

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia

# 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*

**JUNE 2013**

## Cherokee Indian Legend

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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Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night

and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him or call for him.

Moral of the story: Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there. "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Psalm 17:6 RSV I call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God; incline thy ear to me, hear my words.

Psalm 18:3 RSV I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 50:15 RSV and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

*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

*Don Fleming graduated from Southern Crescent Technical College with a degree in Computer Programming. Don graduated as an Honor Graduate with Distinction maintaining a 4.0 GPA.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

*We are proud to announce the marriage of Blake and Susan Enete on Aril 27, 2013. We are excited to welcome Susan and daughter Amelia Grace to our family.*

*Jim & Nancy Phillips*

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is extended to Rev. Cecil Murphey (former Riverdale pastor) and family in the homegoing of Shirley Murphey on May 19. A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, June 15, at 4:00pm at Clairmont Presbyterian.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is extended to Debbie Bray and family in the death of Debbie's brother, Todd Bray.

## Thank You

*Dear Church Family,  
My sincere thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, calls and for Spencer's visits during my recent illness.*

*Once again, I am reminded how special it is ti have a loving, caring church family.*

*My love to all of you,  
Dot Pearce*

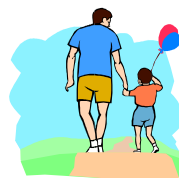
## My Hero

My hero is the quiet type,  
No marching bands, no media hype,  
But through my eyes it's plain to see,  
A hero, God has sent to me.

With gentle strength and quiet pride,  
All self-concern is set aside,  
To reach out to his fellow man,  
And be there with a helping hand.

Heroes are a rarity,  
A blessing to humanity.  
With all they give and all they do,  
I'll bet the thing you never knew,  
My hero has always been you.

--Anonymous



**Father's Day is June 16**



**Independence Day  
Celebration**

Our annual 4th of July  
Cook-Out Celebration will  
be June 30th. The church will furnish the  
hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and  
condiment's. Plan to attend and bring your  
favorite side dishes and desserts.



Work Day is Saturday, June 8, from  
9:00am to 12:00 noon. There will be  
lots to do inside the building. Please  
come and help us out.

**PW Message Corner . . .**



- June 2—12:15pm—PWCT
- June 15—10:30am—Circle One
- June 18—11:30am—Busy Bees Circle to Longhorn
- No Mary & Martha meeting in June

**THE CRAFT GROUP SCHEDULE**

- June 11—11:30am—Franks Old Mill Restaurant,  
1095 West Highway 54, Fayetteville  
*Carpool from church at 11:00am*
- June 25—11:30am—Broadway Diner, Hwy 1389,  
Stockbridge. *Carpool from church at 11:15am*

**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!***

- 05/01 Beth Allen (former member) - recovering from a mastectomy
- 04/26 Dwayne Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – chemo for colon cancer
- 05/22 Barry Billington—undergoing surgery to remove melanoma cancer**
- 05/20 Debby Bray—morning the loss of her brother Todd**
- 04/14 Timothy DeBey – treatment for prostate cancer
- 04/10 Betty Foster – recovering from 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement surgery
- 04/18 Dan Graddy (Lee Casey's nephew, Good Shepherd) hearing damage
- 04/04 Faye Hood (Pat Randolph's friend) – cancer surgery to remove bladder
- 04/09 Ann NeSmith – dealing with IBS, back pain and anxiety issues
- 04/09 Charlie NeSmith – dealing with kidney disease & COPD
- 05/15 Wayne Pike (Lynn Vandiver's cousin) - brain tumor increasing in size
- 04/17 Jean Ray – recovering from carotid artery surgery
- 04/28 Alan Straughter's mom – fractured neck in fall

**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

- Mary Binkney**
- Marie Foster**
- Dot Upchurch**
- Tye Bryant**
- JoAnn Tatzel**

*Please refer to the Church  
Directory for contact infor-  
mation.*

To make a prayer request, you may call the church office at 404-366-1851, send an email to [se-cypcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cypcc@bellsouth.net) or click on the prayer request button on our website at [www.ppc-usa.org](http://www.ppc-usa.org).

# WE CELEBRATE!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

- 02/ Greg Downing
- 06/ Jo Nelson
- 06/ Jane Ashmore
- 06/ Patty Boone
- 08/ Tony Kitchen
- 09/ Holly Ashmore
- 10/ Wanda Jackson
- 14/ Buddy Ashmore
- 16/ Nancy Kemper
- 16/ Ethan Lyle
- 18/ Jackson Randolph
- 22/ Barbara Gibson
- 24/ Betty Foster
- 24/ Barry Billington
- 25/ Grace Collier
- 25/ Kate Clayton
- 25/ Juan Rodriguez
- 30/ Ralph Kelly
- 30/ JoAnn Tatzel

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

- 04/ Angie & Mark Russ
- 05/ Diane & Van Banke
- 17/ Bev & Darr Johnson

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## THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

### Nursery Workers

- 02/ Diane Kitchen
- 09/ Mona Steele
- 16/ Guest
- 23/ Dot Pearce
- 30/ Guest

### Ushers

- Greg Downing
- David Hatch
- Philippe Karka
- Darr Johnson

## 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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