

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

November 2013



From the Pastor's Study...

It is with great joy that we enter into the fall season of 2013. November ushers in the beginning of the building phase of our new facilities. The changes have already begun: earth moving equipment, a new gravel driveway, and marker flags - which signal a new thing is happening at Providence Presbyterian Church!

Thanksgiving comes on the 28th this year and we have so much to be thankful for and it is a privilege to live in a country that still takes time to recognize all that God blesses us with - in our families, in our community, and in our nation. This month we celebrate: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, our Harvest Sunday, and Stewardship Sunday. Let us take time to remember those who have gone before us, those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, those who braved great challenges and hardship to come to a new world and begin again.

This month's scripture is 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Paul writes to the church in Corinth to remind the body of believers that we reap what we sow in all things. God is a generous God who loves humanity and provides for each and every one of us with an abundance that exceeds our imaginations. While we celebrate the pioneering spirit of the Pilgrims; let us remember the saints in our own time and pray that we embrace God's calling for us to begin a new chapter of serving God and our neighbors through the new space and time to come. Please pray for the ministries, missions, and the committees of our church so that we may grow in the way God Almighty calls us.

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November Scripture Passage

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

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).

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Let us give thanks to the LORD for His Love endures forever!

Then we your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise. Psalm 79:13

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

HARVEST SUNDAY

will be held on Sunday, November 10th.

Following the Worship service, the Fellowship Committee will host a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall where the meat, drinks and rolls will be provided. All those attending are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. Harvest Sunday is a time for our congregation to reflect on the many blessings God has given to us, and to think ahead on how we can support Providence and its missions in the coming year. Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 17. During Worship, there will be an opportunity to bring forth your pledges for 2014.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 12 noon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Please RSVP to Kay Dry at 919.639.8784 by Tuesday, November 4. All Senior Citizens within the congregation and community are invited to attend!

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

will have a Combined Circle meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will include a business meeting, refreshments, Bible study and celebration of the Thank Offering. All women within the congregation are invited to be a part of the Presbyterian Women organization. If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Presbyterian Women, please contact Mary Ann Booth at maboorth1@gmail.com or 919.275.4564.

**MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MONTHLY PROJECT**

will be *Bring Your Can to Church*. On the 4th Sunday of each month, members of the congregation are encouraged to bring in items to support our Backpack Buddies ministry and the Community Food Pantry.

There will be collection bins in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall on these Sundays for you to drop off your items. For a complete listing of items that are most needed for this ministry, please visit our website at www.providencepresb.org, Outreach Ministries, Community Care Cabinet.

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

Cameron Firebaugh, *friend of Carlos and Stephanie Bagley*

Duke Jones, *Eric Jones' grandfather*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, in conjunction with Pioneer Clubs, at 5:00 p.m. in the Nesselrodt Classroom. The lesson on November 3 will be led by Kay Dry, and the lesson on November 17 will be led by Nathan Dry. Following the lesson, a meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

is scheduled for Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. The children will be rehearsing the music for this program during Pioneer Clubs on Sunday, November 3 at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m.,

In addition to the music rehearsal, additional rehearsals are scheduled. If you have a part in this program, it is extremely important that you attend the rehearsals.

Also, in between rehearsals, please be reviewing your lines and/or the songs. If you have any questions, please contact Georgeanna Phillips. Remaining rehearsals are as follows:

- **Narrators:** Sunday, November 17 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Dancing Stars:** Sunday, November 17 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- **Full Ensemble Rehearsal/Final Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, November 23 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Full Ensemble Rehearsal:** Sunday, December 1 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Program:** Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:

- Thank you to all those who brought in stuffed animals for the S.A.F.E. mission project during the month of October. These donations will be given to the 50/210 Fire and Rescue.
- The Youth Group will be collecting monetary donations during the month of November in order to support their *Angel Tree* mission project for the month of December. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Stephenson.
- The Middle and High School youth will continue to meet every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Manse.

October Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on October 14, 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. Excused was elder Robert Joyner. A quorum was declared and Rev. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. Correspondence included a note from Ted Churn, Executive Presbyter, New Hope Presbytery offering congratulations on the celebration of Providence's 86th Homecoming. A letter was received from Benson Grove Baptist Church soliciting support for a missionary team to the Philippines.

Reports were received from Christian Education, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Mission and Outreach, Nominating, Personnel, Property and Worship Committees and from the pastor. The following actions were approved by session:

- The minutes of the stated session meeting conducted on September 9, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- A donation will be sent to Benson Grove Church's toward the support of their mission team to the Philippines.
- The September Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- The 2014 budget was reviewed and approved. The budget will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, November 10, 2013.
- A letter to be mailed to all members concerning the church's annual stewardship campaign was approved.
- The church will enter into a cost plus contract with Dalton General Contractors, LLC for the construction project of a new fellowship hall and classroom addition.
- Upon approval from the congregation on Sunday, October 20, 2013, the church will proceed with a loan and will proceed with construction of phase 1 and phase 2 of the long-range plan with approval of the loan.
- Communications concerning the personnel concerns of any individual employed by the church are not to be communicated electronically and printed copies are to be restricted to those needed for permanent personnel files as well as additional copies for the work of the committee. Copies used by the committee are not to be destroyed after use.
- Mrs. Daphne Noles will be moved from the inactive roll of membership to the roll of active membership.
- An accompanist will be paid to play the piano for the Christmas cantata.
- John Kopanski will represent Providence as a commissioner at the October 26th meeting of New Hope Presbytery.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

May we always remember the saints who have gone before us.

CONCERNS:

Kobe Horne, *two-year old friend of the Crockers, cancer*

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*

Lacy Johnson & 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*, **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*, **Keith Langdon**, *member of church family*, **Leslie Lobaugh**, *friend of Chris Nooney*, **Ann Lopp**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Amy Louthan**, *friend of Barri Martin*, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*, **Harry Myers**, *friend of Ann Benson*, **Barbara Owens**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Reed*, **Jerry Penny**, *friend of Dick Embrey*, **Barbara Shaw**, *Kathy Ryals' aunt*, **Bob Stephenson**, *Ann Stephenson's cousin*, **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*, **Betty West**, *friend of Randy Benson*, **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*, **Mary Bass**, *Rev. Davis' mother*, **Shelton Benson**, *Randy Benson's father*, **Charlie Brannon**, *friend of Dick Embrey*, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*, **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*, **Duke Jones**, *Eric Jones' grandfather*, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*, **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*, **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*, **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*, **Bobbie Powell**, *Brandy Joyner's mother*, **David Raynor**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, *member of church family*, **Danny Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Gary Schmidt**, *Kim Schmidt's brother*, **Pete and Brenda Skinner**, *friends of Sue Bryant*, **Nan Walker**, *Andrea Jones' grandmother*, **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*, and **Charles Young**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Anniversaries

- 1 Robert and Brandy Joyner
- 8 Dick and Pat Embrey
- 12 Johnny and Elaine Wood
- 13 Shepherd and Brenda Byrd
- 17 John and Sandy Kopanski
- 21 Todd and Barbie Frickman
- 24 Randy and Ann Benson
- 27 Steve and Beth Wolak

November Birthdays

- 2 Kimsey Bagley and Joey Crocker
- 3 Gwen Walton
- 6 Nathan Reed
- 7 Ann Benson and Chloe Frickman
- 9 Gary Phillips
- 10 Hannah Stephenson
- 11 Virginia Moore
- 12 Rosyval Walton
- 15 Jane Ashley Porter
- 20 Jim Ingram and Alex Nooney
- 21 Candace Creech
- 22 Mark Strader and Darren Stuart
- 24 Chris Roberts
- 26 Jeffrey Wood
- 27 Megan Sherrill and
Audrey Whitley
- 30 Laura McLamb

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 3 Brandy Joyner and MaKayla Hackney
- 10 Todd and Barbie Frickman
- 17 Jennifer Crocker and Kristy Stephenson
- 24 Pat Davis and Elaine Wood



USHERS

- 3 Darren Stuart and Jimmy Stuart
- 10 Don Dupree and Bob Stolle
- 17 Hamilton Greene and Atlee Roberts
- 24 Gary Phillips and Heath White

ACOLYTE

- 3 Emma Roberts
- 10 Haleigh Weaver
- 17 Charlotte Wood
- 24 Kaleigh Weaver



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 10 Laura Langdon and Beth Pickens
- 17 Christina Jones and Amy Reed
- 24 Phil and Christy Cross

KID'S KRUSADE

Beth Breeden

Elder of the Month/Greeter

Gary Phillips

November Upcoming Events

- 3 Adult Christmas Cantata Rehearsal from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 3 Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, led by Nathan Dry, at 5:00 p.m.
- 4 Long-Range Planning Committee at 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 6 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Harvest Sunday, with a Fellowship Luncheon immediately following Worship
- 10 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Community Senior Luncheon at 12 noon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
- 13 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Stewardship Sunday during Worship
- 17 Narrator Christmas Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.; Dancing Stars rehearsal from 5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.
- 17 Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, led by Kay Dry, at 5:00 p.m.
- 19 Presbyterian Women Combined Circle meeting and Thank Offering program at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 20 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Full Ensemble Christmas Rehearsal from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 24 Adult Christmas Cantata Rehearsal from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 27 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Deadline for submitting articles for the December newsletter
- 30 Presbyterian Women to decorate for Christmas and Advent at 9:00 a.m.