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MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 9, 2010

If I remember correctly the first time I preached here was on Mother's Day. The reason I remember it is that I asked all mother's to please stand and if you were not a mother but wanted to stand in honor of your mother, living or dead, please stand. That way no woman was left sitting in the pew feeling awkward and alone. Someone said something positive to me about the way I handled that and was probably one of the reasons I was asked back and ended up staying. It has been a blessing ever since. I am not going into the history of mother's day or anything like that. Rather I want to leave with you a couple of ideas about the day that can make it more interesting.

Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May (May 09, 2010). "A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path." - Agatha Christie

A unique or a one of its kind of a celebration is something that leaves us asking for more. It is something not seen, heard or experienced before. Celebrating Mother's Day in a unique way too is also very easy to do. All that one requires is some imagination and creativity. And yes, another essential for a memorable and a different Mothers Day celebration is thinking from the heart.

Here are a couple of ideas that will help you make mother's day more memorable.

An exclusive Mother's Day is very much a possibility. One way of doing so is by planning an exclusive day out for your mother and you. The whole family can also be included in this plan of yours. Think of some exotic yet approachable place that can be the venue of your 1 day excursion. A boat house, riverside, a nature park or an amusement park. A fun outing is just the key to a unique Mother's Day festivity.

Giving Mother's Day gifts is a common trend. How about you making it a journey in itself. Something that she is going to cherish for a long time, the memories associated with getting the Mothers Day present. Turn the whole process of giving her a gift into a treasure hunt for your mom. Lead her on towards her gift with clues that take her from one unforgettable location to the next.

That is really not hard to do and you can make the best mother's day ever along with lots of "I love you's" and home made mother's day cards. I remember one special day for my mother. My brother and I called her boss and said we wanted to surprise her and take her on a trip. We showed up at her work place; took her home and made her pack without telling her where we were going and then drove to Memphis, Tennessee We had a special day at the Peabody Hotel where twice a day the ducks march into the marble fountain and swim and eat all day then march back to the elevator to spend the night on the roof. She loved it and we all never forgot the surprise special day.

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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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."



Thank You for your Prayers and Support

Meet Chantel Reynolds. She is 12 years old and in the 6th grade. Her favorite colors are purple and orange. Chantel likes to read, draw, and write. She also loves gymnastics.

The Presbyterian Women of Philadelphia in the Busy Bees Circle are supporting Chantel at The Thornwell Home by sending donations for her support and care. They are also able to correspond with her with words of encouragement.

Helps them to pray for her safety and spiritual growth.

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.

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! See the bulletin board for details.

PRAISE*PRAYER*HEALING at Philadelphia Presbyterian

Starting Sunday May 16th a new service will commence and continue every Sunday at 2:00 PM in the main sanctuary. Its purpose is to reach people with the light of God that brings all people to Christ which is our stated purpose. It also fits with our Core Values of radical hospitality, passionate worship and risk-taking mission and service. It will be called simply praise, prayer, healing at Philadelphia Presbyterian. Elder Barry Billington and Pastor Spencer will conduct the service. Please pray for this service to reach the community and beyond. Pray that God will use it for His glory and not our own.

The Craft Club

We have two GREAT outings planned for May.

On Tuesday, May 11, we will be leaving the church around 9:30am to visit and tour the Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. Afterwards we will be dining at the Six Foot Under Restaurant.

Then on Tuesday, May 25, we will be leaving the church around 9:30am to go to the Civic Center downtown to see the "Lady Di Fashions" exhibit. We will then lunch at Mary Mac's.

Happy Mother's Day



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 NeSmith, Cushing and Schmeltz families in the homegoing of Evelyn Schmeltz on April 7.

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 (severe back pain –physical therapy for 6 weeks)
 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)
 Barbara Gibson (broke ankle – recovering from surgery on 4/8)
 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)
 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)
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 (recovering from surgery for broken hip at Southern Regional on 4/13)
Ann Nesmith (improving. still under care at Pain Care Management)
 Landy Ponder (friend of Spencer Frye – 3 brain tumors)
 Connie Smith (Kathy Vandiver's friend's mother – battling cancer and a stroke)
Carol Stevens (Evelyn Murdock's friend – mass in colon; waiting for biopsy results)
 Carol White Tipton (the Huie's friend's daughter with 2 little boys - cancer; not doing well)
 Lloyd Weaver – (Serena Staats' uncle – anal cancer)

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.



Happy Birthday to . . .

- 03—Parveen Yusufji
- 04—Anita DeBey
- 07—Rusty Taylor
- 08—Diane Banke
- 12—Annelle Maxwell
- 16—Chandler Murphy
- 17—Tye Bryant
- 18—Kaif Nevrekar
- 19—Don Fleming
- 25—Kathy Banke
- 27—Philippe Karka
- 30—Dinah Bingham
- 31—Jackie Hill

Happy Anniversary to . . .

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

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

- 5/2—Diane Kitchen
- 5/9—Guest
- 5/16—Joyce Smith
- 5/23—Evelyn Murdock
- 5/30—Guest

Ushers

- Don Nelson*
- Barbara Barlow
- Tom Murphy
- Ray Morgan
- * *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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FOR MOMS



She was there at the beginning
When the world was new to you -
She was there to turn to happy times
Those when, you were hurt or blue.

She was there to listen to your thoughts
And when you asked, to give advice -
She was there to tell you, "Those don't match!"
Or, "Hon, you sure look nice."

She was there with you at nighttime
To help you say your prayers _
She was there to tell you, "It's alright."
When you had a dream that scares.

She was there at morning time
To get you up and out of bed -
She was there when you didn't feel good (or did)
To say, "You'd best stay home, instead."

She was there when you were hungry
And when you had those dirty clothes -
She was there when you needed her
(How she knew? Only heaven knows.)

She was there at the beginning
And she'll be there your whole life through -
She'll be there in your mind and heart
Just like a mother is supposed to do.

Author Del Abe Jones

