

Pine Grove Baptist Church

Serving Him, Loving You Since 1933

Looking for the perfect church? If so, please continue looking. Pine Grove Baptist Church is not a perfect church. We are a group of believers who realize we are all flawed and require the grace of our Savior daily in our lives. It is humbling to know that we who are called saints are still sinners, YES, sinners; but, sinners who have been saved.

The charter members who organized Pine Grove recognized the need for a community church in their lives and in their local area. They were a modest group of farmers, ranchers, workers in the oil field, timber, and railroad industries, homemakers; you know, the "We The People", everyday folk, with common goals and a kindred spirit. A spirit of the dignity of an individual, that character matters, and is best developed by a fellowship of believers. Believers who seek the influence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Living to serve one another and the Almighty whose Son's life was offered as an atonement for our sins. Sins that were on the cross forgiven. Forgiving one another as we are imperfect. So, if you seek an imperfect church where forgiveness is shared, consider Pine Grove as a home to worship, serve, and be fed. Each Sunday we meet to corporately break the Bread of Life to nourish our souls and gain wisdom. While the world that our ancestors lived in has changed, the message of our Creator and the lives He desires for us to live has remained constant as He is immutable.

One of the immutable characters of God is His Love for us. It is the central truth of His message. A message we find not only throughout scripture but also in the expression of the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. After He revealed His Love and demonstrated forgiveness, He did not leave us as orphans. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us, to encourage us, to inspire the writings of the New Testament, and later the canonization of the Holy Bible. As we are not orphans but His children, we are all family. "Promoting the Family of God" was long the theme of Pine Grove. In the recent past, the theme became

"Serving Him, Loving You". This service to Him is best reflected in love demonstrated to the community and those who worship with us.

Pine Grove has many activities that minister to any who wish to participate. Every fifth Sunday the evening was devoted to a praise offering where singers and musical players attend and encourage those in attendance with uplifting "The Fifth Sunday Singing" is open to all who wish to share. As mentioned above, it "WAS devoted", however; the joy was greatly received so we have renamed the event to reflect a monthly scheduling. It is now called "The Fifth on The Fourth". A fellowship follows the worship and all are encouraged to meet, greet, and express appreciation to participants and attendees alike. Contact Nelda Terry at 786-6189 for additional information.

Worship in praise has long held a special place in our hearts. During the Christmas and Passion seasons, the choir presents musicals that lift our hearts and encourage a reflection of the true meaning of those seasons and their application to the conduct of our lives. If you love singing, we have a home for you!

The annual Fall Gumbo welcomes all in the Perkins community to enjoy an evening together. S'mores, games, and a hayride provide fun to all. Making this communitywide has been a tradition since "The Storm" when so many of our neighbors helped each other when called upon. Oh! Did I forget to mention our wonderful cooks? Look for the mailing and the sign. Y'all Come!

In February, we have a Valentine's Party. Again, there are games, food, and singing. This year, the theme was a "Mexican Fiesta" where the menu included tacos, nachos, tostadas, enchiladas, and a variety of Mexican desserts.

In July, we celebrate the Christian heritage of our nation and pay tribute to those who have defended our unalienable, natural and Providential rights. The Sunday service reflects upon some of the religious statements made by our founding

fathers and recognizes those who have served and defended those rights. A display of copies of our founding documents is presented for all to review. Dinner on the Grounds follows where the men have the chance to demonstrate their culinary skill on the grill; an event not to miss!

Each month, the Children's Group meets. Games, food and usually a craft project provide the children a time to learn to share, participate as a group, and serve others by making a craft to be given to others. The event most enjoyed by all, children and adults, is participation in Operation Christmas Child. The entire church family participates by donating items and funds for the project. The children purchase the needed items and pack (and I do mean PACK) the boxes. We track the boxes and later have a "party" where we learn of the life lived by children in those countries. The impact of missions truly is experienced by all. Prayer is encouraged through the entire event. Where shoeboxes were previously sent are remembered and hearts are touched once again.

In addition to our regular mission offerings, each 5th Sunday, a portion of the offering is sent to members who are serving as missionaries. We remain in contact with them and share in their burdens, their praise reports and support them in prayer.

Each summer we have a Vacation Bible School offered to those K-6th. Mrs. Jessica Vigé, our director is excited about this year's program, "Game On!" VBS this year is scheduled for May 28th thru June 1st.

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month our senior adults, the Elderberries, meet for a time of fellowship.

If you are looking for a place to be fed, to worship, and to serve where people realize our position in Christ, love each other, and believe the Word, then come participate at Pine Grove Baptist Church.



Prayer Labyrinth

Walking Labyrinth to be set up at church in Lake Charles Mar. 29-30

Have you ever heard of a prayer labyrinth? Not the labyrinth from Greek mythology with the Minotaur waiting at the center, but a unicursal (single) path for personal and spiritual transformation.

Labyrinths have been used by humans for centuries as spiritual tools. They appeared in Christian churches in the Roman and Byzantine Empires.

One of the more famous prayer labyrinths is located in the nave of the Notre-Dame de Chartres Cathedral south of Paris. It was one of the largest medieval labyrinths, at 42 feet in diameter. It has rounded sides and eleven concentric circles. The rosette at the center ties in with the great rose window which shows a scene of the Final Judgement.

But most of us can't go to France to walk the famous labyrinth. The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Charles will have a walking labyrinth set up for two days at 715 Kirkman Street for the triumphant end of the Lenten season. It will be open Mar. 29 and 30 from 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday to 10 a.m. Good Friday.

Another option is to use a finger labyrinth, which is more convenient. Many varieties may be found online.

To use it, place the printed copy on a table or on your lap. Take a few deep breaths to relax.

Place your index finger from your non-dominant hand (the one you don't use to eat or to write) at the entrance of the path. Slowly trace the path with your finger to the center of the labyrinth, then retrace your way back to the beginning.

Approach the labyrinth with a desire to spend time with God. Quiet your mind and listen to Him.

The following suggestions for deepening the spiritual experience are excerpted from United Christ Church Ministries website:

You may also walk with questions such as, "In what way do I most need to grow spiritually right now?" or "What most blocks me from fully receiving and living God's love?" You can also walk the labyrinth in intercessory prayer for someone else, sending them the fruits of your walk.

If you are experiencing a difficult feeling - anger, grief, bitterness - have as your intention its healing and release (knowing, of course, that many deeper feelings may take more time than a walk).

If you are struggling with a problem, ask for insight and guidance: What must I release in order to allow healing? What am I not feeling or acknowledging that I must let into my conscious awareness to allow healing? Whom do I most need to forgive, and for what?

If you are working with an illness, either serious or insignificant, you may walk into the labyrinth simply asking to return to balance with yourself and life, no matter what the circumstances of your illness. You can also walk with the question: What part of my life (or me) am I neglecting that needs attention? or "What does my illness have to teach me at this point in my life?" (<http://www.pattonhq.com/link/succministry/labyrinth.html>)

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." - Jeremiah 6:16

Here are some ways to keep track of prayer requests and answered prayers

We get prayer requests from many places and keeping track of them can be tricky. Scraps of paper get lost, or a drink gets spilled. There are also times when you wonder, "how did this request get answered?"

People have developed many techniques - prayer journals, prayer bowls or jars, and there are even apps for your phone!

Some of the apps are: Pray!, PrayerMate, Echo, Prayer Notebook, and Prayer Prompter.

They'll help you keep track of prayer requests, prayers you've said, set timers for you, and some even notify the people for whom you have prayed.

Folks who are low-tech may prefer to use a prayer journal. Pick a notebook and pen that are comfortable for you, then write down your prayer requests.

You may want to list names of people to pray for. Include Bible verses that inspire you, poems, songs, or encourage-

ment you receive. Those who prefer visual arts might prefer to draw.

Prayer bowls and jars are handy for those quick notes and scraps of paper. They can be made from re-purposed items in your home. Decorations may add to the spirit of prayer.

PrayerBowls make special gifts for graduations, Christmas, birthdays, confirmations, and many other occasions. Donations are made to Mary Lee's House (The Center for Child Protection and Advocacy) or to Compassion International from the sale of these bowls. They may be purchased online <https://prayerbowls.com> or in some area stores.

Consider also saying prayers for church leaders, neighbors, and government officials.

Whatever method you use to keep track of your prayer requests, when you realize a prayer's been answered, remember to acknowledge and




praise God for His blessings.

Here is an acronym for "pray":

- P is for Praise.
- R is for Repentance.
- A is for Asking.
- Y is for Yield (or Yes!)

"All of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!'" - 2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

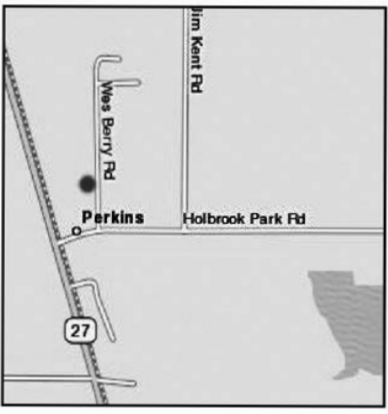

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6 NIV



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Sunday Service Times

- Morning
- 9:15 Sunday School (All Ages)
- 10:30 Worship
- Evening
- 5:00 Choir Practice
- 6:00 Discipleship Training
- 6:45 Worship
- Wednesday Evening
- 7:00 Prayer and Bible Study



Vacation Bible School
May 28- June 1

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