



**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

**THE CROSSROADS**

*Dear Philadelphia Church Family,*

*In a thankful moment, and thought I would share a prayer of thanksgiving with you. Hope it makes you thankful too.*

**A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O God, we praise you for wonder and awe and mystery. We thank you for thunder and lightning and illuminating words, for stories and tales and books from which we learn. We thank you for humans, for life and good friends, for laughter and smiles, kind jokes and poems that rhyme. We thank you for our children, for juicy fruit gum, for jello and ice cream and a lollipop. We thank you for jungle gyms, and lakes and swimming pools and State Parks; for softball fields and football stadiums, for tennis courts and golf courses, and horse's stables. We thank you for dance recitals and horns and piano, for loud voices and cheering and soft baby whispers. And, we thank you for loving spirits, gentle hands and bright eyes.

O God, we thank you for dogs that bark kindly and cats that purr, for fish that swim and cows that moo, for turtles and ants and crawdads too and monkeys and elephants in the zoo. We praise you for squirrels and deer, for raccoons and chipmunks, even for slivering snakes in the grass. We thank you for dandelions, for lilies and roses, violets and tulips and morning glories. We thank you for weeping willows, crepe myrtles and tall pines, for dog-woods and sycamores and oaks of all kind.

O God, we give you praise for energy and the building of things great and small, for light and darkness, for sight and sound, for jumbo jets and planes in the air, for whistles and rumbling sounds in the night, for the power of engines and tracks that take us out of sight.

We thank you for policemen and firemen and the traffic cop. We praise you for carpenters, too, for nails and screwdrivers, for doors and windows and fireplace flews. We thank you for dining room tables and coffee pots, for sofas and chairs and chiming clocks. We thank you for cleaning ladies and vacuums and mops, clean windows and dishes and floors that shine. We thank you for churches and steeples and elders and deacons and members who care, for teachers and preachers and the good word to share. We praise you for grandmothers and grandfathers and nursing care, for wind and rain, and relief from pain.

O God, we thank and praise you for the wonder and mystery of it all!

*Rev. Jack Westlund*

*August, 2013*

*Grace and peace to you all,*

*Jack*

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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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**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**

19/ Glenda Taylor  
22/ Betty Brock  
26/ Raymond Boadi  
30/ Brooke Lloyd

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

06/ Bud & Mona Steele (70)  
24/ Emory & Dot Pearce  
25/ Erwin & Ruth Gettys

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

Darr Johnson  
Pat Randolph  
Emory Pearce  
Danny Morris

**NURSERY**

TBA

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Joyce Smith and family in the passing of her brother, Michael Trotter.*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Linda Collins who passed away on July 21.*

07/12 Rachel Asci (Serena's cousin) – hospitalized for dehydration and sepsis  
06/02 Baby Avery (Dot & Emory's great granddaughter) Crouzon Syndrome - Osteotomy  
on 7/16—recovering well

07/02 Vince Chapman (Serena's brother) – recovering from blood clots in lungs & leg

06/26 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – chemo for bone cancer

06/24 Pegge Murphy – cancer returned - several rounds of Chemo, then Mastectomy

06/19 Megan Rasmussen (friend of Serena) – long rehab from auto accident

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

**Patty Boone    Becky Huie**

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

**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.

**CRAFT GROUP**

**AUG 13—11:30am @ Carrabbas Italian Grill,  
Mt.Zion Blvd., Morrow**

**Aug 27—11:30am @Chicken Salad Chick, 1001  
Eagles Landing Blvd., Stockbridge**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the cards and love for my family, for all the prayers during the passing of my dear brother.  
Love,  
Joyce & Tom Smith



**Good Shepherd Clinic's  
Tomato Sandwich Party**

When: August 3rd from 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Where: Morrow Center, 1180 Southlake Circle, Morrow, GA 30261 Suite 100

Join us for our 17th annual fundraising celebration!

Text 'TOMATO' to 44-321 to donate now!

**PW MESSAGE CORNER**

- AUG 4—12:15PM—PWCT, we will work on the 2020 PW Budget
- AUG 17—10:30am—Circle One



**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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