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WHO MOVED THE STONE?

Something happened 2000 years ago, something that has changed the course of history from B.C. (Before Christ) to A.D. (the Latin Anno Domini--the year of our Lord).

That "something" was so dramatic it completely changed 11 men's lives, so that all but one died a martyr's death. Was that something was an empty tomb? An empty tomb that a 15-minute walk from the center of Jerusalem would have confirmed or disproved. But even after 2,000 more years of history, a large portion of mankind hasn't forgotten that empty tomb and the historical record of the resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ.

"If you wish to rationalize away the events surrounding Christ and His resurrection, you must deal with certain imponderables." (McDowell, *The Resurrection Factor*, p. 64)

By imponderables, McDowell is talking about is the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The body of evidence is so great it has led millions throughout history to put their trust in Jesus Christ, many of whom were skilled in evaluating historical evidence. We make this emphasis because many theories have been advanced that attempt to show the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a fraud or nothing but a myth concocted many years later. Yet it Cannot be a myth. The reason atheist (those who believe there is no God) and agnostics (those who believe we cannot ever know God) cannot really be atheist and agnostics is simple.

To say what they say about God and who moved the stone and what happened to the body of Jesus, they would have to have God like qualities. They would have to have the powers of being ever-where present at the same time and the power of all knowledge. Since they cannot and never will it is impossible to maintain their positions or theories. Who moved the stone? God did! End of story!



Special Easter Services—April 4
7:00am—*Sunrise Service, with breakfast*
11:00am—*Special Easter Music*

PLEASE NOTE: *The Maundy Thursday service has been suspended for this year.*

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!

"A simple act of kindness has a beauty all its own."

I recently talked with Dixie Holt at the **Duvall Home**. She would like for you to know how grateful they are for your donations and Philadelphia's support of their programs.

They have purchased Computers, computer programs and recently purchased 4 paper shredders with Campbell soup labels. The card fronts are used for the residents arts and craft projects, and they sell the cancel postage stamps for cash.

We send an average of 15 - 20 lb of donated items to the Duvall Home each year. My sincere thanks to all of you for your dedication to this worth while project.

The residents range in ages 19 - 84 years. One resident came to the Duvall Home at one week old, that was 51 years ago. There are 138 people residing at the home at this time.

Mrs. Holt extends an invitation to each of you to visit and take a tour of the compound. It is located in Glenwood, Florida.

Barbara Barlow, World Wide Missions

On behalf of the Morrow Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, we sincerely thank you for your generous donations from your food drive. This gift was very much needed and appreciated by our entire community. We have many families that would go hungry if it were not for the food they receive from our pantry.

We express our deepest gratitude to God for your help in our ministry. May God bless all your efforts as you continue to serve others.

In Christ's Service,
Angela & David Turner, Ministry Team Elders
Morrow Presbyterian Church

Thank you for your recent donation to the Mission Haven Clothes Closet.

It is a great help to missionaries, active and retired, seminary students and their families, and other groups to be able to "shop for free" at the closet.

Since our space is limited, thanks for only sending good quality, in style clothing.

Mission Haven Clothes Closet

I want to thank all my friends at Philadelphia for all the calls, cards, and food during my recent illness. I am feeling much better now.

Dr. Lopez also wishes to thank all of you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for him.

Doris Ellis



April's monthly youth luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010. This month's luncheon will be Mexican food. Please plan on joining us for some good food and fellowship. As always, the youth greatly appreciate your support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Fred Rohrbach Jr** who was recognized as one of Clayton County's Scholar Athletes. He, along with 30 other Clayton County athletes, was honored at a banquet on March 18, 2010. Students were chosen based on their outstanding achievement in academics, athletics and community service.

The Philadelphia Presbyterian Cookbooks are on sale now. If you are interested in making a purchase, see Fred Rohrbach. The cost of the newly printed book is \$15.





Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

You are given opportunity during the Easter season to participate in this offering.

Come See Columbia

APRIL 22, 2010

Presbyterian Women can visit with students, faculty, and other CFC members on the beautiful Columbia campus. This year's gathering will include fellowship, inspiring worship, delicious food, and campus tours. Make plans to attend and share in this annual celebration!

MORNING

- 09:00 Registration, Columbia Presbyterian Church
- 10:00 Worship led by Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family
Associate Professor of Christian Education,
Columbia Theological Seminary
- 11:00 Introductions of scholarship recipients

AFTERNOON

- 12:30 Luncheon, Refectory, CFS Campus
- 1:30 Seminary classes and campus tours

If you are interested in attending "Come See Columbia Day" contact Nell Cates at 770-631-8081 no later than Sunday, April 11, 2010.

Southern Regional Medical Center's free SPRING INTO HEALTHY LIVING is April 24, 2010. See the bulletin board for details or go to www.southernregional.org/aboutus/foundation.

Presbyterian Women's Birthday and Mother's Day Celebration

Ladies of all ages, mark your calendars and plan to join us for a double celebration on Saturday, May 8 at 10:30am. We will be honoring mothers and celebrating the birthday of Presbyterian Women with a brunch in the fellowship hall. So bring your favorite brunch-type food (fruit, muffins, breakfast casseroles, etc.). Drinks will be provided, and there will be birthday cake for dessert.

This year's theme comes from Proverbs 22:6 "Train children in the right way, and when they are old, they will not stray". All women who attend are asked to bring someone, or a picture of someone, or a special memory of someone who positively influenced their life. You can bring a picture or anything that reminds you of that special someone. During the month of April, there will be a short handout in the Narthex for women to fill out. Please fill this out and return it to Jennifer Rohrbach by April 25th.

Come alone; adopt a mother or daughter; bring your own mother, daughter or granddaughter, your mother-in-law or just a friend. But don't miss out on what will prove to be a lovely time together!

COMMUNITY MISSIONS –Throughout April, we will again support **Securus House** with donations of paper goods and soap. They need all manner of paper products: **paper plates, paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper, diapers, 9x12 manila envelopes, writing paper**, etc. They also need all kinds of soap: **liquid & bar soap (but not hotel soap), laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, dish-washing detergent (hand & machine)**, and so forth. Your support has always been outstanding, and I hope it will continue. I appreciate your participation. *Nancy Kemper*





Happy Birthday to . . .

- 03—James Ray
- 06—Fred Rohrbach Jr.
- 08—Erin Randolph
- 12—Myrtice Orman
- 13—Tom Smith
- 14—Mallory Banke
- 17—Kathie Pierce
- 17—Angela Lyle
- 23—Serena Staats
- 24—John Randolph
- 26—Trinity Staats

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- 10—Charlie & Ann NeSmith
- 15—Fred & Jennifer Rohrbach
- 21—Chris & Mallory Banke
- 24—Rusty & Glenda Taylor
- 28—Arnold & Lynn Vandiver

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

- 4/4 Guest
- 4/11 Lynn Vandiver
- 4/18 Joan Murphy
- 4/25 Trisha Brown

Ushers

- Darr Johnson*
- Lynn Vandiver
- Buddy Ashmore
- Pat Randolph

** Head Usher*

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)

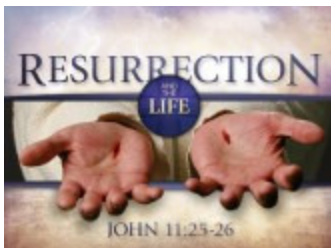
Risk-Taking Mission and Service (Matthew 25:14-30)

Extravagant Generosity (II Corinthians 9:6-15)

WE'RE ON THE WEB AT WWW.PPC-USA.ORG



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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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to Philippe Karka and family in the death of Philippe's father in Africa.

Henry Allen (Dot Pearce's brother-in-law – complications from diabetes)
 Patrick Allen (Dot Pearce's nephew –lung cancer, has started chemo, doing good so far)
 Megan Beck - (Nell Cates granddaughter - previous health issues returned)
 Patty Bormolini (Pat Randolph's friend – stomach cancer – chemo & radiation)
 Margaret Brady (Joyce Smith's sister – knee surgery on 3/23)
 Tye Bryant (undergoing various tests for severe back pain – MRI on Monday, 3/22)
 Dianne Campbell (cancer; follow up tests & treatment continuing)
 Betty Carter (Pat Randolph's friend – fractured bone in hip)
 Jenny Chambers (Becky Huie's sister-in-law - doctors still struggling to save her leg)
 Carol Chester (Elizabeth Ford's sister – hit by auto – recovering from brain surgery on 3/6)
 Ron Cleveland (Elizabeth Ford's nephew – undergoing radiation treatment 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 – home recovering from colon surgery)
 Gail Downing (Judy Baird's sister – struggling to keep weight at 99 but holding her own)
 Joan Dunn (Dot Dunn's sister-in-law – very weak - condition worsening)
 Doris Ellis (back at home now and doing much better)
 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 - experiencing harsh chemo)
 Shannon Hubbell (Tony Kitchen's sister – physical therapy left knee)
 Abigail Jordon (Dawn Batchelor's friend's baby daughter – serious health issues)
 Charles Kimbro (Christine Jefferson's fiancé – prostate cancer – surgery in February)
 Dr. Lopez (Doris Ellis' doctor - bone cancer; closing his office and finishing chemo & radiation)
 Rita Marballi (Zareen Nevrekar's sister-in-law - 3rd recurrence of uterine/ovarian cancer)
 Monetta Metzker (Fran Youngblood's friend – oral cancer – facing chemo & radiation)
 Cindy Moats (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - cancer)
 Ann Nesmith (under pain management care and physical therapy)
 Landy Ponder (friend of Spencer Frye – 3 brain tumors)
 Donna Randolph (Pat's daughter-in-law – recovering from surgery - cancer in tear duct)
 Evelyn Schmelz (Alan Schmelz's mother – heart surgery on 3/16 at Piedmont-Downtown)
 Opal Seeby (knee replacement surgery; getting around on a walker)
 Linda Shealy (friend of Spencer & Sherri Frye - breast cancer; radical mastectomy)
 Connie Smith (Kathy Vandiver's friend's mother – battling cancer and a stroke)
 Carol White Tipton (the Huie's friend's daughter with 2 little boys - cancer; not doing well)
 Lloyd Weaver – (Serena Staats' uncle – anal cancer)
 Bob Wood (Frances Youngblood's brother – complications from abdominal surgery)

OUR HOMEBOUND:**Mary Binkney****Martha Conrad****Joan Cushing****Nella Ree Dunn****Doris Ellis****Ed Huie****James Ray****Bert Tatzel****JoAnn Tatzel**

To make a prayer request, you may call the church office at 404-366-1851, send an email to secyppc@bellsouth.net or click on the prayer request button on our website at www.ppc-usa.org.