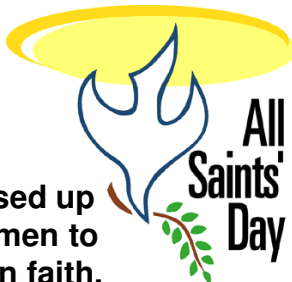

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A PRAYER FOR

Eternal God,
In every age,
you have raised up
men and women to
live and die in faith.



We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

**You call us to proclaim your name,
but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**



We extend our love and deepest Christian sympathy to the family and friends of longtime member Olivia Murphy; to Mary Jordan at the death of her niece, Kim Seibert; to Barbara Barlow at the death of her nephew, Tim Rose; to Doris Ellis at the death of her brother-in-law, Holly Ellis; and to Fred Rohrbach at the death of his uncle, Don Henegar.



- 2 Jane McDonald
- 5 Emory Pearce
- 6 Dot Lenderman
- 6 Debbie Bray
- 7 Ruth Gettys
- 12 Elizabeth Clayton
- 15 Emily Lyle
- 16 Addison Murphy
- 20 Ray Morgan
- 23 Nancy Phillips
- 25 Bob Huie
- 26 Janice Lockhart
- 30 Alice James
- 30 Wade Keeton



Anniversaries

- 11 Jeff & Erin Randolph
- 14 Danny & Cathy Morris



Ushers for November

- Stan Ashmore
- Tom Murphy
- Emory Pearce
- Pam Langley

MISSION MESSAGES

Dear Friends of Calvary Refuge:

For several years, we have written to our friends and supporters in the Fall to give an up-to-date report on our progress at Calvary Refuge Center. This is also the time of the year when we ask for your financial support for the upcoming year. First, may I say a few words about how we are continuing to serve the homeless in South Metro Atlanta.

So far this year, we have served 65 adults and children in our transitional program and 715 adults and children in our emergency shelter program. These numbers confirm that we will serve more adults and children in both programs than last year.

Our financial goal this year is the same as last: to raise \$50,000 through donations from our friends and supporters by the end of January 2008. Although we met that goal in 2004 and 2005, we fell a little short last year. As you know, our main funding comes from certain federal, state and county agencies, but we are expected to raise at least 10% of our annual budget from local supporters. With your financial support, we will be able to show that the South Metro Area is committed to helping the homeless. Without this local support, we would not continue to be eligible to receive governmental funding, which would mean, of course, that Calvary Refuge would not be able to continue to serve the homeless in our area.

We have worked very hard to obtain all of the funding which is available to help us meet our ongoing operational expenses. In addition, we have worked closely this year with the Forest Park/Ft. Gillem Base Closure committee to secure their commitment to use some of their funding to build a new facility on our campus to house homeless families with teenage children. At present, we are unable to provide shelter to families who have older boys who are not accompanied by their fathers, because they are too old to stay with their mothers in the women's dorm. When this new facility is complete, we will be able to serve all homeless families in our area.

Now, we call upon you to help us ensure that we will continue to serve as the South Metro Area's primary homeless shelter. I am aware of the adverse impact of our current economic situation and that some of our supporters have felt this impact.

However, the same adverse economic situation has also increased the number of families who need the help of Calvary Refuge. Thank you for your help this year. We promise to be good stewards of your money.

Sincerely, *Tommy Holland, Board Chairman*



Dear friends,

Here we are in the middle of the Jewish High Holidays. There's Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles). On the solemn Day of Atonement, we always try to keep the fast and attend a synagogue, joining with our community and our family. These rich holidays, rooted in ancient biblical history, are prophetically charged with meaning for our end times.

In September, we attended a Bakharan wedding. You have to experience a Jewish wedding! Hundreds of people enjoy wonderful food, and celebrate with dancing, laughter and live musicians. It really reminds one of biblical days. The rabbi leads the couple in vows and prayers under the canopy or "huppah." By attending community events, we meet new people and strengthen existing friendships. Please pray and believe with us – that one day many of these people will follow the Messiah.

We also enjoy visitors. A Jewish friend from out of town stayed with us recently. She does not believe in Jesus, but in the past she was touched by reading the Bible. Our friendship goes back many years. God is still wooing her to Himself. Over delicious Indian food in Manhattan, Luda shared her story and journey with God. We really love our friends. Please pray for them.

Another prayer concern – please remember Luda's Aunt Sonya (70 years old) and her husband. Both are very ill, even near death. We want at least one more opportunity to visit them in Israel and talk with them about the Messiah. We think Luda should go with the children sometime in the next few weeks. The main barrier is our busy work schedule, plus Luda is waiting for her United States passport.

We are really excited about Randall starting a master's degree program. This will greatly enhance our service to Jewish people and to the church. To attend classes, he reduced his office commitment to sixteen hours per week, spread over four days. This means more work in less time for reduced pay!

Thank you once again for your friendship, support

and prayer.

We appreciate you, *Randall & Luda Ford*



Dear Church Family,

In February of 2004, our members began hosting birthday parties at Calvary Refuge Center. We faithfully went every month that there was a birthday to celebrate and delighted in watching the children eat cake and open gifts. Those members who supported this Outreach received as many or more blessings as the children whom the party was for.

Within the last year, however, we haven't received a lot of support or seen a lot of enthusiasm from the families at the shelter. There have been at least 4 birthday parties within the last year where the birthday children themselves were not present for their own party. Plenty of notice was given to the families, but for whatever reason, the children didn't come. The staff at the shelter can't make the families come and neither can we.

After talking with the members who regularly attended the parties, it was decided that we would stop with this Outreach program. It was felt that this particular Outreach had run its course. It is our hope that we can find another way to serve our community.

Please know that all of the items that have been collected for the birthday parties will be donated to another local charity to be used during the Christmas season. If you have any thoughts or suggestions as to where to donate these items, please let me know.

I thank you for all of the support you have given to this project over the last 3½ years. It was a wonderful Outreach, and I hope that God will again direct us with a way to serve.

Yours in Christ, *Jennifer Rohrbach*



Our Emergency Food Pantry is quite a success! We have already provided numerous bags of food and a *Community Resource Guide* to individuals in need. So keep that food coming in!



THANKSGIVING WEEK

The pastor will be on vacation *Monday-Wednesday, November 19-21*. The church office will be closed *Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23*.

I just want to thank everybody for all the cards, phone calls and prayers that I have received. I'll get back to church as soon as I possibly can.

Tye Bryant



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Each card brought a smile to my face when there were not many smiles happening. Thank you, and please keep up prayers for a speedy recovery and more patience.

Joan Murphy



As in past years for the week prior to Christmas, we will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias to honor or remember someone special. Like before, we will receive both burgundy and white plants with gold sleeves on the pots. *However, we are ordering only 20 white plants, available to the first 20 people who request them.* The remainder of the order will be burgundy. Both colors will be the large-sized plants.

The cost for each plant will be \$12.00 (including tax). Bear in mind that it is *not* necessary to purchase a *separate* plant for each name that you designate unless you just *want* to.

Order forms will be available in the narthex beginning *November 4*. Or you may call the church office (404-366-1851) or Dot Dunn (404-366-8364) to place an order.

Checks should be made payable to Dorothy Dunn – *not* to Dot Dunn (although we call her that) and *not* to the church. You may give your check and order form to Dot, mail them to her or turn them in at the church office. *Deadline to order is Sunday, December 2.*

The poinsettias will decorate the church for the 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 16), the Cantata that evening, the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 23) and the Christmas Eve Communion Service. However, if you so wish, you may take your poinsettias home with you after any of these services.

SCALES OF JUSTICE AWARD

According to the *News Daily* article and photo posted on the bulletin board, *Clayton County Juvenile Court Chief Judge K. Van Banke* was honored by the National Association of Legal Professionals with the Scales of Justice Award, which is given to those who improve access to justice, improve the quality of legal services, promote the legal profession, and support the community in which he or she works and lives.

Van was self-deprecating about the honor. "I hope it wasn't just a desperate committee looking for someone," he said with a smile. In his measured bass voice, Van told his co-workers, "I don't do it myself. Y'all are the ones making me look good."

Associate Judge Steven C. Teske said Van's self-deprecating reception of the much-deserved award was only a continuation of the attitude of a man who "exudes" leadership. "He is the most humble man I've ever met in my life. This man sits on the bench and he has the best judicial temperament I have ever seen... When he gets up there on that bench, he rules with justice, mercy, compassion and wisdom. Now, don't get me wrong, he's firm. When that left eyebrow goes up, you know he's about to come down on you."

It all sounds like the Van we at PPC know and love – and want to wish a well-deserved "Congratulations!"



...to Rachel Rohrbach for making the All A's Honor Roll at M.D. Roberts Middle School for the first 9 weeks of the school year.

...to *Jennifer Rohrbach*, this year's PW Honorary Life Membership recipient! On *October 14*, Jennifer was presented the pin especially designed for this award along with a long-stem red rose. During the worship service and the luncheon in her honor, Jennifer was surrounded by family – by birth, by marriage and by her life in Christ – all extending words of praise and congratulation.

PWCT MEETING/TRAINING

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team meeting will be held in the Pairs & Spares classroom on *Sunday, November 4* following the worship service. All incoming PW officers are encouraged to attend as we will be having a training session following the business meeting. *Frances Youngblood*



By now, you should have received the Steward Packet for your family. As discussed in the letter, *by November 18*, please:

- ▶ Complete and seal only the Pledge Form in the envelope provided. Bring or mail the sealed Pledge Form to the church. During the upcoming year, it will be returned to you for self-evaluation of your financial commitment.
- ▶ Also complete the Time & Talent Survey, and bring or mail it to the church. *But do NOT put the Time & Talent Survey in the envelope provided.* So that volunteers can be recruited as needed throughout the year, the Time & Talent Surveys will be kept on file in the church office.

REMEMBER: *The Time & Talent Survey should be separate from the Pledge Form, and only the Pledge Form should be sealed in the envelope provided.* The two, however, can be mailed together if the sealed Pledge Form and the Time & Talent Survey are placed separately in a regularly sized envelope.

FINANCIAL FACTS & FIGURES

In last month's newsletter, the financial report for August was inadvertently overlooked. Those figures are as follows: Income for August was \$13,037.26; expenses were \$16,186.40 – creating a monthly deficit of \$3,149.14. Our YTD income through August was \$124,932.61; expenses were \$128,881.15 – creating a YTD deficit through August of \$3,948.54.

Income for September was \$20,209.80; expenses were \$12,800.72 – creating a monthly surplus of \$7,409.08. Our YTD income through September has been \$145,142.41; expenses have been \$141,681.87 – creating a YTD surplus of \$3,460.54.



*For this new morning with its light,
for rest and shelter of the night,
for health and food, for love and friends,
for everything Thy goodness sends,
we thank Thee, dearest Lord. Amen.*

You have the opportunity to help teach, inspire and provide for God's children. Your donation to the Thornwell Home for Children will help give Thornwell children a safe place to live, nutritional food to eat, the spiritual counsel they need, the love they deserve, and the family bonds they long for.

Throughout November, we will be collecting contributions for Thornwell. For your convenience, special envelopes will be available in the pew pockets beginning November 4. Or checks to the church can be designated "For Thornwell."

Please be generous – in your support and in your prayers. With your help and generosity, together, we can offer hope and change the lives of Thornwell children forever.

INFO FOR NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS AND SESSION

Individuals elected by the congregation to the Elder Class of 2010 are *Barbara Barlow, Pat Randolph, Fred Rohrbach* and *Tom Smith*.

Officer training for our newly elected elders currently involves two sessions, this year scheduled on consecutive Sundays, with the first meeting in the afternoon and the second in the morning. Allowing for a quick lunch following the church service, the first session is scheduled for about *1:00pm on Sunday, October 28*. The second session will be *Sunday, November 4 at 9:00am*. Please bring your Bible and be prepared to meet 45 minutes to an hour in the pastor's study.

The examination by Session will occur during the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which begins at 8:30am in the fellowship hall on *Sunday, November 11*. In order to have a smooth transition within the Session, newly elected elders are also asked to attend the last regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting for 2007, which is on *Sunday, December 9*, also at 8:30am in the fellowship hall.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy,[®]
Frankie Lyle Chapter No. 2074
Jonesboro, Georgia

Cordially invites you,
your family and friends
to attend our

Veterans Memorial Day Service

Sunday, November fourth,
Two thousand seven
two o'clock in the afternoon

Awarding of Crosses of Military Service

Speaker

Major General Ted F. Mallory III USAF (ret.)

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
351 Morrow Road
Forest Park, Georgia

Reception immediately following

JOYCE MEYER MINISTRIES CONFERENCE TOUR '07

World-renowned evangelist Joyce Meyer will be at The Arena at Gwinnett Center (6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth) on *Thursday, November 1 at 7:00pm* and *Friday, November 2 at 10:00am and 7:00pm*. Admission is FREE, and no registration is required. For additional information, see the flyer on the bulletin board, go to www.joycemeyer.org or call 1-866-SEE-JOYCE.

November 25 is Christ the King Sunday. It is always the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. Christ the King Sunday calls the sovereignty of Jesus Christ to our attention. Moreover, it leads directly into Advent, which emphasizes not only the coming of Christ as a child, but also the coming of Christ as the ruler of all.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

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

- *Megan Beck* is so much improved that she has missed only one day of school in the last month.
- After 21 days in rehab, *Mary Jordan* is back home following knee replacement surgery.
- Kathy Banke reports that her friend's son, *Chuck Kovac*, does *not* have multiple sclerosis, but rather transverse myelitis, which doctors hope will go away within the year.
- According to Nell Cates, her brother *Billy Mann* is doing great following surgery on his spine.
- Although she is having her ups and downs, *Doris Ellis* has been able to attend both "meetings" of The Breakfast Club this past month.
- It has also been great to have *Joan Murphy* "join The Breakfast Club" while she is undergoing therapy for her knee.
- According to *Karen Doble's* doctor, the malignant marble-sized tumor under her eye, although deep, was encapsulated and had *not* spread into the bone or the blood stream.
- From Karen Kelly-Nelson, "Please take *Kay Embrey* off the prayer list. She had her bone scan and cat scan and everything was clear!!!! Prayers really work!"
- We can see the truth in that statement also in *Beth Allen's* situation as she struggles to support the family: her recently lost secondary job found the funding to hire her back.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. David Bowie (Designated Pastor, Rice Memorial PC) sends this prayer request: "Please include a request that we spend a minute in prayer each night focusing on our denomination. Months ago I received a request to pray a minute for Iraq at 9:00pm each night. I have been doing that and I added a minute for PC(USA). I pray that we will soon have THOUSANDS praying for our church each night. Then, many tens of thousands."



Pray for God's intervention in the devastating wildfires sweeping across Southern California. Please join me in praying:

- ▶ That God will intervene and change conditions so the fires will die.
- ▶ For protection for those fighting the fires and those supporting them.
- ▶ For the Santa Ana winds to subside.
- ▶ For protection for endangered homes and properties.
- ▶ For comfort for the thousands already evacuated.
- ▶ For health and strength for evacuees who are elderly or have medical concerns.
- ▶ For order, civility and kindness to govern those in evacuation centers.
- ▶ For state and federal efforts to coordinate seamlessly.

Prayerfully yours, *John Lind, President/CEO, The Presidential Prayer Team*

**Olivia H. Murphy**

December 12, 1913 - October 2, 2007

"Jesus said... 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'"

TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS

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

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

The family and friends of longtime member Olivia Murphy

Mary Jordan and the family of Kim Seibert

Barbara Barlow and the family of Tim Rose

Doris Ellis and the family of Holly Ellis

Fred Rohrbach and the family of Don Henegar

Lee Allen (**prostate cancer; treatments to reduce testosterone; radiation to come**)

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 - colitis; infusions continue; **able to attend school**)

Jamie Brady (Joyce Smith's niece - gamma knife radiation on brain tumor; no ill effects so far)

Tye Bryant (severe back pain; **met with neurologist; another MRI**)

Tammy Burroughs (Jennifer Rohrbach's principal - stage 2 cancer of breast/lymph nodes)

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

Douglas Chapman (Serena Staats' father - **cannot have 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)

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

Karen Doble (Kenneth Lockhart's sister - surgery to remove malignant tumor under eye)

Gail Downing (Judy Baird's sister - pulmonary fibrosis; currently stabilized)

Freddie Dunn (Nella Ree Dunn's daughter-in-law - cancer has returned)

Doris Ellis (blocked artery in heart; difficulty breathing; diabetes; on oxygen & numerous meds)

Spencer Frye (**pain shot this week; on anti-inflammatories, muscle relaxers & pain meds**)

Mary Lou Fuller (friend of the Dunaways - cancer in remission; pain & mobility problems)

Debbie Gurley (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law's sister - breast cancer)

Gail Hendrix (request by Nell Cates - horseback riding accident; on life support)

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; radiation, then chemo)

Mary Kemper (complications with pregnancy; restricted activity)

Larry Kidd (golfs with Ray Morgan - experimental program for pancreatic/lymph node cancer)

Bobby Ladoue (request by Nell Cates - motorcycle accident; on life support)

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

Cathy Morris (recovering from a torn right leg muscle)

Joan Murphy (recovering from knee replacement surgery)

Lisa Page (acting administrator for Good Shepherd Clinic - breast cancer)

Regina Page (friend of Dot Dunn - awaiting a liver transplant)

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)

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

Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister - incurable small cell cancer; no change in CT scan)

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

Sonny Strohm (Lockharts' friend - MRIs/CT scans to come; mom just died; sister on chemo)

Rocky Thompson (Doris Ellis' grandson - recovering from heart surgery)

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 to see if spread to bones in leg**)

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

Barbara Wetherington (Janice Lockhart's friend - painful anti-viral injections into spinal cord)

Hal White (friend of Bob Huie - leukemia)

Mollie Whitehead (Linda Harvey Shepherd's niece - home from rehab; **chemo**)

L.M. York (friend of the Morgans & Ralph Kelly - lymphoma; radiation treatments)

Our Homebound:

Edith Virginia Billington (The Heritage, Room 229, 3039 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, GA 30066; Phone: 770-321-1499)

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; Phone: 770-981-5732)