
The Crossroads

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SCRIPTURES FOR LENT

Joel 2:12-18 God desires our redemption from sin, not our suffering from it.

Matthew 16:13-19 God reveals himself to his people in flesh and blood, in word and Spirit.

Isaiah 58:1-9 God has set us free to follow the path of Jesus and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Isaiah 58:9-14 Give thanks to God, who has given us every good gift from above.

Luke 4:1-13 God will deliver from bondage all those who believe in his promises.

Matthew 25:31-46 The entire Law, all of God's Commandments, are fulfilled in love of God and neighbor.

Isaiah 55:10-11 God's word fills us with wisdom and grace. It is food that leaves no one hungry.

Luke 11:29-32 We have no need for a sign; we have the Real Presence living with us.

Matthew 7:7-12 When God's children ask for bread and water, they never hunger or thirst.

Matthew 5:20-26 Is your neighbor in need? Drop everything, and minister to him for God's sake.

Matthew 5:43-48 We are made in the image of God and are called to be always faithful.

from *Daily Scripture and Reflection for the Sacred Season*



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Opal Seeby
- 2 Chris Banke
- 3 Jennifer Rohrbach
- 4 Belle Lawrence
- 7 Chyanne Patterson
- 15 Angie Tharp
- 18 Diane LaFoy
- 19 Don Nelson
- 19 Andrew Durden
- 20 Pat Randolph
- 21 Emily Yancey
- 22 Jim McWilliams
- 22 Mary Katheryne Trammell
- 24 Pegge Murphy
- 26 Henry Brock



- 28 Erwin Gettys

ANNIVERSARIES



- 26 Buck & Annelle Maxwell
- 27 Herbert & Louise Etheridge

USHERS FOR MARCH

Jim Phillips
Don Nelson
Fred Rohrbach
Mallory Pierce



MESSAGES TO OUR MEMBERS

Friends,

Your continued support of Calvary Refuge Center and its programs is nothing short of astounding. Thank you for your recent donation. I sincerely hope you know how much your support means to us. Not a meal could be served or a bed provided without the help of thoughtful citizens like you. Calvary staff, clients and other Clayton County residents truly have a friend in you.

Once again, thank you. Please keep Calvary in your thoughts and prayers and we will do the same for you.

The answer is...Jesus, *Tawana Tarno, Executive*



Director

I am so sorry it has been such a long time since we have updated you on Mom. It has been a pretty rough couple of months for her. As you know, she was admitted into the hospital in November and released after 3 weeks. She went into a rehab facility for therapy to be strong enough to go home. Unfortunately, her stay was longer than expected. Her first two weeks in rehab were great and she did get stronger. During the third week, she contracted a bacterial infection that was not fully cured with oral antibiotics. She ended up being re-admitted into the hospital. At this time, Mom is in an assisted living apartment. She is continuing to get stronger and healthier every day. We are hoping she will be feeling up to phone calls and visits soon. Please keep the prayers and cards coming as this helps her get through every day. We know she would not be getting better



if it were not for all of your prayers, concerns and cards. Thank you, *Shari (Myers) Eberhart*
[See updated prayer list.]

Thank you, Church Family, for all your prayers for



my neighbor's daughter, Carmen Laws. It has been a comfort to her family in Canada as well as for our neighbor, her 97-year-old mother.

God bless you. *Tom & Joyce Smith*

My friend *Heather Hardy* is doing well and so is the baby. Her son's name is Aiden [heart developed outside the body; has undergone several surgeries],



and he is still in the hospital, on a ventilator and having a problem with fluid retention. His condition is improving, and the doctors are hoping they can wean him off the ventilator soon. Please pray this is possible. Thanks a bunch. *Jennifer Rohrbach*

Dearest Friends,

Words can express neither my grief nor gratitude at this time. Giving up someone you love as much as your Mother doesn't come easy.

Thank you all for your expressions of love and



sympathy. Your calls, cards and visits have made this time more bearable.

She lives in the hearts of those she left behind. May she rest in peace.

Thanks be to God for all things good. In Christian love, *Betty Mullins*

Hello, dear sponsors from Philadelphia Presbyterian Church,

How are you doing? My family and I are doing well here, thank the good Lord.

Sponsor, I'm doing very well in school, thank the good Lord. I've been promoted to the 6th grade. My baby sister Maria Eduarda and my oldest sister Cristiane have flunked.

Sponsor, my mother is in treatment again. She's doing radiotherapy, but I'm glad she's doing fine, thank the good Lord. May God bless her more and more, and give her life, because only God can.

Sponsor, while on vacation, I went to my aunt's place, my mother's sister. It was really nice. I had lots of fun.

Sponsor, thank you very much for the Christmas



gift of US\$ 10. I bought 2 pairs of sandals, clothes and a toy. Sponsor, I had a funny Christmas. I played a lot and I liked it.

Sponsor, thank you very much for everything you do for me. Thank you very much. May God bless you and give you life.

I'll close now. Kisses and very tight hugs. Written by your sponsored child *Fernanda Ferreira Garcia Vaz*. I love you all.



Dear Contributor,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers of Securus House, thank you so much for your contributions during 2006. Generous supporters like you help ensure that the Clayton County Association on Family Violence, Inc., a/k/a Securus House, continues to provide safe emergency shelter and comprehensive support services to victims of family violence in our community. Thank you again for your support during 2006.

Sincerely, *Katrina T. Bradbury, Treasurer, Board*



of Trustees

I think I'm doing really well. I'm up moving around and getting out a little bit for short rides and things like that. I will be going back to the doctor sometime the first of the week to get the drainage tubes out.

Please tell everybody hello, I love them, I miss



being there today [2/18] and how much I appreciate their thoughts and prayers, their cards and calls.
Annelle Maxwell

Tom Garner continues to do very well following his heart surgery. *Debra* and Tom Dot and Emory want to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns. It is wonderful to have a caring church family like you. We are blessed to be a part of it. Love, *Dot and Emory Pearce*



...to *Elliott Yancey*, who made the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester at Berry College. The honor is reserved for students who earn at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 semester hours.

...to *Dinah Bingham*, who was named 2006 Employee of the Year by the Clayton County Tag Office.

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**CHANGE THE E-MAIL ADDRESS OF:**

- *Judy Baird* to [daisymaid@bellsouth.net](mailto:daisymaid@bellsouth.net)
- *Rick & Kathie Pierce* to [pier855@bellsouth.net](mailto:pier855@bellsouth.net)

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ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY – Sheryl Etheridge's neighbor, *Ann Linker*, makes her living caring for the elderly. She will sit with the individual during the day, perform household duties, and provide transportation to doctor appointments, the pharmacy, the grocery store, etc. She can be contacted by cell phone (678-409-8802) or at home (770-507-0561).

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**LETTERS OF TRANSFER:**

- *David & Linda Sue Allman* to Druid Hills PC
- *James Eason* to Morrow PC
- *Jimmy & Cheri Moore* to First PC, Greensboro, GA

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WERE YOU ORDAINED AS AN ELDER AT PPC? If you would like a Certificate of Ordination, simply notify the church office (404-366-1851).

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**EVERY YEAR COUNTS** – On February 10, *Bob & Rebecca Huie* celebrated 55 years of marriage (not 54, as previously reported).

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FOR THE SAKE OF SECURITY – When your group leaves the church, *please* make sure *all* doors are locked. And check the outside door you leave through to be certain it closed tightly behind you.

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**PLEASE CORRECT YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY** – *Myrtice Orman's* phone number should be 770-428-1251.

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FINANCIAL FIGURES – According to January's financial report, our income totaled \$12,299.93. Our expenses totaled \$11,570.63, creating a slight surplus

of \$729.30.

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Sunday, March 11, Turner Field, to benefit PATH and other Atlanta Hunger Ministries.

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Dear friends,

Shalom and though the year is well underway, let me take this opportunity to wish you a blessed 2007! Thank you for your very generous gift for the support of Randall and Luda Ford.

I have just returned from Israel where I met with our Israeli board and our growing staff of missionaries. I joined our workers as they were refreshed through a well-earned retreat near the Dead Sea. We are excited to be considering several new couples to join the team.

Growth in our Israeli team comes not only through new workers, but through the birth of new children. In the past few months, the Lord has blessed two of these dedicated families with a precious, additional child. At the other end of the spectrum, one of our families is sending their daughter off for her two years of mandatory army service.

Like parents everywhere, our missionaries are devoted to their children. For Jewish believers in Messiah serving in Israel, this brings a set of concerns

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and burdens that most of us don't experience. These parents struggle daily with overt persecution directed at their children because of their service to Messiah. Add to this the aftermath of war, the daily threat of terrorism and a disastrous economy, and you will appreciate their desire to have you lift their kids up to the Lord.

Thank you for regularly going before the throne of grace on behalf of our staff, as well as for those they seek to reach with the Good News. Our Father in Heaven – the model of loving parenthood – also grieves for His children, and we are partners together in bringing His lost sheep into the fold.

Thank you for your support. It means everything to me and to them.

Your brother, *Mitch Glaser, President, Chosen People Ministries*

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Dear friends,

We want to tell you about our growing Ford family. We suddenly increased from one child to three! How? The story begins with our lovely little Eliana, who turns four on Valentine's Day. Because we wanted more sweet children like Eliana, we became certified with New York State as "pre-adoptive" foster parents for an infant.

A few months ago, we received a three-week-old baby boy into our home. We don't know yet whether we can adopt him, but we love keeping him. There is



something special about a newborn child – they let you hold them as often as you want. They fall asleep in your arms when you feed them. A newborn is precious.

In December, Foster Care asked us to consider a nine-year-old American girl orphaned in another country, who spoke no English. The child became an orphan when her devoted single mother died recently. Her “mother tongue” is a language we speak at home, and no other foster family could provide a home speaking that language. Several high-level organizations were involved in bringing her back to the United States. She was accompanied on the plane. It was like Isaiah 60:4 “...your daughters shall be carried in the arms.”

As with our infant foster son, we can’t publish her name and other personal details at this time, to protect her confidentiality. However, ALL the children look enough like Randall and like each other that you would think we raised them all! Please pray for us and for these precious children.

A special note about finances – typically December’s generous donations leave a slight surplus, which we use in January and February, when income tapers off. February is often the month when we face a salary deficit and pay reduction. We both have other jobs to supplement living expenses, yet we need all of our personal funds plus a full missionary salary to stay solvent in expensive New York City. Will you consider a special one-time donation this month to help us overcome our fund deficit? We want to pour ourselves into great ministry opportunities this spring without unnecessary worries about funding.

Thank you again for your fellowship and prayers,  
*Randall and Luda Ford*

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Our 2006 g i v i n g
statement from Presbytery of Greater Atlanta indicates
the following contributions:

▶ Presbytery Unified Benevolences . . .	\$2,799.59
▶ Per Capita Assessment	\$2,903.03
▶ One Great Hour of Sharing	\$883.63
▶ Christmas Joy Offering	\$1,061.00
▶ Presbyterian Homes	\$200.00
▶ PATH	\$120.00
▶ Witness Season Offering	\$400.00
▶ Thornwell	<u>\$400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,767.25

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Some of PPC’s other benevolent monetary  
contributions in 2006 include:

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| ▶ Community Halloween Party . . . . .     | \$155.75   |
| ▶ Hymnals for Hispanic Church . . . . .   | \$369.11   |
| ▶ DFCS Food Pantry . . . . .              | \$180.00   |
| ▶ Local Mission (Pastor’s Discretion) . . | \$685.00   |
| ▶ Samaritans Together for Clayton Co.     | \$3,700.00 |
| ▶ Gideons . . . . .                       | \$351.00   |
| ▶ Good Shepherd Clinic . . . . .          | \$1,000.00 |
| ▶ Calvary Refuge . . . . .                | \$600.00   |
| ▶ Christian Children’s Fund . . . . .     | \$277.00   |
| ▶ Mission Haven . . . . .                 | \$100.00   |
| ▶ PW Thank Offering . . . . .             | \$100.00   |
| ▶ Securus House . . . . .                 | \$75.00    |
| ▶ PW Birthday Offering . . . . .          | \$578.00   |
| ▶ PW Least Coin . . . . .                 | \$30.80    |
| ▶ PW Blessing Box Offering . . . . .      | \$180.71   |
| ▶ Columbia Friendship Circle . . . . .    | \$20.00    |

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In addition to monetary contributions, many goods
and services were donated. For example, all items
needed for Calvary Refuge Birthday Parties, clothing
for members of the Hispanic church, Board Members
for Good Shepherd Clinic, boxed/canned goods for
“Souper” Bowl Sunday and DFCS Food Pantry,
school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center,
towels for Calvary Refuge Center, all manner of help
with the Halloween Party, paper products and gifts for
Securus House, etc. These invaluable goods and

services cannot be calculated.

A SUPER “SOUPER” BOWL

Since PPC raised \$200.00 and 181 boxed/canned
goods for “Souper” Bowl of Caring last year, a goal
was set this year of \$250.00 and 200 boxed/canned
goods. *Instead we raised \$306.00 and
375 boxed/canned goods!*

The monetary donations will be contributed to
Calvary Refuge Center, and the boxed/canned goods
will be donated to a local food pantry.

Your participation in the “Souper” Bowl of Caring
demonstrates your commitment to transforming the
most celebrated day in football into one of the
nation’s largest youth-led
days of giving. Thanks!



It’s party time again!! In
March, we will celebrate the
birthdays of two young boys
at Calvary Refuge Center.
One little guy is having his
1st birthday, and the other is

turning 6.

The party will be held on *Saturday, March 17*
(St. Patrick’s Day!) at 3:00pm. There will be plenty of
cake and ice cream, so everyone is invited. I hope to
see you there. *Jennifer Rohrbach*

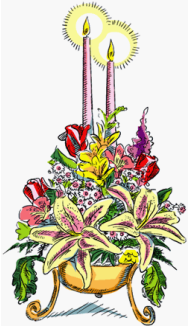
P.S. The mother of the soon-to-be-1-year-old is
looking for a small potty to start potty training her
son. If anyone would like to donate a potty, the mom
would greatly appreciate it.

FOR SECURUS HOUSE

We will be collecting paper goods and soap
throughout March. They need paper plates, napkins,
diapers, tissues, toilet paper and writing paper. They
also need all kinds of soap, but not hotel soap.

You may bring your donation to your circle
meeting or leave it in the narthex if it is more
convenient. *Nancy Kemper*

St. Patrick’s Day is *Saturday, March 17*. Don’t
forget the “wearing of the green” in honor of the day!



SYMPATHY

We extend our love and deepest Christian sympathy to Betty Mullins at the death of her mother, Nina Corry; and to Betty Foster at the death of her aunt, Mary Yancey; and to Judy Baird at the death of her niece, Vicky Pearce.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

Keep up those prayers!
They really do make a difference.

- *Annelle Maxwell* was off chemo following a PET scan that showed no cancer cells in her body and in preparation for her double mastectomy on 02/14. She came through her surgery just fine and went home the next day. Just a week after surgery, she had most of the tubes out, the dressing off and was back at work, at least for a few hours.
- *Brad Mack's* recent heart catheterization showed no blockage.
- Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law's twin sister, *Melody Butler*, is at home and seems to be doing well following her heart valve replacement.
- Heard from *Myrtice Orman* recently. She says that she enjoys where she is living and that she is doing well. She sounded absolutely wonderful.
- *Lee Rohrbach*, Fred Rohrbach's father, now has his pacemaker/defibrillator. Two days after surgery, he was back at work.
- *Ami Davis*, Bob & Rebecca Huie's granddaughter, is completing several months of medication and undergoing testing that has looked very encouraging.
- *Jane McDonald* is on the mend in Denver under the care of one of the best surgeons available anywhere. Concerning the accident, brother Scott told mother Betty, "I don't want to give you all the scary details, but let's just say that someone bigger than us was watching over her."
- *Matthew Mullis*, the teenage grandson of Judy Baird's best friend, is now stabilized quite well with his serious liver disease.

CALVARY REFUGE CENTER SEEKS HUD GRANTS

According to a *NewsDaily* notification (posted on the bulletin board), Calvary Refuge Center has three HUD grants up for consideration. The purpose of the funding is:

- Reconstruction of existing bathroom to replace use of outdoor portable toilets;
- Conversion of a portion of the organization's Chapel into classrooms; and
- Assistance for emergency shelter operations.

To voice your support of Calvary Refuge and their community service, you can attend the Needs Assessment Public Hearing on *Monday, March 5* at 6:00pm in the Clayton County Central Library, 865 Battle Creek Road, Jonesboro.

For citizens unable to attend, written comments should be sent to Clayton County Housing and Community Development Program, 148 Courthouse Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236-3600. *Written comments MUST BE RECEIVED by 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 20.*



KITE DAY COOKOUT

An all-day affair for the entire family is planned for *Sunday, March 18!*

Of course, casual wear is in order for the day. For kite-flying, you should bring kites (naturally) and plenty of string. Bubbles also add a festive air. Onlookers need lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

The Men of the Church will be manning the grill to cook up heaping handfuls of hamburgers and hot dogs. Plus, they'll provide the appropriate accompaniments.

So round up the kids aged 0-100, and everyone come have a day full of fun!



TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS

Please notify us concerning updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

(Based on February bulletins. **New info in bold.**)

Betty Mullins and the family of Nina Corry**Betty Foster and the family of Mary Yancey****Judy Baird and the family of Vicky Pearce**

Amy Atkinson (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - cancer)

Sophia Bannis (co-worker of Angela Lyle - breast cancer surgery)

Melanie Barnes (wife of Keith at Berean - multiple sclerosis)

Jamie Brady (Joyce Smith's niece - brain tumor returned; 2nd surgery)

Willie Bush (friend of Demester Dunaway - pancreatic cancer; **chemo**)

Randy Cary (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - deployed to Iraq)

Douglas Chapman (Serena Staats' father - needs bone marrow transplant; pneumonia)

Eddie & Mellissa Crownover (friends of the Fries - Marine Cobra pilot in Iraq)

Ami Davis (Bob & Rebecca Huie's granddaughter - uterine cancer)

Gail Downing (Judy Baird's sister - pulmonary fibrosis; blood/med infusions)

Pauline Hadley (the Lockharts' neighbor - terminal cancer; under hospice care)

Aiden Hardy (infant son of Jennifer Rohrbach's friend - needs off ventilator soon)

Ed Henry (Beth Moore's father - Alzheimer's progressively worse)

Pat Henry (Beth Moore's mother - kidney problems, but dialysis postponed)

Elizabeth Hollandsworth (friend of Judy Baird - inoperable liver cancer)

Lyle Hopkins (Pam Langley's 17-year-old godson - follow-up tests for cancer)

Lois Howard (friend of Wallace Dunn - three types of cancer)

Betsy Jones (Cathy Morris' sister - transfusions; **valve replacements/quadruple bypass postponed; cellulitis; IV antibiotics**)

Bill Jones (Cathy Morris' brother-in-law - Alzheimer's progressively worse)

Rita Marballi (Anand Nevrekar's sister - ovarian cancer)

Annelle Maxwell (breast cancer; undergoing treatment)

Jane McDonald (snowmobile accident; broke jaw in 3 places; surgery)

Douglas Moats (Doris Ellis' son-in-law - intensive shoulder/arm therapy)

Linda Moats (Doris Ellis' daughter - caregiver for husband, his mother & elderly friend)

Mother of Fernanda Ferreira Garcia Vaz ("**radiotherapy**" for breast cancer)

Louisa Myers (**very weakened condition; moved from assisted living to rehab**)

Kelly Painter (Nancy Phillips' 35-year-old friend with 2 young children - bone/liver cancer)

Kathy Pfaff (Bert Tatzel's niece - in rehab learning to use nondominant hand/arm)

Donna Randolph (Pat Randolph's daughter-in-law - diabetes-related loss of sight in both eyes; may possibly regain sight)

Kim Seibert (Mary Jordan's 45-year-old niece with 2 young sons - brain/lung/bone cancer)

June Shannon (hospitalized with pneumonia)

R.A. "Buck" Shaw (esophageal/stomach cancer surgery; 196 Little John Street, Alexander City, AL 35010)

Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister - incurable small cell cancer; in remission now)

Anita Swanson (Parveen Yusufji's close friend's daughter - breast cancer)

Ed Swiedler (father of Andrea Ellis - lung/brain cancer)

Martha Thomas (Betty Mullins' sister - inoperable lung cancer; **chemo/radiation**)

Jerry Tomasello (former mayor of Forest Park - pulmonary fibrosis)

Montine Tomasello (breast cancer attached to bone; mobile; spirits very good)

Keith Turpin (Elizabeth Ford's son-in-law - motorcycle accident; blood transfusions; broken arm/leg/shoulder)

Charles Weems (Dot Lenderman's son - spot on brain; hearing loss; double vision)

Harold Westbrook (liver cancer; chemo/radiation; P.O. Box 1324, Villa Rica, GA 30180)

Mollie Whitehead (Linda Harvey Shepherd's niece - aftereffects from coma)

Darrell Youngblood (colon cancer surgery; chemo)

Our Shut-Ins:

Joan Cushing (6184 San Juan Street, Forest Park, GA 30297)

Martin Ebbesen (Jonesboro Assisted Living, Room 116, 2620 Hwy. 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236)

Ed Huie (6114 Huie Drive, P.O. Box 3, Morrow, GA 30260; Phone: 770-961-6092)

Belle Lawrence (1210 Lochshyre Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30043; Phone: 678-376-9807)

JoAnn Tatzel (Lafayette Nursing Home, Room 404, 110 Brandywine Blvd., Fayetteville, GA 30214)

Grover Tharp (275 N. Victoria Court, Ellenwood, GA 30294)

