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Nine Marks of a Healthy Church a book review by Lisa Burns

We envision a congregation whose love for Jesus and one another leaves a clear and compelling witness for Christ.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:6*

Sounds like a book you would want to take to the beach with you right? Maybe not, but this is a book you want to read now, regardless of where you read it. The truth is, this book could not be more timely, especially for us at Pinehurst. The author is Mark Dever, a Southern Baptist pastor, and his book is unique in what it is not. It is not another instruction manual on church growth. This is what makes it practically revolutionary as it deals with things that we assume we have right. Isn't this where we get into trouble in life, when we assume things?

The first five "marks of a healthy church" represent

church fidelity 101 and are particularly helpful as we look to the choice of a new senior pastor. Mark one is expositional preaching (about which there is much confusion), as well as understanding the role of the pastor. Mark two is biblical theology which helps us to approach God properly. Marks three through five have to do with salvation. The chapter on evangelism is particularly helpful if our desire is to be an outward focused church. Losing our moorings in this area will undercut everything else. Marks six through nine deal with areas such as church

membership and leadership.

In a time when there is so much focus on success, this book helps us take a look at what a faithful church looks like. Trusting God to bring the fruit, Dever helps us to take a biblical look at the means by which God accomplishes His work in the world, a healthy church. I believe if you look into these "marks" and their biblical basis you will come away with renewed clarity, and like me, you might be a bit shocked at how easily we can veer off-track no matter how zealous and well-intentioned we are. ✂

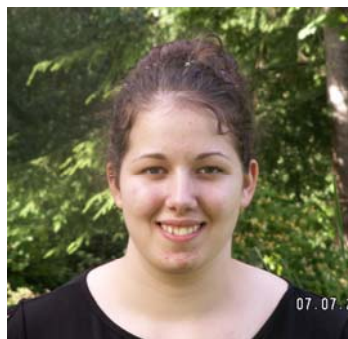
What's Happening at Pinehurst Baptist

Three Graduates and a Bride

This is an exciting summer for three of our young adults. All three graduated from college, and one is not only graduating but will also be a bride!

Our Graduates

Megan Mutascu graduates June 14 from Seattle Pacific

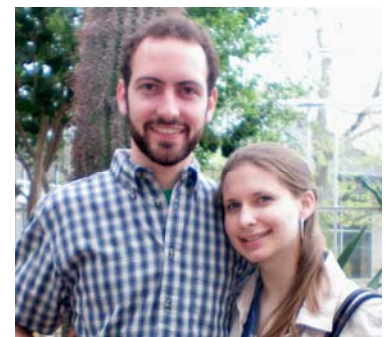


University with a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Some of you braved the weather earlier in the year to see her perform her senior recital.

Scott Hinckley and Mary Sheppard both received degrees from Calvin College in Grand Rapids on May 23. Scott's degree was a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems. Mary received a Bachelor of Arts in English.



Mary & Andrew



At 1 p.m. on Friday, July 17th, Mary Sheppard will become Mrs. Andrew Morton. Andrew and Mary will be married right here at Pinehurst and have invited the Pinehurst family to join them on this very special day!



Bible Trivia

What is the shortest book in the New Testament?

Answer from Last Month: Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab to work on the tabernacle in Exodus 35



The PBC Church Council

Preach the Gospel every day; if necessary, use words.

~ Francis of Assisi



Read any great books lately from the Pinehurst Resource Center? Let others know what you think! Send in book reviews to pinehurstbaptist@verizon.net to be published in a future newsletter.



Mark Your Calendar!

June 20: Mary Sheppard Bridal Shower

June 21: Father's Day Potluck

June 27: Mad Hatter's Tea Party

July 12: Business Meeting

July 17: Sheppard/Morton Wedding

July 19: VBS Kick Off BBQ Potluck

July 20-24: VBS

It has come to our attention over the last few months that there are some in the church who do not have a clear understanding of what the Church Council does, what its function is, and who its members are. In order to clear up any mis-understandings and to give you some insight into the Council, here is a brief description of the Council, the role it plays in the church, and its members.

According to our constitution and by-laws, "This church will maintain a church council which shall meet regularly for the purpose of assisting the pastor in planning and coordinating the ministries of the church... The church council is expected to recommend a calendar of ministries to the church, and to coordinate all efforts necessary for the accomplishment of ministry activities, according to the instructions of the church."

The Council meets at least one time per month to discuss the activities of the church. The meetings often involve discussion of the church calendar, planning and coordinating our efforts for upcoming events. We discuss the direction of the church, how things are going, and how we can improve on what we do. Whenever major decisions are being considered at the church, the Council discusses these proposals and then brings a recommendation to the congregation at a business meeting. As is our custom, the proposal is introduced at one business meeting and voted on by the congregation at the following month's meeting.

The Church Council consists of seven members; each one coordinates one of the following

areas: deacons, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, missions/evangelism, stewardship/administration, and worship. Every activity, ministry, or area of service in the church falls under one of these categories.

The following is a brief introduction of the Council members and their duties:

Robert Andes is Chairman of the deacons. He meets with the deacons each month and coordinates their efforts. Their activities include serving the Lord's Supper; calling and visiting members of our church; handling some benevolence issues; and providing care for the members of our church.

Jana Loose is our Discipleship Coordinator. She oversees all areas of discipleship and education at the church, including the Sunday School program, other Bible studies, and the Resource Center. If you have any ideas for a new Bible study or would like to start a home-based small group, Jana is the person to see.

Shari Hinckley is our Fellowship Coordinator. She works with the fellowship committee to coordinate the times when we enjoy each other's company while breaking bread together. Surely you will remember the Christmas and Easter fellowship times, as well as things like the movie night and the Harvest Party that we enjoyed last fall. They also helped us coordinate the fellowship aspects of our recent spiritual renewal.

The position of Ministry Coordinator is currently open.

This person's job would be to oversee the various ministries of the church, such as the men's ministry and the women's ministry.

Sandy Cherry is our Missions Coordinator. She oversees all aspects of missions, both local and global. This summer some missionaries are going to help us with our Vacation Bible School, thanks to Sandy's efforts.

Dave Williams is our Stewardship/Administration Coordinator. We like to joke that Dave wields a lot of power, because he oversees some very important aspects of our church, including everything related to finances, personnel, and buildings and grounds.

Finally, Brian Watson is serving as Worship Coordinator and he oversees all aspects of the worship services, including music, the order of service, and audio and video.

The various ministries are run by the directors of those ministries. The directors then report to the Council member who oversees that area of the church, and the Council member reports to the pastoral staff.

During this transitional period in the life of Pinehurst Baptist Church, the Council has been instrumental in making some key decisions. We are all doing our best to help keep the church running smoothly. We are here to serve and honor God. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. ☺