

THE C R O S S R O A D S

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

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.

THE CHICAGO STATEMENT ON BIBLICAL INERRANCY

Preface

The authority of Scripture is a key issue for the Christian Church in this and every age. Those who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are called to show the reality of their discipleship by humbly and faithfully obeying God's written Word. To Stray from Scripture in faith or conduct is disloyalty to our Master. Recognition of the total truth and trustworthiness of Holy Scripture is essential to a full grasp and adequate confession of its authority.

The following Statement affirms this inerrancy of Scripture afresh, making clear our understanding of it and warning against its denial. We are persuaded that to deny it is to set aside the witness of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit and to refuse that submission to the claims of God's own Word which marks true Christian faith. We see it as our timely duty to make this affirmation in the face of current lapses from the truth of inerrancy among our fellow Christians and misunderstanding of this doctrine in the world at large.

We offer this Statement in a spirit, not of contention, but of humility and love, which we purpose by God's grace to maintain in any future dialogue arising out of what we have said. We gladly acknowledge that many who deny the inerrancy of Scripture do not display the consequences of this denial in the rest of their belief and behavior, and we are conscious that we who confess this doctrine often deny it in life by failing to bring our thoughts and deeds, our traditions and habits, into true subjection to the divine Word.

A SHORT STATEMENT

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms, obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.
5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.

I present this confession to you for us to consider that we are dealing with the holy Word of God in church every Sunday. I want to impress upon every one the power of God's Word and how important it is to treat it as a living breathing book written by the

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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.

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Holy Spirit. Here are some fast facts about the Bible:

BIBLE STATISTICS (King James Authorized):

Number of books in the Bible: 66

Chapters: 1,189

Verses: 31,102

Words: 783,137

Letters: 3,116,480

Number of promises given in the Bible: 1,260

Commands: 6,468

Predictions: over 8,000

Fulfilled prophecy: 3,268 verses

Unfulfilled prophecy: 3,140

Number of questions: 3,294

Longest name: Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1)

Longest verse: Esther 8:9 (78 words)

Shortest verse: John 11:35 (2 words: "Jesus wept"). This is the King James Bible. Some Bibles might be Job 3:2 (Job said.) but King James has that as "Job answered" which is longer than Jesus wept.

Middle books: Micah and Nahum

Middle verse: Psalm 103:2-3 (look this up, it will surprise you.)

Middle chapter: Psalm 117

Shortest chapter (by number of words): Psalm 117 (by number of words)

Longest book: Psalms (150 chapters)

Shortest book (by number of words): 3 John

Longest chapter: Psalm 119 (176 verses)

Number of times the word "God" appears: 4,094

Number of times the word "Lord" appears: 6,781

Number of different authors: 40

Number of languages the Bible has been translated into: over 1,200

These facts alone make the Bible the most fascinating book ever published. My word to you is READ IT!

Dr. Spencer R. Frye

Thanks from Good Shepherd Clinic

Your support is very much appreciated. The Monday night meals have been a treat, your support of The Tomato Sandwich Party, especially coming out in the rain shows what a caring family we have here. When you buy Kroger gift cards, the clinic receives 5% of the cost, again a great help. Just a reminder about the medicine bottles you are so faithful to send us. We cannot use over the counter bottles, such as vitamin, aspirin etc., bottles that the label cannot be easily removed or bottles that have medicine residue in them. Sterilizing the bottles can be a chore, since the bottles must be completely dry, any dampness of the bottles or lids can cause us to waste precious medicine. Thank you again for all you do to keep this vital clinic in service to the community.

Nancy Phillips

Volunteer



Thank You

You will never know just how much your prayers, cards and calls have meant to me as I recover from the blood clot in my lung. They sustain me as I await further tests and another CT scan that will take place in October.

The church family means so much to me and thanks will never relay just how I feel, but thanks for being there for me.

John Randolph

CHURCH LOGO SHIRTS

The new shirts will not be ordered until after the first of the year. They will be here in time for next Spring.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

In September we will be collecting paper goods and soaps for **Securus House**, the home for abused women and their children. A list of their needs is below. You may leave your donations in the narthex.

Your donations of school supplies for **Kinship Care Resource Center** in July filled the trunk and back seat of my car. Much thanks for your generous thoughtfulness.'

In Christian love,
Nancy Kemper
 Community Missions



SECURUS HOUSE NEEDS

all manner of paper products:

- paper plates
- paper towels
- napkins
- tissues
- toilet paper
- diapers
- 9x12 manila envelopes
- writing paper
- etc.

all kinds of soap:

- liquid & bar soap (but not hotel soap)
- laundry detergent
- hand sanitizer
- dish-washing detergent (hand & machine)
- and so forth

PW Message Corner . . .



CHANGE OF DATE: Presbyterian Women (PW)

Annual Meeting will be held on SEPT 25th. Please mark your calendar and plan to stay for a short meeting following the worship service. A vote on our 2012 budget and election of new PW officers will be on the agenda.

Study Topic—Would you like to learn more about what the Beatitudes meant to the original audience that heard Jesus speak them? Our Bible Study for 2011-2012 Confessing the Beatitudes will focus on connecting our faith with daily life. Plan to be a part of a Circle as we nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study.

Hygiene Kits—These kits which are distributed through Church World Service have become a project for some circles. Circle One has put together kits already and more will be added to their numbers. A hygiene kit can mean the difference between sickness and health for the many victims of disasters, violence or poverty. Basic items that we take for granted, such as soap, a toothbrush, a comb, etc all fitting into a one-gallon plastic bag can become a blessing to those in need. We always pray for the needy, now this small gesture can give our prayers wings.

Craft Group Schedule for September

9/13—11:30am—UpScale Pizza, Fayetteville

Meet at church to car pool, 11:00

9/27—11:30am—French Market Restaurant & Tavern

3840 Hwy 42, Locust Grove

Meet at church to car pool, 11:00

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SEPTEMBER 18

A congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, September 18 for the purpose of electing elders, hearing a report from the Cemetery Committee and hearing the annual corporate report.



SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Happy Birthday to ...

- 03 / Dot Pearce
- 06 / Pam Langley
- 06 / Mona Steele
- 07 / Jeff L. Foster
- 08 / Gwen Steele
- 11 / Jean Ray
- 11 / Greg Durden
- 13 / Zareen Nevrekar
- 16 / Dakota Coddington
- 20 / Sherri Frye
- 20 / Matt Ashmore
- 21 / Lindsey Johnson
- 23 / Aurora Staats
- 24 / Zara Nevrekar
- 26 / Daniel Banke
- 27 / Nell Cates
- 27 / Kekeli Dossouvi
- 28 / Blake Phillips

Happy Anniversary to ...

- 17 / Jennifer & Stan Ashmore
- 20 / Donna & Jeff Foster
- 20 / Diane & Anthony Kitchen
- 22 / Jean & James Ray

Nursery Workers

- 04 / Guest
- 11 / Jennifer Rohrbach
- 18 / Diane Kitchen
- 25 / Debbie Bray

Ushers

- Lynn Vandiver
- Darr Johnson
- Ray Morgan
- Emory Pierce

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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!

7/5 **Ken Brown** (Joyce Smith’s brother-in-law) recovering from surgery for aneurysm

7/17 **Baylee Holder** (Wes & Lisa’s daughter) – in and out of hospital with leukemia

8/22 **Buck Maxwell**—recovering from cataract surgery

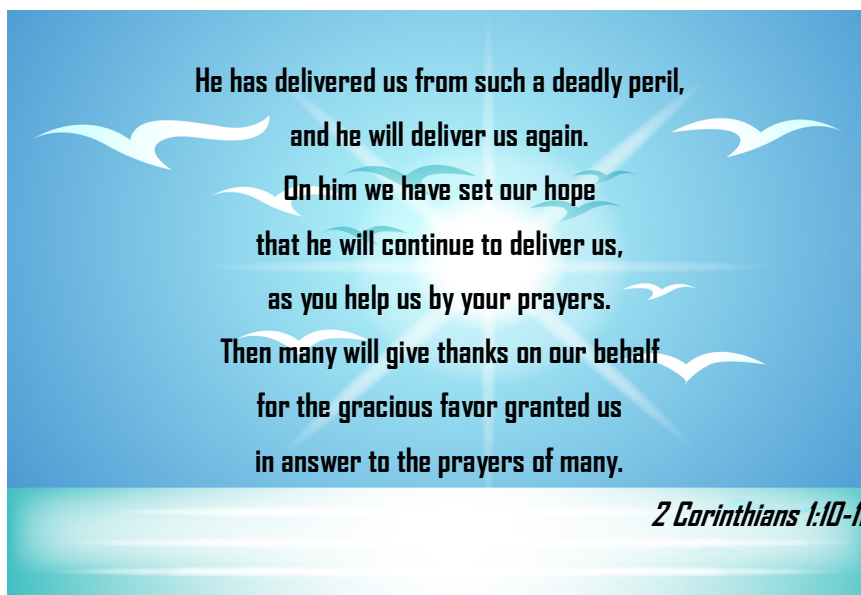
7/28 **John Randolph** – blood clot lodged in lung – rest and medication

8/10 **Max Weems** (Dot Lenderman’s grandson) – had to be deployed overseas

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney	Marie Foster
Tye Bryant	Myrtice Ormond
Joan Cushing	Bert Tatzel
Doris Ellis	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.