

# <u>Pinehurst Post</u>

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.

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything *together in perfect* harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing *psalms and hymns* and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Colossíans 3:14-16



### A Welcome to our New Members

In our October business meeting, we welcomed seven new members to the Pinehurst family. We asked them to share a little about themselves so that we can get to know them better.

Be sure to welcome these newest members and take time to get to know them if you don't already!

#### Sherrie Alexander

I was born in Seattle but grew up in South Texas. My family and I were very active members of the First Baptist Church of Beeville, Texas, where my dad was a deacon and my mother taught preschoolers. I graduated from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, in Belton, Texas, then moved to California. I later moved back to the beautiful Pacific Northwest. I have one son who lives in Seattle. I have worked as a patient advocate for the past eight years at Group Health. I started attending Pinehurst Baptist Church in August 2011. T appreciated Ryan's approach to biblical teaching, and Brian's leadership of worship. The church body was welcoming and felt like a family. I knew I had found the place where God wanted to minister to me and where I could minister to the needs of others. Thank you for welcoming me, I already feel like I am part of the PBC family!

#### John & DeLores Hoeldtke



John is originally from upstate New York. He has served as a pastor (almost 25 years) in the East, the Midwest, and the West, and as a Mission Director and an Executive Minister in a district of a Baptist Conference. At present he is president of Flame Ministries, a n organization he founded 22 years ago. In this role he preaches in churches, in in special meetings communities and churches, and in conferences and retreats. He also ministers at times overseas, teaching in conferences for pastors and other Christian leaders and preaching evangelistically in churches and other places. On occasion he teaches courses and οn Islam other subjects. DeLores is originally from North Dakota. She has served as a teacher, a pastor's wife, a mother, a secretary, and for a number of more recent years, a tech-aid at Boeing, before retiring. The Hoeldtkes have four children and six grandchildren. They enjoy the worship, people, and preaching at Pinehurst.

#### **Emily Joven**

I am originally from Manila, Philippines. However, most of my family and relatives had the chance to immigrate and work in Michigan. So, part of my life was spent in the Philippines and then the latter part has been here in the U.S.

Regarding family, there are many of us on every side, but not all are Christians...so I am continuously praying for God's will and salvation. However, my own family consists of my husband (Jason) and son (Brendon).



Emily & Brendon

Before I came in this country, I experienced being part of medical missions in some rural areas. This further motivated me to pursue taking educational courses, volunteering, and work opportunities that are health care related.

For instance, last year, God gave me the chance to volunteer and participate at Providence Hospital with their hospice program. I also feel blessed being able to help with administrative and donor monitoring tasks for Puget Sound Blood Center.

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Currently, God enables me to be part of Compass Health, which helps provide clinical and housing interventions to champion the health and well-being of communities (e.g. Snohomish, Skagit, San Juan, and Island Counties).

My goal is to fill my days with constructive and fruitful work in God's sight. I understand that it is never easy to live the Christian life, but I always believe that we "can do everything through Him that gives us strength" (Philippians 4:13).

For some reason, God just pointed me to this church after praying and searching for a home church for a long time. Now, I honestly feel humbled and blessed to have met our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Pinehurst. Thanks for the warm welcome!

#### Jessi & Riley Rettenmier



Jessi and I are both from Everett. We have two wonderful and active boys named Brock (nearly 4) and Quinn (nearly 2) who keep us very, very busy and always laughing. We prefer to spend our free time together playing and running errands when we aren't with our immediate families (all located in the Greater Everett/Seattle areas) or spending time with our church family. Jessi has been a stay at home mom since Brock's birth in January 2009. Being a mom to our active boys has been more demanding and challenging than any other job Jessi has held. It has also been the most fulfilling for her. Prior to Brock's birth, Jessi worked as a personal trainer and administrative/executive assistant at ZipFizz, a local energy drink company.

Riley works as a Consultant and Broker in the IP/TeleCommunications industry for a firm called StrataCore downtown Seattle. IP/ in Telecommunications is a field he has worked in for the most part since 2005 after graduating from Gonzaga University. Fun fact: Riley's Dad, Ross and Ross's brother, Curt, both attended and played basketball on the same team at Gonzaga in the late '70s. Riley also worked for about 1.5 years in his father's investment management practice, but found himself better suited towards a career in telecom.

Jessi's family has attended Pinehurst for over 20 years and has always counted the folks at Pinehurst as part of their family. Early in our marriage we attended another (large) non-denominational Christian church in the area for several years, but felt somewhat disconnected from that church community and stagnant in our spiritual growth. When the tragedy of Lisa Burns's passing hit the Pinehurst family, we attended her memorial service and were moved beyond our ability to comprehend. Her life and closeness with her brothers and sisters at Pinehurst was palpable. To see sorrow co-mingled with joy and faith in God's plan through Jesus was remarkable. It was as if God's Spirit truly penetrated our lives through hers and we decided shortly thereafter to leave our church to attend Pinehurst. We'll trust God's timing, but we wish we had requested membership at Pinehurst much sooner than we did!



#### **Daniel Timchak**

I grew up in Phoenix which is where my parents and my brother live. More recently, I've lived in the Midwest and on the East Coast. After we got married, Josefina and I moved to the Seattle area to be close to her family. We enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and making music.

This is where Josefina grew up going to church, and I've really enjoyed getting to know other members in the last couple of years. Pinehurst immediately welcomed me into the church family. The preaching, the biblical focus, new friends, and the beliefs shared here are all things that I love and appreciate about Pinehurst.

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Welcome, to all of our newest members! We are glad you are a part of the Pinehurst family, and thank God for each of you.