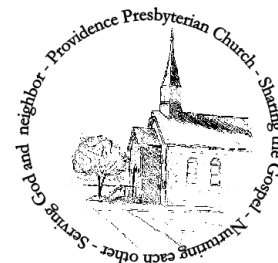


PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2013



From the Pastor's Study...

Heat of Summer is on! Yet once again we enter into the life experience of enduring the sweltering summer days of the south. July is arguably the warmest time of the year where iced tea, ice cream, swimming pools, and fireworks from the 4th of July are what we look forward to.

The ministry and mission opportunities also heat up in the summer here at Providence Presbyterian Church. We sent our youth mission team to Savannah Georgia, we sent our Middle School Youth to a Christian Youth Conference at Massanetta Conference Center; we will send our High School Youth off to Montreat Youth Conference in Black Mountain; and we prepare for another awesome Vacation Bible School.

Our nation's birthday begins the month of July, where we celebrate our freedoms enjoyed apart from many other oppressive countries in this world. As we celebrate the 4th in our own unique ways let us remember those who have gone boldly before us to pay the price of the freedom we now enjoy.

This month's scripture passage is come from Galatians 5:1, 13-14, where the Apostle Paul writes of Christian freedom through which Jesus calls us all to a life of freedom from being convicted of our past sins but through our faith in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and are called to a life of repentance and service to our neighbors. And who are our neighbors? All of God's people! Paul contrasts our spiritual freedom by saying "*do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.*" therefore we are called to go and do.

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July Scripture Passage

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

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).

REV. DAVIS is away on vacation through Sunday, July 7. In his absence, if a need arises, please contact Wayne Lamm at 919.639.5950 or Jeffrey Wood at 919.331.9046.

We must never get too comfortable in our lives to justify ignoring those whom God's sends our way.

Let us then be "²⁰ ... *ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.* ²¹ *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*" **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

Let us pray for our families, our church, our community, the leaders and the citizens of this country in that we may never forget the privilege and responsibilities that come with the greatest gifts humanity can be given. God bless Providence Presbyterian Church ... God bless you ... God bless America ... and may God bless all those who bless God.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAYTIME CIRCLE

will continue to meet during the summer at 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. The Evening Circle will resume their meetings in September. All ladies are invited to participate in the Daytime Circle throughout the summer if you'd like. If you have any questions regarding the Presbyterian Women, please contact Georgeanna Phillips.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

is planned for Tuesday, June 9 at Providence 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 July 2 at 919.639.9784. Since our church is serving as the host for this meal, if you are able to help in anyway, please notify Kay Dry.



KINGDOM ROCK *Where Kids Stand Strong for God*

is the theme for Providence Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2013. We will hold VBS in the evenings from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1, so go ahead and mark your calendars now! Volunteers are needed, so if you would like to help in anyway, please contact Kristy Stephenson or Beth Breeden. Please help spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. On-line registration is now available at www.providencepresb.org. Please help with planning by pre-registering all children and youth who will be participating! Also, a VBS Informational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14, immediately following Worship, in the Fellowship Hall. All volunteers/leaders are asked to attend this meeting. Lunch will be provided.

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 FAMILIES OF

Shirley Bledsoe, *member of community*
Katie Farris, *Sarah Smith's mother*
Jace Sealey, *daughter of John and Jaime Sealey*

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.



June Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on June 10, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Present were Moderator Reverend Jim Davis, and Elders Stephanie Bagley, Nathan Dry, Robert Joyner, John Kopanski, Wayne Lamm, Gary Phillips, Atlee Roberts, Kristy Stephenson, and Jeffrey Wood. A quorum was declared and Rev. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. Atlee Roberts presented the devotional titled "What We Talk About" taken from Psalm 19.

Correspondence included an invitation to the Commencement Exercises at West Johnston High School extended to the membership of the church from Miss Kendall Nelms. A letter from the Nominating Committee of New Hope Presbytery was received soliciting nominations. A letter was received from the Finance and Property Committee of New Hope Presbytery recognizing the church's submission of its Benevolence Remittance Forms for 2013. An invitation to the Benson Grove "Campmeeting" on June 10-13, 2013 was extended to the congregation. The Session received a letter from DeEtta Wood, submitting her resignation as church secretary effective December 31, 2013.

Committee reports were made from eight of the standing committees of Session. No Property Committee report was presented. The Pastor's Report was also submitted. The following actions were approved by Session:

- The minutes of the stated Session meeting conducted on May 13, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- The April Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- The balances of three designated funds totaling \$285 were transferred to the general fund.
- The cost of a new communion set and linens will be researched.
- A congregational meeting is scheduled for November 3rd at the end of worship for the purpose of election of elders for the class of 2016.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you....

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, **Denise Brown**, friend of Sandy Kopanski, **Bucky Gardner**, friend of Christina Jones, **Rowland Gilchrist**, Becky Kleaver's brother, **Ann Hargiss**, member of community, **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of Sheila Dupree, **David Kopanski**, John Kopanski's brother, **Keith Langdon**, member of church family, **Leslie Lobaugh**, friend of Chris Nooney, **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, **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, **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

July Anniversaries

17 Jim and Lisa Ingram
28 Jonathan and Beth Breeden

July Birthdays

5 Brian Wheeler
7 Tom Nelms and Sam Stephenson
8 Ryne Jones and
Samuel Stephenson
10 Christy Cross
11 Travis Creech and
Lindsey Frampton
12 David Nelms
14 Cathy Creech and Carolyn Zattiero
15 Kent Walton
16 Mary Langdon
19 Pete Booth, Kimberly Byrd,
Jennifer Crocker and Atlee Roberts
20 Maddox Strader and Rick Taylor
24 Wesley Nooney
29 Heather Reed
30 Kendall Nelms

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

JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 7 Brandy Joyner & MaKayla Hackney
- 14 Sue Bryant and Barbie Frickman
- 21 Lauren Langdon and Amy Reed
- 28 Pat Davis and Elaine Wood



USHERS

- 7 Darren Stuart and Jimmy Stuart
- 14 Wayne Lamm and Steve Wolak
- 21 Bob Stolle and Russell Wood
- 28 Ken Lordi and Rick Taylor

ACOLYTE

- 7 Haleigh Weaver
- 14 Olivia White
- 21 Kaleigh Weaver
- 28 Riley Wood



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 7 Phil and Christy Cross
- 14 Israel and Karen Morrow
- 21 Beth and Jane Pickens
- 28 Scott and Barri Martin

July Upcoming Events

- 3 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Happy Independence Day!
- 8 Stated Session Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 9 Community Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 12 noon at Providence
- 10 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 14 VBS Volunteer Information meeting, immediately following Worship. Lunch will be provided
- 15 High School Youth leave for Montreat
- 16 Presbyterian Women Circle meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 17 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Deadline for submitting articles for the August newsletter
- 28 VBS: Kingdom Rock from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.
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- 30 VBS: Kingdom Rock from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- 31 VBS: Kingdom Rock from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- 8/1 VBS: Kingdom Rock from 6:30 pm – 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.