



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

Thoughts from your Pastor,

Must Everything Change?

Graduations, birthdays and holidays often cause us to comment on the changes we see in children or grandchildren. Seldom do we connect those observations to the fact that we, too, have changed since the last time we saw one another.

Change is inevitable. We can't stop it. We can't avoid it. We can't control it. While reading (and writing) this article, food from our last meal is being changed into calories, nutrients and waste. New cells are replacing old. If you are over 20, it's said that gravity has already started its downward pull on our face, neck, back, chest, shoulders, legs and internal organs.

The earth itself is changing. We witness that through seasonal changes in our environment. An overwhelming majority of respectable scientists now agree that our climate is changing at an alarming rate. Every nanosecond changes are occurring in every place and every universe.

Thousands of years ago, the preacher known as Ecclesiastes observed that there was nothing new under the sun. In many respects this is true. But when old things take on new characteristics, to us they may seem "new" when in fact they have only changed.

The song says "Everything Must Change" but God never does. God alone is the same yesterday, today and forever. God alone is the only constant. Few Christians would argue with this statement of faith. Yet, we tend to resist the inevitable changes that are taking place in our bodies, families, homes, workplaces and churches.

I've often noticed that the strongest resistance to change tends to surface when fear overrides faith. Here are a few ideas that may help combat those fears:

- Recognize God as the Change Agent because God is Sovereign**
- Accept change as part of God's plan to restore all of God's Creation**
- Anticipate change and prayerfully prepare for it**
- Embrace change and expect God to provide a future and a hope**

If God is in control, if God is good, if God loves and cares about us there is no need to fear change. On the contrary, if these statements are true (and they are) we can be peaceful, hopeful and joyful knowing that everything will work out for good.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

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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/ Greg Downing, 06/ Jo Nelson, Jane Ashmore, Patty Boone, 08/ Tony Kitchen, 09/ Holly Ashmore, 10/ Wanda Johnson, 14/ Buddy Ashmore, 16/ Ethan Lyle, 18/ Asher Nevrekar, Jackson Randolph, 22/ Barbara Gibson, 24/ Betty Foster, 25/ Grace Collier, Mary Clayton, 30/ JoAnn Tatzel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 04/ Mark & Angela Russ, 05/ Van & Diane Banke, 17/ Darr & Beverly Johnson

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Danny Morris, Ray Morgan, Mary Smith

Nursery Workers: 07/ Guest, 14/ Jennifer Rohrbach, 21/ Cathy Morris, 28/ Evelyn Murdock

THANK YOU

Dear Philadelphia Church family,

Thanks for the bulletins and phone calls and I would appreciate your prayers.

Love to my church!

Dot Upchurch

PLEASE PRAY

Please keep Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, our missionary friends to South Sudan, in your constant prayers. It is so unsafe there right now that Nancy and children are having to come back to the states while Shelvis is in Europe for training.

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!

04/08 Cheryl Ann Bobo (William Rosenberry's daughter) - chemo for lung cancer to be rescheduled

04/07 Roy Kemper - recovering from serious bicycle accident

05/11 Blake Phillips - recovering from Achilles surgery

05/11 Martha Smith - recovering from surgery, awaiting test results

05/21 Nancy & Shelvis Smith-Mather—missionaries to South Sudan

04/21 Bonnie Ward (Barbara Barlow's friend) - sick from chemo & radiation treatments

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

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

Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on May 17, 2015. The Financial Committee reported the PPC April 30 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$32,245.59
Total Assets	93,746.04
Total Revenue April	13,545.37
Total Expenses April	11,910.14
Balance for March	1,635.23

- Session reported a collection of \$593 for One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Session reported a love offering of \$200+ for FedEx shooting victim Christopher Sparkman.
- Jennifer Rohrbach, Diane Kitchens and Pam Langley will be heading the PPC 190th homecoming celebration. Volunteers needed.
- Session and Pastor Wilson recognized the great work performed by staff members Cindy Adair and Alisa Kirk. Pastor Wilson treated them to lunch along with gifts and flowers from Session.
- Session approved a Patriotic worship service followed by a picnic luncheon on June 28th.

Rick Pierce – Clerk of Session

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PW Message Corner . . .



- **No PWCT this month**
- **June 6**—10:30am—Mary & Martha @ Nancy Phillips' home
- **June 16**—11:30am—Busy Bees Circle @ Red Lobster, Tara Blvd. We will take up an offering since we won't be meeting again until September.
- **June 20**—10:30am—Circle One
- **June 27**—PPC hosting Atlanta PW workshop
- The date for our fall **PW Retreat** had changed to Saturday Oct. 31 (from Oct. 24). Please update your calendar for planning ahead.



Going on vacation? Please share greetings from PPC with all of the congregations you visit and remember to keep us in prayer. In addition, we'd love to get a postcard of the sites you see or even a "selfie" of you just having fun. We're looking for the best place to post these mementos from the summer of 2015.



THE CRAFT GROUP

June 9—11:30am—Tim's Buffet, Hwy 85, Fayetteville

June 23—11:30am— O'Charley's Restaurant, Hwy 138, Stockbridge

EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Pastor Wilson is encouraging every member of PPC to lift special prayers throughout the day for PPC June 1 - 10. You are welcome to pray when and where the Spirit leads. Should the Spirit lead you to join Rev. Wilson for communal prayer 5:45 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. you are welcome to join her and other hearty souls for daily conference calls any morning June 1 - 10. Please note that it these are long distance calls AND make sure there is free long distance on the phone you use. To join the conference call on any day dial (641) 715-3580 and then enter the Meeting ID 251-690-523. If you have a problem let Cindy know.

HOMECOMING 2015

The Homecoming Committee will have it's first meeting on June 14, 2015 at 9:30 am that way you will have time to get to Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in serving on the committee please plan to attend the meeting. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to help with the Homecoming plans but aren't able to attend the meeting please contact either Diane Kitchen, Pam Langley, or Jennifer Rohrbach.



Patriotic Service and Cookout

Sunday
June 28, 2015

Watch the bulletins for details.



MUSIC TO MY EARS!

Everyone has their favorite hymn, spiritual or other religious music. Please drop a note in the offering plate and let us know what you would like to sing or hear. Can't promise to get to every one but we will do our best to include those that are mentioned most often.

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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