

THE CROSSROADS



"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

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A light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ centered worship and ministry and nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.

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AUGUST WHAT?

I was thinking about the month of August and doing some reading and discovered there is nothing really exciting about August except that is when school starts up again. One writer said, "August is the Mississippi of the calendar. It's beastly hot and muggy. It has a dismal history. Nothing good ever happens in it. And the United States would be better off without it."

I resent that because I and my family are from Mississippi. In any case August is not a very popular month. Church attendance does rise again as we approach Christmas but that is about it.

August is when the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, when Anne Frank was arrested, when the first income tax was collected, when Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe died.

August is the time when thugs and dictators think they can get away with it. World War I started in August 1914. The Nazis and Soviets signed their nonaggression pact in August 1939. Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2, 1990. August is a popular month for coups and violent crime. Why August? Perhaps the villains assume we'll be too distracted by vacations or humidity to notice.

August is the vast sandy wasteland of American culture. The sports pages wither into nothingness. Pre-pennant-race baseball—if that can even be called a sport—is all that remains. We have to feign interest in NFL training camps. Newspapers are thin in August, but not thin enough. Even Martha Stewart (born Aug. 3) can't think of anything to do in August. Her Martha Stewart Living calendar, usually so sprightly, overflows with Aug. 14: "If it rains, organize basement." Aug. 16: "Reseed bare patches in lawn." Aug. 27: "Change batteries in smoke and heat detectors."

You can't get a day off from August, because it is the only month without a real holiday. Instead, the other months have shunted onto this weak sister all the lame celebrations they didn't want. Air Conditioning Appreciation Week, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Week, National Religious Software Week, Carpenter Ant Awareness Week: All these grand American celebrations belong to August. Is it any accident that National Lazy Day, Relaxation Day, Deadwood Day, and Failures Day are commemorated in August?

August can't even master the things it is supposed to do well. Despite its slothful reputation, it is not the top vacation month; July is. Nor is August the hottest month (on the East Coast, at least). That crown, too, is July's. August is when the garden starts to wither, and when the long summer days cruelly vanish.

Galatians 4:8-11 – 8 "Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10 You are observing special days and MONTHS and seasons and years! 11 I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you." Well not you personally.

My precious friends let August just roll off your backs and use the time to get to know your God and your family a little. That is all August really has going for it.

LOVE PASTOR SPENCER

OUR MISSION: To exhibit the kingdom of God to our community by being a witness to everyone who is within our reach that Jesus Christ is LORD. To proclaim the gospel by telling the good news of Jesus Christ while equipping all who will to be evangelist so the church will grow. To provide for the worship of God through traditional Sunday morning worship and offer alternative times and styles of worship to the community. To promote the ministry of compassion by providing opportunities for ministry and encouraging others to seek God's call for compassionate service. To preserve the truth of God's word by defending the faith against any deviation from the bible as objective truth. To educate the members of the body of Christ so they are equipped to live as becomes the followers of Jesus. To maintain the spirit of unity through the fellowship of the children of God. To expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations once again to our own Anne Dunivin for her win at the 2013 Pan-American Masters Championship for swimming, held in Sarasota, Florida in June this year. A misstep last fall in a cardio class resulted in a broken hip. That didn't stop her. After months of therapy, she is back in competition. Her next big meet is the World Masters Championship next year in Montreal. "Queen Anne" plans to attend.

See the full story in the article from the Sarasota newspaper on our bulletin board. Way to go Ms. Anne!

PLEASE



**DO NOT TAKE
FOOD OR DRINK
INTO SANCTUARY**
(WATER ACCEPTABLE)

THANK YOU!

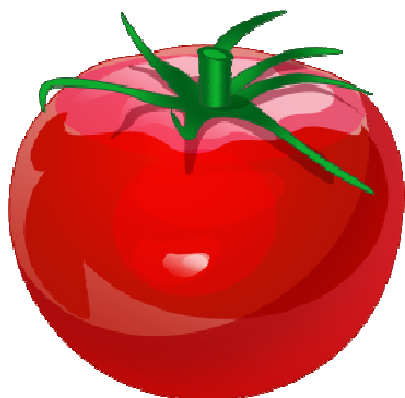
Please Note: Food & Drinks are not allowed in the Sanctuary. The Break Room is located on the right in the Sunday School Hall.

Thanks for your Cooperation.

RALLY DAY/ APPRECIATION DAY

The Rally Day covered dish luncheon will be Sunday August 18, immediately following the worship service. It will also be a time to show our appreciation to the Sunday School Teachers and the Superintendent. The church will furnish the drinks Plan to attend for a time of fun and fellowship.

Barbara Barlow



The Good Shepherd Clinic invites everyone to its eleventh annual Tomato Sandwich Party fundraiser on Saturday, August 3rd at the [Morrow Center](#) located at Southlake Mall. This year's Tomato Sandwich Party will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. A minimum donation at the door will be \$13 per person (\$25 per couple) and includes a variety of food and drink featuring make-your-own tomato sandwiches, a pickle bar, and dessert. [Local entertainment](#) will be provided by Faculty Grass and the Steve Shivers Swing Trio. All proceeds are used to provide free medical care for uninsured Clayton County residents.

PW Message Corner . . .



- August 24—10:30am—Circle One

CIRCLE ONE

Due to the weekend session of the 2013-14 PW Bible Study at Columbia Theological Seminary on August 16-17, Circle One will meet on Saturday, August 24.

Thanks!

Janice

THE CRAFT GROUP SCHEDULE

August 13, 11:30am @ Southern Pit BBQ, Griffin, GA
Carpool from the church, 11:00 am

August 27. 11:30am @ Charlies Country Cooking, 54 Hwy, Fayetteville.
Carpool from the church 11:00.



WORKDAY
Saturday, August 31
9am—12pm

WE CELEBRATE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

- 19/ Glenda Taylor
- 22/ Betty Brock
- 22/ Stan Ashmore
- 23/ Marie Foster
- 30/ Brooke Lloyd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

- 06/ Mona & Bud Steele
- 24/ Dot & Emory Pearce
- 25/ Ruth & Erwin Gettys



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THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

Ushers

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| 04/ Diane Kitchen | Pat Randolph |
| 11/ Guest | Tom Murphy |
| 18/ Juanita DeBey | Fred Rohrbach |
| 25/ Barbara Barlow | Emory Pearce |

Core Values of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

- Radical Hospitality** (Romans 12:9-21)
- Passionate Worship** (John 4:21-24)
- Intentional Faith Development** (I Corinthians 9:19-24)
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service** (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Extravagant Generosity** (II Corinthians 9:6-15)

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TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

06/04 Dwayne Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – chemo for colon cancer

07/11 Nancy Biles (friend of Jenni & Stan Ashmore) – stage 4 lung cancer

06/18 Kimble Carter (Randolph's son-in-law) – recovering from knee replacement surgery

07/23 Jean Kernan (Nancy Phillips' 86 yr old aunt) – treatment for omentum cancer

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney

Tye Bryant

Marie Foster

Charles NeSmith

JoAnn Tatzel

Dot Upchurch

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To make a prayer request, you may call the church office at 404-366-1851, send an email to se-cyppc@bellsouth.net or click on the prayer request button on our website at www.ppc-usa.org.