



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

"For I know what plans I have in mind for you," says ADONAI, 'plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future. When you call to me and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you seek me, you will find me, provided you seek for me wholeheartedly.'" Jeremiah 29:11 – 13 (CJB)

Another year has come and gone. At Philadelphia Presbyterian Church 2014 was a year of challenges and change. No doubt, many are wondering what God has in store for the new year?

Reflecting on the subject reminded me of the old adage "Everything old is new again". There is no question that God can do anything but fail. At the same time, it truly would be a miracle if God were to give us a vision for ministry and ministry that is totally and completely new.

When we take a serious look at congregations that are growing numerically and spiritually we frequently find that the majority aren't really doing anything new. Instead, they are simply putting a different (and hopefully, inspired) "spin" on tried and true Christian practices.

They study scripture with minds and hearts open to fresh insights. They preach, teach and share the gospel in a way that makes sense to those in the surrounding community. They explore a variety of music and worship styles. They identify and seek to address unmet needs in the place where they have been planted. They pray for one another and for the world that God has created.

Through their words and deeds growing congregations strive to proclaim the love of God, as manifested in the biblical account of the birth, life, ministry and Crucifixion of Jesus. If there is anything that sets them apart, it is that they are as committed to reaching people outside the church as they are to serving those on the inside.

In the years ahead it may feel like ministry and mission at PPC is "spinning" out of control when in reality the wind of the Spirit is blowing in a different (not new) direction. Look closely and you will recognize some familiar ministries being done in different ways in order to reach different people who are living in a different time and context.

PPC has survived the ups and downs of history for 190 years. With a renewed commitment to God through radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity PPC can and will become all that God intends.

Peace, Pastor Wilson

You Call Us From Our Settled Ways

O God, you call us from our settled ways, bout of old habits and rutted traditions.

You call us into the land of promise, to new life and new possibilities.

Make us strong to travel the road ahead.

Deliver us from false security and comfort, desire for ease and uninvolved days.

Let your Word and Spirit dwell in us that your will may be fulfilled in us

for the well-being and shalom of all. Amen.

Mozarabic, 700 A.D.

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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 ... 02/ Akouele Dissouvi, 02/ Koko Dossouvi, 11/ Debbie Durden, 13/ Darr Johnson, 13/ Celestine Karka, 21/ Tom Murphy, 22/ Becky Huie, 29/ Evelyn Murdock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 01/ Francis & Darrell Youngblood, 22/ Nancy & Jim Phillips, 22/ Brooke & Thomas Lloyd

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: TBA

Nursery Workers: TBA

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PW Message Corner. . .



- **January 4—11:00am—Officer Installation**
- **January 4—12:15pm—PWCT**
- **January 10—10:30am—Mary & Martha @Evelyn Murdock's home**
- **January 17—10:30am—Circle One**
- **January 20—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle**

THE CRAFT GROUP

January 13—11:30AM @ Red Lobster, (Tara Blvd), Jonesboro, 11:30 am. Meet afterwards in Plot room @ the Church to plan our calendar for the year. There just might be a surprise too.

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!

- 11/12 Anita DeBey – Tim's cancer has spread to bladder and lost son-in-law in an accidental fall
- 11/3 Rose Enow's family – sister-in-law, Ester, recovering from stroke, now sister, Susan, had stroke
- 11/18 Dennis Hermosilla (nephew of Tom Smith's) – home from holistic treatments for Pancreatic Cancer
- 12/22 Penny Hill—Executive Presbyter—diagnosed with lung cancer—awaiting treatment plan**
- 12/15 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) –omentum cancer, recovering from surgery

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.

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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