

THE C R O S S R O A D S

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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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 nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.

But Now Christ Is Risen

1 Corinthians 15:20

It is the morning of mornings. Christ has risen and conquered death. In the midst of a world blinded by Satan and with poison ivy of sin where we are blasted by war, the clash of the proud fights with a world just trying to get along; amid all this and amid the gloomy problems of the 21st century God did something great. On the 16th day of the month of Nisan, A.D. 32, God raised up the crucified Jesus from the grave. No other religious or spiritual leader before or after has been able to make that claim and have it documented by eye witnesses and written in history books. The empty tomb means Diabolos has been vanquished and Christ is victorious NOW!

The biggest of problems to the natural man in this present age is the so called silence of God. "Why does He not speak? "Let God speak so we can know who he really is and know all about him." God has spoken. First in his creation, we are without excuse because the creation bears a mighty witness to the Creator. 2nd God has spoken in the history books especially the Bible. The only reason you do not hear God is because you do not read the Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to make the Word real to you. 3rd He spoke when Jesus came back to life and walked out of the tomb; met with his disciples, and 500 saw him lifted up into to heaven. What more do you want? We are but dust and ashes who has a spirit. What are we to do?

Recognize God's means of revelation which he continues to give through the gifts he has given the church. Once we have done that then PUSH, pray until something happens. Pray the power of God to subdue evil tempers, unruly tongues, flaming passions, enslaving desires, inordinate ambitions, fear, pride, hate, jealousy, temptation, circumstance, and tendencies toward sin.

Pray that all may know the transforming power of God in the heart and in disposition and character --- its power to lift us above earthiness and littleness into a refining fellowship with God. Let us pray that all may know the vitalizing power of God in Christian service --- its power to impart an inward glow and communicate telling -- power which means to tell others about Jesus. One way you can do that is to bring somebody to church on Easter, please!

I can tell you personally that if God had not come into my life I would probably be divorced, a bum, some kind of addict and perhaps in jail. But one night the pressure of the Holy Spirit was so great, while I was a Captain in the army, I got on my knees and yelled at God, "Who are you and what do you want?" I heard Him speak to me for the first time but not the last. He said, "I am the god of your Fathers of Faith, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And I am your God and I have come to save you." I knew enough about Jesus that I surrendered my life to Him and became a Christian.

It can happen to the worst of us and the best of us. It can happen to you. It can happen to your neighbor whom you bring to church. All because HE IS RISEN!!!

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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.

A Celebration of New Life

Landon Eugene Kemper

Born March 21, 2011 at 8:14 am

Weighing in at 7 lbs., 6 ozs. and 21 ¼ inches long

Proud parents are Roy and Mary Kemper

Big sister is Clara Kemper

Proud grandmother is Nancy Kemper

Proud aunt and uncle are Diane and Tony Kitchen

Big cousin is Kaylynn LaFoy

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rachel Rohrbach and the Jonesboro High School's Mock Trial Team for going all the way to the semi-finals for the Georgia state competition. In order to make it this far, each student is required to participate in many hours of practice. Good job Rachel!

Confirmation

Pastor Spencer is leading confirmation classes on Sundays from 12:00 noon until 1:00pm. The Dossouvi family children are receiving this very important training. Anyone else interested in this study may see Spencer to make arrangements to be included in new classes.

Updated Membership Lists

Updated Church Directories were recently printed and placed in the narthex. If you did not receive a new list, contact the church office.

It is most important that members be able to contact each other. For security purposes, it is not our policy to print any personal information such as addresses and telephone numbers in our newsletter or bulletin because they are both available on our website.

A SPECIAL PRAYER NEED

Our military are in desperate need of our prayers. This is a letter to Mary the person we deal with concerning "Coupons for Troops" from Chaplain Kevin Peek.

Blessed Friends,

Some I have had the opportunity to meet, others are hearing this for the first time. I have been deployed to Afghanistan in an emergency status to fill in for a chaplain that was killed here recently. I will be here for ten months, in a region that is highly dangerous and hazardous in many ways to my Soldiers and the local populace. We are here to make life better for the locals, and we have our work cut out for us.

My men and I are greatly in need of your prayers, prayers for protection, for perseverance, and for hope and courage in the face of the challenges we face. I am asking that each of you commit to some time of prayer, either daily or weekly, with some specific prayer or scripture verses/prayers so that we can know them and join in as well. If your prayer or verse changes, please update that w/ e-mail-- even if it is a different one every week/day. My goal, vision and hope through this project is not just to surround my men w/ a prayer hedge of protection, but to get all of us praying more and taking time to acknowledge the presence and purpose of God in our lives. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please forward this on to anyone you think might join--giving them my e-mail (frkpeek@gmail.com) and snail mail addresses as well.

Ch(CPT) Kevin Peek

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FOB Walton

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HIS unworthy servant and yours,

Fr. Kevin T. M. Peek

PLOT Luncheon

Due to the holiday activities surrounding Easter, The next PLOT luncheon will be held Sunday, May 1.



One Great Hour of Sharing—Sharing Brings Joy, to Others, to God, and to Us. . .

In the recent months, we witnessed devastations that left us counting the seconds, minutes, and days. The earthquake in Haiti lasted over forty seconds, the Gulf coast oil spill went on for three months, Chile's earthquake occurred for about ninety seconds. We are still experiencing the devastation in Japan.

In sixty minutes of One Great Hour of Sharing, you can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world. Through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways. Thank you for your long time support of this offering which will be received all during the month of April.



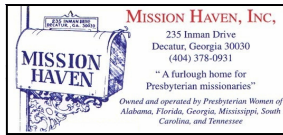
Throughout the month of April, we will again be collecting items for Secur'us House.

Their paper product needs are:

paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, napkins, tissues, diapers, 9 x 12 manilla envelopes, writing papers, etc.

They also need all kinds of soap:

liquid body soap, bar soap (not hotel size), laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, dishwashing detergent, dishwasher detergent, etc.



We will be collecting donations of clothing for Mission Haven. Missionaries use this clothing when they return to the United States for furlough and training. Please make sure that each item is in style and in good condition.

Nancy Kemper will be gathering these donations after meetings and services.

Kroger Cards

For some time now, we have participated in the Kroger Card ministry. These gift cards are available in the office in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100. 5% of each purchase goes to the Good Shepherd Clinic. To purchase a card, you may see an elder or come by the office during business hours. Make checks payable to the Good Shepherd Clinic. Thank you to all who so faithfully support this ongoing mission project.



Holy Week
2010

April 17—**Palm Sunday**—We will have special music presented by our worship choir.

April 21—**Maundy Thursday**—Since most of our congregation live away from the area and do not drive long distances at night, we do not have Maundy Thursday services here. We encourage you to go to a church near where you live or perhaps find a Good Friday service to attend.

April 22—**Good Friday**—Again, please seek a service in your area to attend.

April 24—**Easter Sunrise Service**—begins at 7:00am with breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall.

April 24—**Special Easter Service**—begins at 11:00am with special music by our worship choir.

<p>50 Books YOU Should Own <i>Recommended by</i> <i>Berean Christian Stores</i></p>	Cost of discipleship	Imitation of Christ	Purpose Driven Life
	Desiring God	Know What You Believe	Pursuit of Holiness
Absolute Surrender	Divine Conspiracy	Knowing God	Ragamuffin Gospel
Basic Christianity	Enduring Classics of Billy Graham	Knowledge of the Holy	Screwtape Letters
Believing God	Five Love Languages	Lies Women Believe	Search for Significance
Bondage breaker	Foxe's Book of Martyrs	Life in Christ	Telling Yourself the Truth
Boundaries	Fresh Wind Fresh Fire	Measure of a Man	Too Busy Not to Pray
Case of Christ	God Came Near	Mere Christianity	Victory Over the Darkness
Celebration of disciple	Good Grief	More Than a Carpenter	What the Bible is All About
Classic Christianity	Grace Awakening	My Utmost for His Highest	What's So Amazing About Grace
Complete Works of E.M. Bonds	Halley's Bible Handbook/NIV	New Evidence that Demands a Verdict	When God Doesn't Make Sense
	His Needs Her Needs	New Strong Willed Child	Wild at Heart
	Now Now Shall We Live	Normal Christian Life	
	If You Want to Walk on Water	Practice of the Presence of God	
	Illus. Guide to World Religions		



APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

Ushers

03 / Emily Lyle

Bob Huie

10 / Nancy Kemper

Don Nelson

17 / Guest

Philippe Karka

24 / Guest

Rick Pierce

Happy Birthday to ...

Happy Anniversary to ...

01 / Freda Peeks

10 / Ann & Charles Nesmith

03 / James Ray

15 / Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach

06 / Fred Rohrbach Jr.

21 / Mallory & Chris Banke

08 / Erin Randolph

24 / Glenda & Rusty Taylor

12 / Myrtice Orman

28 / Lynn & Arnold Vandiver

13 / Tom Smith

14 / Mallory Banke

17 / Kathie Pierce

17 / Angela Lyle

23 / Serena Staats

24 / John Randolph

26 / Trinity Staats

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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 Emory Pearce and family in the death of Emory’s sister-in-law, Sarah Pearce.

2/27 Larry Bishop (Buddy Ashmore’s friend) – inoperable liver and pancreatic cancer

3/2 Barbara Gibson – moved to rehab center after leg surgery to repair break

3/6 Good Shepherd Clinic in need of doctors willing to do community service

3/20 Mary Hearst (Leonard Selph’s friend) - unspoken

3/3 Baylee Holder (Wes & Lisa’s daughter) diagnosed with leukemia, age 13

3/22 Mary Kemper (Nancy’s daughter-in-law) complications from c-section

3/20 Linda McDuffie (Leonard Selph’s friend) - unspoken

3/14 Cathy Morris – recovering from bladder surgery

3/20 Ann Painter (Leonard Selph’s friend) - unspoken

2/09 Kera Parr (Pat Randolph’s friend) – pet scan for cancer/surgery not immediate

2/14 Landy Ponder (Spencer’s friend) – blindness due to tumor on optic nerve, facing possible radiation

3/20 Violet Selph (Leonard Selph’s sister) - unspoken

3/7 Bob Wood (Fran Youngblood’s brother) still in Colorado hospital with liver abscess, heart attack, & sepsis

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney

Tye Bryant

Joan Cushing

Doris Ellis

Marie Foster

Myrtice Ormond

Bert Tatzel

JoAnn Tatzel

*Addresses of
our homebound are
on the bulletin board.*

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.