



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

APPLES AND JESUS

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago .. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.....

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in mid-stride and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place. "The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers and the very best place to be isin the hands of God!

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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 ...03/ Parveen Yusufji, 04/ Anita DeBey, 07/ Rusty Taylor, 08/ Diane Banke, 12/ Annelle Maxwell, 16/ Chandler Murphy, 17/ Tye Bryant, 17/ Martha Smith, 18/ Kalif Nevrekar, 19/ Don Fleming, 20/ Carole Masdon, 25/ Kathy Banke, 27/ Philippe Karka, 30/ Dinah Bingham, 31/ Jackie Hill

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Rick Pierce, Danny Morris, Mary Smith

Nursery Workers: 04/ Diane Kitchen 11/ Guest
18/ Debbie Bray 25/ Evelyn Murdock

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and visits while our mom, Nancy, was in the hospital and rehab. She loved this church and all her friends here. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

Love, Nancy Kemper's family

Diane & Tony Kitchen, Kaylynn LaFoy, Roy, Mary, Clara & Landon Kemper

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your love and concern for us during my sons long battle with cancer. Thanks for all the cards, they mean so much. But most of all for all your prayers sent up for us. I am so glad to be part of this wonderful church.

Love, Joyce Smith

THANK YOU

We were able to deliver **573** can goods and non perishable items to the Samaritans of Clayton County thru your generous donations. Thank you for your participation.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

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!

- 03/26 Tye Bryant—recovering from colon cancer surgery
- 03/10 Rev. Bill Conine (former member) – pancreatic cancer
- 04/10 Anne Dunivin – recovering from lung infection
- 03/10 Pegge Conine Murphy – breast cancer, undergoing treatment in FL. (address on bulletin board)
- 03/11 John Pierce (Rick's brother) - having chemo and radiation for Squamish cell cancer
- 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. . .

- **MAY 4—12:15pm—PWCT**
- **MAY 10—10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle @ Pat Randolph's home**
- **MAY 20—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle**
- **MAY 17—10:30am—Circle One**



Attention Nursery Workers

Please don't forget to arrive at the nursery by 10:40 a.m. on the Sunday mornings you are scheduled to work. If you are unable to work your Sunday please find someone to cover for you or let me know by the Friday before your Sunday to work. Thanks for all you do and for working with our young visitors.

Jennifer Rohrbach

Calling ALL Ladies

We are still in need of a Historian for this year, and it will soon be time to recruit officers for the 2015 Coordinating Team. PLEASE start thinking about serving as an officer. Your help is needed and you are never too old to serve. I do know that at this time, the office of SEARCH will need to be filled for 2015. I will let you know about any additional offices that are available in June. Until then please seriously consider serving as a PW Officer.

PLOT Summer Camp Fund

It's almost time for summer camp! Although we have not been having our luncheons, we are still raising money to help pay this year's fees. Our goal is \$800. You may use pew envelopes and mark your contribution to the PLOT Summer Camp fund. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Family Life Luncheon

On May 18, 2014, we will have our 2nd annual Family Life Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by the Women of the Church. The luncheon will be immediately after service and everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish or dessert. During the luncheon we will also recognize Elizabeth Clayton who has graduated from college within the last year and present information about the recipient of this year's PW Birthday Offering. Please plan to join us for lunch!

THE CRAFT GROUP

- MAY 13—11:30am—@ Pat Randolph's home**
MAY 27—11:30am—@ Mission Haven

Reflexion Garden



For Mother's Day, we are placing flowering plants in our new garden in honor or memory of someone special. We will order azaleas and roses. The cost will be \$12.00 per plant. You may order a plant in honor or memory of someone by filling out the order form below and giving it to Fred Rohrbach or the Church Office. It is not necessary to purchase more than one plant in order to honor more than one person. Our Honor/Memory list will be posted in the Mother's Day bulletin. Make checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. ***The deadline to order is May 4.***

FLOWER ORDER FORM

PLACED BY _____ **NO. OF PLANTS** _____
(YOUR NAME) (COST PER PLANT: \$12.00)

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: _____
(circle one)

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(circle one)

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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