

The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Mint Hill, North Carolina
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From Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

Have you even been involved in a discussion where folks were debating the difference between a want...and a need? So, how did that go? Did everybody agree? Does everybody ever agree on anything? Soooo....chances are that they didn't and that some folks felt pretty strongly about their side of the discussion.

How do we know? How do we draw that line and say—these things are *always necessities, required for life*, something that I really truly *need* versus affirming that whatever it is that we're discussing is instead just something that ranks really high up there on our wish list?

Well, if it's let up to the person who really really wants whatever it is, the answer is probably gonna be a bit...skewed. "But dude, I really do *need* that new phone because it has a better camera and more memory and I *need* that because so many people I know have it and they're taking all these pictures and I'm not because my junky phone is just a dog! Want or need?"

It might seem easy to roll our eyes and be like, "Easy one. Total want. Not need, want" IF you're that one being asked instead of the one asking. So your camera isn't the best. You're right there with your friends, why do you need to take a picture? Turn you phone off and actually hang with your friends and then maybe, um, REMEMBER IT! That's what we used to do back in the day and it worked for us!"

Legit argument for sure, but if it's someone younger than you that you're talking to, remember that they likely grew up in a different time period and technology had already defined the culture and the definition wasn't the way that you did it back in the day. So, the weak camera user is truly left out not because of the phone but because of the friends who don't have the benefit of your past experience of reminiscing without pictures. And, if you don't play the way they do, you might not get to play at all! Bummer!

So bottom line. It would seem that the want vs. need argument falls under the category of just being subjective. In other words, it's really just what you think and what works for you. Check your wallet and your motivation. If both are ok with you, then it can be a need, if not, it's a want!

The problem with this is that, while this approach might work in the world today, the world of the past wasn't always like it is today. So back in the day, there were rules and those rules were generally accepted in society.

So who is right, the folks of the past or the folks of today? Well, neither.

The problem with all of this is that it's based on what people think, not what God thinks! My opinion can change because of how I feel that day but maybe someone else feels differently. Fine, but what if I have to hang out with or do business with or be in a relationship with that person? If we are not on the same page then we've got problems!

So, how do we deal with all of this? Is there an answer? Yes! There is! Ok, how can we all be on the same page? Simple, we don't make the page about any one of us. Instead, we all make it about the God that we all have in common.

If it's not about us, then our opinions aren't grounded in how we feel but are instead grounded in how someone else feels. When that someone else is God, then we all have the best common foundation possible. So the answer to the question for us is not what *we* want or need but what does *GOD* want or need!

Prayer, scripture, time with others of faith, listening to God: all of these help us understand the best and truest path in life. It does so because God is good, God is life and God is love. On this path, we end up right where we should be!

From Katie Sloan, Associate Pastor

SUMMERTIME.....

George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess is best known for the Song "Summertime" and for many of us, the lyrics "Summertime, and the livin' is easy" is exactly what summer means – a slower pace of living. No crazy fast paced school-year calendars. Instead it means beach vacations, cookouts, time on the lake, baseball games and time to do things we might not otherwise do.



Summer means retreats, camp, and VBS. If you're like me, I love Vacation Bible School because it means interesting and fun lessons, lots of smiling faces, and unexpected surprises along the way!

Summer also affords us the opportunity to immerse our hands in the soil and garden. Planting flowers and growing vegetables leads to a deeply rooted commitment to care for the earth and God's creation; to reap what we sow.

As the summer settles in so does the heat. The month of August is typically when temperatures are the hottest. Heatwaves are a fact of life in the south and the pace seems to slow down a bit more because of it. Folks seem to get a little more lethargic. It's the perfect excuse to have ice cream for dinner.

It's important that we care for our spiritual temperature as well as our physical temperature. So, as we head into August if you are headed off to the beach, spend some time thinking about building your house on shifting sand or solid rock (Matt. 7: 24-27). If you are packing up the family and headed to the zoo, think about Noah, the ark and the diversity of God's creation (Gen. 7:1-5). If you are at a family BBQ and it's smelling delish, think about how we are the fragrance of Christ (2 Cor. 2:15).

The summer is packed full of so many amazing opportunities and adventures, including lazy Sunday afternoon on a hammock. It tends to open our eyes wider to the beauty of God's creation -the Carolina blue skies, the roar of the waves, a fresh juicy peach. However, it's important to remember that God's grace is immeasurable, not seasonal. There is not more of him now than in November or January. We are just seeing Him with different eyes and so this affords us an opportunity to pray that we might look at things a little differently.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer a little more as you consider how you can see God at work in new ways everywhere you go. Happy August!

Katie

August Anniversaries

- 1 William & Cheryl Cooke
- 1 Bill & Pam Crowder
- 2 Ken & Sheila Cloaninger
- 3 Earney & Marianne Smith
- 4 Ernest & Linda Jamison
- 4 Charlie & Ashley Ponscheck
- 7 Randy & Judy Alexander
- 7 Robert & Ann Sharpe
- 7 Carl & Ellen Street
- 11 Rolf & Carolee Jaeger
- 15 Roger & Susan Hagy
- 16 Arnold & Ruth Bokhoven
- 20 Frank & Renee Garrett
- 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 Mickey & Anne Ellington
- 30 David & Karen Hodgins
- 30 Wayne & Barbara Wolfe



August Birthdays

- 1 Dot Bartlett
- 1 Amelia Ford
- 2 Joel Moore
- 2 Angela Watts
- 2 Kyle Watts
- 3 Judy Alexander
- 3 Catherine Goetchius
- 3 Jim Hutton
- 3 Grace Jones
- 4 Dolores Childers
- 4 Linda Downer
- 4 Mitchell Williams
- 5 Keith McGuinness
- 6 Ellie Blanchard
- 6 Sheila Forbis
- 6 Colton Phillips
- 7 Tony Baker
- 7 John Cervantes
- 7 Christopher Goetchius
- 7 Judithann Moore
- 8 Evan Ziliani
- 10 Mary Katherine Moorman
- 10 Ron Paschal
- 10 Luke Tannenbaum
- 11 Carolee Jaeger
- 11 Steve King
- 11 Trevor Linscheid
- 12 Rocco McGuinness
- 12 Brenda Roberts
- 12 Reggie Tamez
- 13 Eric Forbis
- 14 Don Moore
- 15 Jill Cervantes
- 14 Joy Murray
- 14 Don Price
- 16 Jonathan Belk
- 16 Carolyn Pence
- 17 Jacob Taylor
- 18 Marjorie Gledhill
- 18 Herb Gill
- 18 Sean Michell
- 19 Harry Hood
- 19 Leslie Strand
- 20 Melanie Muehl
- 20 Beverly Taylor
- 21 Charles Mullis
- 22 Beth Barnes
- 23 C. J. Goetchius
- 23 Elaine Mullis
- 24 Brooke Allen
- 24 Zachary Allen
- 24 Ryan Hagy
- 26 Anne Ellington
- 27 Rocky Hoffner
- 28 William Cooke
- 28 Natalie Vosburgh
- 29 Matthew Davenport
- 30 Macie Allen
- 30 Gypsy Flowe
- 31 Helen Kiser

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

Address change:

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We extend sympathy for the following deaths:

- Tina Ross on July 6
- Carolyn Hawkins on July 9
- [Sal Misasi, Sr.] father-in-law of Kelly Misasi on July 18
- [Betty Dover] mother of Debbe King on July 27

Gifts to the church

In memory of....

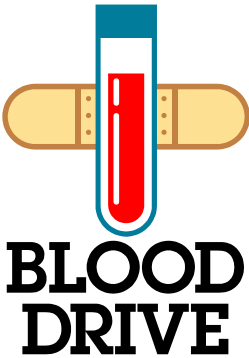
- Don Jamison—M. D. & Shirley Hill (Current Fund)
- Tina Ross—M. D. & Shirley Hill, Perry & Sue Davis, Gilbert Cox, Carol Hull, Mint Hill Women’s Club, The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. John Y. Todd, III, Eloise Black, Bill Johnston, Rick & Karen Davis Herb & Sylvia Gill, Ernest & Linda Jamison, Beth Hamrick, Kiwanis Club of Mint Hill, Harry & Gwynita Steele, Frances Leete, Martha Houston, Gayle Williams, Earney & Marianne Smith, Gwyn & Anita Yates, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Dorton, Amber Groce, Joseph and Petra Halker, Amelia Ford (Columbarium Fund)
- Tom Connors—Mickey & Anne Ellington (Current Fund)
- Carolyn Hawkins— Herb & Sylvia Gill (Capital Needs Fund); Earney & Marianne Smith (Columbarium Fund)
- Aaron Ferguson—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ferguson (Current Fund); Jacqueline & Scott Tanseer (Kingdom Kids)
- Ney Freeman—Frances Leete (Endowment Fund)

In honor of....

The Choir—Dottie & Pete Kastner (Music Fund)

Give the gift of life!

There will be a blood drive Saturday, August 11, from 7:00 a.m. until noon. Donors should eat iron-rich foods for two weeks before donating blood. Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine on the day of the drive. You can schedule your appointment by contacting Tam Babulski 704-545-7851. Donors may also visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code: MintHillChurches.



We are happy to announce the birth of Charlotte Tucker Anderson, daughter of Mitchell and Laura Anderson, granddaughter of Dr. Joan Diehl and Dr. Leslie Anderson was born on July 23 weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 22" long!

The movie starts at 7:00 p.m.!

Make plans for the evening of August 17 to join friends and family in the Kerr Building to enjoy “A Wrinkle in Time”. Bring a comfy chair if you’d like. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and there’s no charge for the movie!



Presbyterian Women’s mission focus for August is school supplies for students and teachers! Donations may be left in the entryway near the mailboxes. Thank you!

VBS



Become a Hero for God
Aug 5-9
6-8:30pm
Free dinner in Kerr building
For all ages-children youth and adults

Adult class:
Fire and Ice: Good and Evil in the Bible

If you would like to volunteer contact Susan Griffin at smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com or Jill Linscheid at jlin-scheid@carolina.rr.com. Invite friends and register online or in the church office!

Backpacks of Love: Summer Edition



Our Backpacks of Love program is growing! Now you can help meet nutritional needs all summer just like you do during the school year. We're continuing the program throughout CMS's summer break, so please keep those food donations coming! Thank you for your continued generosity!

Women's Retreat

Ladies of PPC! Mark your calendars on October 6, 2018 for this year's Women's Retreat sponsored by Congregational Life (Deacons). The theme is "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World".

More information will follow, but this is an event you will not want to miss. Please reach out to Elizabeth Griffin with any questions.

Presbyterian Women's fall meeting

Ladies, plan to attend the PW fall meeting on September 9 at 3:00 in the Kerr Building. We will enjoy ice cream and all the trimming's and will hear an overview of our coming year's study by Janet Daniel. You can pick up your study books that day. Officers and moderators for the coming year will be installed.

You don't have to be active in a circle to join us for this meeting which is a social event as well. Please come!

Are you contagious?



That sounds like a bad thing – right? But there are some things well worth “catching” – like your faith in and love for Christ. In September PPC Sunday School classes will begin the study Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg. Christ's Great Commission was to spread the Good News to all the world drawing all to Him. For some the term evangelism is a scary or even negative term, conjuring up strangers on the front porch, or folks shoving tracts in our car windows at a stop light. In this study we will work to discover our own evangelism style, develop a contagious Christian character, build spiritually strategic relationships, and share biblical truths in everyday language.

CE will host a Fall Kick-Off. The date is to be determined so please look at your bulletin and website for updates!

#catchthespirit #becontagious #fall2018PPC

Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on Sept 6

There are some new things happening that will be exciting, so make plans now to come!!

5:30 p.m.—Preschool thru 2nd grade choir and 3rd-5th grade Bible activity class on the Beatitudes.

MS youth group

6:00 p.m.— Dinner for adults in the Kerr Building. Children and youth eat at 6:10.

6:45 p.m. -The adult Plenary class with Rusty and Katie in the Kerr Building. A women's and men's Bible Study is also offered at this time. More info to come for all adult classes. The preschool class has Bible Time, the K-2 class goes to Bible Activity class on the Beatitudes, and the 3rd-8th graders go to choir. The high schoolers have youth group.

If you are able to volunteer for set up, clean up, or kitchen duties your help is appreciated. Contact Susan Griffin if you are able to volunteer. Smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com.

Do you work with our children and/or youth?

The Christian Education Committee loves our volunteers and appreciates the time and talents shared with our children and youth. In an effort to keep our church the safest possible, it is requested that each adult volunteer who works with children and youth in any way fill out and turn in a voluntary criminal background check form to Judy in the church office. This is only a criminal check, not credit check. You can find this form on the church website under resources and then forms. It is to be signed and turned in as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in helping PPC continue to be the safe sanctuary that we are!



Wednesday, August 1

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, August 2

7:00 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—PW Council Mtg.—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Admin. Min. Mtg.—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, August 3

11:00 a.m.—Bible Study—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, August 4

No Meetings

Sunday, August 5

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.—VBS

Monday, August 6

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, August 7

6:00 p.m.—VBS

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, August 8

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

5:00 p.m.—VBS

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, August 9

6:00 p.m.—VBS

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, August 10

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, August 11

7:00 a.m.—Blood Drive—Bigham Hall

Sunday, August 12

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

3:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Ice Cream Social—Bigham Hall

4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Min. Mtg.—Session Room

Monday, August 13

6:00 p.m. Evang./Outreach Min. Mtg.—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—Christian Education Min. Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, August 14

7:00 p.m.—Girls Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Prayer Shawl Min. Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

7:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—Campus Planning Mtg.—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, August 15

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

7:00 p.m.—Finance Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, August 16

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, August 17

7:00 p.m.—Movie Night—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, August 18

No Meetings

Sunday, August 19

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Monday, August 20

7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, August 21

7:00 p.m.—Resource Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, August 22

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, August 23

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, August 24

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, August 25

No Meetings

Sunday, August 26

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Monday, August 27

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, August 28

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, August 29

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, August 30

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Scout Open House—Bigham Hall

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, August 31

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Come one, come all to the
Stephen Ministry ice cream social
on August 12 at 3:00 p.m. in Bigham Hall!



Ice Cream Social

KINGDOM KIDS PRESENTS “Camp Kindness” every Sunday morning 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Children preschool through 5th grade learn about kindness through art, games, science, and food. Kindness is contagious! It’s cool to be kind!!



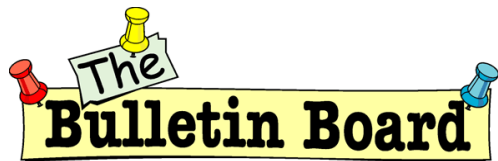
This year’s VBS Mission project is a school supplies collection for Clear Creek Elementary School, Alexander Youth Network, and Bright Blessings. Let’s be amazing super heroes and collect more supplies than ever before so that we can bless those who need a hand up this school year!
Supplies can be brought in nightly and dropped off in the collection boxes!
Thank you so much for being God’s super heroes!

Items being collected are:

Kleenex	Dry erase markers	White Copy Paper
Hand Sanitizer	Glue Sticks & Bottles	Post it Notes
Baby Wipes	Highlighters	Notebook Paper
Clorox/Lysol Wipes	Ticonderoga Pencils	Composition Books (non- spiral)
Band-aids	#2 Pencils	Pocket Folders (no prongs)
Ziplock Bags	Black Sharpies	2 inch Ring Binders
Zippered Pencil Pouch	Eraser Tops	1 ½ inch Binders
Pencil Box	Pink Bar Erasers	1 Subject Spiral Notebooks
Dividers	24 Box Crayons	Index Cards
Colored Pencils	Earbuds	Card Stock (white, Light colors)
Crayola Markers	Grocery Canvas Totes	Poster Board
Construction Paper	Reusable Water Bottles	Backpacks

Philadelphia Presbyterian Kindergarten news

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is underway! If you are planning to register your child for next year, please send in your application as soon as possible. Classes are filling up! You may obtain an application from our website: philadelphiachurch.org or from Becky Brown.



If you are a widower, come have breakfast at Showmars at 8:00 the third Friday of each month. It would be helpful to let Tony Baker know (704-545-4730) that you will be there, but it’s not necessary. Just come around to the back room at Showmars in Mint Hill.

All announcements or inserts to be included in the weekly bulletin MUST be received in the office by noon on Thursday of each week. Announcements or inserts received after noon will be included in the following week’s bulletin. Please be aware that any submissions may need to be edited for space!

In the event of bad weather, be sure to tune in to WSOC-TV for information concerning delays or cancellation of services or events. You may sign up to receive text alerts of service and activity changes or closings due to bad weather by going to wsoc.tv.com/s/closings. Look for the “School closings and delays text alerts” link. The church ID# is 0426.

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.

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Let’s stay updated!

Things change all the time. Does the church have your latest email address? Have you moved? Has your cell phone number or your land line number changed? Please take a minute to figure out if you need to give the church office any updated contact information.

Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor
Katie Sloan, Associate Minister
Shane Sledd, Youth and Family Minister
Judy Clinton, Office Manager
Cynthia Stokes, Secretary
Linda Cummins, Webmaster/Administrative Assistant



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Marnie Gallagher, Youth Choir Director
Melinda Johnston, Children’s Choir Director
Leslie Anderson, Organist
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