

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

February 2013



## From the Pastor's Study...

February is upon us and although the temperature outside is cold the missions and ministries are warming up here at Providence PC. As we put on our coats and sweaters to face the cold weather outside, let us greet those whom God places in our lives with all the warmth and joy of knowing our LORD and Savior has done the greatest thing of all for each and every one of us.

February has always been a month I have much fondness for. My wife, my father and I were all born in February – in fact I have the rare privilege of being born on my father's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. I grew up thinking that I always received two birthday cakes until I realized one was for dad and the other was for me. February has several celebrations Valentine's Day, President's Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Ash Wednesday which heralds the coming of Easter.

The Season of Lent also begins on Ash Wednesday and is prelude to Easter. Lent is the forty-day liturgical season which represents the time Jesus spent in the desert, where, according to the Bible, he endured temptation by Satan. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer—through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial—for the annual commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, as celebrated during Holy Week, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The ashes we use today signifies our origins from the ashes of the ground ... God made us in His image. We are good creations by God in God's created world – Yet we are corrupted by SIN.

For God has given much to humanity throughout time ... John stated it the best ...

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## February Scripture Passage

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Romans 3:19-26**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Office phone number is 919.894.4063  
Rev. Davis may also be reached at  
919.264.4324(m).

**John 3:16-21** <sup>16</sup> *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* We are sinners in a sinful world – BUT as Christians we are strangers in this world. We are repentant sinners redeemed by the blood of Christ. Our journey in this world is a strange one in that our reality and hope lies in the next life in the kingdom of heaven.

Let us embrace the beginning of the Lenten Season and pause to reflect and discern the possibilities of God Almighty in our lives. Let us come together in fellowship and lift one another up as we go faithfully forward in God's plan for our lives.

May God bless you and keep you; may the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis

### **CHICKEN PASTRY SUPPER/SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

has been rescheduled, due to the weather, for Friday, February 1 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$7 per plate, and will include chicken pastry, candied yams, green beans, rolls and dessert. Eat-in or Take-out will be available. During the meal, the Presbyterian Women will also hold a Silent Auction. The monies raised from this fundraiser will go to support the Capital Campaign. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors, and come out to this event to support the Presbyterian Women. If you have questions, please contact Georgeanna Phillips.

### **SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON**

is planned for Tuesday, February 12 at 12 noon at Providence Presbyterian Church. Since our church is hosting this special time, if you are able to help in any way, please contact Kay Dry. Also, all those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Kay Dry by February 5 at 919.639.9784. .

### **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!

### **PIONEER CLUBS UPDATE:**

- Pioneer Clubs will meet on Sunday, February 3 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **No meal will be served.**
- Pioneer Clubs children will sing during our Worship service on Sunday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m.
- Pioneer Clubs will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **February Anniversaries**

13 Worth and Patsy Bowman

### **February Birthdays**

2 Ava Wood  
4 Kristy Stephenson and Olivia White  
5 Parker Smith and Johnny Wood  
6 Pat Davis  
7 Lily Martin  
8 Phil Cross, Wayne Langdon,  
Mark Nelms and Keith Weatherly  
10 JoAnn Creech  
14 Linda Roberts  
15 Andy Dupree and Joyce Lamm  
16 Jim Davis, Lisa Ingram,  
Cooper Nordan and Jimmy Stuart  
18 Beth Pickens  
20 Ashley Porter  
21 Wade Johnson  
24 HenriAnna Joyner  
25 Tony Bryant and Barbara Walton  
27 Margot Porter  
28 Crissy Porter

### **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:**

- The Youth Group would like to thank all those who made donations to their *Blanket the Community* efforts during the month of January
    - The Middle and High School Youth Groups will continue to meet each Sunday at 5pm.
    - All middle and high school youth are invited to the Youth Group Lock-In planned for Friday, February 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. The Youth will enjoy a fun outing, food, and fellowship. Youth should be picked up by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 16.
    - The Youth Advisors are already making plans for the summer retreats and conferences. The Middle School Youth will go to Massanetta Springs from June 25 – 28, 2013. All youth who plan to attend should pay their \$50 deposit by Sunday, February 10. The High School Youth will go to Montreat July 14 – 20, 2013. All youth who plan to attend should pay their \$150 deposit by Sunday, February 10.
    - The Youth will serve the congregation at their Youth Breakfast planned for Sunday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to come out and support the Youth in their fundraising efforts!
- If you have any questions regarding the Youth Group, please contact any one of the Youth Advisors: David and Pam Collier, Cathy Creech, Mark and Pam Nelms, or Wendy Stephenson.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED  
TO THE FAMILIES OF**

**Greg Carlisle, friend of Mark Nelms,  
J.W. Coats, member of Berea Presbyterian Church,  
Mary Lou Palmer, Margie Taylor's sister,**

## **Prayer List of Joys and Concerns**

### **JOYS:**

Praise the Lord for the freedom to worship!

### **CONCERNS:**

**JoAnn Creech**, *member of church family, health concerns*  
**Bernard Parsons**, *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, Norma Parsons, Chellie Poston, Frances Schmidt, and Ann Woodall** *at home*

**Our Nation's Leaders and All Persons Serving in the Armed Forces, including: Christopher Hagadon**, *servicing in Afghanistan.*

#### **All Persons Living with Cancer, including:**

**Carol Badalucco**, *friend of Sue Bryant, Alvin Bagley*, *Carlos Bagley's uncle, Sherry Baker*, *friend of Laura Langdon, Louise Benson*, *Randy Benson's sister-in-law, Nancy Biernacki*, *friend of Bob Zattiero, Shirley Bledsoe*, *member of community, Edith Bowser*, *friend of Bob Zattiero, Denise Brown*, *friend of Sandy Kopanski, Helen Creech*, *Ronnie Creech's sister-in-law, Ricky Ennis*, *member of community, Ann Hargiss*, *member of community, P.B. Jernigan*, *relative of Sheila Dupree, David Kopanski*, *John Kopanski's brother, Carol Mayben*, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, Edna McLamb*, *Pauline Jones' sister, Judy Raye Miklas*, *member of community, Barbara Owens*, *friend of Laura Langdon, Jackie Parker*, *friend of Amy Reed, Billy Reed*, *Bob Reed's nephew, Bob Stephenson*, *Ann Stephenson's cousin, Bobby Stephenson*, *member of community, Randy Stephenson*, *Jon Nooney's cousin, Crystal Stotter*, *friend of Sandy Kopanski, 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, W.R. Atkins*, *Linda Roberts' brother, Betty Campbell*, *David Collier's mother, David Collier*, *member of church family, 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, Herman Jernigan*, *relative of Sheila Dupree, Maverine Jernigan*, *relative of Sheila Dupree, Norbert Kopanski*, *John Kopanski's father, Melinda Kendall*, *member of church family, Stuart Kremer*, *friend of Andrea Jones, Wanza Mayben*, *Sandy Kopanski's mother, Sue Nicholson*, *Chris Nooney's sister, Robin Nooney*, *Jon Nooney's sister, David Raynor*, *friend of Sandy Kopanski, Mike Rhodes*, *Tony Bryant's step-brother, 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, Linda Weaver*, *Haleigh & Kaleigh's grandmother, and John Wright*, *Chris Nooney's father.*

# FEBRUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 3 Haley Jones, Israel and  
Karen Morrow
- 10 Christina Jones, Laura Langdon,  
Kendall Nelms
- 17 Sue Bryant, Barbie Frickman,  
Carolyn Stuart
- 24 Candace Creech, Mary Langdon,  
Lauren Langdon



## USHERS

- 3 Ryan Nelms and Jeffrey Wood
- 10 John Kopanski and Gary Phillips
- 17 Brent and Lindsey Frampton
- 24 Rick and Margie Taylor

## ACOLYTE

- 3 Ava Wood
- 10 Eva Stephenson
- 17 Connor Reed
- 24 Charlotte Wood



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 10 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 17 Heath and Heather White
- 24 Ann Benson and Cathy Creech

## KID'S KRUSADE

- FEB. Laura Langdon

## February Upcoming Events

- 1 Chicken Pastry Supper/Silent  
Auction from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group from  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **No Meal Served.**
- 4 Congregational Care Committee at  
10:00 a.m.
- 4 Long-Range Planning Committee at  
7:00 p.m.
- 5 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Christian Education Committee  
meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Communion Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 12 noon  
at Providence Presbyterian Church
- 13 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 15 Youth Group Lock-In from 7:00 p.m.  
to 7:00 a.m. on February 16
- 17 Pioneer Clubs Children to sing  
during 11:00 a.m. Worship;
- 17 Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at  
5:00 p.m.
- 19 Presbyterian Women Circle meeting  
at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall
- 20 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Youth Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall
- 26 Newsletter items due to Dave Nelms