

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

August 2013



From the Pastor's Study...

Praise be to God! We have come through the deluge and have taken a wonderful new step in the history of Providence Presbyterian Church. Things have heated up this summer for we have joined together in faith and have stepped closer towards breaking ground on our new facilities. A hearty thank you goes out to all who have worked so diligently to bring us to this point in time. Let us continue to be in prayer as we continue to seek discernment in the upcoming phases of construction.

We joyfully salute Jimmy Stuart who has been recognized as this year's Outstanding Older Adult. Many thanks to our guest preachers, Rev. Gene Peirce and George Dudley, who joyfully offered the gospel of Jesus Christ. This year's Vacation Bible School was a glowing display of God's grace, caring Christians, great food, fun, sun, and proclamation of the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. A hardy "Kingdom Rock" thank you and well done goes out to all the saints who participated in the week long activity of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the young and not so young!

This month's scripture passage Ephesians 4:11-16, where the Apostle Paul writes a letter to the church at Ephesus. In this passage, Paul reminds us that we all have our own unique God given gifts for mission and ministry and that only together can we truly be the body of Christ - the Church as the extension of the Kingdom of God here on earth. We are reminded that through: working together - building each other up - disciplining one another ... can we become mature as Christians.

Paul uses words to describe such a

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August Scripture Passage

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:11-16

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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relationship as: love, truth, faith, knowledge, grow, together, supporting, and work. These are all words which describe actions of Christian discipleship – where we learn how to be fed in such things and then ... feed others. All healthy relationships are built on these things. Some relationships take more work than others, but anything which has true worth always requires effort. May we pray for the courage and strength to make the effort required in a healthy relationship with: ourselves, God, and others.

August is also full of worship, praise, and fellowship opportunities. This month we celebrate communion on the 11th and we will come together for food and fun at this year's church wide Pool Party. Please join us for these and other opportunities to have fun and meaningful fellowship.

As the summer loses its momentum and fall seems a little closer, let's come together in prayer and conversation as we discern God's direction for the busy days to come. Please pray for our church, our church family, our session, and our pastor – that we may follow our Lord God more nearly day by day. May God Bless us in our mission and ministry in this life.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

is planned for Tuesday, August 13 at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a time of delicious food, fun and fellowship! The meal will be served at 12 noon, but come a little early to visit. Please RSVP your attendance to Kay Dry by August 6 at 919.639.9784.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAYTIME CIRCLE

will not meet during the month of August.

All ladies ages 18 and older are encouraged to join the Presbyterian Women as they start their new year at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be a Combined meeting of both the Daytime and Evening Circles. The Presbyterian Women meet regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. The Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 am. and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. During the meetings, the women enjoy a time of refreshment, fellowship, Bible study, and business meeting. The women also enjoy social outings and retreats throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding the Presbyterian Women, please contact Georgeanna Phillips.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

is held each Sunday from 10:25 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is simply a time of coffee/juice, a light refreshment, and an opportunity to connect with members of your church family! A sign-up sheet for providing the refreshments is posted on the bulletin board just beside the door to the kitchen. Please take a look at the schedule, and sign-up to host for an available Sunday!

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF

Rowland Gilchrist, Becky Kleaver's brother

CHURCHWIDE POOL PARTY

is planned for Saturday, August 24 from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the McGee's Crossroads Pool (located at 210 Driftwood Trail, Benson, NC). This event is being hosted by the Fellowship Committee, and a meal of pizza and homemade ice cream will be served. All those within the congregation are invited and encouraged to come out and be a part of this time of fellowship and celebration for a great summer!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

has some exciting events planned over the next couple of months. Please go ahead and mark your calendars now to participate in these activities:

- **Family Movie Day** is planned for Sunday, August 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All those attending will watch *101 Dalmations*, and enjoy popcorn, fellowship, and Bible application.

- **Kickoff Celebration for Pioneer Clubs, Youth Group, Sunday School, and Adult Bible Study** will be held on Sunday, August 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During this time everyone will enjoy activities, introduction of the leaders for the various programs, and a hot dog supper.

- **Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group** will officially begin their regular meetings on Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and Youth Group will meet every Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Other activities are currently being planned, so please look for more information to come. If you have any questions regarding any of these programs, please contact Robert Joyner, Christian Education Committee Chairperson.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

will discontinue their monthly meetings for the summer. Please plan to come to their next meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group is open to anyone - even if you do not know how to crochet - you can always learn, or simply be a part of this time of fellowship and ministry.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET

As most of you know, the Outreach and Ministries Committee has started a "Community Care Cabinet" which is based out of the kitchen in the Manse. This project is an opportunity for our congregation, youth and outside contributors to "*serve God and neighbor*".

We would like to thank everyone for their donations, prayers and support. So far this year, through the Youth Group, Boy Scouts and your donations, we have delivered over 1,000 food items to the food bank at Friendly Chapel and the Lighthouse Backpack Buddies. The Boy Scouts and Youth are helping pack the food and some of our congregation will be helping deliver the food during the school year.

This is a long term project and we accept donations on an ongoing basis. We also have a designated account set up for monetary donations to assist with restocking food and toiletry items as well. Donation bins are in the fellowship hall.

During the month of July and August, our emphasis will be on collecting food for the Backpack Buddies. You can donate through vacation bible school or by dropping items off in the fellowship hall. Below are preferred items.

For additional information about this ministry and how you can donate and/or volunteer, you may contact: Reverend Jim Davis (919) 264-4324 or committee members Mary – 919-894-4658; Sue – 919-815-3217; Margie – 919-522-6068; Ann Benson – 919-894-2650; Pete Booth or John Kopanski (919) 639-6752.

BACKPACK BUDDY ITEMS NEEDED

Maruchan instant lunch cup	Chef Boyardee cup	Packet of peanuts
Tuna salad kit	Instant oatmeal	Peanut butter crackers
cereal cups	Granola bars	Vanilla pudding cup
100% juice	Beanee Weanees	Hot chocolate mix
Peach, pear or applesauce cups	Teddy Grahams	Easy mac
Canned food with pop tops	Juicy Juice boxes	Raisins
Beef stew cans with pop tops	Minute Maid boxes	

July Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated Session meeting on July 8, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Present were Moderator Reverend Jim Davis, and Elders Stephanie Bagley, Nathan Dry, John Kopanski, Wayne Lamm, Gary Phillips, Atlee Roberts, and Kristy Stephenson. Excused were Elders Robert Joyner and Jeffrey Wood. Due to the clerk's excused absence, John Kopanski was designated to record the minutes. A quorum was declared and Rev. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. Nathan Dry presented the devotional about approaching others with love rather than prejudging them.

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting. Committee reports were made from the pastor and seven of the standing committees of Session . Reports from the Personnel and Property Committee were not presented. The following actions were approved by Session:

- The minutes of the stated Session meeting conducted on June 10, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- Youth Group leaders were presented, but not approved since the Christian Education committee chair was not present. It was tabled until the next Session meeting.
- The June Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- A congregational meeting was called for Sunday, July 28, 2013 for the purpose of voting to move forward with securing a loan for the purpose of construction of new facilities that include a fellowship hall and class rooms.
- A new communion service set will be purchased.
- A revised worship format for children's church will be implemented in September of 2013 and will include: singing a hymn, reciting the Lord's Prayer, reading scripture, children's prayers, bible lessons that include activities, and a benediction.

It was also reported that communion was served to shut-ins of the congregation on June 19, 2013, with Rev. Davis assisted by Elder Wayne Lamm. The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

We are joyful for all that God has blessed us with!

CONCERNS:

Keith Langdon, *member of church family, health concerns*
Gwen Walton, *member of church family, health concerns*

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson *at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*
Lacy & Marilyn Johnson *at Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*
Pauline Jones *at Liberty Commons in Benson*
Grant Joyner, Bobbie Langdon, Bernard Parsons, and Frances Schmidt, *at home*

Our Nation's Leaders and All Persons Serving in the Armed Forces

All Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Carol Badalucco, *friend of Sue Bryant*, **Alvin Bagley**, *Carlos Bagley's uncle*, **Sherry Baker**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Nancy Biernacki**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*, **Patsy Bowman**, *member of church family*, **Edith Bowser**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*, **Kathy Durocher**, *friend of Mark Nelms*, **Ann Hargiss**, *member of community*, **P.B. Jernigan**, *relative of Sheila Dupree*, **David Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's brother*, **Leslie Lobaugh**, *friend of Chris Nooney*, **Ann Lopp**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*, **Harry Myers**, *friend of Ann Benson*, **Barbara Owens**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Tammy Paige**, *friend of Georgeanna Phillips*, **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Reed*, **Barbara Shaw**, *Kathy Ryals' aunt*, **Bob Stephenson**, *Ann Stephenson's cousin*, **Bobby Stephenson**, *member of community*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*, **Crystal Stotter**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kenneth Weathers**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Kay Williams**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, and **Hannah Youngblood**, *friend of Kristy Stephenson*.

Other Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mother*, **Elaine Andrews**, *Andrea Jones' mother*, **Charlie Brannon**, *friend of Dick Embrey*, **Brenda Davis**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*, **Bill and Bobbie Ellis**, *Georgeanna Phillips' parents*, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*, **Rose Hollingsworth**, *Ann Stephenson's sister-in-law*, **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*, **Melinda Kendall**, *member of church family*, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*, **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Jerome Langdon**, *member of community*, **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*, **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*, **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*, **B.J. Parker**, *friend of Christina Nelms*, **David Raynor**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, *member of church family*, **Gary Schmidt**, *Kim Schmidt's brother*, **Pete and Brenda Skinner**, *friends of Sue Bryant*, **Nan Walker**, *Andrea Jones' grandmother*, **Marie Wellman**, *friend of Brenda Byrd*, **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*, and **Charles Young**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Anniversaries

- 2 Brian and Leshia Wheeler
- 14 Nathan and Kay Dry
- 17 Stephen and Samantha Nordan
- 18 David and Pamela Collier
- 21 Darren and Joan Stuart
- 23 Don and Brenda Dupree

August Birthdays

- 1 Dick Embrey
- 3 Brenda Dupree and Grace Martin
- 4 Emma Phillips and
Eva Stephenson
- 5 Silas Porter, Robert Stolle and
Leshia Wheeler
- 7 Pauline Jones
- 9 Richard Jones, Sandy Kopanski
and Keith Langdon
- 12 Ann Stephenson
- 13 Bob Reed
- 19 Stewart Pickens and Nadine Reed
- 23 Patsy Bowman
- 25 Lora Joyner
- 27 Paige Smith
- 28 Elaine Wood

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2013

Stephanie Bagley - Worship
John Kopanski - Mission & Outreach
Atlee Roberts - Property

Class of 2014

Nathan Dry - Long-Range Planning
Wayne Lamm - Congregational Care
Gary Phillips - Fellowship

Class of 2015

Robert Joyner - Christian Education
Kristy Stephenson - Finance
Jeffrey Wood - Personnel, Clerk

Church Staff

Secretary

DeEtta Wood

Accounting Treasurer

Ann Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

DeEtta Wood

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

David Nelms & DeEtta Wood

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 4 Beth and Jane Pickens
- 11 Heath and Heather White
- 18 Barri Martin and Carolyn Stuart
- 25 Chris and Kristy Stephenson



USHERS

- 4 Joseph Phillips and Justin Wood
- 11 Don Dupree and Jimmy Stuart
- 18 Hamilton Greene and Heath White
- 25 David Collier and Gary Phillips

ACOLYTE

- 4 Emma Phillips
- 11 Margot Porter
- 18 Graycen Murray
- 25 Silas Porter



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 4 Jennifer Crocker and Christina Jones
- 11 Barbie Frickman & Brandy Joyner
- 18 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 25 Mary Langdon and Amy Reed

August Upcoming Events

- 4 VBS Children and Youth to sing during 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5 Long-Range Planning Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Communion Sunday during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Community Senior Luncheon at 12 noon at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
- 14 Worship Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Family Movie Day at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 21 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Churchwide Pool Party from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- 25 Acolyte Training at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 25 Kick-off Celebration for Pioneer Clubs, Youth Group, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Deadline for submitting articles for the September newsletter