



# THE CROSSROADS

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### OUR HEALING MINISTRY

For years, I struggled with feelings of inadequacy as a pastor and Christian. Should I be leading healing services? What if I prayed and nothing happened? Why was I so afraid to take action? So years ago I began to study about healing. Matthew 4:23-24 became to me my calling. "23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them." In all my education I was taught to preach and teach like Jesus but no where did I find an emphasis on healing. So I began to study healing on my own. The first Step was to study scripture. Here are a few clear examples:

1. God heals. "He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases..." (Psalm 103:3)
2. Jesus heals. "...and he (Jesus) healed all the sick." (Matthew 8:17)
3. The disciples heal. "Then he (Jesus) sent them out... to heal the sick." (Luke 9:2)
4. We can heal. "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray... and their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick." (James. 5:14-15)

I read books and visited other churches to talk about their healing ministry. They emphasized that as Christians we are already deeply involved in God's miracle of healing. Every time we visit someone in need, send a card, deliver a basket of food, bake a cake, or offer a prayer we are offering God's miracle of healing.

**Healing is...** a loving act of God's compassion and mercy... not a performance or circus act.

**Healing involves...** spiritual, emotional and physical wholeness... as much as a physical deed.

**Healing occurs...** in God's way and in God's time... not simply because of what we say or do.

**Healing can include...** human responses such as nursing care, counseling and acts of friendship.

**Healing may...** mean courage to endure suffering and hardship rather than instant reprieve.

**Healing ultimately...** trumpets our earthly death as a victory ensuring eternal life in heaven.

"Jesus went to the blind man and asked, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' The man answered, 'Who is he, sir, because I would like to.' Jesus said, 'You have seen him and he is speaking to you!' The blind man responded, 'Yes, Lord, I believe!' And he worshiped Jesus." (John 9:35-39)

After some time of preparation and prayer, I reached a critical turning point. I began to have a Sunday night Bible study and healing service at my church in Griffin. It seemed that for the longest moment, nothing happened. Then the miracle of God's healing began. First one woman needed help in dealing with Osteoporosis. Right behind her was another person suffering from chronic back problems. One man confessed an addiction and asked for help. The line grew as we gathered around each person, and took turns offering prayers to God. Several who came forward and told me of dramatic changes and yes... even miracles! Understanding and believing the miracle of God's healing was a critical turning point in my life. I have longed to do the same here at PPC. So we have begun. We have prayed for each other and experienced God's presence and healing. It is slow and small but God does not despise small beginnings, says his Word. Have I successfully answered all the questions and concerns about healing? Of course not! But like the blind man, I can now emphatically say to Jesus "Yes Lord, I believe! I was blind, now I can see!"

*Dr. Spencer R. Frye Sr., Pastor*

*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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**HOMECOMING**

**September 26, 2010—Celebrating 185 Years**

Please mark your calendars and plan now to attend Homecoming 2010 in September. The Rev. Wayne Morrison, former Philadelphia intern, will return to be our keynote speaker for what should be an exciting day of worship, beautiful music and fellowship with past and present members and visitors. We will not have Sunday School on the 26th in order that you may attend a meet and greet time with Wayne prior to the worship service.

By the time you receive this Crossroads, “save the date” cards should have been mailed to many former members, faithful visitors, interns and pastors. In an effort to be good stewards of our funds, we are counting on current members to consider this notification their “save the date.” In addition, we are asking that you notify members of your extended family – children, grandchildren, etc. – so that they might attend also. If you would like a supply of post cards to use for notifications to your family members, please contact Nancy Phillips or Lynn Vandiver.

Members of the Homecoming Committee would like to thank Diane Kitchen for her efforts in compiling the list of contacts. It was a huge undertaking and one that is truly appreciated.

**We’re on Facebook!**

A facebook page has been set up for the Church. I would like to include pictures of various events that have taken place at the Church. If you do not want any pictures of yourself included on the facebook page, please contact Jennifer Rohrbach.

**Goodie Bags for Our Campers**

It's that time again! Soon some of our children (and even some adults) will be heading off to camp. We would like to send our campers off with a goodie bag when they get ready to go to camp. If you would like to sponsor one of our children - please see Jennifer Rohrbach and she will provide you with a camper name and a list of needed items..

**Public Health Volunteers**

I recently received a pamphlet requesting volunteers for Clayton County’s Public Health Volunteer Program. Medical and non-medical volunteers are needed to assist in a public health emergency or disaster and help with special projects. If you need more information and/or an application, see me.

Nancy Kemper, Community Missions Chairman

**TO ALL ELDERS**

At the Session meeting May 9 we voted to change the monthly meeting date from the second Sunday each month to the third Sunday at 8:30 am. Please change your calendars.

**The Craft Group Activities**

**June 08 Dot Pearce’s Home**, lunch @ 11:30,  
car pool from the church 11:00. Bring a sandwich,  
Dot will serve the drink and dessert.

**June 22 Olive Garden in McDonough** 11:30am,  
Meet @ the church 11:00 to car pool

**GOOD ADVISE**

*From Mother/Daughter Banquet*

“Be honest, always tell the truth, be kind to everyone and go to Church.” *Besse Cooper*

“Never go to bed mad.” *Besse Cooper - Angie Tharp’s Mom and Kathy Banke’s grandmother.*

“God never gives you more than you can handle.” *Wanda Langley - Pam and Jennifer’s Mom.*

“Face each day with a positive outlook.”

“Be yourself and you will always be loved.” *Harry Boler - Pam and Jennifer’s Uncle*

“When life hands you lemons - make lemonade.” *Bob Langley- Pam and Jennifer’s Dad*

“There are two things that if you lose you can not get back: your reputation and your credit.” *Louise Etheridge*

“A cleaning lady is a necessity, not a luxury.” *Nancy Kemper*

“Do your best in everything you do.” *Angie Tharp*

“Always be willing to try any task set before you - do your best. Even if you fail you’ve achieved from the attempt as you learn from mistakes so the next attempt will be successful.” *Jessie Garrett - Pat Randolph’s High School Math Teacher*

“May you always realize that to obtain the most from life - you must make a lot of personal sacrifices and keep all your faith in God and your rewards will be satisfying.” *Pat Randolph’s Dad*

Regarding children “Honey, they all grow up sooner or later. It just takes some longer than others.” *Lucille Hartenfeld - Judy Baird’s grandmother.*

“It is what it is,” *Jennifer Rohrbach.*

“From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.” *John 1:16*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” *Jesus. John 14:1*

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” *Jesus. John 15:12*



*Happy Birthday to . . .*

- 06—Jo Nelson
- 06—Jane Ashmore
- 08—Tony Kitchen
- 09—Holly Ashmore
- 10—Wanda Johnson
- 14—Buddy Ashmore
- 16—Nancy Kemper
- 16—Ethan Lyle
- 18—Asher Nevrekar
- 18—Jackson Randolph
- 22—Barbara Gibson
- 24—Betty Foster
- 24—Barry Billington
- 25—Grace Collier
- 25—Katie Clayton
- 29—Paul Lyle
- 30—Ralph Kelly
- 30—Joann Tatzel

*Happy Anniversary to . . .*

- 05—Van & Diane Banke
- 17—Darr & Beverly Johnson
- 21—Don & Elizabeth Ford
- 25—Michael & Deven Cod-  
dington

**JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery Workers**

- 6/6—Jennifer Rohrbach
- 6/13—Serena Staats
- 6/20—Debbie Bray
- 6/27—Nell Cates

**Ushers**

- Buddy Ashmore\*
- Pat Randolph
- Bob Huie
- Tom Smith

*\* 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)

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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 the Huie family in the homegoing of Ed Huie on May 12.**

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)

Bobby Ballew (Joyce & Tom Smith's friend – bladder cancer – infection from chemo)

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 (severe back pain –physical therapy not helpful – facing surgery)**

Dianne Campbell (brain cancer – surgery on vocal chord on 4/6)

Jenny Chambers (Becky Huie's sister-in-law - doctors still struggling to save her leg)

Sara Cleveland (Tom and Joan Murphy's friend - chemo for breast 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 (surgery for multiple fractures to arm– at Westbury, McDonough)**

Barbara Gibson (broke ankle – recovering from surgery)

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 – working - limited basis)

Celestine Karka (traveling to Africa to be with her mother who is gravely ill)

Dr. Lopez (Doris Ellis' doctor - bone cancer; closing his office and finishing chemo & radiation)

Tommy Mann (Nell Cate's nephew – under hospice care for cancer of liver)

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)

Jo Nelson (rehabilitation at home from surgery for fractured hip)

Ann Nesmith (improving. still under care at Pain Care Management)

Jan Peavy (Pam Langley's friend's wife – breast cancer, chemo now, double mastectomy later)

Landy Ponder (friend of Spencer Frye – 3 brain tumors)

Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister – cancer - having more tests)

Connie Smith (Kathy Vandiver's friend's mother – battling cancer and a stroke)

**Carol White Tipton (the Huie's friend's daughter with cancer—passed away on 5/24)**

Lloyd Weaver (Serena Staats' uncle – anal cancer)

G C Yates (Pat Randolph's daughter-in-law's father – lung cancer into lymph nodes)

**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

**Mary Binkney**

**Tye Bryant**

**Martha Conrad**

**Joan Cushing**

**Nella Ree Dunn**

**Doris Ellis**

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