

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church  
January 2013



## From the Pastor's Study...

Happy New Year!

It's another new year we have been blessed with. We managed to live through 12-21-2012 which only further solidifies Mark 13:32. Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Christmas and the season of Advent. We remembered God's most awesome gift to humanity, Jesus the Christ, through whom we have all been offered salvation.

The new year will offer us greater opportunities to minister those God places in our path. The new year brings with it new opportunities to come together and seek to discover how God's love and power can work in and through us in various new and exciting ways in the church. I urge everyone to seek out areas in the life and mission of the church where you are both 1) being fed and 2) are feeding others, this is the basic idea of discipleship.

Please consider your own call to ministry in our church and in the world. I encourage us all to embrace the text: John 14:14 *"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."* There is so much energy, hope and joy here in Providence; I can't wait to see where God leads us next. May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Glory to God in the highest, Amen.

Your brother in Christ,  
Jim



## January Scripture Passage

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**John 14:6-14**

## 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).

**CHICKEN PASTRY SUPPER/SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

will be hosted by the Presbyterian Women and will be held on Friday, January 25 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. If you have items that you would like to donate to this auction, please notify Brenda Byrd. The monies raised from this fundraiser will go to support the Capital Campaign. If you have questions, please contact Georgeanna Phillips.

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON**

is planned for Tuesday, January 8 at 12 noon at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. All those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Kay Dry by January 2 at 919.639.9784.

**THANKS FROM THE YOUTH GROUP**

to all those who have supported our Youth Group during 2012! We are thankful for all that we have accomplished this year with our mission and outreach activities, retreats and outings. We could not have had the year that we have had without the prayer, spiritual and financial support that has been offered to us from the generous members of Providence Presbyterian Church. We are looking forward to a year of spiritual growth in 2013!

***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

**January Anniversaries**

- 3 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 11 Atlee and Linda Roberts
- 16 Rick and Margie Taylor

**January Birthdays**

- 2 Samantha Nordan
- 7 Adam Ingram, Shelton Langdon and Wendy Stephenson
- 11 Matthew Dupree
- 12 Coby Frampton and Joy Jones
- 14 Georgeanna Phillips
- 16 Caroline Frampton, Nathan Ingram and Melinda Kendall
- 18 Mary Ann Booth, Joey Porter, and Carolyn Stevenson
- 19 Justin Wood
- 20 Billy Barnhill
- 21 Chris Stephenson
- 22 Joe Rudd
- 24 HenriAnna Joyner
- 26 Laura Langdon and Kathy Wood

**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!

**ACOLYTE TRAINING**

will take place on Sunday, January 6 at 4:00 p.m. All children/youth in the church who are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or older are invited to serve as Acolyte for our worship services. This training is for all current and new acolytes, and will be conducted by Mrs. Ann Stephenson.

*The following is reprinted with permission from an email update received  
from Tim Bunn over the holidays.*

While much of the world around us commercializes the coming of Jesus and many churches and religious services and programs do little more than stir up fleeting emotions that rarely result in life changing spiritual transformation, let me offer a thought or two which may impact our lives in 2013. These thoughts are inspired by Paul's compelling statement in Phil. 3:8, "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord..." Please follow my trail through Scripture.

God the **"I AM"**, revealed himself in the Old Testament,

- First to man in the garden with God's plan for an *intimate* relationship full of delight (Gen. 2:16-17)
- To Abraham "I AM your shield" (Gen. 15:1) and "I AM the Lord" (15:7) and "I AM God Almighty (17:1)
- To Moses God says "I AM who I AM" and tells Pharaoh "I AM has sent me to you" (Ex. 3:14), and "I the Lord your God am a jealous God" (20:5), "I AM compassionate" (22:27), "I AM holy" (Lev. 11:45), "I AM He, and there is no god beside Me" (Deut. 32:39)
- To Aaron: "I AM your portion and your inheritance" (Num. 18:20)
- To Joshua: "I AM the commander of the army of the Lord" (Joshua 5:14)
- To Isaiah: "I, the Lord, the first, and with the last; I AM He" (Is. 41:4), "I AM He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake" (43:25), "I AM the first and I AM the last, besides me there is no god" (44:6)
- To Jeremiah: "I AM a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away" (Jer. 23:23)

...**has now** been revealed and spoken to us by His Son (Heb. 1:2),

- Who is the "I AM", the complete revelation of God, "for in Him all the fullness of God was **pleased** to dwell..." (Col. 1:19)
- Jesus said, "I AM the bread of life" (John 6:35)
- "I AM the light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:5)
- "...before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58)
- "I AM the door of the sheep" (John 10:7)
- "I AM the good shepherd" (John 10:14)
- "I AM the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)
- "I AM...your Lord and Teacher" (John 13:13-14)
- "I AM the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)
- "I AM the true vine" (John 15:1)
- "I AM a king" (John 18:37)

...and to complete the message of God's revealed Word, **"I AM the Alpha and the Omega" says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty"** (Revelation 1:8)

May each moment of each day that is left to us be spent getting to know the **"I AM"** personally through His Spirit who dwells within us. Let Him be your first conversation in the morning and the last at night.

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

**Mary Adcock**, *Karen Sherrill's mother*, **Edna Rose**, *Kevin Crocker's grandmother*, and  
**Donald Shumaker**, *Brittany Jones' grandfather*,

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### **JOYS:**

We are thankful for Ann Stephenson and her many years of service to Providence and its music ministry!

### **CONCERNS:**

**JoAnn Creech**, *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 and Norma Parsons, Chellie Poston, and Ann Woodall** *at home*

**Our Nation's Leaders and All Persons Serving in the Armed Forces, including: Christopher Hagadom**, *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, Helen Creech*, *Ronnie Creech's sister-in-law, Ricky Ennis*, *member of community, David Kopanski*, *John Kopanski's brother, Carol Mayben*, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, Judy Raye Miklas*, *member of community, Barbara Owens*, *friend of Laura Langdon, Tammy Page*, *friend of Georgeanna Phillips, MaryLou Palmer*, *Margie Taylor's sister, 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, and Kay Williams*, *friend of Sandy Kopanski.*

### **Other Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:**

**Barbara Anderson**, *friend of Brenda Byrd, Elaine Andrews*, *Andrea Jones' mother, W.R. Atkins*, *Linda Roberts' brother, Al Campbell*, *member of church family, Betty Campbell*, *David Collier's mother, 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, 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, George Roberts*, *friend of Eunice Newnam, Kathy Ryals*, *member of church family, Gary Schmidt*, *Kim Schmidt's brother, Pete and Brenda Skinner*, *friends of Sue Bryant, and Nan Walker*, *Andrea Jones' grandmother.*

# JANUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 6 Candace Creech, Israel and Karen Morrow
- 13 Chris and Kristy Stephenson, Jonathan Breeden
- 20 Richard, Andrea, and Haley Jones
- 27 Brandy Joyner, Beth Pickens and Crissy Porter,



## USHERS

- 6 Ronnie Creech and Jimmy Stuart
- 13 Wayne Lamm and Atlee Roberts
- 20 Brent Frampton and Eric Smith
- 27 Carlos Bagley and Ken Lordi

## ACOLYTE

- 6 Haleigh Weaver
- 13 Emma Roberts
- 20 Kaleigh Weaver
- 27 Paige Smith



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 6 Jonathan and Beth Breeden
- 13 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 20 Ryan and Allison Nelms
- 27 Scott and Barri Martin

## January Upcoming Events

- 2 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Ordination/Installation of Elders during 11:00 a.m. Worship; Acolyte Training at 4:00 p.m.; Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Long-Range Planning Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 12 noon at White Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 9 Worship Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.; Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Presbyterian Women meetings at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 16 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 23 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Presbyterian Women Chicken Pastry Supper/Silent Auction from 4pm - 7pm  
Newsletter articles due to Dave Nelms
- 27 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.