



# THE CROSSROADS

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## THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

(CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 31ST)

The greatest event of the 16th century was the Protestant Reformation. It was the Reformation that forced people to make a choice -- to be Catholic or Protestant. This was an important choice, and a choice had to be made. The Reformation was dominated by the figure of MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546). In 1505, Luther tells us that he experienced the "first great event" of his life. In that year he experienced some kind of conversion after having been struck by a bolt of lightning. He cried out, "Help, St. Anne, I will become a monk." He was struck by the hand of God and felt that God was in everything. In 1512, Luther was at Wittenberg to teach and preach. The storm broke on October 31, the eve of All Saints Day. On that day Luther nailed a copy of the NINETY-FIVE THESES to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. The Theses (actually 95 statements), all related to the prevalence of indulgences and Luther offered to dispute them all. The day chosen by Luther -- All Saints Day -- was important. All of Wittenberg was crowded with peasants and pilgrims who had come to the city to honor the consecration of the Church. The particular indulgence which attracted Luther's attention was being sold throughout Germany by Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar. Tetzel was trying to raise money to pay for the new Church at St. Peters in Rome. In general, an indulgence released the sinner from punishment in Purgatory before going to Heaven. The system was permitted by the Church (since 1215) but had been abused by the clergy and their agents such as Tetzel. But Tetzel's sales pitch implied that the buyer was freed from the sin as well as the penance attached to it. Tetzel sold people on the idea that an indulgence could be purchased for a relative in Purgatory -- this meant the relative's soul would now fly to Heaven. For Tetzel: "As soon as pennies in the money chest ring, the souls out of their Purgatory do spring." Luther answered (Theses 28) in the following way: "It is certain that when the money rattles in the chest, avarice and gain may be increased, but the Suffrage of the Church depends on the will of God alone."

JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564) represents the second wave of the Protestant Reformation. On All Saints Day in 1533, Calvin delivered an address at Paris which clearly defended the doctrine of "justification by faith alone." Renouncing his Catholicism, Calvin settled at Basel, Switzerland, and wrote a draft for his book, the Institutes of the Christian Religion, a book that took him almost the rest of his life to complete, which defined Calvinism. It was Calvin, and not Luther, who gave to the Swiss and French reformers of this time a rallying point for Church reform.

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*Our vision is to be a light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ-centered worship and ministry, and nurture their faith in order to extend his kingdom.*

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**OUR MISSION:** To exhibit the kingdom of God to our community by being a witness to everyone who is within our reach that Jesus Christ is LORD. To proclaim the gospel by telling the good news of Jesus Christ while equipping all who will to be evangelist so the church will grow. To provide for the worship of God through traditional Sunday morning worship and offer alternative times and styles of worship to the community. To promote the ministry of compassion by providing opportunities for ministry and encouraging others to seek God's call for compassionate service. To preserve the truth of God's word by defending the faith against any deviation from the bible as objective truth. To educate the members of the body of Christ so they are equipped to live as becomes the followers of Jesus. To maintain the spirit of unity through the fellowship of the children of God. To expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

*Thank You!*

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -- Margaret Mead

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards & calls this past month. It means a lot to have such a caring church family. It is so good to be able to be out and about again.

Love in Christ, Betty Foster

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Again I had a trunk full and some items in the back seat for Securus House. They were most appreciative of your donations of paper goods and soap. I appreciate your contributions for this project.

Nancy Kemper, PWCT Community Missions

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Thank you for your recent donation of paper goods to the Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Your support and concern does make a difference.

Sincerely, Securus House

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Thank you so much for your support of the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Program. The success of this program depends on volunteers like you.

To date, over \$65,000 has been raised by pop tab recycling. These funds are used to

help us provide a home away from home for families with critically ill and injured children being treated in local hospitals.

Thanks again for all your support and hard work!

Virginia Ogle, Atlanta Ronald McDonald House

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Thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 for Mission Haven from Presbyterian Women of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. I appreciate your church's long time interest in having a part in the work here. Your members have been both faithful and generous in supporting this project.

We feel that it is an important service to provide comfortable housing as well as other amenities for mission personnel who return for a time to the United States to reconnect with their families and support churches here. Gifts such as yours are a welcome help as we have just been making major renovations in one of the houses, including painting, carpeting and a new counter top in the kitchen, also new mattresses and painting in one apartment. This work has taken advantage of a break between occupants after several years of steady use. The Lims from Taiwan will be living in the apartment

until the end of 2009 and a couple who have been working in South Africa will be in the house for a while as they relocate.

Gratefully,

Mary Elizabeth Etheridge, Director, Mission Haven

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Again I wish to extend multiple messages of "Thanks!" to members of my PPC family for random acts of kindness performed in my behalf. Both Shelby and I sincerely appreciate the shopping spree made possible to Pet Smart. The card was picture perfect. But your words of encouragement and gratitude meant the most to me Thank You.

As I walk through the valley of the shadow of life, it is wonderful to realize that "The Lord IS my Shepherd . . . And that's ALL I need to know." Thanks for making it possible for me to spend the day with my sisters in Christ! It is a pleasure to once again enjoy the food, fun and fellowship of the Breakfast Club. The expense of my meals continues to be covered by my guardian angels. Thanks to you all! To the wonderful members of my church family, I say a big THANKS! I am truly blessed!

Janice Lockhart

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While Lutheranism spread in Germany and Scandinavia, Calvinism made inroads across Europe. In general, Calvin produced an organization unmatched by any other Protestant faith at the time. The Institutes spelled out faith and practice in fine detail. Tight discipline within each cell, or synod, held the entire system together. From the city of Geneva flowed an endless wave of pamphlets, books and sermons whose purpose was to educate the Calvinist congregation. By 1564, the year of Calvin's death, there were more than a million French Calvinists or Huguenots, Scotland had been won over to Calvinism, and the religion also found a home in England, the Low Countries and Hungary. It came to the United States from Scotland and the United States Congress and Senate is based upon the government of our church established by Calvin himself.

*Pastor Spencer Frye*

**PWCT Community Mission Project**

The PWCT recently donated \$150 to the Salvation Army for people affected by the recent floods.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

City of Morrow's Christmas in the Park will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 2 pm to 7 pm at Olde Towne Morrow. Parking will be available at Southlake Mall. Once again, the church will have a booth and will be making Christmas ornaments and Guy Staats will be drawing caricatures. Different churches and organizations will have booths with different activities. Come out and support our church and Christmas in the Park.

**Requests: Help needed for Christmas in the Park! We are in need of some items for our Christmas in the Park booth. Please let Diane Kitchen, Fred Rohrbach, or Pam Langley know if you can help.**

- Volunteers to help set up and take down the booth
- Volunteers to man the booth, help make ornaments, pass out candy canes, etc.
- Portable Generator – small one
- Small Space heater
- Furniture – small couch, chair, ottoman, lamps, side/ coffee table for “living room”
- Carpet or rug for “living room”
- Drapes/Curtains
- Christmas tree – no larger than 4 feet
- Christmas lights
- Christmas decorations
- Christmas pillows
- Christmas blanket/throw
- Christmas tablecloth
- Baby Candy Canes
- Small Hot cups
- Apple Cider
- Hot Chocolate
- Paper Lunch bags
- Blank Business cards for printer (for raffle)
- Money to purchase gift cards for raffle (\$25 each) (or Gift Cards)  
Target, Home Depot, Macy's, JC Penney, Movies, Chick fil a, & Barnes and Noble

## PLOT News . . .

Many thanks to all PLOT and Church members. Our luncheons in September and October were a huge success. The PLOT members would like to thank everyone who has either donated items or stayed to eat lunch. Your generous contributions will make it possible to send our youth to camp this summer.

PLOT will be hosting a luncheon on November 15, 2009. The luncheon will be a baked potato bar and salad bar. In order to have enough potatoes, we will need a tentative count of how many will be staying for lunch. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex starting November 1st. Please sign up if you plan on staying for lunch on November 15th.

Christmas is just around the corner. For the last two years, PLOT members have hand delivered Christmas cards to Church members during a Sunday service. We would like to again offer our services for delivering your cards. If you would like to participate, please have your Christmas cards to the Church by December 11, 2009. Please make sure to put the recipient's name on the envelope but no postage or addresses are required. PLOT members will sort cards on December 12th and the cards will be delivered before service on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Please note that you will still want to mail your Christmas cards to our home-bound and to those who generally aren't at church. For this "hands-on" service, a small donation would be greatly appreciated. Any money given will go toward upcoming youth activities and/or sending children to Camp Calvin next summer.

Jennifer Rohrbach

**TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS** (new info in bold)

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

Patrick Allen (Dot Pearce's nephew - lung cancer)  
 Haven Asche (Serena Staats' cousin – 3 year old – attacked by bull dog, in Scottish Rite)  
 Megan Beck - (Nell Cates granddaughter - previous health issues returned)  
**Virginia Billington (in hospice care for small intestine cancer)**  
 Dianne Campbell (cancer; follow up tests & treatment continuing)  
 Jenny Chambers (Becky Huie's sister-in-law - doctors still struggling to save her leg)  
 Douglas Chapman (Serena Staats' dad – biopsy to see if bone marrow cancer has returned)  
 Ron Cleveland (Elizabeth Ford's nephew – surgery on 10/8 for sinus cancer)  
 Dakota Coddington (Deven & Michael's 2 year old - developmental concerns)  
 Besse Cooper (Angie Tharp's 113-year-old mother - not doing well; dementia)  
 Don Curlee (Karen Kelly-Nelson's friend - recently diagnosed with bone cancer)  
 Norma Deaton (Dot Dunn's sister - numerous medical problems)  
 Gail Downing (Judy Baird's sister - gaining weight and strength)  
 Joan Dunn (Dot Dunn's sister-in-law - 3rd bout with cancer; new oncologist)  
 Mary Lou Fuller (the Dunaways' friend - recovering with a broken hip)  
 Bobby Gregory (Dot Pearce's nephew - 2nd tour of duty in Iraq)  
 Elaine Harris (Louis Ethridge's sister-in-law – breast cancer – undergoing radiation)  
 John Herendeen (father of Bob & Becky Huie's neighbor - cancer)  
 Elizabeth Hollandsworth (Judy Baird's friend - inoperable liver cancer)  
 Cindy Hopkins (Pam Langley's close friend - incurable lung cancer; radiation, then chemo)  
 Larry Kohn (Diane's husband – pancreatic cancer)  
 Jean Kernan (elderly aunt of Nancy Phillips - lumpectomies for cancer in both breasts)  
 Mandy Lake (Jennifer Rohrbach's co-worker's sister - PET/CT scan; possible cancer)  
 Dr. Lopez (Doris Ellis' doctor - bone cancer; wearing a neck brace but working; chemo)  
 Rita Marballi (Zareen Nevrekar's sister-in-law - 3rd recurrence of uterine/ovarian cancer)  
 Jim McWilliams (has resumed chemo for pancreatic cancer)  
 Connie McWilliams (still having tests)  
 Cindy Moats (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - cancer)  
 Ann NeSmith (continued back pain)  
 Charles NeSmith (ulcer complications)  
 Landy Ponder (friend of Spencer Frye – 3 brain tumors)  
 Vivian Rice (friend of church family – stage 4 lung cancer – beginning treatment)  
 Opal Seeby (knee replacement surgery; getting around on a walker)  
 Linda Shealy (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - breast cancer; radical mastectomy)  
 Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister - cancer returned - home recovering)  
 Catherine Vandiver (friend of Pat Randolph - surgery for broken vertebrae in back)  
 Lloyd Weaver – (Serena Staats' uncle – anal cancer)  
 Carol White Tipton (the Huie's friend's daughter with 2 boys - cancer; not doing well)

**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

*Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

**Virginia Billington**

**Mary Binkney**

**Joan Cushing**

**Nella Ree Dunn**

**Doris Ellis**

**Ed Huie**

**James Ray**

**JoAnn Tatzel**

To make a prayer request, you may call the church office at 404-366-1851, send an email to

[secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or click on the prayer request button on our website at [www.ppc-usa.org](http://www.ppc-usa.org).



*Happy Birthday to . . .*

- 02—Jane Dudik
- 05—Emory Pearce
- 06—Dot Lenderman
- 06—Debbie Bray
- 07—Ruth Gettys
- 07—Deven Coddington
- 12—Elizabeth Clayton
- 15—Fred Mann
- 15—Emily Lyle
- 16—Addison Murphy
- 20—Ray Morgan
- 23—Nancy Phillips
- 25—Bob Huie
- 26—Janice Lockhart
- 30—Alice James
- 30—Wade Keeton

*Happy Anniversary to . . .*

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

Nursery Workers

- 01—Jennifer Rohrbach
- 08—Nell Cates
- 15—Pat Randolph
- 22—Debbie Bray
- 29—T’giving—Guest

Ushers

- Tom Murphy (head usher)
- Emory Pearce
- Barbara Barlow
- Tom Smith

**Core Values of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church**

**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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