



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

Thoughts from your Pastor,

This excerpt from *Helping Churches Rediscover Their Mission* by J. Melvyn Ming is especially appropriate for PPC during this season of the year.

How does God want you to do church? Your model is the process your church uses to accomplish your mission. It is what an outline is to an essay. It is what a map is to a journey. Your model tells how you expect a person to advance from a pre-Christian to a mature, serving Christian within the context of your church. This is your guiding approach to being a church and fulfilling your purposes in light of your core values and vision.

Many congregations have experienced model degeneration. Although all churches have models, many become ineffective much the same way an untended garden degenerates. Originally, there was a plan and purpose to the way things were arranged in the garden. However, over time, weeds, lack of water, (excessive) fertilizer and pruning cause lack of productivity.

During the 1950s, in a common church model, a visitor would come, hear the gospel in a sermon, go to the altar to receive Christ, become part of a Sunday School small group where he would make friends and be disciplined, and begin to be involved in ministry and outreach. People expected the average person who became a fully devoted Christian followed this path.

However, over time, Sunday School classes sometimes became lectures, and discipleship and fellowship suffered. People quit visiting to hear the gospel so evangelism didn't happen. Time pressures increased, and members spent less time in worship and ministry. In some cases, instead of pruning, weeding, and fertilizing, we have simply sprayed preservative on an out-of-shape garden.

...There is no one right ministry model. Too often churches can get stuck in the forms they have always known and assume they are the New Testament model for the church. There is no single New Testament model. Biblical...A key to transformation is to develop your church's ministry model based on your passionate love of God and God's direction (for the church of Jesus Christ)...

If PPC is a garden, how might it become more beautiful and productive? Is the former plan and purpose still relevant, feasible, desirable? If so, how can we broadcast that Good News so more people will come see it for themselves? If not, how can it be regenerated? Those are questions to consider, and hopefully answer, as we continue to seek God's model for ministry in this part of the vineyard.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

Find the full article at http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/201001/201001_044_Helping_Churches.cfm

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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 ... 19/ Glenda Taylor, 22/ Betty Brock, 22/ Stan Ashmore, 23/ Marie Foster, 30/ Brooke Lloyd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 06/ Mona & Bud Steele, 24/ Dot & Emory Pearce, 25/ Ruth & Erwin Gettys, 28/ Alisa & Mike Kirk

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Darr Johnson, Pat Randolph, Don Nelson, Emory Pearce

Nursery Workers: 02/ Pat Randolph, 09/ Mary Smith, 16/ Diane Kitchen, 23/ Jennifer Rohrbach, 30/ Debbie Bray

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18*

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!

07/08 Cheryl Ann Bobo (William Rosenberry's daughter) – chemo for lung cancer

06/25 Jerry Carr (Randolph's friend) - surgery for aneurism between bladder & kidney successful, recovering at home

07/02 Sara Cleveland (Murphy's friend) – recovering from another fall and brain bleed, husband Bill not doing well either

07/08 John Lee (Lynn Vandiver's friend) – in severe pain, possible prostate surgery ahead

06/30 Ray Morgan – recovering from a fall

07/02 Brittany Perdue (Breakfast Club friend) – serious accident, paralyzed from waist down, continued progress

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

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

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, August 2, is the Kinship Care school supply donations deadline.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PW Message Corner...



- **August 2**—12:15pm— PWCT
- **August 22**—10:30am—Circle One—lunch @ Red Lobster to follow



MUFFINS FOR TEACHERS

On Aug 3, we plan to take **muffins** to nearby schools to treat the teachers coming back for preplanning in preparation for the new school year. Please bring individually wrapped muffins to the church on Aug 2. If you have any questions, please see:



Mary Smith,
Chair of Christian Education

The Good Shepherd Clinic is pleased to announce the 13th Annual Tomato Sandwich Party, Saturday, August 1, 2015, from 5:00—7:30 p.m. The Clinic's fun fundraiser will take place at the Morrow Center at Southlake Mall.

The Clinic will depend on your generous support to meet our \$70,000 goal. Tell your family, friends, co-workers, and the folks you do business with about the ministry of the Good Shepherd Clinic.

Thank you and bless you for supporting the work and ministry of the Good Shepherd Clinic!

THE CRAFT GROUP

August 11 – 11:30am - @ Long Horns Steakhouse, Morrow

August 25 – 11:15am - @ Cheddars Restaurant, McDonough

PINK PAPERS

Session would still like everyone to share thoughts regarding the church, topics for discussion, questions you may have and hymns you'd like to hear on the pink paper in the pews. You may either place it in the offering plate OR in the basket provided in the narthex.

HOMECOMING 2015

It's coming! It's coming!

This year Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will celebrate 190 years. Our Homecoming Celebration will be on October 25, 2015. Please help us to spread the word to former members. We hope that you will be able to attend this wonderful celebration. If you would like to serve on the Homecoming Committee please contact either Jennifer Rohrbach, Pam Langley, or Diane Kitchen.

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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