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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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SCREEEEEEAM IT'S A GHOST

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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With so many alternative beliefs in our society, it is often difficult for some to decide what is true, and what is not. Christians need to have an answer for the question: "Do Ghosts exist?"

They also need to be aware of the deception behind so called "psychics". Since Halloween is upon us it will be good to answer some questions about ghost.

1. Test the Spirits

Whether you are dealing with so called ghosts, aliens or psychics, the only way to know if you are being deceived is to know the word of God (scripture) and know it well. Test the spirits to see if they are of God, or if you are being deceived by a lying spirit.

1 John 4:1

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try [test] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (4) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (5) They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. (6) We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."

2. What are Ghosts?

Many people have claimed to see Ghosts, and others even claim to have captured them on film. Do these spiritual beings actually exist? Do we become ghosts when we die? Or do we become Angels? Neither is true... according to the Bible.

Angels were created separate from man, and are a different order than man. Genesis chapter 2:1 (King James Version) speaks of the "hosts" of heaven being created. Also read Revelation 7:9-14 to see that angels and men are 2 completely different beings.

The Bible says that one third of the angels rebelled against God. Satan (Lucifer) was the angel in charge of this rebellion. These angels were punished by being banished from heaven. Satan hates man. Man has a relationship with God that angels could never have. Man was made in the image and likeness of God. Satan is jealous of this and hates us for it. He wants to deceive human kind into rejecting God, so that man will share the same punishment that he is destined for.

Satan knows that one single lie wont be effective in deceiving everyone. So he came up with several. Some men would be deceived by Ghosts and reincarnation. Others would adopt an evolutionary philosophy, that the world created itself without God. Others would be deceived into believing in pagan gods, etc...

I believe (and the Bible says) that Satan sends fallen angels to earth to deceive us. Satan wants us to doubt the existence of God. He wants man to share in his punishment.

Part of this deception is the appearance of "ghosts". Satan wants man to believe that these are the spirits of people who have died. That they have overcome the chains of death and returned.

This is opposite of what the Bible says happens when we die. By being presented with these spirits one tends to question if the Biblical destination after death is the correct one. Because if ghosts exist, then clearly heaven does not.

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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.



A NEW ARRIVAL

Henry and Betty Brock are happy to announce the birth of a granddaughter
Avacyn (Ary) Leigh Burruss
born September 7, 2013
the daughter of Beth and Wesley Burruss



The Stewardship Season has gotten off to a good start. Our sincere appreciation to Greg Downing for the delicious meal, Sunday and for his encouraging words during morning worship. A special thanks to Carol Masdon for the beautifully decorated fellowship hall, to each of you for supporting our church through volunteering your service, and your tithes and offerings. We are truly blessed to have so many talented people here at Philadelphia.

Barbara Barlow,
 In Reach Committee

THORNWELL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

November is our time to contribute to the Thornwell Offering. Your gifts help those who turn to Thornwell in their time of crisis.

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3. Ghosts are "familiar spirits"

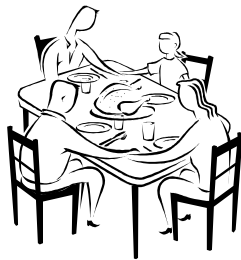
The truth is these "ghosts" are not the spirits of men and women, but rather fallen angels masquerading as our loved ones. If man believes that he becomes a ghost or is reincarnated at death, he will exclude the possibility of heaven as his eternal home and God as his Father.

Some "ghosts" have appeared to humans claiming that they want to "help" them. They possess a knowledge that only that person could know. Which is convincing to the person involved. But what that person fails to realize is that angels have existed since God created the world. Angels are "older" than us, and older than our loved ones. They can easily retain knowledge about that person's life that "only they could know".

Enjoy the trick o' treat and eat all the candy you can but remember to test the spirits if they know Jesus. Usually they cannot stand His name and will flee if they are a fallen angel.

HELP WANTED

Ladies, we are still in need of an officer for Coordinating team. The office that needs filling is the Historian. The historian keeps up with any activities that the Church and the women of the Church are involved with. They create a scrapbook for the Church and have a report that they must do once a year. THERE ARE NO QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY - Only a willingness to serve. If you have any questions or are interested in holding this office please see Jennifer Rohrbach.



**A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON
FOR
THANKSGIVING/HONOR/RECOGNITION**

On November 17, there will be a covered dish luncheon immediately following worship service. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving, recognizing our Veterans and honoring this year's P.W. Honorary Life Member recipient. Please plan to join us for this GREAT celebration.

PW Message Corner . . .



- Nov. 3—12:15pm—PWCT
- Nov. 9—10:30am—Mary & Martha at Parveen Yufusji's home
- Nov. 16—10:30am—Circle One
- Nov. 19—10:30am—Busy Bees

THE CRAFT GROUP SCHEDULE

November 12—11:30am—OCharley's, Stockbridge
Carpool from the church at 11:15am

ADVENT 2013



If you and your family wish to participate in the lighting of the candles during the Advent season, please see Debbie Bray.

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

Please turn in your Stewardship packet by Sunday, November 17.



PLEASE NOTE: We still have a few of the Kroger Cards in the church office. Please continue to purchase them until they are gone. Thank You!

WE CELEBRATE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

- 5/ Emory Pearce
- 6/ Dot Lenderman
- 6/ Debbie Bray
- 7/ Ruth Gettys
- 12/ Elizabeth Clayton
- 15/ Fred Mann
- 15/ Emily Lyle
- 16/ Addison Murphy
- 20/ Ray Morgan
- 23/ Nancy Phillips
- 25/ Bob Huie
- 26/ Janice Lockhart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

- 11/ Erin & Jeff Randolph
- 14/ Cathy & Danny Morris

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THE WEB AT
WWW.PPC-USA.ORG

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

- 11/3 Joyce Smith
- 11/10 Guest
- 11/17 Diane Kitchen
- 11/24 Guest

Ushers

- Darr Johnson
- Buddy Ashmore
- Jim Phillips
- Ray Morgan

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!

10/17 Dwayne Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – off chemo for 2 months then another scan in December

09/23 Barry Billington—recovering from fall from roof – fractured heel and concussion

09/05 Mary Binkney – recovering from surgery for fractured hip – at St. Simons

09/10 Donna Randolph (John & Pat's daughter in law) – recovering from surgery for re-fractured leg

10/16 The children in the care of the Mission of the Good Shepherd, Belize, Central America

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney

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.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness:

come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he is God:

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

and into his courts with praise:

be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth to all generations.