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#### 2024 PINE VALLEY SCHEDULE

#### BOLD ITEMS DENOTE REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AND PROPER ATTIRE

- FRIDAY 6:00 Registration 7:00 Refreshments and Fellowship 11:00 LIGHTS OUT
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- SATURDAY 7:00 Prayer Meeting
- & SUNDAY 7:45 Morning Devotions
  - 7:00 Coffee Shop Opens
    - 8:00 Coffee Shop Closes
      - 8:00 Breakfast
      - 9:15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
      - 9:30 **CLASSES** until 10:45
        - 1. Worthington Hall Adult
        - 2. Fireside Hall Adult
        - 3. Windfield Hall Jr. High & High School Teens (13 17 yrs.)
        - 4. Shiloh College / Career (18 29 yrs.)
      - 11:00 ADULT/TEEN CHOIR PRACTICE Worthington Hall (Sat. Only)
      - 11:00 MORNING WORSHIP (Sunday only; bring your Zion's Harp)
      - 12:00 Lunch
      - 1:10 Crafts (Ages 3 12 yrs.) Windfield Hall
      - 1:15 ADULT and TEEN FORUMS Teens – Shiloh
        - Adults Worthington Hall
      - 2:15 Free Time Begins
      - 2:30 Snack Bar, Summit Grill & Coffee Shop Opens
      - 4:30 Snack Bar, Summit Grill & Coffee Shop Closes
      - 5:00 Supper
      - 6:10 ADULT/TEEN CHOIR PRACTICE Worthington Hall
      - 7:10 STORY HOUR (Ages 2 5 yrs.) Cottonwood B
      - 7:10 JUNIOR CHURCH (Ages 6 9 yrs.) Manzanita A
      - 7:15 EVENING WORSHIP
      - 8:15 Break Snack-Bar Open (Saturday only)
      - 8:45 INSPIRATION HOUR
      - 9:45 Food and Fellowship (Sunday Night only)
      - 10:00 Singing and Fellowship Windfield Hall (Saturday)
      - 11:00 Singing and Fellowship Windfield Hall (Sunday)
      - 12:00 LIGHTS OUT
- MONDAY
- Y 7:30 Prayer Meeting (Note time change)
  - 7:00 Coffee Shop Opens
  - 8:00 Coffee Shop Closes
  - 8:00 Breakfast
  - 9:15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
  - 9:30 SINGSPIRATION & CHOIR PROGRAMS
  - 11:00 WEEKEND SUMMARY
  - 11:30 Break (Pack and Clean-up)
  - 12:00 Lunch

#### 2024 PINE VALLEY JUNIOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY	9:10	Parents, please drop off your children at the applicable choir room before General Assembly
	9:10 – 10:10	Children's Choir
		3 – 6 yrs. – Cottonwood B (Primary Choir)
		7 – 12 yrs. – Manzanita A (Junior Choir)
	10:10	Teachers pick up children after choir
	10:10 – 10:55	Sunday School (2 - 12 yrs.)
		2 yrs. – Cottonwood C (Playtime/Activities)
		3 – 5 yrs. – Cottonwood B
		6 – 8 yrs. – Manzanita A
		9 – 12 yrs. – Loft
	10:55	Parents, pick up your children and please be prompt
	1:10 – 2:10	Crafts (3 – 12 yrs.)
		Parents, please drop off your children at:
		Windfield Hall – all ages (3 – 12 yrs.)
	2:10	Parents, pick up your children and please be prompt
	7:10	Parents, please drop off your children prior to
		Evening Worship
	7:10	Story Hour 2 – 5 yrs. Cottonwood B
		<b>Jr. Church</b> 6 – 9 yrs. Manzanita A
	8:15	Parents, pick up your children and please be prompt
MONDAY	9:10	Children's Choir
		3 – 6 yrs. – Cottonwood B (Primary Choir)
		7 – 12 yrs. – Manzanita A (Junior Choir)

#### 2024 PV COMMITTEE:

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#### Saturday – Day 1 Rooted and built up in HIM

The word rooted is an agricultural word meaning "To establish deeply or firmly" and implies being unmovable. Standing firm in our faith is a prevalent theme throughout scripture and often tied to growth and edification. Colossians adds the concept of being rooted in Christ and speaks to the importance of it.

#### [Colossians 2:6-8]

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: <sup>7</sup> Rooted and built up **in HIM**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding** therein with **thanksgiving**. <sup>8</sup> Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

#### [Colossians 3:16]

Let the **word of Christ dwell in you** richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

#### Growing roots / what does it mean to be rooted

- Discuss the analogy
  - What do roots do for a plant?
  - > What does being rooted in Christ mean to you?
- Discuss practical ways that we can deepen our roots in Christ
  - Hide God's word in our hearts (Psalm 119:9-11)
  - Hearing God's word (Romans 10:17)
  - > Various instructions found in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- How does the "ground" around us affect us in our effort to deepen our roots?
  - > Parable of the seeds (Matthew 13:5-6)
- What other things can we be rooted in?
  - > The carnal mind walks after the flesh (Romans 8: 5-8)

- What does it look like when a person tries to take root in unfertile ground?
  - When times are hard, when the wind blows, and the sun is hot, they become uprooted and die
- Discuss how strong roots help a plant weather a storm
  - > What things in life test the strength of our roots?
    - ✓ Loss of a loved one
    - ✓ Health challenges
    - ✓ Financial difficulties
- How does having shallow roots leave us susceptible to false doctrines?
  - False teaching (Colossians 2:4,8)
- Christians are not to be tumbleweeds that have no roots and are blown about by "every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14). Nor are they to be "transplants" that are repeatedly moved from soil to soil. <u>Once we are rooted by faith in Christ, there is no need to change the soil.</u>
- How does it feel knowing that you have roots in fertile ground (in Christ)? If you don't have roots in Christ, where are you planted?

The word *edify* means "to build up." When we trust Christ to save us, we are put on a solid foundation; from then on, we grow in grace. To make spiritual progress means to add to the temple to the glory of God. As you consider your roots, also consider how you might encourage others to be a healthy plant in God's garden.

# Lesson Notes:

# Sunday – Day 2 Abounding with thanksgiving in HIM

The image of a river, flowing from the sanctuary getting deeper as it travels is described in **Ezek. 47: 1-12**. The result of this great river is an abundance of life, nourishment, and healing. Colossians encourages us to abound in thankfulness, something that can easily be done when we remember the many ways that the Lord has provided for each of us.

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# **Discussion Questions:**

#### The Effects of Being Rooted in Christ

- We have discussed how having strong roots and being planted in healthy soil is important for a plant. How can we identify that a plant is healthy and thriving?
  - We can tell by observation (color of leaves, bearing fruit,) whether a plant has healthy roots.
  - Similarly, in a Christian's life, we can see many external indications that they have healthy spiritual roots. The fruit of The Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- What does God want you to look like?
  - > Paul mentions thankfulness (Colossians 2:7)
  - > **Discuss** why thankfulness is a sign of maturity

- How does the Thankfulness of a Christian differ from those outside of Christ?
  - Share some examples of blessings that you have experienced in life
- What are the consequences of a lack of fruit in a person's life?
  Cut down (Luke 13:6-7)
- How does being rooted in Christ affect us and those around us?
  - > Experience the fullness of God (Ephesians 3: 17-19)
  - > Devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)

The directive in Colossians is not to be thankful once or twice, but to thank God continually. When we abound in thanksgiving, our relationship with the Lord grows closer, deeper, and stronger. When that happens, we begin to take part in a much larger blessing entirely. Think about the blessings that you have experienced so far this weekend and remember to thank God for each and every one of them today.

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