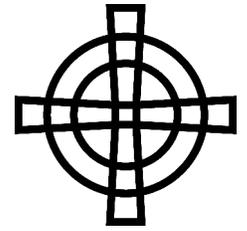


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The Pastor's Page . . .

BIG DREAMS!

What is your dream for the future of our congregation? From what I am hearing around the church, growth is the number one goal. If this is true, it means that we all become missionaries. I know what a missionary is because I have been one.

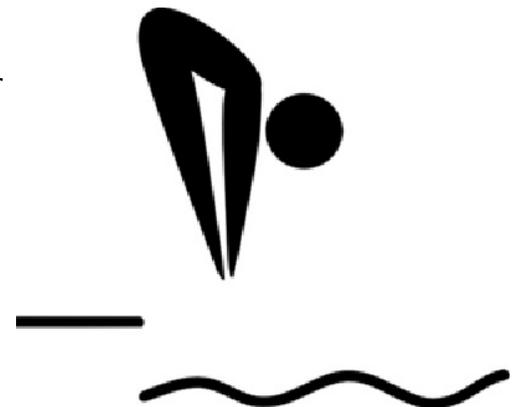
A missionary is one who looks for people who are hurting and in need of something more. Sometimes the hurt in others is easy to spot. But most of the time, people cover up their hurts with smiles and laughter. They are afraid to put their hurts out there to be seen because someone might make fun of them. Although there are some who will join with us in a hurry, most won't hear what we have to say unless they trust us. So, being a missionary is not a quick thing to do. It takes time to find others and more time to have them trust us.

Being a missionary means we gather our courage, take a leap of faith and make the decision to tell others about our faith life. This means we need to know our story and why Jesus makes a difference in our lives. Big dreams about our being missionaries leads to big dreams about the future of our congregation.

To ask people to return to church or become a new follower means we are asking people to dive in to the deep end of the pool and learn how to swim again or for the first time.

If anyone would like to talk about this more with me, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at 678-353-4905 or dbomerod@att.net.

Dave



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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 new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 03/ Buck Maxwell
- 06/ Rachel Rohrbach
- 08/ Joan Murphy
- 12/ Cathy Morris
- 12/ Fred Rohrbach
- 13/ Wallace Dunn
- 19/ Ed Murphy
- 26/ Beverly Johnson
- 27/ David Hatch
- 31/ Rick Pierce

06/19 Wendy Anthony (Mary Smith's friend) - brain surgery, from a fall

06/14 Heather Harper (wife of Trey, former intern) – recovery for spinal surgery to repair an implant

05/30 Darr Johnson - 102 year old Mom had stroke, now has gangrene

06/19 Bob Langley (Jennifer & Pam's dad) - at Piedmont Henry with Cellulitis

06/14 Pat Randolph – chemo treatment will be continuing

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

Patty Boone Becky Huie Dot Upchurch

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

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/ Mary & Willie Smith
- 04/ Zareen & Anand Nevrekar
- 05/ Evelyn & Cecil Murdock
- 12/ Betty & Henry Brack
- 15/ Joyce & Tom Smith
- 16/ Kayre & Rick Pierce
- 21/ Pat & John Randolph

PLEASE NOTE: if you make a prayer request or give an update during the Sunday worship service, please follow up with a call to the church office on Monday so we can update our prayer list.

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Jim Phillips
- Fred Rohrbach
- Tom Murphy
- Rick Pierce

NURSERY

- 02/ Guest
- 09/ Dossouvi family
- 16/ Mallory Banke
- 23/ Debbie Bray
- 30/ Mary Smith

Congratulations Graduates!

Emily Lyle graduated from Southern Crescent Technical College. Her proud parents are Angela & Mark Russ. Proud grandparents are Buddy & Jane Ashmore. Stan and Jenni are her aunt and uncle. Bet they are proud too.



Sorry...I got the above info wrong in the last newsletter. Here is a correction!



Happy 4th of July!

Church Office will be closed.

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We will have our annual

4th of July Celebration

on July 2nd immediately

following service.

The church will provide

hamburgers, hotdogs, and

drinks.

Members are asked to bring condiments, side

dishes, chips, and desserts.

We hope you will be able to join us on July 2nd.

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PW MESSAGE CORNER



- Jul 2— 12:15pm—PWCT
- Jul 8 —10:30am—Circle One
- No Busy Bees or Mary & Martha Circles this month

 **Save the Date** for our annual PW Retreat on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Greg & Debbie Durden's house on Lake Oconee.

On **Sunday, August 27th** following the Worship Service, All Women are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual PW Meeting. We will present the PW 2018 Budget and elect our new PW officers for 2018



KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

In July, we will be collecting school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center, a group that helps grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. A list of the types of supplies they need is below. You

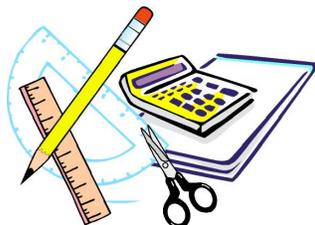
may leave your donation in the narthex on or before July 30.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, see:

**Connie McWilliams,
Community Missions.**

Suggested school supplies are:

large book bags
clear book bags
3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)
5-tab divider sets
pens (blue, black and red)
highlighters
mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead
colored folders (with and without prongs)
calculators (Scientific for high school students)
hand sanitizer
tissues (small packets)
crayons (24-count only)
wooden pencils & pencil sharpeners
rulers, compasses and protractors
spiral notebooks (1-subject mainly, also 3- and 5-)
notebook paper (wide & college rule)
index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
colored pencils
staplers and staples
markers (10-pack)
copy paper
tri-folder notebook with 3 sides
Trapper Keepers
tape, glue sticks. Scissors



Thank you for all your support.

CRAFT GROUP

July 11 – 11:30am - @ Six Foot Under Restaurant, carpool from church at 11.

June 25—11:30am—@ Barnstormers Restaurant, Peach orchard afterward.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Cemetery



Have you ever wanted to know more about a particular subject and were either too embarrassed to ask or simply didn't know who to turn to? Has happened to me several times simply because, well as you ladies know, men do not ask. So over the next few issues I will share information with you that will help you better understand how the Cemetery operates. So to get started let me introduce you to the PPC Cemetery Board.

Chairman Jim Phillips
Secretary/Treasurer Ethel Lynn Keeton
Board Members Buddy Ashmore
Greg Durden
Diane Banke (Historian)
Fred Rohrbach – Grounds Keeper

If anyone has an interest in serving on this board please let me know.

A bit of history. There are actually two Philadelphia Cemeteries. The one here on church property is the one most people are familiar with. However, there is a second Philadelphia cemetery located under the big water tower at the corner of Melrose Dr. and Ash Street in Forest Park. That Cemetery is known as the Old Huie/Philadelphia Community Cemetery and is under a separate Board that is chaired by PPC Member Bob Huie.

The oldest known burial at the church cemetery is Catherine Smith, wife of A. R. Smith. Mrs. Smith was born in 1810 and passed away in 1864.

Veterans of our military services buried here include:

Army	21
Navy	7
Marines	4
Air Force	3
AAF	1
WWI	6
CSA	15

To our knowledge one veteran, Major James Ray, received a Purple Heart.

Prior to 1972 the Cemetery was administered by the church Session. Since Session members rotate every 3 years it was difficult to maintain good records (no computers). Some elders kept good paper records and others preferred to trust their memory as the official record. In December 1972 the congregation, at the recommendation of the Session, moved oversight of the cemetery from the session to a separate board, later known as the PPC Cemetery Board. The congregation also voted to allocate \$3,875.00 dollars to the new cemetery board for the purpose of maintaining cemetery grounds. Elder Ed Huie was named Custodian of the cemetery and through his efforts additional funds were raised and used to set up a perpetual care fund. Since 1972 the cemetery has provided it's own funding, neither requiring nor receiving any funds from the church.

In next month's Crossroad we will take a look at the Cemetery By-Laws.

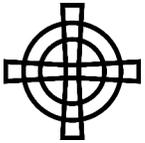
Jim Phillips

OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

OUR CORE VALUES:

- 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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Welcome Luncheon



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended and brought food to the "welcome potluck" for me in the fellowship hall. The food was delicious and the visiting was wonderful. Also, thank you to the following person who helped make the potluck such a success: Nancy Phillips, Connie, McWilliams, Beverly Johnson, Joyce Smith, Fred Rohrbach and Jim Phillips.

Dave