



# Pinehurst Post

We exist to love Jesus and live for Him.

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

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*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19*

## Bible Trivia

What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Answer from September issue: the longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9 with 81 words (ESV).



## A Pinehurst Year by Ryan Reese

One year ago this month our family loaded up all our belongings and headed to the Great Northwest. While we were not Lewis and Clark, we did endure a blizzard in Colorado, a scrape with death in Wyoming, and, well, Idaho. We arrived in November, just in time to see the sun disappear for a month. However, I believe our first year on the West Coast has seen much more pleasure than pain. Here is a short list of things we've learned. Some are trivial. Some make us weep. All are in no particular order.

**Canada really exists.** We always had a hunch, but now we have seen it with our own eyes. We now believe in Canada.

**God was showing off when He created Washington.** There are ways in which our family feels we've been on vacation for a year. The Cascade Mountains to the east, the Olympics to the West. The gorgeous valley of the Snohomish River, waterfalls, ice caves. Judah still shouts "trees!" when we drive down the road. And not to mention the Sound. In Oklahoma we thought salt water was a concoction mixed for a sore throat. Now we have seen seals, sea lions, and jelly fish—



and we were NOT in the zoo! But we are still hunting our first killer whale.

**Salmon is better than steak.** Sorry, Dad. I know, we didn't raise cattle so I could eat fish.

**Coffee is necessary.** I never thought it would happen to me. Janean is still not convinced. Blame it on the rain.

**Life can be endured without an air conditioner.** Some of you may not understand the term, so I'll explain. In other parts of the world, the summer can be devastatingly hot. Most homes have "air conditioners" to fill the home with cool air. But in the Northwest air conditioners are unnecessary. I confess, I did install our small window unit at one point in the summer. But we only used it for a few days. Then the summer was over. Blessed be His name.

**Life is hard but God is good.** This has been a difficult year for our church family. We saw many saints enter into our Father's rest—some before we were ready to let them go. We've searched for answers but haven't been given any. Our pain has drawn us together, made us ache for one another, and depend on one another as we might not have done. But still we suffer. We know that God is good, He is sovereign, and He will bring glory and good out of this. Yet we eagerly await the day when He will wipe away our tears and make all things right.



**The Reese family needs your ministry as much as you need ours.** You may not realize you have ministered to us, but you have. We have been blessed often by your generosity, encouraging words, service, and friendship. Paul said he was eager to see the Roman Christians, "that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine (Romans 1:12, ESV)." In my youthful arrogance I had the vague impression that I was here to "fix" you. Now I realize that Janean and I are here to help you grow and change as you help us do the same. We left a loving family and deep friendships in Oklahoma. But your ministry to our family has made the transition much easier. Thank you for your love and patience even though we are sinful. Thank you for inviting us into your homes. Thank you for loving our children. Help us keep them from turning into "Preacher's Kids." You have been a blessing. We praise God that He brought us together and can't wait to see what He has in mind for the future of Pinehurst Baptist Church.

## Blood Drive by Meredith Pechta

When people have serious accidents or significant operations, they often require blood transfusions. The reason they are able to receive a transfusion is because someone donated their blood first. I have been donating my blood to the Puget Sound Blood Center for the past four and a half years. The Puget Sound Blood Center supplies all of Washington State. Right now they have less than one percent of what they need to save people's lives.

I had a recent meeting with a representative from the Puget Sound Blood Center. He told me that they have lost 400 donors this year. Can you appreciate the impact that will have on people in hospitals? Some patients need up to 50 units of blood.

Several months ago, we had our first blood drive at Pinehurst Baptist Church. We are having another blood drive on Saturday, November 13 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. We already have a number of people signed up, but we would like to have more donors so that we can save more lives.

For some of you, giving blood is a chance to give back what was given to you in the past. For those of you who have been more fortunate in the past,

you may be in the position of needing a transfusion in the future. I must tell you, people are much more willing to donate blood if they received it in the past. They may come up with a pint for you when you need it the most. Each donation is used to save three lives, not just one. You see, the donation is divided up into blood, plasma, and cells after it has been received. Giving blood is very safe and it is relatively painless. Sure, many people do not like needles, but a temporary discomfort is worth the good that your donation can do.

The best reason to donate is that it is a very Christian thing to do. You can be someone's hero, even if it is anonymously. So often, we long to help people by doing something for them. This is an opportunity to do something that can make a difference between life and death.

Often, when we help people, we give money. In this case, you need to spare an hour of your time. After filling out some paper work and answering some questions, the actual donation time is ten minutes or less.

So, who can donate blood? You have to be at least 16 years old. Those who

are under 18 can donate if they have a permission slip from their parent. (Ask me for a permission slip.) You have to be over 110 pounds. You cannot be pregnant, and if you were recently pregnant, it has to have been two months or more since you gave birth. You cannot have cancer or have heart disease. You cannot donate if you have had surgery recently and certain medications will rule you out as well. If any of you are willing, but do not know if you can donate, ask me, and I'll get your question answered. We also have information packets.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We would like to have as many of you sign up as soon as possible. You can sign up for a specific time for November 13. If you do not sign up for a specific time between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m., I will call you to see which time works best for you.

Remember that Jesus shed his blood for you. I am sure you can give a small amount for someone else. Thank you.

## What's New in the Pinehurst Resource Center

If you would like to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, you should make sure you spend some time looking at the many books available in our Resource Center. Recently we added a number of books and references. The biggest addition was in the area of commentaries. We now have at least one good commentary for every book of the Bible. If you are reading your Bible and come across a passage that you do not understand, or if you would like to study the Bible more in-depth, find the appropriate commentary in our library.

We also have a number of other resources that can aid your Bible study. I highly recommend *An Introduction to the Old Testament* (Longman & Dillard) and *An Introduction to the New Testament* (Carson & Moo) to get a better understanding of every book of the Bible. Each book is analyzed so that its author, date, origin, literary form, and theological purposes are discussed. *40 Question About Interpreting the Bible* by Robert Plummer offers 40 concise chapters about how to read the Bible well.

If you like *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, read Voddie Baucham's *Family Driven Faith*. Interested in reading about women's issues? Read *Get Out of that Pit* by Beth Moore or *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace. Want to read an entertaining book about Jesus? Try Mark Driscoll's *Vintage Jesus*.

There are many other books in our Resource Center, so make sure you spend some time there today.