

OUR SERVICES:

Sundays: 9:30 am Learning His Word
10:30 am Worship-- Building Relationships
6:00 pm Impacting our Community
Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Gaining Wisdom
Wednesdays: 10:30 am Prayer & Study
7:00 am Teen Study
Thursdays: 7:00 am Teen Training

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Pine Run Church of Christ 150th Anniversary



September 9 & 11, 2016

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Who we are...

We are an independent group that is committed to following Jesus. Talking to God, reading His Word, doing His will and loving others is what we are about.

Pine Run Church of Christ History

As the nation was struggling to be united, Davis Haven came to this area with a desire for Christians to be united. His experience in Ohio had shown him that appealing for people to be: Christians Only, with no book but the Bible and no creed but Christ; had brought together people of various denominations. Davis, along with his son, Warren, and son-in-law, Samuel Gross, began having Bible Studies and worshipping with their neighbors.

On April 1, 1866 officers were elected and the Pine Run Church of Christ was born. People who had settled this area in response to the Homestead Act, were busy clearing the land (lumber industry was prominent) and cultivating the ground. Other early members were businessmen. 92 people were attending in the first year. Times were different as only the men were mentioned by name (women still did not have a vote in public elections and children though counted, were not named). They would meet in the Vienna schoolhouse.

September of 1868, a building committee was formed to find land to build. Their decisions would then need the approval of the congregation as a whole. Davis Haven would pass away the following February and before the building had been built.

September of 1869 the land had been purchased and a building was then

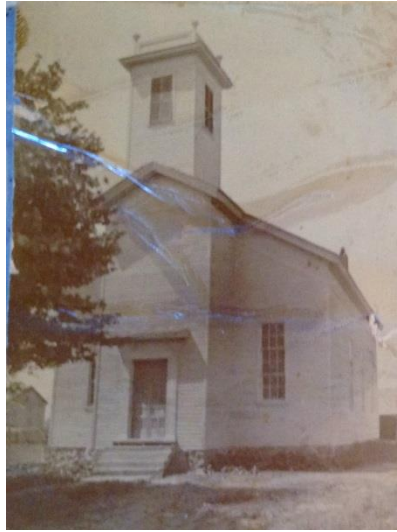


Figure 1 Picture from 1900

constructed. The dedication had the building decorated with tree branches, swings were set up for the children, the Clio Cornet Band provided music and a feast was spread out doors.

The first 10 years saw the passing of the oldest leaders and Warren Haven moving west in Michigan to settle another parcel of ground. The lumber industry was finishing clearing the area and was moving on as well. The community struggled and the church was not immune. Times were difficult and several families had lost children, spouses had died, and people tried to carry on.

1903 was a pivotal year as the board considered closing the doors and selling what they could in the Spring of the year. September brought a Revival service and new blood and life was given to the struggling congregation.

In 1910 the curtain closes on the records that we have. The nation would be involved in a World War (1914-1918). The "Roaring 20's" would come next followed by the stock market crash in 1929 and subsequent depression.

The depression era led to a resumption of the records as Sunday School classes were being held and children throughout the community were attending. These classes were the result of a dedicated group of women, mainly.

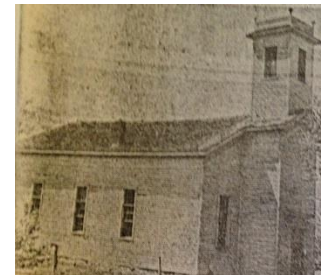


Figure 2 Picture from 1939

Ministers who had served the congregation up to this point included: Elias Silas, I.W. Andrews, A.W. Leonard, Eliphlet Hartson, Elder Dunscombe, E.E. Emerich, L.O. Drew, B.C. Delney, William H. Underhill, James Hooper, C.W. Hune, J.S. Raum, S.L. Randall and Fred Ross. William Underhill had served in the military during the Civil War and was ordained to the ministry in May of 1887 and hired as minister in August of 1887 of Pine Run.

A retired woman minister, Rev. Mrs. Bert Judd, was instrumental in pushing for the reorganization of the congregation in conjunction with Dr. E. H. Longman. The reorganization was completed on December 22, 1941.

The church was set on a new foundation with basement, roof had been repaired, ceiling lowered, paneled auditorium, new hard wood floors, a nursery room, stained glass windows, new hymnals, covered entrance, concrete steps, kitchen facilities and appliances, gas furnace, hot water heaters and other modern improvements. Charter Members at the reorganization (12/22/1941) included:

Elmer Underhill	Vennie Underhill	Blanche Underhill
Mary Ostrander	Albro Ostrander	Marvin Dayringer
Junior Dayringer	Kenneth Dayringer	Frank Dayringer
Altehea Burk	Mrs. Oscar Hornung	Thomas Hornung
Arthur Hornung	Clara Hornung	Martha Hornung
Elva Hornung	James Williams	Ora Williams
Charles Daly	Sydney Judd	



A graduate of Johnson Bible College, Lewis P. Mason, was hired as their minister in 1942. The church would continue to emphasize Sunday School, running a bus ministry and having fellowship events. The congregation began to raise money for a parsonage (on Liberty Street; burned in 1957) and were supported by local businesses besides.

September of 1952 began a three year partnership with the schools. Kindergarten classes (up to 70 young people a week) would be held at the church. The congregation adapted (including putting pews on casters so they could be moved). The schools helped by installing two restrooms on the west end, along with a drinking fountain. September of 1955 the school had sufficient room and no longer required the use of the church building.

The drop in revenue affected the church. The bus ministry had been discontinued, the purchase and renovation of the parsonage had also affected the cash flow.

Elton Carlson came as minister. The parsonage that had been purchased less than 10 years previously was destroyed completely by fire. Mr. Carlson was followed by Howard Woodard and Melvin Herrell.

Frank Kerns began a lengthy ministry in the early 1960's and



the church continued to reach numerous community youth through it's Bible School program. A week of special services were conducted to celebrate the first 100 years, with a different guest speaker for each service. Over 1100 attended during the course of the 10 services.

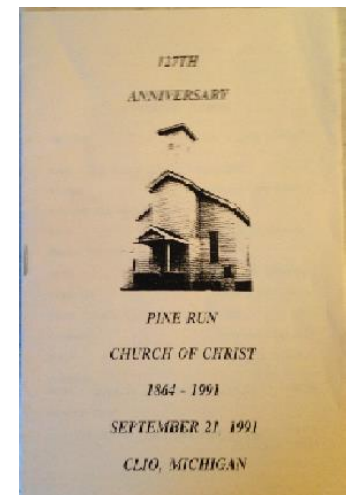
Charles Race followed Frank Kerns and had a brief ministry. He was succeeded by Frank Kerns son, **David Kerns**. The congregation continued to have a strong Sunday School program and had a pictorial directory made in 1977. The directory contained over 300 names, more than 220 were pictured, but attendances rarely hit 100. A platform, carpeting, baptistery, birch chancel, wainscoting and matching pulpit, pews, public address system, aluminum siding, storm windows, eaves troughs and a new rood were added in the 1970's. This was in addition to the rear entrance being paneled, vestibule, nursery and folding partitions installed.

The 1980s saw renovations with new carpeting, lighting, baptistery, communion furniture, basement remodeled and the organ and piano were replaced. New pews replaced wooden ones that Mrs. Henry Ford had built for the church which she attended in Dearborn. The church was involved in local parades and had a choir during this time, as well.

The 1990's featured the 125th Anniversary (listed on publicity as 127th; using date of 1864 when it was presumed some Bible studies and home worship services were held). The kitchen was remodeled and dedicated to women who had served faithfully.

The congregation had a couple of setbacks with minister's and it has struggled to remain a force. Calls came from "experts" to simply close the church (and possibly start under a new name and/or location), but the members were insistent on carrying on the legacy of this ministry.

Today the congregation has regained it's confidence and boldness. Presence on the internet (facebook and



webpage), involvement with schools (helping develop Strategic Plan), assisting with water distribution during the Flint Water Crisis (two and a half months of transporting and delivering cases of water door to door to over 300 homes on a weekly basis), training of young people and continued support of Missions (including helping impoverished in the area) are in addition to the weekly Bible studies and worship services that the congregation provides.

The congregation has sent people into the ministry including: William Underhill, Lowell Mason, Henry & Natalie Berry Rockfeller , Peggy Stanks (Schreeber), Dawn Degler, Peggy Dace and Arnold Ives.

Goldie Schlosser Acerman (member of the congregation) who was a poet-laureate of the community wrote a poem for the 100th Anniversary:

*One hundred faithful years you've stood
Your steeple lifted high,
Close to the road- your door ajar
To every passer-by*

*Through summer sun and winter snow
Through trouble, joy and tears
You've stood four-square, a solid rock
A beacon through the years.*

*At times the sound of joyous song
Has echoed from your walls;
Your rafters rang, and happy throngs,
Have overflowed your halls.*

*And sometimes, deep in solitude
One lonely soul has knelt
To ease the need for healing grace
His searching heart has felt.*

*Men come and go and years may pass,
As they have done before—
The weary heart will always find
A welcome at your door.*

*In prayerful tribute we salute
Your holy, humble trust—
The little Church beside the road—
The Pine Run Church of Christ.*

Special thanks to all the church clerks, Sunday School secretaries, historians who have helped make this history available.

LOWELL MASON

Lowell Mason was born August 14, 1937, in Knoxville, Tennessee, while his parents were students at Johnson Bible College. The Masons moved to the state of



Figure 4 Lowell-
Age 9 on Radio
Program

Michigan in 1942, where Lowell's father began the task of re-establishing a Church in the small community of Clio, Michigan, just north of Flint.

At the age of 9, Lowell began his ministry, singing on the radio, with the weekly radio program, "Children's Bible Hour" out of Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1955 he completed high school and in 1957 began his college studies at Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas. During that time he served as minister of the Christian Chapel in Robinson, Kansas and also traveled as an Evangelist.

In 1954, Lowell joined the Cecil Todd Evangelistic Association of Joplin, Missouri. Lowell worked as song evangelist with this association from 1954 until this present date.



Figure 5 Lowell Mason

As a teen, Lowell was performing concerts in the tri-state area (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana). He went on to sing across the country and internationally.

Lowell helped raise money for and helped deliver Bibles to Southeast Russia. He now also oversees a ministry to provide food to the needy in America, as well. This ministry delivered cases of water in October 2015, which were distributed weekly, door to door to over 300 homes in the Flint area, by the Pine Run Church.

Lowell received his honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Kerala Christian College in January, 1997.

Judy (Jones) Mason, was born in Aberdeen, Ohio, May 24, 1944. Her parents were farmers. Judy was the third of nine children. She graduated from high school in 1962 as a member of the National Honor Society.



Figure 6 70th Year of Ministry
8/14/2016

Judy and Lowell met at the North American Christian Convention in Lexington, Kentucky in 1962 and were married February 18, 1963.

Lowell and Judy are the parents of four children and have seven grandchildren.

Lowell and Judy have been in the ministry their entire married life.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

6:00 Doors Open
 7:00 Welcome & Prayer
 History of Church
 Recognitions
 Introduction of Lowell Mason
 Concert
 Refreshments

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:30 Bible School
 10:30 Welcome
 Opening Hymn
 He Keeps Me Singing (11/16/1930) 746
 Invocation
 Praise Hymn
 More About Jesus (11/16/1930) 560
 Prayer Hymn
 What A Friend (11/23/1930) 630
 Morning Prayer
 Communion Hymn
 One Day (12/21/1930) 294
 The Lords Table
 Offering
 Special Music
 Message from God: The First 75 Years
 Invitation Hymn
 Love Lifted Me (12/7/1930) 508
 Benediction
 Closing Hymn
 When the Roll (12/14/1930) 774

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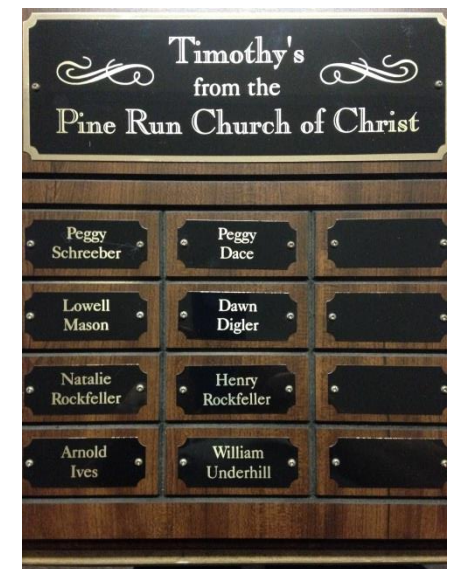
SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 Doors Open
 6:00 Welcome & Opening Prayer
 Praise Time:
 To God be the Glory 56
 The Church's One Foundation (125th) 401
 The Old Rugged Cross 327
 Communion
 Special Music
 Message from God: The Past 75 years & More
 Invitation Hymn
 Jesus is All the World to Me (125th) 512
 Benediction:
 Closing Hymn
 Take the Name of Jesus with You (125th) 235

TIMOTHIES

These are individuals who attended Pine Run Church of Christ and went on to full-time specialized Christian ministry:

Peggy Dace
 Dawn Degler
 Arnold Ives
 Lowell Mason
 Henry Rockfeller
 Natalie Rockfeller
 Peggy Schreeber
 William Underhill



MINISTER'S OF PINE RUN

Elias Silas
 I.W. Andrew
 A.W. Leonard
 Eliphlet Hartson
 Elder Dunscombe
 E.E. Emerich
 L.O. Drew
 B.C. Delney
 William H. Underhill
 James Hooper
 C.W. Hune
 J.S. Raum
 S.L. Randall
 Fred Ross
 Lewis P. Mason
 Elton Carlson

 Howard Woodard
 Mel Harrell
 Frank Kerns
 Charles Race
 David Kerns
 George Getchel
 L. Todd Fraser
 James Sandusky
 Richard Lewandoski
 David C. Hawthorne
 Steve Lockwood
 Bob Souilliere
 Paul St. Louis



Figure 7a David Kerns



Figure 7b George Getchel also served as Song Evangelist for several Revivals at Pine Run.

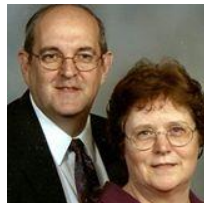


Figure 8 Bob & Lucy Souilliere

OUR VETERANS:

These are members or relatives of members of Pine Run Church of Christ who have served in the Armed Forces. They include those who are deceased (d) and those still with us.

Revolutionary War:

Bishop, Joel	(d)	Chaffee, David	(d)
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War of 1812

Bates, Osee	(d)	Bishop, Chauncey	(d)
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Civil War

Anderson, David S.	(d)	Bishop, Alonzo Tillman	(d)
Bishop, Charles Carroll	(d)	Bishop, Chauncey Elias	(d)
Bishop, Deloss	(d)	Bishop, Joseph L.	(d)
Bishop, William Henry	(d)	Blackmer, Albert Merrick	(d)
Burns, Hollister	(d)	Cleveland, Ezra S.	(d)
Eccleston, Sylvester W	(d)	Eckles, Edward	(d)
Felton, Hiram Dealton	(d)	French, Addison	(d)
Gardner, Chauncey	(d)	Gardner, Reuben B.	(d)
Gillett, Cyrus	(d)	Halstead, Richard H.	(d)
Massey, Lewis Austin	(d)	Massey, Wilford	(d)
Phillips, John I.	(d)	Skidmore, Silvanus	(d)
Tice, Henry	(d)	Underhill, William H.	(d)
Valentine, William Henry Harrison	(d)		
VanBuskirk, Harmon	(d)		

Spanish-American War

Hiram (U.S.) Grant Anderson	(d)
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World War I

Jones, Clyde	(d)	Hoak, George	(d)
Meeker, James	(d)	Monroe, Hiram	(d)
St. Louis, Harry	(d)	Williams, Cecil	(d)

World War II

Bishop, "Bud"	(d)	Cockrill, Clinton	(d)
Demeter, Andy	(d)	Edminson, Harold	(d)
Fisher, Darrell	(d)	Grant, James	(d)

Jones, William (d)	Kemp, John (d)
Krys, Klemens (d)	Lattin, Harold (d)
Lepeak, Leonard P. (d)	Meeker, Ray (d)
Minor, Harold (d)	Minor, Spencer (d)
Monroe, Clarence (d)	Prieur, Richard (d)
Reid, Robert (d)	St. Louis, Stanley (d)
Sandusky, Joseph (d)	Sargent, Frank (d)
Sargent, Richard (d)	Schooley, George (d)
Schooley, John (d)	Sutherby, Arnold (d)
Tice, Wellington (d)	Weir, Chad (d)
Wendlikowski, Stanley (d)	

Korea

Dougherty, John	Hoak, James (d)
Howell, David	McGinnis, Winston (d)
Minor, Hubert (d)	Shook, Jack (d)
Tice, Lovell (d)	

Viet Nam

Crane, Leslie Arnold	McGinnis, Theodore
Sandusky, Larry (d)	Shook, Jerry (d)
Spencer, Terry	Welch, Jim (d)

Desert Storm

Lepeak, George F. (d)

Peacetime

Berry, Carl (d)	Carlson, Ray
Howell, Paul	Monroe, Robert (d)
St. Louis, Franklin (d)	Silvers, Glen (d)

Presently:

Matthew Jennings



Missions we support:



Great Lakes Christian College

Welcome to GLCC As a Christian academic community, GLCC's task is to educate men and women for preaching and other ministry roles as well as for careers related to the church or other institutions in the public sector. In all instances, preparing students to be servant-leaders is central to the College's founding character, history, curriculum, and campus ethos.

For more information go to: www.glcc.edu



Great Lakes Christian Homes is a not-for-profit organization that exists for the purpose of meeting the physical, social and spiritual needs of the aging population with support

services.

- Programming and Socialization
- Family involvement
- Spiritual Support
- Professional Standards
- For more information go to: <http://greatlakesch.org/>



H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity)

Jeff and Carol Badgero have been serving in Haiti for 30 years. They help distribute medical supplies besides sharing the message of Jesus. They have also been able to make 3 trips to Cuba, 2 to Africa, 2 to India Malaysia and two trips to Turks and Caicos.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love In the Name of Christ History

In 2011, we celebrated 30 years of serving Genesee County, we look back to where it all began.

Love INC is a nationally based, church networking organization. They coordinate assistance for the families in need. Founder, Virgil Gaulker, states that "If we wish to see God, we should look at the point where a caring Christian intersects with a person in need.

For more information go to: <http://www.loveincfgcc.org/>



Lowell & Judy Mason
Ministers, A.L.M. Bible for Russia and Operations W.C. Case
"Share the Love of Christian Service"
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Lowell (Bud) Mason grew up at the Pine Run Church of Christ and has gone on to serve the Lord all over the world through concerts, crusades, delivering Bibles to Russia, feeding the hungry in America and more.

To learn more about his life and ministry go to: www.lowellmason.com



Mexican Mountain Mission was founded in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, by Ted and Wanda Murray over 40 years ago. They took in, fed, clothed, loved and educated orphans and street children from the area of San Luis Potosi, deep in the interior of Mexico.

The Murry's provide the daily necessities of life and a loving home for these children. Of course, they also see that the children have a strong spiritual foundation and an exceptionally high quality education



Michigan Christian Campus Ministries (**His House Christian Fellowship**) is a ministry that reaches out to college and university students with the story of Jesus Christ. Currently, 12 Michigan colleges and universities have ministries. Since its inception in 1969, His House has maintained a goal to raise up students who are wise enough to seek Him, tender enough to love those around them, strong enough to influence nations, and excited enough to change history.

For more information go to: <https://hhcf.org/>



Rock Lake is a Christian Campground with programs for adults, families and youth
for more information go to: <http://www.rlca.org/>

5K Run/Walk to help Camp Scholarships



First and foremost, WCSC is a God-centered camp. Sharing the love of God is our focus, our purpose and our entire reason for being here.

For more information go

to: <http://www.wolverinechristianservicecamp.com/>

ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Exalting Christ:

Worship services, Bible Studies and equipping people for service to our Lord, helps people to see that Christ is Lord and we are here to share His love with others.



Teaching the Word

Sunday School and weekly studies for various groups all focus on learning the contents of God's Word and how it applies to our lives. God's teaching equips us to enjoy a life that is productive and blesses others.



Reaching the Lost

People are looking for hope, peace, joy and love and are struggling with issues every day. We are looking to help them overcome these struggles and find what they are searching for. We know that all of this and more can be found in the life that God is calling us to; and we are sharing that message with others.

Discipling Christians

We strive to help Christians grow in their relationship with Christ. This includes: helping them spend time listening to Him (daily Bible Reading), talking with Him (Prayer), living for Him (leading godly lives and being a blessing to others) and finding support (fellowship with other Christians).



Meeting Emotional Needs:

Praying, counseling, encouraging and supporting people who are going through crisis in their lives; are all ways that Christians provide emotional support. God has helped us, and we take those experiences and lessons and now help others.

Meeting Physical Needs:

Supporter of Clio Human Services Fund. Help fund food pantries in Clio Schools, run food backpack programs on weekends for school children, help with utilities, rent and emergency needs. To become a supporter call: 810-964-4905,

Food for the Holidays-- Congregation provides gift cards for families for the holidays.

Sending youth to Church camp. “30 Pieces of Silver Offering” at Easter, along with fund raising through Rock Lake’s 5K; helps send young people to camp.

Providing Fresh Produce-- Healthy food is expensive. We are working to provide fresh produce from local gardens to people that can use it to stretch their fixed income.

Assisting fellow Christians: Utility help, food assistance, fresh vegetables, guidance to gain further assistance, support during loss of loved ones and more.

Weddings: Couples looking to be joined together in the bonds of matrimony find that we are here to help them get off to a good start in their new life.

Financial Peace University: Helping people work their way out of debt and into a lifestyle of financial peace. These seminars are offered to anyone. Next one begins in October 2016.

Water in Flint

Spent two and a half months distributing water to 3 neighborhoods in Flint. Each week, our volunteers would take water door to door. Over 300 homes were blessed each week.



Louisiana Assistance

Over 110,000 people have experienced flood damage in their homes and now the clean up is starting. We are striving to raise money to help send 50,000 lbs of supplies (per truck) to the residents



of this ravaged area. It will cost \$5,900 to get the supplies there (supplies are being donated). Donations can be made to: Pine Run Church of Christ and designate:

Louisiana Assistance.

Clio Area Schools Strategic Planning Committee:

Working with the schools on developing a 3-5 year plan that will raise the standards and achievements of local students. The goal is to prepare them for a changing world and equip them to work together to make our world a better place.

Dedication:

This booklet is dedicated to the God who has provided and blessed this community through the ministry of the Pine Run Church of Christ. He has led, strengthened, encouraged, taught, inspired, comforted and transformed lives for over the past 150 years here.

Relying on God, our Father; Jesus, our Savior; and the Spirit, our Comforter; we commit ourselves to faithfully carrying on the work to which we have been called: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things I have commanded thee, and lo, I am with thee always, even to the end of the earth." Following His example of ministry, we will teach, meet needs and most of all: Love God and Love our neighbor as ourselves!

APRIL 3, 2016



Front Row: John Dougherty, Dorlene Dougherty, Glenowyn Jones, Gladys Carlson, Ray Carlson

Second Row: Katrina Daroczy, Steve Lepeak, Izabell Lepeak, Tim Janke

Back Row: Mayvin Gray, Tracy Desgrange, Michael Desgrange, Jaydin Moore, Paul St. Louis, Deb St. Louis

People Not Pictured: Charlene Anderson, Faye Cockrill, Jewell Gray, Cinda Howell, Gloria Howell, Patricia Janke, Savannah Littlejohn, Loretta Malin, Skia Moore, Larry Sandusky, Kaylee Sandusky, Brandon Sandusky, Eudora Shook, and Mary Smith

To God Be The Glory

Vs.

God started Pine Run with those who believed

He guided, He strengthened, He provided Her needs,

Through the years, many doubted she'd really survive,

But we are the proof that God's still changing lives!

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice,

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come, to the Father, through Jesus, the Son;

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!