

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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Is Jesus Christ a Legend, Lunatic, Liar, or Lord and GOD?

In his famous book Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis makes this statement, "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg--or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us."

Jesus could only have been one of four things: a legend, a liar, a lunatic--or Lord and God. There is so much historical and archeological evidence to support his existence that every reputable historian agrees he was not just a legend. If Jesus were a liar, why would he die for his claim, when he could easily have avoided such a cruel death with a few choice words? And, if he were a lunatic, how did he engage in intelligent debates with his opponents or handle the stress of his betrayal and crucifixion while continuing to show a deep love for his antagonists? Christ said he was Lord and God. The evidence supports that claim.

Jesus Christ claimed to be able to forgive sins.

One of the reasons that the Jewish leaders were so angry with Jesus was his continual practice of forgiving people's sins. The religious leaders understood clearly that since sins were rebellion against God Himself, only God could forgive sins.

Luke 5:20-21 "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.' The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?'" (emphasis: web author)

Luke 7:48-49 "Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'"

Christ claimed to be able to give everlasting life.

Jesus didn't just tell people how they could find everlasting life, or deepen their own life experience. He actually claimed to give life himself.

John 6:40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:47 "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life."

John 10:28-30 "I give [my followers] eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die...'"

Jesus claimed that he would die and come back to life.

John 10:17 "Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

John 12:32-33 "'But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die."

John 16:16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

Luke 18:31-33 "Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up into Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.'"

What do you believe? Legend, Liar, Lunatic, or LORD?

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

We would like to thank all of you for your support, your cards, prayers, visits, wishes, and inspirational comments during and after Dad's illness. We would like to also thank the doctors, nurses and the entire staff of Northside Hospital who took excellent care of our Dad (and us too). The work of the Bereavement Committee is invaluable. We were able to meet with relatives that we had not seen in years. Thank you for the meal after the funeral. We will miss our Dad and it was so enlightening to learn that many will miss him too. Thank you again for all your support.

Joan Murphy & family

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how much all the prayers, cards, calls and food meant to me during my long ordeal with a broken bone in my leg and then a knee replacement. I'm doing fine except for my other bad knee which I will be having replaced in a couple of months. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love,

Betty Foster

Thank You

On behalf of the Morrow Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, we sincerely thank you for your generous donations to our food pantry. This money was very much needed and appreciated by our entire community. We have many families that would go hungry if it were not for the food they receive from our pantry.

We express our deepest gratitude to God for your help in our ministry. May God bless all your efforts as you continue to serve others.

Angela Turner & H. R. Tuttle

Ministry Team Elders

Morrow Presbyterian Church

A New Arrival

Emmilen Elizabeth Huie

was born January 5, 2013

weighing in at 6lbs. 30z. and 18 1/2" long

daughter of Brandon & Cari Huie

granddaughter of Allen & Sandra Huie

proud great-grandparents are Bob & Becky Huie

A TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of **Elizabeth Clayton** has changed from her GCSU address while she is completing her internship. Effective immediately and until the end of July, she is located in Chattahoochee, Florida. Please check the bulletin board for her new mailing address.



WHAT IS BREAKFAST CLUB?

Many years ago now, a group of men and women here at Philadelphia started meeting at a local restaurant for breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00am every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. We are, at this time, gathering at:

Anne & Bills Restaurant
1057 Main Street
Forest Park, GA

We would love for you to join us, any time you can, for a great time of laughs and stories and good food to eat.

The Breakfast Club



As a result of your gifts and the gifts of other congregations across the church, OGHS will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways. Thank you for your longtime support of this offering as together we are **Sharing Resources...Changing Lives.**

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Special envelopes are available throughout the Easter season.

PW Message Corner . . .



- March 3—12:15pm—PWCT
- March 9—10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle @ Evelyn Murdock's home
- March 16—10:30am—Circle One
- March 19—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

The Craft Group Schedule

March 12—11:30am—Feed Store Restaurant, College Park, 10:30am-carpool from church

March 26—11:30am—Mellow Mushroom, Stbg, 11:00am-carpool from church

Holy Week 2013

March 24—**Palm Sunday:** During our 11:00am service, our worship choir will perform special music.

March 28—**Maundy Thursday:** you are encouraged to go to a church in your area to attend a service.

March 29—**Good Friday:** again, please seek a service in your area to attend.

March 31—**Easter Sunrise Service:** begins at 7:00am with breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall.

March 31—**Special Easter Service:** begins at 11:00am. Our worship choir will perform special anthems.



WE CELEBRATE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

- 2/ Chris Banke
- 3/ Jennifer Rohrbach
- 5/ Rose Enow
- 15/ Angie Tharp
- 18/ Diane Kitchen
- 19/ Don Nelson
- 19/ Andrew Durden
- 20/ Pat Randolph
- 24/ Pegge Murphy
- 26/ Henry Brock
- 27/ Charlie NeSmith
- 28/ Erwin Gettys

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

- 26/ Annelle & Buck Maxwell
- 28/ Celestine & Philippe Karka


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THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

Ushers

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| 3/03—Diane Kitchen | Darr Johnson |
| 3/10—Joyce Smith | Ray Morgan |
| 3/17—Pat Randolph | Bob Huie |
| 3/24—Guest | Buddy Ashmore |
| 3/31—Guest | |

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 Helen & Kimble Carter in the death of Kimble's brother, Keith from leukemia and Kimble's mother, Betty from pneumonia, both within 3 days. Helen is the daughter of Pat & John Randolph.

- 01/22 Dwayne Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) - Crohn's disease & cancer surgery 3/4
- 01/15 Demetrius Bolston (Pam Langley's friend) – severely underweight, serious infection
- 01/22 Kenneth Brown (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) recovering from surgery, groin aneurysm
- 02/11 Billie Goldwire – under hospice care - cancer
- 01/03 Jerry Johnson (Nancy Phillips' brother) – discontinued chemo for liver cancer
- 01/22 Connie McWilliams – recovering from shoulder surgery
- 02/06 Ann NeSmith – severe digestive issues
- 02/06 Charlie NeSmith – improving and able to get out some, still dealing with COPD
- 02/10 Nancy Phillips – knee replacement surgery on 2/19
- 02/10 David Turner (Buddy & Jane Ashmore's friend) – throat surgery at Emory
- 02/10 Eddie Upchurch – recovering from surgery to remove growth near kidney
- 01/06 Joe Weems (Dot Linderman's son) – radiation treatment for prostate cancer

OUR HOMEBOUND:

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| Mary Binkney | Marie Foster | Eddie Upchurch |
| Tye Bryant | JoAnn Tatzel | Dot Upchurch |
| Doris Ellis | Bert Tatzel | |

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.