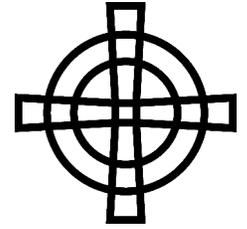


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From Your Pastor's Desk

So those who welcomed his message were baptized... They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:41ff

Most realize the importance of an annual check-up to maintain physical health. Seldom do churches apply that thinking their spiritual health. This portion of an article by Pastor Jack Wellman* provides a starting place to examine on the health of PPC. Hope it is interesting, informative and helpful.

A healthy church is one where members are disciplined whenever necessary, to ensure that the sacraments are administered regularly and that biblical teaching are consistently taught to feed the flock so that they can grow and mature toward the stature or nature of Christ. The early church grew rapidly because "they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42) "And all who believed were together and had all things in common" (Acts 2:44). When they were continually "praising God and having favor with all the people...the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

There are three things mentioned in the early church that caused growth: They devoted themselves to the apostle's teachings, which they had received from Christ; they had fellowship and the breaking of bread, which meant meeting often and eating together often in homes; and they prayed. If any one of these three are missing the church will not function the way it was designed to function. These three essentials resulted in God growing the church.

A church that grows is also one that goes. This means that they seek those who are lost as part of the imperative command given by Christ just before His ascension. Jesus mission on earth was to rescue the perishing and the church must have that same purpose if she is to grow. God will not bless any church that does not care about the lost. This is what Christ did and the word Christian means to be "Christ-like" or "little-Christ's" and to be following in the footsteps that He took while on earth and He was sent "to seek that which was lost".

Where are the strengths of PPC? How might PPC become healthier and stronger? What might you do to help in that effort? " In the words of Mark Dever, "A healthy church is a congregation that increasingly reflects God's character as his character has been revealed in his Word."

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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.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

*<http://blogs.christianpost.com/better-than-i-deserve/what-is-the-role-of-the-church-22913/>

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

- 02/ Chris Banke
- 03/ Jennifer Rohrbach
- 05/ Rose Enow
- 15/ Angie Tharp
- 18/ Diane Kitchen
- 19/ Don Nelson
- 19/ Andrew Durden
- 20/ Pat Randolph
- 24/ Pegge Murphy
- 26/ Henry Brock
- 27/ Charles NeSmith
- 28/ Erwin Gettys

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 20/ *Karen Kelly & Howard Nelson*
- 26/ *Annelle & Buck Maxwell*
- 28/ *Celestine & Philippe Karka*

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Darr Johnson
- Philippe Karka
- Danny Morris
- Mary Smith

NURSERY

- 05/ Cathy Morris
- 12/ Diane Kitchen
- 19/ Joyce Smith
- 26/ Mallory Banke

01/30 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – continuing chemo treatments for leukemia

01/30 Regina Allen – cancer treatments not working – evaluating

02/20 Family of Emma Cromer (friends of Buck Maxwell) - 18, died from juvenile diabetes

02/13 Roland Downing – recovering from pneumonia

02/15 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – not doing well with leg paralysis & infection

02/20 Joy Fisher (with Presbytery) - father passed away and mother very ill

01/19 Barbara Gibson – recovering from hospital stay with heart problems

12/27 Dr. Gloria Johnson (Pastor Wilson's friend) – undergoing chemo for cancer

02/20 Sarah Manley (Buck Maxwell's friend's mom) - surgery for broken hip

01/23 Matt Nerbonne (Mallory Banke's friend) - recovering from serious auto accident

01/19 Pat Randolph – breast cancer surgery & texting – chemo to begin 3/1

02/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – MD Anderson, fighting cancer differently

01/15 Willie J. Smith (Mary's husband) – seed implant for prostate cancer

02/09 Tim Wallis – (Dot's Upchurch's caregiver/son) – stage 4 prostate cancer

PNC: Barbara Barlow, Greg Downing, Marie Dossouvi, Emory Pearce and Mary Smith. **ALTS:** Debbie Bray and Darr Johnson

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

Patty Boone Becky Huie Dot Upchurch

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

Thank You

Willie and I want to thank our Christian family, for their prayers and cards. We are now on our last part of our journey, the Seed Implant was a success. We are so blessed to have each and everyone as our support group. So we are recovering and by the grace of God, we are beating Cancer. Be Blessed and again thanks, Mary "Pat" Smith

Thank You

Thank you, my Philadelphia family, for all the cards, calls, and prayers through my brother, Randy's illness and passing. With this church family, I know I am loved. Your concerns mean a lot to me. Love in Christ, Cindy Adair

Thank You

Dear Church family, I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and calls during my recent hospital stay and recovery. Thank you for always keeping my family in your prayers. With love, Roland Downing

Thank You

To everyone who worked in the kitchen, brought food or helped in any way for the Morgan Service last Saturday, thank you for your generous love and commitment to the Philadelphia Church Family. Barbara Barlow Bereavement Committee

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- MAR 5—12:15pm—PWCT in February
- MAR 9 —10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle
- MAR 11—10:30am—Circle One
- MAR 19—2:30pm—PW Annual Meeting
- MAR 21—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
- MAR 26—11:00am—Honorary Life Membership recognition followed by luncheon

CRAFT GROUP

March 14 – 11:30am @ Freddy's Hamburgers, Hwy 20, McDonough

March 28 – 11:30am @ Louisiana Bistro, Virginia Ave, College Park, Meet at church to car pool

Thank You

Our Souper Bowl of Caring celebration was a great success. We were able to collect \$237.00 in monetary donations and carried a total 159 items of canned goods and non-perishables to the Morrow Presbyterian food pantry program.



Calvary Refuge Center is preparing to open the Holland Hall with 44 additional beds. Cash donations are needed to furnish it with beds and linens. Your donations are appreciated. Details are on the back of the March Calendar.

FROM THE PNC... 

We are making progress as we continue to work each week of our search journey. Please keep us in your prayers.

Greg Downing
PNC Chair

PW Annual Gathering

This year Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will host the PW Annual Gathering on March 19, 2017. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited to stay for the meeting and there will be refreshments served in the fellowship hall following the meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on this special day.

PW Honorary Life Membership

On March 26, 2017 PW will recognize one special woman and present her with the Honorary Life Membership. A covered dish luncheon will follow immediately after service and everyone is invited to attend. Previous Honorary Life members are asked to wear their pins on this Sunday. Please make plans to join us on this special occasion.



March 12

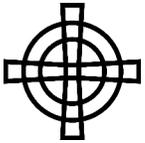
Don't forget to set you clocks forward 1 hour before retiring on March 11.

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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