

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

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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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EVANGELISM IS THE KEY TO EVERY CHURCH'S NEEDS

I have come across a biblical concept of personal evangelism which involves believers helping others seven ways in order for Christians reach their world.

1. Ministry to orphans and single-parent children: The apostle James declared, "Pure religion and undefiled before God... is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction" (James 1:27). Hundreds of broken families surround our churches. Think of the impact members can have on the children, their relatives, and friends by helping the single parent. "The Christian who is pure and without fault, from God the Father's point of view, is the one who takes care of orphans and widows" (James 1:27, The Living Bible).

2. Ministry to widows: Visit any congregation and you find white-haired widows who are withering from neglect. They will tell you that when their husbands were alive, they were invited to all the couples' events, but when their husbands died they were all but forgotten by many members of the congregation. At a time when loneliness is so painful, few Christians take time to visit with them.

Our doctrine of grace, misapplied, contributes to our people's inactivity. We are not saved by good works but we are saved to do good works. The apostle James declared, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). Unbelievers will seldom, if ever, walk into a church. Christians must bring the message to them, not just in words but in action. Then they'll see the reality of Jesus Christ manifested through them.

3. True Christians bring strangers into their homes: Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and ye took me in" (Matthew 25:35; also see Luke 14:12—14). Seldom do more than two out of a thousand follow our Lord's clear-cut directive to open their homes to non-family, non-Christian people.

Jesus said the point of having others over is not to preach or teach but to demonstrate God's love.

4. True Christians feed the hungry: It will be a serious moment when Jesus Christ divides His sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:31—33). It will also be a weeding time—when the Lord separates the genuine from the phony. Some churches have pantries and kitchens at rescue missions. This is good but does not and cannot replace the responsibility of individual Christians helping others. As a general rule, whenever someone in the area is hurting, Christians should be the first to help.

5. Christians give clothing to needy people: Jesus said He was "naked and you clothed me" (Matthew 25:36; also see James 2:14—17). Jesus' plan is for believers to invade areas of need and reveal God's love. That is why the Early Church grew so quickly. Believers clearly understood their mission.

6. Christians visit the sick: Jesus said, "I was sick, and ye visited me" (Matthew 25:36). Tommy Barnett, pastor of First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Arizona, has one of the largest, fastest-growing churches in America. He reported that Alvin Booher, who has won thousands of people to Christ through his hospital visitation and other ministries. Lead and teach your people to call on the sick.

7. True Christians visit inmates in jail: Jesus said, "I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matthew 25:36). What will happen when pastors and members enthusiastically and regularly help orphans, minister to widows, feed the hungry, invite strangers into homes, give away clothing, call on the sick, and visit the prisoners? Suddenly congregations will break out of their believers' bubbles and join the real battle for the hearts and souls of broken people.

Clearly, the Holy Spirit will help us as we take steps to reach the many in our communities who are in great need. If we truly love people, we'll find ways to help them—even when there seems to be no way.

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.

Thank You

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Members,

Thank you so much for the words of comfort, phone calls, prayers and expressions of love during our recent losses of Keith Carter (brother) and Betty Carter (mother). All the expressions of love and comfort have sincerely helped us face each new day.

Also know we appreciate all the prayers offered for Betty over the years and in recent weeks for Keith.

Love,

The Carter's, Kimble, Helen, Ansley & Andrew

Thank You

Dear Philadelphia Family,

Thank you for all your love and prayers for our family. We appreciate all you've done over the years. It was so nice to see so many loved ones at Mon's funeral. She always loved the church and it maintained a special place in her heart right until the end.

With much love & appreciation, The Cushing Family
Lee, Betty & Stephen

Thank You

Dear Philadelphia Church family,

Bud and I greatly appreciate the prayers, cards, calls and concerns during his hospital stay and also my sister, Mary Doster's hospital stay and death. Thank you seems so inadequate but is so true. Thank you again and may God continue to bless us all.

Love and Blessings

Bud & Mona Steele

Thank You

Our church family is truly a blessing. Thank you does not seem enough to express how much all of you have done for us. Your cards, calls, great food and most of all prayers have been so appreciated. My recovery is coming along well and the prayers of hope for my brother Jerry were a comfort. The Christian love found in our congregation is wonderful.

May God bless you and yours!

Nancy Phillips

COLLEGE STUDENTS & MILITARY

If your address has changed since September 2012, please advise the church of your new address. The Circles send cards all through the year and gift cards to college students on special occasions. It would also be helpful if you or your family would notify the church office or circle when you receive the gift card.



In April we will be collecting supplies for Securus House, a temporary home for abused women and their children. For the last twenty-six years, The Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc., aka Securus House, has provided shelter, support, counseling and advocacy for victims of family violence in Clayton County.

A list of items they need is found below. Items may be left in the narthex.

*Nancy Kemper,
Community Missions*

Paper Needs

- Paper towels
- toilet paper, paper plates
- napkins, tissues
- diapers
- 9x12 manilla envelopes
- writing paper
- etc.

Soap Needs

- liquid body soap
- bar soap (not hotel size)
- laundry detergent
- hand sanitizer
- dishwashing detergent
- dishwasher detergent
- etc.

PW Message Corner . . .



- April 7—12:15pm—PWCT
- April 13—10:30am—Mary & Martha @Nancy Phillips' home
- April 16—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
- April 20—10:30am—Circle One



Workday

April 13

From 9:00am to 12:00 noon

Everyone is welcomed to come and lend a hand. There is something for everyone to do.

SECURITY CHANGES



We have upgraded our door security system. If you have a key to the doors, please make sure you contact Fred Rohrbach to receive another personal code.

THE CRAFT GROUP SCHEDULE

- April 09— 11:30am— Canoe Restaurant, Atlanta
- April 23— 11:30am—Nell Cates Home, Peachtree City

WE CELEBRATE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

- 01/ Freda Peeks
- 03/ James Ray
- 06/ Fred Rohrbach Jr.
- 08/ Erin Randolph
- 13/ Tom Smith
- 14/ Mallory Banke
- 17/ Kathie Pierce
- 17/ Angela Russ
- 23/ Serena Staats
- 24/ John Randolph
- 26/ Trinity Staats

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

- 10/ Ann & Charles NeSmith
- 15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach
- 21/ Mallory & Chris Banke
- 24/ Glenda & Donald Taylor
- 28/ Lynn & Arnold Vandiver



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THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

Ushers

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| 4/7 Guest | Tom Murphy |
| 4/14 Diane Kitchen | Emory Pearce |
| 4/21 Juanita Debey | Fred Rohrbach |
| 4/28 Barbara Barlow | Don Nelson |

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Lorene Brown, age 92, who passed away on March 25. Lorene was a very active member of Philadelphia from 1962 to 2005. She was buried in Hairmann, TN.

03/20 Dwayne Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – chemo for colon cancer

03/14 Timothy DeBey – treatment for prostate cancer

03/25 Connie McWilliams – surgery to break and reset shoulder

02/06 Ann NeSmith – dealing with IBS and anxiety issues

02/06 Charlie NeSmith – diagnosed with stage 3 kidney disease and pneumonia in right lung

03/25 Bob Wood (Francis Youngblood's brother) – surgery to remove bladder

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney

Marie Foster

Eddie Upchurch

Tye Bryant

JoAnn Tatzel

Dot Upchurch

Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information.

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.