 parts on September 16th and September 23rd during Sunday School.

At the conclusion of the study, we will be retreating to Galveston for a weekend of fun, relaxation, bonding, and spiritual growth. We will leave on Friday, October 26th and return on Sunday, October 28th. More details, including registration and a packing list, will follow!

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to Jesse!

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**PINES**  
**KIDS!!!**

**We Need YOU!**

The children's ministry is still in need of volunteers for the Fall! Please consider signing up to teach Sunday School every other week (a week on, week off rotation schedule)! Lessons will be prepped for you in advance! Or come and help us lead Kid's Worship once a month! To sign up, call Ashley Sullivan at 713-467-2234 or email her at [ashley@pinespc.org](mailto:ashley@pinespc.org).



# Session Meeting Notes

The Session of Pines Presbyterian Church met for its regular Stated meeting on August 27, 2018. Here are some highlights:

- Approved a motion to establish a single worship service on Sunday mornings.
- Approved teachers and curriculum for the Fall Sunday School classes.
- Approved funding to implement The Case for Christ all-church study.
- Approved the Missions Committee's recommendation to award a second Next Generation grant to Lakes Korean Presbyterian Church.
- Approved a motion to allow Mosaic Village Church PC(USA) to use space at Pines on a temporary basis.
- Adopted a new policy for staff vacations and personal time off and established a bonus policy.

Dan Schafer, Clerk of Session

## !!!SAVE THE DATE!!!

Watch for more information on the next exciting Pines trip to *The Passion Play of Oberammergau*! This trip will take you around the world to Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Munich, just to name a few. You will have plenty of time to save for this 11 day trip of a lifetime which will begin June 3rd of 2020. Talk to Andy Gans or watch for upcoming informational meetings. You won't want to miss this one!



**Do you have a special event in your family that needs celebrating? Or a praise for God and Church?** Please consider donating the flowers to beautify our Sanctuary for one Sunday during the Fall. We have openings in September, November and late December for the Sanctuary as well as many openings for the Narthex.

Please contact Melissa Sandstrom at [prodgeol@yahoo.com](mailto:prodgeol@yahoo.com) to make it happen.

## ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!!

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. Pines is now offering this service as a convenience to you – you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash or a check every Sunday.



Simply go to our website ([www.pinespc.org](http://www.pinespc.org)), and click on the “DONATE NOW” button. You'll register your account and within minutes you'll be giving your first online donation. Once set up, you can choose to give one time, or on a scheduled basis if you prefer. You will also be able to pay registration/book fees, for worship flowers, and give to special offerings.

*Your Stewardship Committee would like to mention that Pines does pay fees for online giving – 3% for credit card donations, and 1% for ACH bank transactions. If you'd like to slightly increase your donation to cover all or part of those fees, it will be appreciated!*

Another giving option (with no fees) is to set up a Bill Pay transaction with your bank – you can have your bank mail a donation check to Pines (one time, or each week, month, quarter, etc.). There is usually no charge for this service, and the bank pays the postage. And, if you prefer, you are more than welcome to continue making donations using personal checks or cash!

If you have any questions about online giving, please e-mail our Accounting Manager, Alexis Graham ([alexis@pinespc.org](mailto:alexis@pinespc.org)).

As always, we thank you for your generous sharing of treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship. May God Bless You!

## NEW WORSHIP TIMES      Worship Committee Announcement

We are pleased to announce that session has approved a permanent change to Sunday worship **starting on September 16th. Pines will now hold one worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sunday School will be from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.** After the success of the summer schedule, the session of Pines was eager to move to one service on Sundays throughout the year and spent a considerable part of its last meeting determining what it believes to be the best schedule for Sunday mornings.

After enjoying a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall, answer the call to worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday as we give thanks for God's forgiveness, attend to His Word, and lift our hearts to receive His blessing.

The Pines Worship Committee

## The Music Department

### Greetings from the Music Department!

As we continue to praise and worship the Lord in our services, let's take a look at a wonderful hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King." This hymn is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was born in central Italy, the son of a rich merchant.

During his youth, he joined the army and was captured in war. He came to Christ shortly after his release, renounced his wealth, and travelled around the countryside, preaching the gospel. He lived simply, and presented Christ to everyone he met.

St. Francis loved nature, and there are many stories about his interaction with animals. It has been reported that he once preached a sermon to the birds, telling his feathered friends: "My brother and sister birds, you should praise your Creator and always love Him. He gave you feathers for clothes, wings to fly, and all other things you need. It is God who made your home in thin, pure air!"

This simple sentiment is reflected in his hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King," which was composed just before his death.

This month, let's focus on verse 5 which says:

And everyone of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others, take your part.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and cast on God your care!  
 Alleluia!

Blessings to you, my friends.....

Tim



The Church is looking for a washer and dryer for use with Mission Groups, Harvey Recovery Groups, and various other needs of the church. If you or someone you know has a washer and dryer they would like to donate AND they are in good shape and working, please call Cindy at 713-467-2234 or send her an email at [cindy@pinespc.org](mailto:cindy@pinespc.org) Thank you!

## SHERWOOD MENTORING PROGRAM – IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

We’re looking for additional mentors to spend 30 minutes – 1 hour per week with a Sherwood Elementary student. Our first round of sign-ups earlier this summer netted about a dozen mentors. Praise the Lord! The mentoring will begin around the first part of October. You will be able to choose your subject and will be guided by the teacher and/or Sherwood counselor. Don’t worry if you can’t make every week. We know things come up. Sherwood is just so happy to have us they are very accommodating.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Go to <https://volunteer.springbranchisd.com/Application/VolunteerApp?lang=english> and register with Spring Branch ISD

Attend a 1-2 hour lunch & learn session at Pines on Tues, Sept 18 from 11:30am to 1:30pm in room C3. A light lunch will be provided. If you can’t make this date there are other training opportunities offered by the district. We’ll get you in, don’t worry.

Wait for instructions from Sherwood about your student and schedule.  
Mentoring will probably begin in late September or early October.

Contact Kathy Ropshaw to sign up or if you need more info. [kr@jhyi.com](mailto:kr@jhyi.com)



## SEPTEMBER AGAPE

Our September Agape offering will benefit MAM’s Home Care Cupboard. At this time they are most desperate for the following items:

Toilet paper – packs of 4  
Paper towels  
Multi-purpose cleaner  
Dish soap  
Kleenex  
Shampoo  
Men’s deodorant  
Women’s deodorant



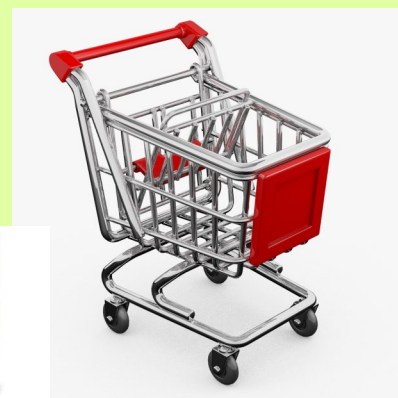
MAM’s Family Assistance programs help those in financial crisis with rent, utility and medical assistance, clothing, transportation and access to benefit enrollment. In addition to financial help, food and vital supplies are distributed to needy Spring Branch families.

If you’re able, please pick up an item or two the next time you’re filling your grocery cart. If we all give a little it adds up to a lot.

The Agape box will be in the hallway beginning September 2 waiting for your donations.

Questions contact Kathy Ropshaw

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## THANKS FOR A GREAT SHERWOOD WORKDAY

A big THANK YOU to the 30 or so Pines members who shared their valuable Saturday morning on August 4 to minister to our friends at Sherwood Elementary.

Thanks to Felix Cantu who coordinated everything with Sherwood. As it is every year, this was a rewarding, sweaty, get-out-your-box kind of experience. Who knew you could get blisters and sore muscles from stapling and folding paper?! But aside from all that, it was a joyous time to laugh together and work with dear friends spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

*Thank you!*

And many thanks to all who donated to the "Pines Back to School Drive". Donations totaled \$4,575. These funds were sent to three of our benevolence organizations: Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM), The Mission of Yahweh and Sherwood Elementary School. Each recipient was extremely grateful for Pines generosity.



## TAAP (Taco and A Prayer)

Would you like to serve our community but not able to attend our breakfast taco deliveries each month?

Taco & A Prayer has a job opening! We need a

volunteer to be responsible for putting out the banner the Sunday before delivery day. We also need a person who's job each month is to figure out what we want to share with the community as far as Pines events. That person would also create the flyer to go in the bags and would work with other committees to get info to announce. This sounds like 2 jobs but the same person could do both if they choose. Please contact me at [lesa.j.smith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lesa.j.smith@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to join our TAAP team this way.

**Be sure to join us on September 7th!**

Dear PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EY017),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission! Pines has a new account number. (EY017) New members can enroll by searching for either the **new number** or the **name of your organization**. If you have any questions, please visit our website at <http://www.kroger.com>.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,  
Community Rewards Staff.




## STEPHEN MINISTRY –

The Bible is very clear that we will all go through times of loss, stress, suffering or loneliness. It may be something fairly minor, or a life changing event. At those times it can be very helpful

to have a trusted friend to walk with you and listen. Sharing your concerns with a trustworthy person can make a big difference in how you view your situation. Stephen Ministers are trained to be that trusted friend and are ready to come alongside in your time of need. If you are going through a rough spot, and would like to have someone to share your burden, call Barbara Retzlöff (713 467 2234) and she will pair you with a Stephen Minister.





# adult 2018 - 2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL



**UPWARD**  
as we meet God in prayer  
& through the Word.



**INWARD**  
as we gather in community  
& learn together.



**OUTWARD**  
as we go into the world,  
transformed to be Christ's disciples.

Every Sunday morning beginning  
**September 16th**



**FOUNDATIONS: BIBLE STUDY & MORE** | Room: C-3



**FRIENDS, BIBLE, BAGELS AND COFFEE** | Room: C-7



**TRAVELERS** | Room: C-10



**HOME GROWN - CHRISTIAN PARENTING** | Room: C-8



**CONNECTIONS: A SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP** | Room: C-6

# ALL ARE WELCOME!

See class listings by visiting: **PinesPC.org**

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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MIRIAM

Gathering to share

**fellowship,  
faith & fun.**

*mark your*  
**CALENDARS!**



**New Fall Classes**

Tablescapes ~ Oct. 6th & Women's Retreat ~ Feb. 2, 2019

view the full class schedule by visiting: **PinesPC.org**

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [ Sign up at church on Sundays ]

# Home Grown A Class on Christian Parenting

a new Sunday School class ~ starts September 16<sup>th</sup>

[ meets every Sunday 9:30- 10:30 in Room C - 8 ]

building & strengthening friendships while discussing the joys & challenges of parenting.

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view more details about the class on our website:

**PinesPC.org**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Join us for a continental breakfast  
& special presentation on **SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

## **Mrs. Noah's Amazing Voyage**

**8:45-9:00 Breakfast & Prayers for our Teachers**

**9:00-10:00 "Mrs. Noah's Amazing Voyage"**

*Presented by Mary Margaret Mann*

After breakfast, the children will enjoy their special kick-off at 9:00 in the children's wing.



## RUMMAGE SALE FOR CHARITY

### **BENEFIT RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 29**

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 29, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

WHAT: a Rummage Sale, organized by Miriam Circle, to benefit the upcoming Feed My Starving Children project in November. Miriam Circle women are organizing this sale as a fundraiser.

#### **You can help by:**

Saving any items you wish to donate to the sale.

Bring donations to the church on Friday, Sept. 28, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Volunteer!! Men and women!! Plenty of laughter and fun provided!

Food and beverages also provided for volunteers.

Friday, Sept. 28, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- \* Organize and price sale items
- \* Assist with picking up larger items from donors who are unable to deliver items to the church – especially if you can volunteer a pick-up truck!

Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

- \* Check out people to tally up the purchases, accept payment, make change as needed, box or bag the purchases.
- \* Assist buyers on Saturday in getting their items out to their cars, especially larger items.
- \* Assist with cleanup after the sale. Donate/deliver leftover items to appropriate charities.

Contact Karen Davis or Bethel Strawser for further details.





The end of school year brought all kinds of visitors. Our own Pines member Scout, was one of those visitors during Community Helpers week. It was quite a “ruff” day in the turtle class!



One of our classes dressed up as Community Helpers. Can you guess which Community Helpers are portrayed here?

Bible Quiz....

**When Samuel picked David as king, God reminded us that while people look at the outward appearance, what does God look at?**

Go to  
1 Samuel 16:7  
for the  
answer.