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# The Crossroads

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**September 2009**

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Happy Birthday to ...

- 3 Dot Pearce
- 5 Liz Baker
- 6 Pam Langley
- 7 Jeff Foster
- 8 Gwen Steele
- 11 Jean Ray
- 11 Greg Durden
- 13 Zareen Nevrekar
- 16 Dakota Coddington
- 20 Sherri Frye
- 20 Matt Ashmore
- 21 Lindsey Johnson
- 24 Zara Nevrekar
- 26 Daniel Banke
- 27 Nell Cates
- 28 Blake Phillips
- 29 Trent Lawrence

*Anniversaries*



- 17 Stan & Jenni Ashmore
- 20 Jeff & Donna Foster
- 20 Tony & Diane Kitchen
- 22 James & Jean Ray

## USHERS

The following members are scheduled to serve as ushers during the month of September

Jim Phillips\*  
Tom Murphy  
Darr Johnson  
Emory Pearce

## NURSERY

Nursery volunteers for September are as follows:

- 6th - Barbara Barlow
- 13th - Dot Pearce
- 20th - Joan Murphy
- 27th - Diane Kitchen

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting is scheduled following the worship service on Sunday, September 27 for the purpose of electing Church Elders.

## Annual Women's Meeting

The annual meeting of Presbyterian Women (PW) will be Sunday, September 13, immediately following the worship service and all women of Philadelphia are encouraged to attend this short meeting. We will introduce and approve the PW slate of officers for 2010 plus the PW budget for 2010.

## New Staff Member

We welcome **Cindy Adair** to our staff as our new church secretary. Cindy and her husband, Ed are members of Salem Baptist Church in McDonough. They have two children, Valerie and Nick and 4 grandchildren.

The new church office hours will be **Monday thru Thursday from 8:00am to 2:30pm**. The deadline for bulletin entries will be 12:00 noon on Wednesdays and the deadline for Crossroads entries will be the third Sunday of each month (noted on calendar). If you have any questions, please give Cindy a call at the church office.



## MAIL ALERT

Beware of putting your bills in the mailbox with checks. Recently in Jonesboro, a friend of mine's mother put some bills in the mailbox and put up her flag about 10 minutes before the mailman was due to arrive. During that time, someone stole the bills from her mailbox, lifted information off her checks and wrote a check and presented it at her bank to cash. The teller at the bank realized something didn't look right and called "Mom" at home. The teller asked about the check (which originally was written to AT&T for about \$30 but was presented to the bank as a check payable to cash for \$700) and when she was told that the check was written to AT&T and was just placed in her mailbox, the teller waiting on line while "Mom" went out and checked the mailbox. All the mail was gone and the flag was still up. The person at the bank was arrested on the spot and "Mom" had to go close her account and open a new one.

Please be careful when paying your bills with checks and placing them in the mailbox.

Diane Kitchen

## THANK YOU

*"But now abides faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. -1 Corinthians 13:13*

At pivotal points throughout my life, the "Love Chapter" ( 1 Corinthians 13) has impacted me personally. It is therefore no wonder that I am once again drawn to its verses as I recall your most recent Love Offering. As always, your continual love and concern for me is truly overwhelming and leaves me at a loss for words that can not even come close to expressing the deep appreciation I feel. I can only pray that God blesses each and every one of you as you so richly deserve.

Yours in Christ,

**Janice B. Lockhart**

Once again I wish to thank all of you for your prayers. Those who stopped by for a visit at the hospital and Laurel Park and the shower of get well cards. You don't know how to appreciate these until you have been on the receiving end. It is great to be back in church again. With my heartfelt gratitude,

**Angie Tharp**

We appreciate your thinking of us. Each day seems to bring another obstacle, that we need to find a way around one stop at a time.

Thank you again,

**The Staats**

Aurora and I want to Thank You for sending us to camp. I came back with a sunburned scalp, pictures, memories and hope.

Love,

**Serena and Aurora Staats**

The NeSmith family wishes to thank the congregation of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church for the many prayers, calls, cards and kindnesses during the illness and recover of Charles and Ann. We are grateful for the love and support of our church family.

**Charles and Ann**

## Urgent Prayer Request

A few weeks ago, Luda refused to participate in an abortion and has been told informally she must transfer to a non-maternity unit, even though she is a maternity specialist for more than 15 years. We are appealing the decision and requesting a formal statement from the department. Please pray for us. While Luda apparently may continue to work at the hospital, a transfer may subject her to reduction of benefits, a return to night shifts, etc. Her salary and benefits enables us to stay in this expensive city. Plus, regular employment as professionals is a witness to our friends. Please pray for God's hand to cover Luda, guiding her work situation, and the wisdom and favor.

Yours in Christ,

**Randall and Luda Ford**



## Keys & Codes

If you have a set of keys and/or security code, please let the office know. We are updating our records and will purge all unassigned codes after September 15.

**Fred Rohrbach**

Property Chair

## GAITHER HOMECOMING Christmas Tour 2009

7:00pm, Thursday, December 3, 2009  
at The Arena at Gwinnett Center, Duluth, GA  
Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster

## Calling all PPC Women

"Ewe-all" are cordially invited to our Annual P.W. Fall Retreat at Calvin Center, to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 9:00am to approximately 4:00pm.

The theme this year is: The Lord Is My Shepherd . . . And That's All I Need to Know! Come join us for this Spiritual Journey as we explore our theme using our hands, eyes, ears, mouths, and hearts. I believe when all is said and done, you will leave Camp Calvin feeling a renewed sense of hope, peace, and joy.

The cost is \$25.00 per woman, which will include a Continental Breakfast, a full lunch, and afternoon snack, as well as your study and craft materials. Checks should be made payable to Judy Baird and should be submitted to Judy no later than Sunday, September 20th.

As in past years, carpooling will be available by meeting at the church by 8:15am that morning.

**COME BE BLESSED!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

## Another Opportunity to Give

Your generous donations of school supplies filled my trunk and the back seat of my car. The people at Kinship Care Resource Center were most appreciative.

In September, we will again collect paper goods and soap for Securus House. They need all manner of paper products: paper plates, paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper, diapers, 9x12 manilla envelopes, writing paper, etc. They also need all kinds of soap (but not hotel soap): laundry detergent, liquid and bar soap, hand sanitizer, dishwashing detergent (hand and machine) and so forth. You may leave your donations in the narthex.

I appreciate your support for this project.  
Nancy Kemper  
Community Missions

## Circle One News

An open invitation to all ladies who have contemplated joining one of Philadelphia's three Circles, but haven't joined one yet: On behalf of Circle One, I cordially invite you to the start of our brand new Circle Year (beginning Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>) as we begin a Bible Study on the Book Of Joshua. To be able to keep Janice Lockhart as our Bible Study Leader, we have moved our regular monthly meeting date from the previous 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning at 10:30 A.M. We meet in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, have our Bible Study, followed by a delicious covered-dish luncheon and time of fellowship. (If this will be your first time to visit our Circle, there is no need to bring food: be our guest!)

Enriching Bible Study, fabulous food, and great fun and laughter: what could be better than that?!  
Come join us!  
Judy Baird

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*Frankie Lyle Chapter No. 2074  
United Daughters of the Confederacy  
cordially invites you, your family and friends  
to attend the observance of the  
75th Anniversary  
of the Frankie Lyle Chapter  
Saturday, the Twelfth of September  
Two Thousand Nine  
Four o'clock in the afternoon  
Patrick Cleburne Cemetery  
intersection of Johnson Street and North  
McDonough Street, Jonesboro, Georgia  
Reception immediately following*

**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)  
 Megan Beck - (Nell Cates granddaughter - previous health issues returned)  
 Dianne Campbell ( cancer; follow up tests & treatment continuing)  
 Jenny Chambers (Becky Huie's sister-in-law - doctors still struggling to save her leg)  
 Bess Cooper (Angie Tharp's 112-year-old mother - not doing well; dementia)  
 Jennifer Cooper (Julia McLeod's granddaughter - encephalitis)  
 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 - hospitalized with a broken hip)  
 Bobby Gregory (Dot Pearce's nephew - 2nd tour of duty in Iraq)  
 Nickolas Hardgee (Demester Dunaway's friend's 30-year-old grandson - brain surgery)  
 Elaine Harris (Louise Etheridge's sister-in-law - breast cancer surgery; treatment to follow)  
 John Herendeen (father of Bob & Becky Huie's neighbor - cancer)  
 Susan Hochmuth (Virginia Gibson's daughter - bacterial infection)  
 Elizabeth Hollandsworth (Judy Baird's friend - inoperable liver cancer)  
 Cindy Hopkins (Pam Langley's close friend - incurable lung cancer; radiation, then chemo)  
 JeanKernan (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)  
 Geneva Mann (Nell Cates' sister-in-law - broken arm and clot in lung)  
 Rita Marballi (Zareen Nevrekar's sister-in-law - 3rd recurrence of uterine/ovarian cancer)  
 Jim McWilliams (recovering at home)  
 Connie McWilliams (awaiting test results)  
 Cindy Moats (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - cancer)  
 Ann NeSmith (experiencing back pain)  
 Charles NeSmith (complications with ulcer)  
 Pat Patterson (Chyanne Patterson's dad - stroke)  
 Donna Randolph (John & Pat Randolph's daughter-in-law - has lost sight again in 1 eye)  
 Wayne Schmelz (NeSmith's son-in-law/Alan Schmelz' brother - staph infection cleared up)  
 Opal Seeby (knee replacement surgery; getting around on a walker)  
 Linda Shealy (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - breast cancer; radical mastectomy)  
 Kathie Lynn Smith (Anita DeBey's niece in her 30s - brain aneurysm)  
 Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister - cancer returned - home recovering)  
 Michael Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother had a heart attack - home recovering)  
 Catherine Vandiver (friend of Pat Randolph - surgery for broken vertebrae in back)  
 Carol White Tipton (the Huie's friend's daughter with 2 little boys - cancer; not doing well)  
 L.M. York (the Morgans' & Ralph Kelly's friend - lymphoma)\_\_\_

**Our Homebound:**

Virginia Billington (The Heritage, Rm. 229, 3039 Sandy Plains Rd., Marietta, GA 30066,770-321-1499)  
 Mary Binkney (943 Cone Road, Forest Park, GA 30297)  
 Joan Cushing (6184 San Juan Street, Forest Park, GA 30297)  
 Nella Ree Dunn (2037 Flat Rock Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281)  
 Doris Ellis (665 Valley View Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297, 404-366-2954)  
 Ed Huie (6114 Huie Drive, P.O. Box 3, Morrow, GA 30260,770-961-6092)  
 James Ray (20 Elmwood Drive, Sharpsburg, GA 3027)  
 JoAnn Tatzel (Lafayette Nursing Home, Rm. 404, 110 Brandywine Blvd., Fayetteville, GA 30214)