

**Honoring our history
.....building our future**



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To disciple others in Christ by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,
To prayerfully serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*

Providence Presbyterian Church

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 30, 2017**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 9) Kevin Creech

Leader: *Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion*

People: *Declare His deeds among the peoples*

Leader: *For He who avenges blood is mindful of them*

People: *He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

Leader: *Be gracious to me, O LORD.*

People: *See what I suffer from those who hate me*

Leader: *You are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,*

People: *so that I may recount all Your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in Your deliverance.*

***Opening Hymn** "Let All Things Now Living" #22

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Merciful God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have welcomed us into Your heavenly kingdom, we will not bind ourselves to You. We place obstacles in front ourselves and others by placing our faith in that which we can control. We fail to see beyond ourselves and pursue those things that satisfy us for the moment. We have failed to realize Your joy and grace in our lives. Help us to seek a right relationship with You and empower us with Your Holy Spirit and unite us to Christ as we grow in grace and understanding.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *We are loved by God whose generosity exceeds our understanding.*

People: *We have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen*

***Responsive Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" #426

***Affirmation of Faith** (Back cover of Blue Hymnal)
"The Apostle's Creed"

***Passing of the Peace of Christ** (please begin the pew pads)

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson Genesis 1:27-31

Anthem "VBS Special" Providence Children

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson Luke 2:41-49

Sermon "Growing in Number and the Grace of God"
Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** #405
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

***Acolyte and *Benediction**

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

If you desire to join Christ's Church here at PPC please contact the Pastor – office 919-894-4063, cell# 919-264-4324, or after worship!

July Scripture Passage

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2017

<i>Long Range Planning</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Worship</i>
Tony Bryant	David Collier	Barri Martin	Donna Stolle

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Property</i>
Sam Stephenson	Kent Walton	Atlee Roberts	Russell Wood

Class of 2019

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Personnel</i>
Vickie Faircloth	John Kopanski	Mary Ann Booth	Stephanie Bagley

Staff

<i>Accounting Treasurer</i> Kristy Stephenson	<i>Collections Treasurer</i> Ann Benson
<i>Music Director/Organist/Pianist</i> Brittany Jones	<i>Pianist</i> Angie Searcy
<i>Website</i> David Nelms	<i>Usher Coordinator</i> Russell Wood
<i>Secretary</i> Kimberly Callis	

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Weekly Statistics

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru June 30)....	\$138,394.96
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru June 30)...	\$150,233.20
General Fund Receipts for June	\$22,397.51
General Fund Expenses for June	\$24,710.11
General Fund Receipts for July 23	\$2,944.50
Total General Fund Receipts (July).....	\$17,850.80
Capital Reserve Account	\$84,724.88
Current Loan Balance	\$1,044,929.53
Attendance for Sunday School July 23	61
Attendance for Worship July 23.....	96

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Vickie Faircloth
Ushers: Wayne Lamm & Scott Martin, Israel Morrow (Back)
Acolyte: Eva Stephenson
Nursery: Jennifer Crocker & Liz Annis
No Children's Worship
Lay Reader: Kevin Creech
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, August 6

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Tony Bryant
Ushers: Eric Smith & Russell Wood, Wayne Ennis (Back)
Acolyte: Hannibal Langdon
Nursery: Sue Bryant & Beth Pickens
Children's Worship: Kristy Stephenson
Lay Reader: Israel Morrow
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 pm: Worship Service

Weekly Events:

Aug 1. Card Ministry 10:00 am
 Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Aug 2. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Aug 4. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Aug 6. Communion Sunday
Aug 7. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
Aug 8. Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 (noon) at PPC
 M & O Monthly visit to Stagecoach Manor residents at
 Universal and Pinecrest Nursing homes
Aug 9. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Aug 11. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Please Note – All exterior doors will be locked except the main (center) Sanctuary doors by 11:10 AM each Sunday.

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Count your blessings!

CONCERNS: Charles Miller, Donna Stolle's brother, missing in Orlando. We express Christian sympathy to the family of Win Berrell, Beth Breeden's cousin, who passed away due to an automobile accident this week in Maryland.

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at *Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*; **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Grant Joyner, Bobbie Langdon, and Frances Schmidt** at home.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Vicky Austin, community; **Sherry Baker**, friend of Laura Langdon; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of Sandy Kopanski; **Patsy Bowman**, member; **Joanne Boyle**, Bob Zattiero's niece; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, Joe Hawkins' mother; **Luke Jordan**, friend of Christina Jones; **Carol Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law; **Harold Pitman**, Joyce Lamm's brother; **Dina Poole**, Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law; **Art Redmond**, Pat Embrey's niece's husband; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of John Kopanski; **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin; **Chad Talley**, friend of John Pickens; and **Wayne and Mary Toler**, Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's mom; **Randy Benson**, member; **Velma and Ray Bost**, Heath White's grandparents; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, Steve Wolak's parents; **Shepherd Byrd**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of Sue Bryant; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, John Daniel's mother; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Gayla Edmond**, Stephanie Wood's mom; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Hugo Hargis**, member of the community; **Norbert Kopanski**, John Kopanski's father; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of Andrea Jones; **Vic LaSaxon**, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Scott Martinelli**, Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son; **Wanza Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's mother; **Bill McClandless**, friend of Bob Zattiero; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Kathy Rose**, friend of Kim Schmidt; **Marie Rouse**, delivery driver's wife; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Candy Weaver**, friend of Amanda McLamb; and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father

Pastor's Office Hours – The pastor will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands. The office number is 919-894-4063.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Search for Church Secretary – As most of you have heard by now, August 3 will be Kim’s last day as our church secretary. The Session asks for your help as we begin our search for someone to fill the position. We ask you to do two things:

1. Tell everyone you know whom you think would be interested in the position. Ask them to send their resume and a cover letter to the church in care of the Personnel Committee.
2. Consider volunteering to help with secretarial duties until the position is filled. Task that you can help with:
 - Volunteering to take a shift to answer phones from 9 AM until 1:00 on a weekday
 - Helping Rev. Davis compose the weekly bulletin
 - Photocopying of the bulletin each week
 - Putting together the monthly newsletter
 - Changing the sign in front of the church

Children’s Worship – During the month of July there will be no regular Children’s Worship. .

Long Range Planning Meeting – Monday, August 1 at 7:00 pm.

Senior Citizens Luncheon – The August Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 8 at 12:00 (noon) at Providence Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, August 2, if you plan on attending so that the cooks know how much food to prepare for the luncheon. Margie can be reached at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.

Senior Citizens Luncheon Desserts Needed – Any of the ladies that are attending the Senior Citizens Luncheon in August that would like to bring a dessert that can be picked up easily such as: cookies, bar cookies and brownies – please bring them. We will have a large bowl of fruit to go with it. If anyone would like to help, they can come between 10 and 10:30 am. There will not be a lot to do help is appreciated.

June Financial Statements – There are copies available in the front of the church of the June financial statements.

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group - During the months of July and August we will meet in the Upper FH on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am.

Session Minutes – Highlights of the minutes of the June Session meeting are in the July newsletter in the Narthex.

Mission & Outreach – During the month of July we are collecting items to be donated to the USO center at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. There is a list of items posted on our M&O bulletin board and they are also listed in the July newsletter online and available at the front of the church. We appreciate your help with this mission

Mission & Outreach – The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for your generous financial donations to assist the residents of Stagecoach Manor. Your generosity provided nearly \$500. The M&O Committee will continue meeting with the residents to assess their needs so that your donations can be used to best suit each individual. Again, thank you all and please keep the residents in your prayers.

Monthly Church Newsletter –If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a paper copy of the newsletter in the Narthex. The July newsletter is now available.

Sunday School Teachers – The Fall sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway beside the door separating the new and old sections of the church.

Homecoming Sunday Planning – The Fellowship Committee is needing volunteers to help with this year’s Homecoming Sunday. If you would like to be a part of this year’s Committee please contact David Collier by email or phone at davidcollier123@yahoo.com or 919-625-2026.

Reserved Visitor Row – Just a reminder, the third row from the vestibule, on both sides of the aisle, is reserved for visitors. These rows are marked as such. Your assistance in helping to make our visitors feel welcomed is greatly appreciated.

Online Suggestion Box – Is available, on the PPC website. To receive a response to your submission, please include your name. Submissions can be viewed only by members of Session and the submitter. Answers to concerns are sent to the submitter via email.

Reminder – Please contact Kim Callis at secretary@providencepresb.org or 919-894-4063 if you need to:

- Add or remove anyone from the prayer list
- Schedule use of the upper or lower fellowship hall
- Directory updates
- **Please Note:** Bulletin deadline is **Thursday** evening if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for that upcoming Sunday.



Praise the Lord! Our 2017 Vacation Bible School was a huge success and tremendous outreach to both our church and community! Children, youth, and adults have all enjoyed a week full of learning through a study of Maker Fun Factory. We spent the week learning about how we were Created by God and Built for a Purpose. Below is our breakdown of our attendance for each night.

Sunday:	76 Children/Youth 63 Teachers/Helpers	8 Adults in Bible Study Total: 156
Monday:	86 Children/Youth 68 Teacher/Helpers	11 Adults in Bible Study Total: 161
Tuesday:	83 Children/Youth 70 Teacher/Helpers	12 Adults in Bible Study Total: 170
Wed:	88 Children/Youth 70 Teacher/Helpers	9 Adults in Bible Study Total: 151
Thurs:	82 Children/Youth 67 Teacher/Helpers	10 Adults in Bible Study Total: 162

We would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents, donated items, and offered up prayer support for “Maker Fun Factory”. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all that you did to make VBS a success!