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HANDLING THE TRUTH

A recently married man received a call from his wife just as she was about to fly home from Europe. "How's my cat?" she asked. "Dead," he said matter-of-factly. "What?" she exclaimed. "Oh, honey, do you have to be so honest? You could've broken the news to me slowly." "What do you mean?" he asked.

"Well, you could've first told me the cat was on the roof, and when I called you from Paris, you could have told me he was acting sluggish. Then when I called from London, you could have said he was sick, and when I called you from New York, you could have said he was at the vet. Then, when I arrived home, you could have said he was dead."

The new husband had never been exposed to such protocol but was willing to learn. "OK," he said. "I'll do better next time." "By the way," she asked, "how's Mom?" There was a long silence, then he replied, "Uh, she's on the roof." The whole truth can blow us away, can't it?

It's better to live by the truth than hide from it. When we hide from it, then we're hiding from how God is trying to guide us and help us. The truth is on God's side and God is always on truth's side.

Psalm 15 tells us of the person who will never be moved and dwells in God's presence. This person is described as one "who speaks the truth from the heart" and "keeps an oath even if it hurts."

The book called Proverbs places truth on the highest pedestal, standing over and above all qualities and good things in life. "Buy the truth and do not sell it," it says, "get wisdom, discipline and understanding." I don't know about you but I'm pretty sure buying gossip magazines at the checkout counter doesn't qualify as buying the truth. We should dig a little deeper into the human experience. Read a real book. Take on something your mind and heart can sink into. It's never too early or too late to become wiser than we are.

1 John 3:18 says, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." In 2 Thessalonians, Paul speaks of Christians as those who are sanctified by the Spirit and through belief in the truth, who "love the truth and so are saved." We are told in the Letter to the Ephesians to put on the full armor of God, which includes the belt of truth.

The full armor of God where truth is the centerpiece, the lynchpin for everything else, is such a manly image, a warrior image. I like it.

Follow the truth and build your life on it like on bedrock. Be courageous enough to follow God's truth. Look hard at what's in front of you rather than just rely on what has been. Turn away from easy compromises and keep your soul alive. Let your actions follow what you know is the truth because it's by following the truth that you know God's will for your life. Can anybody say Amen?

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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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OUR PEOPLE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...01/ Freda Peeks, 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

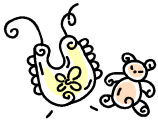
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 10/ Charlie & Ann NeSmith, 15/ Fred & Jennifer Rohrbach, 21/ Chris & Mallory Banke, 24/ Don & Glenda Taylor, 28/ Arnold & Lynn Vandiver

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Tom Murphy, Emory Pearce, Fred Rohrbach, Don Nelson

Nursery Workers: 06/ Guest, 13/ Diane Kitchen, 20/ Juanita DeBey, 27/ Mary Smith

It's a Girl!



You are invited to a Baby Shower
for Lauren Fleming Zoeckler
on Saturday, April 5th at 2:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall

registered at Target & Babies R Us

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to help transform suffering into healing and hope by supporting programs like Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



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!

- 03/12 Dwayne Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – serious condition, colon cancer
- 02/11 Patty Bormolini (Pat Randolph's friend) – multiple brain tumors, treatment to regain some vision
- 03/26 Tye Bryant—possible colon cancer**
- 03/10 Rev. Bill Conine (former member) – pancreatic cancer
- 03/26 Nancy Kemper – under hospice care with colon infection**
- 02/17 Nancy Maxwell (former member) - lymphoma
- 03/10 Pegge Conine Murphy – breast cancer, undergoing treatment in FL. (address on bulletin board)
- 02/26 Charlie NeSmith – under pain management care for back
- 03/11 John Pierce (Rick's brother) - having chemo and radiation for Squamish cell cancer
- 02/20 Jason Trotter (Joyce Smith's nephew) – 36 year old diagnosed with lymphoma, chemo treatments
- 03/25 Donna Wingard (friend of Rohrbach's) – cancer returns in multiple places**

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

Tye Bryant

Jean Ray

JoAnn Tatzel

Dot Upchurch

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or click on www.ppc-usa.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PW Message Corner . . .

- APR 06—12:15pm—PWCT
- APR 12—10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle @ Evelyn Murdock's home
- APR 15—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
- APR 19—10:30am—Circle One



CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from the Duvall Presbyterian Home advising us they no longer accept canceled postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels or greeting card fronts. There is no longer a market to sell stamps, the school no longer fit the qualifications of the education program that once accepted the labels. They have a large supply of card fronts. They do however, want each of you to know how much they appreciate these donations over the years. They have benefited greatly from these items in the past. They are looking for new projects to help the school and will inform us at a later date of the projects that will be most beneficial to their students. We will continue sending food and non-food coupons to the troops.

Barbara Barlow, World Wide Missions

THE CRAFT GROUP

April 09—11:30am—@ Gibbs Bardens, Ball Ground, GA. Carpool from church at 9:30am

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—contact Barbara Barlow

April 22—11:30am—@ Ted's Montana Grill, PTC. Carpool from church at 10:45am

Holy Week 2014

- April 13—**Palm Sunday:** During our 11:00am service, our worship choir will perform special music.
- April 17—**Maundy Thursday:** you are encouraged to go to a church in your area to attend a service.
- April 18—**Good Friday:** again, please seek a service in your area to attend.
- April 20—**Easter Sunrise Service:** begins at 7:00am with breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall.
- April 20—**Special Easter Service:** begins at 11:00am. Our worship choir will perform special anthems.



Nancy Kemper, our PW Community Mission chair, has traditionally collected for Securus House in April. We participate again this April in her honor by collecting the following items and someone will deliver in her place.

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

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.



A **WORKDAY** is scheduled at 9:00am—Saturday, April 12. We will be doing more landscaping and preparing the church for the Easter season. Everyone who can, please come and bring your tools to help out in the effort.

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.

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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