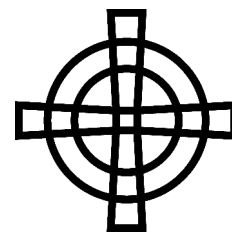


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From Your Pastor's Desk,

When you avoid honest, objective assessment, you are opting for comfort over courage and ministry mediocrity over meaningful ministry. <http://www.christianitytoday>.

Periodic assessment allows you to see where you are, where you are headed, identify danger, and make wise decisions going forward. What are the characteristics of a healthy church? What does a healthy church look like today? After years of research, Vision New England discovered the following 10 characteristics of a healthy church. It goes without saying that a healthy church is prayerful in all of its life and ministry, is reliant on God's power and the authority of His Word, and embraces Biblical values.

- 1. God's empowering presence.** The healthy church actively seeks the Holy Spirit's direction and empowerment for its daily life and ministry.
- 2. God-exalting worship.** The healthy church gathers regularly as the local expression of the body of Christ to worship God in ways that engage the heart, mind, soul, and strength of the people.
- 3. Spiritual disciplines.** The healthy church provides training, models, and resources for members of all ages to develop their daily spiritual disciplines.
- 4. Learning and growing in community.** The healthy church encourages believers to grow in their walk with God and with one another in the context of a safe, affirming environment.
- 5. A commitment to loving and caring relationships.** The healthy church is intentional in its efforts to build loving, caring relationships within families, between members, and within the community.
- 6. Servant-leadership development.** The healthy church identifies and develops individuals whom God has called and given the gift of leadership and challenges them to be servant leaders.
- 7. An outward focus.** The healthy church places high priority on communicating the truth of Jesus and demonstrating the love of Jesus to those outside the faith.
- 8. Wise administration and accountability.** The healthy church utilizes appropriate facilities, equipment, and systems to provide maximum support for the growth and development of its ministries.
- 9. Networking with the body of Christ.** The healthy church reaches out to others in the body of Christ for collaboration, resource sharing, learning opportunities, and united celebrations of worship.
- 10. Stewardship and generosity.** The healthy church teaches its members they are stewards of their God-given resources and challenges them to be sacrificially generous in sharing with others.

How would you assess PPC? Where do we excel? How might you help PPC improve?

Your pastor, sister and friend,
Sylvia

More information available at www.HealthyChurch.net <<http://www.healthychurch.net/>>.

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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.

TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning any updates you may have.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 01/ Freda Peeks
- 02/ Roland Downing
- 06/ Fred Rohrbach Jr.
- 08/ Erin Randolph
- 13/ Tom Smith
- 14/ Mallory Banke
- 17/ Kathie Pierce
- 17/ Angie Russ
- 23/ Serena Staats
- 24/ John Randolph
- 26/ Trinity Staats

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/ Ann & Charles NeSmith
- 15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach
- 21/ Mallory & Chris Banke
- 24/ Glenda & Rusty Taylor
- 28/ Lynn & Arnold Vandiver

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Fred Rohrbach
- Tom Murphy
- Greg Downing
- Emory Pearce

NURSERY

- 03/ Guest
- 10/ Joyce Smith
- 17/ Debbie Bray
- 24/ Evelyn Murdock

- 02/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) – chemo treatments
- 02/24 William Callaway (Mary Smith's nephew) – prayers requested
- 02/24 Vanessa Sharp-Cephas (Pastor Wilson's friend) – recovering from recent stroke and complications
- 03/01 Larry Collier (friend of Pat Randolph) – serious condition, facing open heart surgery
- 03/07 David Glass (phone request) – Toe amputation & possibly more due to infection
- 02/16 Dennis Hermosilla (Tom Smith's nephew) – pancreatic cancer, under hospice care
- 03/01 Dene Long (Nancy Phillips' sister) – treatment for breast cancer
- 02/24 Jacob Loyal (Jennifer's student) – recovering from injuries – hit by car
- 02/22 William Rosenberry—fractured foot & head injury – appreciates cards & calls
- 02/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 02/16 Michael Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from Pneumonia, at home with oxygen

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

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PRAYER REQUEST: Call 404-366-1851. Email secypcc@bellsouth.net or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.



PW MESSAGE CORNER

- APR 3—10:30AM—12:15PM—PWCT
APR 9—10:30AM—Circle One
- APR 9—Mary & Martha Circle @
Evelyn Murdock's home
- APR 19—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



APRIL 23—Huge Community Yard Sale

MAY 7—Kids Christian Dance Classes

begin

Watch your bulletin for details

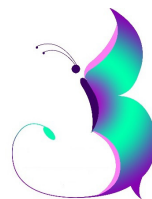


CRAFT GROUP

APRIL 14—11:30am @ Fox Theater, Atlanta

APRIL 26— 11:30AM @ Sticky Cactus, Stockbridge

Secur'us House



During the month of April we will be collecting the items listed below for Securus House. Clayton County's organization that provides safe emergency shelter and comprehensive support services to all victims of family violence.

- Dishwashing detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash
- Towels & wash cloths
- Twin sheets (fitted & flat), pillow cases
- Bar soap (full size)
- Toilet paper
- Bleach
- Hair accessories (combs, brushes, etc.)
- Hair care products (shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- Trash bags (large kitchen)
- 9x12 manilla envelopes
- Hand sanitizer
- Shower curtain

You may leave your donation in the narthex in the bin that has been provided by May 1.

Where Are We Now?

Occasional articles regarding the pastoral search process.

Does the church need to develop a mission statement when Jesus has already given us one? Some say it doesn't and each church should simply get back to the business of keeping the charge given in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

However, many denominations believe churches that are determined to make a kingdom difference and unwilling to simply "go with the flow" need a current, relevant mission statement that clearly defines who they are, what they value, and where they intend to go.

Within the PCUSA, the Mission Statement is the initial step in completing the Ministry Information Form (MIF) the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will need before it can begin its tasks of seeking an installed pastor. The current PPC Mission Statement is over 15 years old and may no longer be appropriate or feasible. The new one will better reflect today's realities and future possibilities.

Based on articles at Ministrymatters.com and timwoodroof.com



Church-wide

Workday

Saturday, April 2

& Saturday, April 23

From 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

There are many things to do.

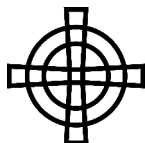
Please join us if you can.

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.

Find us on the web
ppc-usa.org



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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