

The Crossroads

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A traveler was walking for miles along a white sand beach when he finally saw someone. It was a woman far off walking toward him.

As he watched her, she stopped walking and rolled up her sleeves. Then she picked up a starfish and threw it into the ocean. He watched as she diligently worked at scooping up starfish and throwing one by one back into the sea.

After an extended time and curious, he asked, "What are you doing with the starfish?"

The woman replied, "When the tide goes out, it leaves these starfish stranded all over this beach. They will dry up and die before the tide comes back – so I am throwing them back into the sea where they can live."

The traveler then asked her, "But this beach is miles long and there are thousands upon thousands of stranded starfish. Most will die before you reach them. Do you really think throwing a few starfish back into the ocean is really going to make a difference?"

The woman picked up a starfish and looked at the man and then at the starfish. She then drew back her arm and gave a mighty throw with the starfish landing in the waves. She turned to the man and said, "It makes a difference to that one."

Based on the original work of Loren Eiseley's allegory called the "The Star Thrower."



USHERS FOR JULY

Don Nelson
Pam Langley
Fred Rohrbach
Bob Huie



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Buck Maxwell
- 3 Brad Mack
- 3 Max Trammell
- 5 Demester Dunaway
- 6 Rachel Rohrbach
- 8 Judy Baird
- 8 Joan Murphy
- 8 Christine Jefferson
- 12 Cathy Morris
- 12 Fred Rohrbach
- 13 Wallace Dunn
- 19 Ed Murphy
- 20 Louise Etheridge
- 21 Spencer Frye
- 24 Michael Moore
- 24 Tori Moore
- 25 Nancy Maxwell
- 26 Beverly Johnson
- 26 Cameron LaFoy
- 31 Clyde Maxwell
- 31 Rick Pierce



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Anand & Zareen Nevrekar
- 12 Henry & Betty Brock
- 15 Tom & Joyce Smith
- 16 Rick & Kathie Pierce
- 21 John & Pat Randolph





MESSAGES TO OUR MEMBERS

Everything is GREAT with my ear. The swelling has gone down some, it's not as muffled, and thankfully the glass is out of my ear!!!! I luv y'all!!
Emily Lyle



I am bringing news to you of the passing of your former pastor Robert D. Alexander on June 8. I thought that you would like to know because you were often in his thoughts and his prayers over these many years he's been gone. *Roy Alexander*



I just wanted to give you an update on Cindy Hopkins' condition. She has completed this round of chemo, and things look good for now. She has gone back to work, gradually increasing back to a 40-hour week with stipulations to take it easy as she needs to. She sounded like she was in good spirits last time we talked, and I am starting to get regular e-mails from her, so things are definitely better.

Since her condition is incurable, I would like to keep her on the prayer list because, as we all know, prayer is a powerful thing and it really does work.

Thank you so much. *Pam Langley*



Dear Church,

Good news, great news. Harold continues to improve as each test is done and lab results come in. As you recall, last year in April, a doctor gave him only 6 months to live after he was diagnosed with liver cancer. God intervened and sent us some doctors that gave us hope for a longer life.

After 4 treatments of chemo-embolization, the AFP (tumor marker) has decreased from 3105 to less than 2. Harold's liver is working, his heart is strong – no ill effects from the chemo – and his spirits are high. He is scheduled for another MRI on June 25.

I continue to recover from my breast cancer. My recent mammogram and physical proved to be normal.

Friends, do not let anyone try to tell you that there is no God. We know otherwise, don't we? Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Love to all, *Martha Westbrook*



Hello, All,

Received the following message from Kathy today [06/19]. You will have heard about the firefighters in South Carolina by now. We are asking for special prayers for the families of the nine who died. As you can see from Kathy's message, one was the husband of one of the girls in the U.S. Attorney's office in Charleston. (Kathy is the supervisory secretary who oversees the support staff in Charleston.)

And to our own fireman Jeff – we love and value you. PLEASE be careful out there!!!

Thanks for the prayers, *Lynn Vandiver*

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Calling all my prayer buddies:

Unless you live in SC, you probably didn't hear about the tragic fire in Charleston last night. Nine firefighters were lost when the roof collapsed while they were fighting a blaze at a sofa store.

One of those firefighters was the husband of one of the interns in the Charleston office. They had just celebrated their first wedding anniversary last weekend, and his parents were at the scene until his remains were recovered. Please keep Lauren and her family in your prayers as they deal with this tragic loss!

I think we all gained a new respect for firefighters & law enforcement after 9/11, but this brings it much closer to home!

Thanks for your prayers! *Kathy Vandiver*

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From: *The Presidential Prayer Team™*

Pray for the families and loved ones of the nine firefighters who lost their lives on June 19 in Charleston, SC – for God's love and comfort to abide with the entire community. As this tragedy underscores the risks taken daily by our nation's firefighters, police and all who protect and defend us, pray for their protection and safety. This loss is the greatest to the firefighting community since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. Give thanks for the tremendous heroism of these men.

MISSION MESSAGES

According to Good Shepherd Clinic volunteer L.C. Thomas, our church's Kroger Card sales last year amounted to \$16,680, with \$834 (5%) going to Good Shepherd Clinic. But for every \$1 the clinic receives, they are able to provide \$10 in medical care. ***So that \$834 amounted to \$8,340 in medical treatment!***

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Dear friends,

Thank you for being on our team, reaching Jewish people in New York and the world!

We enjoyed a year of missions conferences. In fact, as we are writing, we are attending one in Pensacola, Florida. We are encouraged to see churches filled with passion for missions. Not only is there passion for missions overseas, we saw one church host 400 teenagers on a Wednesday night! These teens, many of them unbelievers from the neighborhood, attend a youth night every week featuring skate boarding, a cool gymnasium setting and great worship music by a youth band. This church has sowed faithfully into foreign harvest fields; now God has blessed them by giving them a harvest field in their own church!

Our family – thank you so much for praying for our growing family. A joy and challenge this year was going from one to three. Our ten-year-old is attending the best intensive English program in New York. “Where?” you ask. A New York City public school! Our school district has an outstanding record teaching children from other languages and cultural backgrounds. The other students and teachers are helpful. Her school even includes extra English as a Second Language (ESL) classes after school three days a week. Of course, we face adjustment issues with our own daughter and our new daughter, but this seems to be working out. Pray for us. On the other hand, our infant foster son will likely return to his family soon. We will miss him, but pray that our influence and prayer will lead him to a relationship with Jesus.

Thank you for praying about our Memorial Day Messianic camp. We took several unbelievers. They watched and listened very closely, and met new Russian-speaking friends who shared their friendship and testimony. We appreciate your part in sending our unbelieving friends to camp. It was such a spiritual

battle to invite them. We tried for three years. You can see the effectiveness of our teamwork. Your prayers make the difference.

We love you and appreciate you, *Randall & Luda Ford*

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A call was placed to the Duvall Home [a PC(USA)-affiliated nonprofit organization for the developmentally disabled] to inquire about changes in our soup label donations. I was informed they can no longer accept just the front portion. The Universal Product Code must be included, as required by the Campbell Soup Company. *We will now send the entire label.* Volunteers at Duvall Home will cut, sort and count the labels. They still accept all cancelled postage stamps except the “Presorted” ones and all card fronts. *Barbara Barlow, Worldwide Missions*

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*Through the end of July* in preparation for school's start in August (it will be here before we know it!), we will collect school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center, the group that supports grandparents who are raising their grandchildren because the parents are unable, for various reasons, to do so. You may leave your donation in the narthex. *Nancy Kemper, Community Missions*

### Suggested school supplies are listed below:

- large book bags (for high school students)
- 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 (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
- index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
- colored pencils
- staplers and staples
- markers (10-pack)
- tape

Queridos amigos de nuestra iglesia hermana de Filadelfia,

Muchas gracias por venir el Domingo pasado al Baby Shower de Keren y Jonier Orozco. Nosotros disfrutamos mucho su amistad, participación, su amor y oraciones por nuestra iglesia.

Gracias por los regalos para el bebé. Ellos son muy bonitos y útiles. Recuerden que el bebé nacera en June 29, 2007.

Bienvenidos a El Nazareno en cualquier momento.

Dios les bendiga grandemente, *Congregación Hispana, Iglesia El Nazareno at College Park Presbyterian Church*

[Translation available upon request.]

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Found this quote from Cheryl Burke, a member of Bethany PC and a missionary in Pakistan. Thought everyone might find it amusing, but especially those taking the Spanish class:

“I am taking Urdu lessons again. I figure at my current rate, I should be fluent in about a decade or so. Seriously though, at the very least, I’m sure that my attempts at the language should provide humor for the locals for years to come. I consider it part of my service to the community! I have my lessons in the office at the end of the day and am now convinced that part of the reason the two young men that work with me stick around for that hour is humor.”

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

Income for May was \$16,482.80; expenses were \$20,863.88 – creating a monthly deficit of \$4,381.08.

Note, however, that in May, our total per capita to Presbytery (\$2,790.48) and quarterly commercial insurance (\$1,387.36) were paid, in addition to the purchase of a new computer for the church office plus repairs to the pastor’s computer.

Our YTD income through May has been \$81,388.50; expenses have been \$81,662.94 – creating a slight YTD deficit of \$274.44.

Finally, please remember that when you’re away (even during summer vacation), the work of the church continues. So don’t forget your financial support of the church’s ministry.



...to George & Annie Westlund at the birth of their daughter, *Sadie Elizabeth Westlund*, on May 2. She

joins big brother Jacob Daniel Westlund.

...to *Chyanne Patterson*. In addition to receiving two ribbons, she won a trophy in swimming for finishing 6th in the county in the 100-meter freestyle.

...to *Daniel Banke*, who was named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2007 semester at Samford University. As reported in the *News Daily* [posted on the bulletin board], the honor is reserved for students who earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while taking at least 12 semester hours. Daniel also received the Eva Clapp White Voice Scholarship Award this past semester.

SUMMER IS HERE! Therefore, for those who so wish, the appropriate church attire *from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend* is business casual. So don’t take a summer vacation from church. Simply put on your *business casual best* and come worship with us!

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CONTACT INFO – Elliott & Emily Yancey, 98 Eva Drive, Hampton, GA 30228.

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IN MEMORY OF REV. ALEXANDER – Sympathy cards may be mailed to Myrt Alexander, 80 Frisco Court, Apopka, FL 32712-2390; and memorial donations to Bert Hussman, Young Harris College, P.O. Box 275, Young Harris, GA 30582, “For Peter J. Alexander Endowment.”

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MACK & MOORES UPDATE – When fire destroyed the tire company in Jackson just before Memorial Day, Brad was out of a job. Fortunately, food in the freezer fed the family, and the landlord was understanding until another job (unfortunately requiring longer hauls) was found. Meanwhile, upon returning from Special Olympics camp, Michael developed chicken pox, thus missing the last two weeks of school. And Beth’s mom’s health continues to deteriorate.



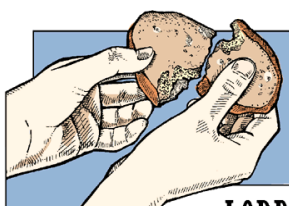
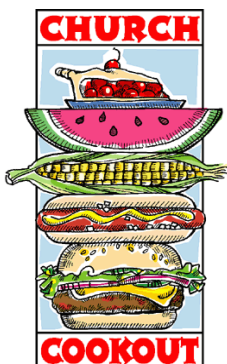
We extend our love and deepest Christian sympathy to Ginger Westlund at the death of her mother, Jo Martin; to the family of our former minister Rev. Robert D. Alexander; and to Cathy Morris at the death of her sister, Betsy Jones.

Our annual Patriotic Celebration & Cookout is *Sunday, July 1*. Plan to wear your festive red, white and blue, invite family and friends, and everyone come celebrate!

As always, Alisa and the choir have a special musical presentation planned for the worship service.

Afterwards is the fellowship cookout. The church will provide beverages, and the Men of the Church will be grilling the holiday-appropriate hot dogs and hamburgers. So bring picnic-type foods that would be suitable accompaniments.

The day promises to be an all-American celebration that you won't want to miss!



At the table with our LORD

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, God offers us continued spiritual nourishment and sustains us in the communion of the body of Christ.

During the *July 8* worship service, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your heart, soul and mind accordingly.



In honor of Independence Day, the church office will be closed *Wednesday, July 4*. Here's hoping you have a great 4th!

## GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

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

- Both *Wynelle Thomas* and her husband, Kroger Card volunteer L.C. Thomas, recognized she was having a heart attack and were able to receive help in time to restrict it to a minor one.
- Following her surgery for melanoma, *Mary Ann Warlick* required no chemo or radiation.
- In spite of the previous week's injuries from being hit by a shattered bottle, *Emily Lyle* was not only back in church, but back singing in the choir.
- Contrary to a previous prognosis, *Buck Maxwell* didn't even need a stent, much less open heart surgery again.
- Due to discrepancies in diagnoses, *Sonny Strohm* is undergoing tests for various medical problems, which we are praying prove to be relatively minor in nature.
- *Darrell Youngblood* has finished chemo. The oncologist said Darrell's CAT scan looked good and showed nothing to be concerned about. Upcoming colonoscopy to confirm.
- Doctors at Scottish Rite now believe they can treat *Megan Beck's* colitis without having to perform a colostomy. Megan is home from the hospital, and her medication seems to be working very well.
- In the evening following her shoulder surgery, *Virginia Billington* was making phone calls. Needless to say, rehab is going well.
- We were pleased to hear that *Arlene Tolleson* is "a little better," according to Nella Ree Dunn.
- The day after heart surgery, *Ed Downey* was already off his ventilator.

The PW Coordinating Team will meet after church on *Sunday, July 8*. The meeting will involve planning for the August PW Workshop and will run longer than usual. If everyone will bring a sandwich, we can eat first and then have our meeting.  
*Frances Youngblood*



## TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS

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

(Based on June's bulletins. **New info in bold.**)

**Families of the firefighters who died in Charleston, SC****The family of Rev. Robert D. Alexander****Cathy Morris and the family of Betsy Jones****Ginger Westlund and the family of Jo Martin**

Amy Atkinson (friend of the Fries - cancer)

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

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

**Megan Beck (Nell Cates' granddaughter - was hospitalized; now on medication for colitis)****Virginia Billington (rehab; Manor Care, 4360 Johnson Ferry Place, Marietta, GA 30068-2016; Phone: 678-560-4306)**

Jamie Brady (Joyce Smith's niece - **gamma knife radiation on brain tumor was postponed until 06/22**)

Willie Bush (friend of Demester Dunaway - pancreatic cancer; chemo; has passed out/fallen)

Randy Cary (friend of the Fries - deployed to Iraq)

Douglas Chapman (Serena Staats' father - awaiting another bone marrow transplant)

Beryl Chown (friend of Jim & Nancy Phillips - ovarian cancer; chemo)

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

Eugene Dabbs (requested by Spencer Frye & Pat Randolph - prostate cancer; surgery to come)

Ami Davis (Bob & Rebecca Huie's granddaughter - **precancerous uterine cells; hormone treatments again**)

**Ed Downey (husband of Nancy Phillips' cousin - heart bypass/valve repaired)**

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

**Eugene Dunn (Nella Ree Dunn's son - shoulder surgery)****Spencer Frye (chest pains; heart cath showed artery 90%-95% blocked; stent inserted 06/01; also retaining fluid on knee)****Mary Lou Fuller (friend of the Dunaways - cancer in remission; pain & mobility problems)**

Aiden Hardy (infant son of Jennifer Rohrbach's friend - hospitalized since birth)

Ed Henry (Beth Moore's father - Alzheimer's has gotten much worse)

Pat Henry (Beth Moore's mother - now on dialysis; **heart condition worse; mini strokes**)

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

Cindy Hopkins (Pam Langley's close friend - incurable lung cancer; **has completed this round of chemo; now able to work**)

Bill Jones (Cathy Morris' brother-in-law - Alzheimer's has gotten much worse)

Larry Kidd (plays golf with Ray Morgan - cancer in pancreas & lymph nodes)

Annelle Maxwell (surgery for breast cancer; on preventative medicine now)

Cathe McKinnon (terminated as head of Calvin Center's riding program)

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

Larry Patrick (Montine Tomasello's nephew - surgery for bleeding on both sides of brain)

Lucius Power (the Fries' friend with 2 little boys - inoperable brain cancer)

Donna Randolph (Pat Randolph's daughter-in-law - "ray of hope" for regaining sight)

Nevaeh Robinson (Christine Jefferson's granddaughter - requires a feeding tube)

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

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

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

Buddy Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother - possible lung cancer; more x-rays 06/07)

Buddy Stanton Jr. (Cathy Morris' nephew - serving our country in Afghanistan)

Sonny Strohm (friend of the Lockharts - **undergoing tests for various medical problems**; sister undergoing chemo for liver/kidney cancer; mom has discontinued chemo)

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

Arlene Tolleson (friend of Nella Ree Dunn - colon cancer)

Jerry Tomasello (pulmonary fibrosis progressively worse; **confined to a wheelchair**)

Montine Tomasello (breast cancer attached to bone; **tests ok but in tremendous pain**)

Harold Westbrook (liver cancer; **chemo-embolization helping**; P.O. Box 1324, Villa Rica, GA 30180)

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

Bryan Wilmoth (friend of Pat Randolph - surgery for liver cancer)

Darrell Youngblood (**has finished chemo; CAT scan looked good; upcoming colonoscopy to confirm**)

**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 (treatments continuing on injured foot; 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 (**home with pneumonia**; 275 N. Victoria Court, Ellenwood, GA 30294; Phone: 770-981-5732)