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From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor

Greetings to you all! At last month's meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte, the presbytery's planning team decided to invite representatives from three different churches to speak about their church's response to Amendment 10-A. The idea was to share the good and healthy responses that have occurred at the local church level in order to assist churches that are searching for a way forward. I was contacted by Sam Roberson, our Executive Presbyter, and asked to speak from the perspective of a "church in the middle".

What's a church in the middle, you ask? It's a church that contains a variety of perspectives and has undergone discussion, understanding, and prayer together about the issue. It's a church that values the viewpoints of those on both sides, but additionally affirms that we are more than those viewpoints, and indeed there is something greater than our disagreements which holds us together: the love of Jesus Christ, and his call in our lives. I believe Philadelphia is that kind of church, and I agreed to speak. Part of what I spoke about is the danger of being a "church in the middle". Any time there are such deeply-seeded disagreements in the church, there's a very real possibility that we will stop being the church. We will stop treating each other with kindness, and compassion, and understanding, and choose instead to argue with each other, and demonize each other, and lob scriptural grenades at each other. As I've told the leaders, Sunday School classes, and individual members, the church should be a place where we promise to listen to each other and understand each other, *especially* when we disagree about divisive issues. One of the challenges of being a church in the middle is that the stage is set for some bitter and unhealthy disputes that just might consume our fellowship and our mission.

But you know, there's a certain blessing in being a church in the middle as well. The blessing is that we have the opportunity to talk to each other, and listen to each other, and pray together, and seek God's will together in a way that glorifies God and points to God's reconciling presence even in the midst of our deepest disagreements and our most painful struggles. We give glory to God any time we set aside our disagreements and serve each other, care for each other, and love each other as Christ expects us to. I'm excited that we have the opportunity to do that!

I'm also proud that Philadelphia is being seen somewhat as a model for how to navigate through a time of disagreement and potential division. I'm thankful for the direction and encouragement exhibited by our leaders. And I'm reassured each day by the fact that the church of Jesus Christ is just that – the church of Jesus Christ! That claim upon us by our gracious Lord is stronger than any disagreement or decision we will ever have or make. Thanks be to God!

RALLY DAY 2011 – CE FAIR

Theme: We are the Church through Mission
When: August 28, 2011 from 8:45–9:45 a.m.
Where: Kerr Building

Rally Day will be a CE Fair again this year. Every class will have a designated table. We want to focus on MISSION. What has your class done? How does your class want to serve others?

It is up to you to design, decorate, and staff your booth. Your promotional display from last year is a wonderful starting place! Add to it by including examples of mission. The idea is to highlight the mission projects your class has done or plans to do. Please also include some activities for our children (games, puzzles, crafts) so that this event will have a fair-like, child-friendly atmosphere. The Kerr Building will be open at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning (Aug 28) so that classes can set up their booths for the fair.

Be creative. Start planning now.
Only 6 weeks until Rally Day!

For more information contact Sonia in the church office or any member of the CE Ministry Team.



Remember, Sunday School is at 9:00 and a single worship service is at 10:00 a.m. through the summer.

County's Hot Meals Program has room for you

If you live in Mecklenburg County and are 60 years of age or handicapped, you are invited to join us each day in Bigham Hall for the Hot Meals Program funded by Mecklenburg County. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. with a meal served at 12:00 noon. Volunteers are always needed to work in the kitchen or to deliver meals to the home bound. Call 704-573-2490 for more information or to register.

Come join our book club!

Although the Book Club is taking the summer off, meetings will resume in the fall. The book for September is *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, and for October the book will be *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer. Add these to your summer reading list and join us when we meet again! We meet at 7:00 p.m. at Dilworth Coffee House at Hoods Crossroads on the last Monday night of the month.

Registration is underway for PPC's preschool program

Philadelphia Presbyterian Kindergarten is accepting applications for 3, 4, & 5 year olds. Hours: 9 a.m.—1 p.m., call 704-545-3439 ext. 122 or Vicki Crossman at 704-618-7134.



The Presbyterian Men will resume monthly meetings on Saturday morning, September 10, at 7:30 a.m. in the Kerr Building. Mark your calendars!

Wonderful Wednesday registration

Registration will be on August 31. Be watching for details. If you would like to help with Wonderful Wednesdays in any way, please contact Sonia Lee, Becky Oke, or Ashle Basden.

In Memory of....

Richard Long—from Gary & Sheila Forbis, Lee & Carolyn Smith, Jolly Good Timers (Music Fund)

Johnnie McWhirter—From Gary & Sheila Forbis (Music Fund)

Salli Weaver—from Tina Ross (Columbarium Fund)

Steve Ross—from Tina Ross (Columbarium Fund)

Herb Hargett—from Jean Hargett (10-cents-a-meal)

PPC Birthday Endowment Fund

Celebrate your big day by sharing your blessings. Or remember anyone you love by giving a gift to the PPC Birthday Endowment Fund. Each donor and honoree will be acknowledged in the *Philagram*. By growing this fund, our church will be able to use the interest for much needed improvements and repairs to the buildings and grounds of our campus. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex of the sanctuary and chapel and outside the church office.

The following donations have been made to the Birthday Endowment Fund:

In Honor of:

Dillon Wood — from Nona Pourlos

Chole Wood— from Nona Pourlos

Jacob Bruner— from Nona Pourlos

Levi Bruner— from Nona Pourlos

Eric Forbis— from Gary & Sheila Forbis

Gary Downer—Linda Downer

Linda Downer—Gary Downer

Anne Ellington—Mickey Ellington



If you made a donation to the Birthday Endowment and it is not listed, please contact the church office.

From your Stewardship Committee....

The Stewardship Committee is working on the Stewardship campaign for 2012 with the theme of "Welcome to Your Church". We will be kicking off this campaign on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Over the next couple of months you will begin to see what "Your Church" offers its members as well as the less fortunate and how "Your Church" operates.

We will be featuring various church programs throughout the church campus, identifying the folks that the featured program supports. We will also be highlighting various line item expenses from the Church budget so that you as an owner of this Church will have a better idea of how your tithes and offerings are utilized by "Your Church" to provide its day to day expenses and, more importantly, to nurture Christians and further the Kingdom of God.



1	Dot Bartlett	6	Richard Pharr	14	Vivian Barclay	24	Brooke Allen
1	Amelia Ford	6	Colton Phillips	14	Blair Gullledge	24	Ryan Hagy
1	Robert Caldwell	6	Mike Yandle	14	Nicholas Morris	24	Zachary Allen
1	Margaret Smith	7	John Cervantes	14	Don Price	24	DuWayne Kjos
2	Carolyn Hawkins	7	Christopher Goetchius	15	Jim Griffin	25	Vivian Christian
2	Joel Moore	7	Emily Hartis	16	Jonathan Belk	25	Brittany McIntosh
2	Tom Moore	7	Judithann Moore	16	Carolyn Pence	25	Linda Metz
2	Emma Lou Stansell	9	Evan Childers	17	Ralph Starr	26	Anne Ellington
2	Angela Watts	10	Mary Katherine Lykowski	18	Hayden Coombes	27	Kelly Barrett
2	Kyle Watts	10	Doug Ross	18	Sterling Dennis	27	Phyllis Garner
2	Judy Alexander	10	Daniel Stengel	18	Herb Gill	27	Stacy Gullledge
3	Catherine Goetchius	10	Luke Tannenbaum	18	Sean Mitchell	27	Rocky Hoffner
3	Jim Hutton	10	Dot Waltman	19	Braiden Childers	28	William Cooke
4	Dolores Childers	10	Donna West	19	Harry Hood	28	Casey Hamrick
4	Ryan Collins	11	Adam Collins	20	Jerry Helms	28	Natalie Vosburgh
4	Linda Downer	11	Carolee Jaeger	20	Melanie Muehl	29	Matthew Davenport
5	Bryn Newton	11	Steve King	20	Beverly Taylor	29	Gary McCrimmon
5	Zachary Newton	11	Trevor Linscheid	21	Mike Glover	29	John Presson
6	Martha Brown	11	C. J. Lockridge	21	Charles Mullis	29	Blanche Whitley
6	Sheila Forbis	12	Jo Ann Ennis	22	Beth Barnes	29	Paige Yandle
6	Lib Kerr	12	Brenda Roberts	22	Gladys Davis	30	Gypsy Flowe
6	Marty McCrimmon	12	Reggie Tamez	22	Tina Hopkins	30	Roland Henry
		13	Eric Forbis	23	Douglas Bruner	31	Neal Flowe
		13	Don Moore	23	Tina Duke	31	Heather Harouff
				23	C. J. Goetchius	31	Helen Kiser
				23	Elaine Mullis		

Celebrating an anniversary in August . . .



- 1 William & Cheryl Cooke
- 1 Bill & Pam Crowder
- 2 Ken & Sheila Cloaninger
- 3 Earney & Marianne Smith
- 4 Ernest & Linda Jamison
- 7 Randy & Judy Alexander
- 7 Robert & Ann Sharpe
- 7 Carl & Ellen Street
- 9 Shane & Jeremy Griffin
- 9 Steven & Deanna Vandeventer
- 11 Rolf & Carolee Jaeger
- 12 Billy & Laurie Blackwelder
- 15 Roger & Susan Hagy
- 16 Arnold & Ruth Bokhoven
- 19 Jason & Andrea Lomas
- 20 Bill & Sue Tilley
- 21 Keith & Shelley Guerin
- 22 Tom & Mardy Watson
- 23 Becky & Bill Griffin
- 23 Tal & Donna West
- 26 Dave & Karen O'Brien
- 27 Gale & Tony Baker
- 29 Jack & Caroline McGahey
- 30 Tab & Beth Broome
- 30 Mickey & Anne Ellington
- 30 David & Karen Hodgin
- 30 Wayne & Barbara Wolfe

If your name was omitted from the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.

Concerns of the Church

Deaths

- 7/8 [Jewell Blalock] grandmother of Beverly Taylor
- 6/27 [Thomas Queen] uncle of Gale Baker
- 7/22 [Virginia Barrett] grandmother of Matthew Barrett

Baptisms July 10

Ava Rose Dettmar, born September 25, 2010, daughter of Brandon & Jessica Dettmar

Baptisms July 17

Kaitlyn Elexis Simmons, born February 3, 2011, daughter of Christopher & Kristina Simmons, granddaughter of Ed & Shirley Simmons.

New Member Joined July 10

Tom Petry
8605 Sandy Glen Ct.
Charlotte, NC 28212
Tom joined by Profession of Faith

New Member Joined July 17

Kristina Simmons
6003 Hemby Commons Pkwy
Indian Trail, NC 28079

Ten Cents a Meal offering received on second Sundays

The offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month to support hunger-fighting programs within the Presbytery of Charlotte bounds, and to feed the mind, body and spirit of people in our communities to include hunger related and "at-risk" youth programming.



Monday, August 1

7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 2

7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Committee Meeting—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 4

7:00 p.m.—Planning & Review Committee Meeting—Heritage Rm.
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, August 5

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, August 6

No Meetings

Sunday, August 7

9:00 a.m.—Church School
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

Monday, August 8

6:30 p.m.—Administration Ministry Meeting—Session Room

Tuesday, August 9

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 10

8:30 a.m.—M3—Kerr Building
1:00 p.m.—Rolls & Records Committee Meeting—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—Finance Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 11

6:30—Christian Education Ministry meeting—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, August 12

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, August 13

7:00 a.m.—Blood Drive—Bigham Hall

Sunday, August 14

9:00 a.m.—Church School
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room

Monday, August 15

6:15 p.m.—Building & Grounds Committee Meeting—Steve Ross Classroom
7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 16

6:30 p.m.—Youth Committee Mtg.—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 18

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, August 19

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, August 20

No Meetings

Sunday, August 21

9:00 a.m.—Church School
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.
1:00 p.m.—Blessing of Backpacks—Kerr Building
4:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Ice Cream Social—Bigham Hall

Monday, August 22

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 24

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 25

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, August 26

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, August 27

No Meetings

Sunday, August 28

8:45 a.m.—Rally Day Breakfast—Kerr Building
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

11:15 a.m.—PW Council Mtg.—Session Room

Monday, August 29

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 30

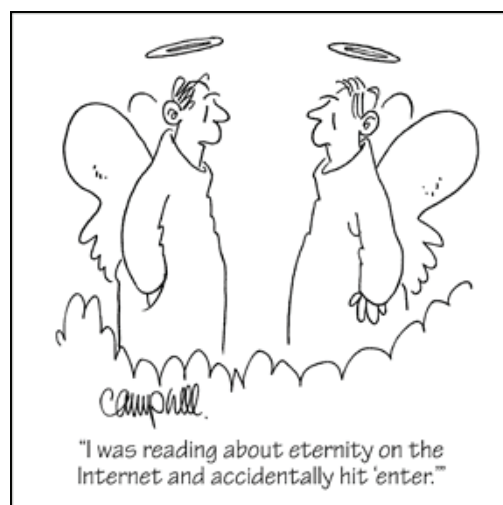
7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 31

5:30 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Registration—Kerr Building
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

From your Missions Ministry...

Here at Philadelphia, we support the program, Room in the Inn. Every Wednesday night from December to March we host 12 of our homeless brothers and sisters by sharing dinner and breakfast with them and offering them a place to sleep as well as showers to get clean. Most of us do not have to worry about where we will sleep tonight, where our next meal will come from, or how we are supposed to make a good impression in our next job interview when we are wearing the same t-shirt and gym shorts that we had on yesterday, and the day before that, and the day before that. That is why God encourages us all to step up and take part in aiding our homeless brothers and sisters in need of our help and God's unconditional love.





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Remember the church's mission and work this summer before you go on vacation. Your regular giving helps us reach out in the name of Christ!

Sixth Annual Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament

Plans are underway for the 6th Annual Dale Jones Golf Tournament. Here are a few details to date:

Where: Pine Lake Country Club

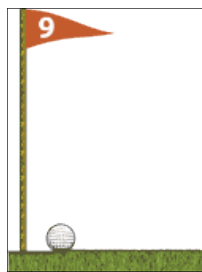
When: Monday, October 24, shotgun start at 11:00 a.m., registration at 10:00.

Cost: If you sign up as a foursome, cost is \$360 (\$90 per player). If you sign up as a single, \$100.

Food: Lunch and dinner provided

We plan on a few new twists this year. There will be a putting contest and a "special mystery hole" where you can actually lower your team score by an extra stroke if you are successful.

Brochures will be printed in the next couple of weeks.



You can also purchase a tee sign to advertise your business, Sunday School class, etc. More details on cost will be in the brochure.

Money raised will go to help various needs of our church and community.

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things. Please contact Brandon Hartsell at b_hartsell@carolina.rr.com or Toby Vosburgh at tvosburgh@carolina.rr.com or 704-545-6639.

Start getting your foursome together.

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