

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

September 2013



From the Pastor's Study...

Autumn comes this month on the 22nd, Summer has given us sun and rain so that God good earth may yield its bounty. This month many of us will go back to school, begin a new thing in our yards and gardens, adjust our schedules to accommodate our children's activities, and prepare for the cooler days ahead. I always look forward to autumn and the beautiful array of color displayed in the God's grand palette of the world. The rich greens and brilliant colors brought out by the Summer sun's rays will begin to give way to a softer and slower set of hues which serve as a sign of change in our world. Change in this world and in our lives is a constant in this life. We grow older with every passing breath we take, the world turns on its invisible axis and the heavens continue their intricate waltz as the seasons ebb and flow.

Change in Providence Presbyterian Church is also unfolding, in the coming months new things will begin to arrive and bricks, shovels, building materials will appear and integrate into a new chapter in our history. These are exciting times and we should double our efforts to who God calls us - as God's people, as Christ's Church, as our Lord's ambassadors in this life.

This month's scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Mark. Where Jesus share's the parable of the fig tree and being alert. This passage reminds us that the relationship of God and humanity is not winding down but really just beginning in that we have been promised the return of Jesus as Christ and we've been given the rest of the story as well. Jesus will overcome the evil and Satan and will make a new thing in this world.

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September Scripture Passage

²⁶ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:26-33

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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But that's not the end of the story either. When it comes to the Kingdom of God – we are reminded that it is far bigger, far more awesome, and far more wonderful than we are capable of truly conceiving of. And so we are charged in Mark 13 to be ready, be alert, and continue growing Christ's church just as the fig tree produces forth its leaves.

The question we must continue to ask ourselves is: What is Jesus calling us to do today? God continues to bless and grow the ministries and missions of PPC. I am encouraged in the outpouring of love and fellowship the Holy Spirit acts in and through the body of Christ here at Providence. As the days progress, let us do a new thing in the Kingdom of God while we "Honor our history" and begin to "Build our future!"

Let us prayerfully move forward together as we enter this new chapter of being God's family.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

is planned for Tuesday, September 10 at Johnson Memorial 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 September 3 at 919.639.9784.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

will resume their monthly meetings with a Combined Circle meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17 in the Fellowship Hall. During this meeting, the Presbyterian Women will install their officers for the 2013/2014 year. All ladies ages 18 and older are encouraged to join the Presbyterian Women as they start their new year. 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.

OFFICERS FOR 2013/2014:

Moderator: Mary Ann Booth

Co-Moderator: Carolyn Stevenson

Secretary/Historian: Sue Bryant

Treasurer: Nell Franke

Bereavement: Georgeanna Phillips

Day Circle Chairperson: Margie Taylor

Co-Chair, Day Circle: Joyce Lamm

Bible Moderators, Day Circle: Kay Dry and Elaine Wood

Night Circle Chair: Cathy Creech

Co-Chair, Night Circle: Laura Langdon

Bible Moderators, Night Circle: Ann Benson, Brenda Byrd, Sheila Dupree and Janice Parrish

Thanksgiving Offering 2013: Beth Wolak

Birthday Offering 2014: Brandy Joyner

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!

CHURCH CRAFT SALE

will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Craft Sale will be held as a fundraiser for the Youth Group. If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Robert and Brandy Joyner. Please plan to come out and shop, supporting not only our Youth Group but local area vendors.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION PROJECT

for the month of September is supporting McGee's Middle School and West Johnston High School by collecting school supplies. Items needed to support this mission are: *college-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper; college-ruled composition notebooks; #2 pencils; black or blue ink pens; and highlighters.* The collection box for these items will be located in the Fellowship Hall from August 25 - September 22.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

will resume their monthly 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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF

Arnold Hudson, *friend of DeEtta Wood*
Sarah Nell Weaver, *member of community*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

has some exciting events planned in the coming month. Please go ahead and mark your calendars now to participate in these activities:

- **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation** will take place on Sunday, September 8 during Worship
- **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. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, a meal will be served to all those participating in Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group, and their families.
- **Youth Group Workday** will take place on Saturday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m. All those who are able to come out and help clean up around the church are encouraged to participate!

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. 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

will resume on Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 p.m. The first lesson will be led by Gary Phillips, studying *Holy Living* I Peter 3:1-7. This group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in conjunction with Pioneer Clubs.

2013 HOMECOMING SERVICE AND GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Providence Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 86th anniversary with a Homecoming Service on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Homecoming is always a special time at Providence, but this year it will be extra special as we celebrate with a Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin construction on Phases 1 and 2 of our Building Project.

Please make plans to be a part of this very special day, as we praise the Lord for His many blessings! Please make note of the many activities taking place, in addition to our Worship service:

- Homecoming Sunday is October 13, 2013
- No Fellowship Time following Sunday School
- Worship will begin with special music at 10:45 a.m., and will include a spirit-filled message by Rev. John Hartman
- The Homecoming Offering will go to support the Capital Campaign
- Following the Worship service, everyone will gather outside to celebrate as we "break-the-ground" for our new facilities.
- Dinner on the grounds will be enjoyed by all
- Church members are asked to bring extra food to share with our guests, family and friends!
- Please invite your friends and neighbors. Homecoming invitations will be mailed out mid-September. If you know of someone who should receive an invitation, please forward their name and address to DeEtta Wood at jdwood72@gmail.com by September 15.

August Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on August 12, 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, Gary Phillips, Atlee Roberts and Jeffrey Wood. Excused were elders Wayne Lamm and Kristy Stephenson. A quorum was declared and Rev. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. John Kopanski presented the devotional titled "Reflections on Windows" taken from Psalm 34:1-10.

Correspondence included a thank you card received from McGee's Crossroads Alanon in appreciation for the use of the fellowship hall for hosting a district meeting in June; a brochure advertising "Growing Together", a Christian education event from New Hope Presbytery; a letter from the Board of Pensions informing of changes to the PCUSA medical plan; a letter from the Fellowship of Presbyterians in appreciation of Providence's support; a letter from the Presbytery of New Hope informing that session minutes and rolls/registers for Providence were approved without exception at the presbytery's stated meeting on July 23rd.

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

- The minutes of the stated Session meeting conducted on July 8, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- The minutes of the congregational meeting conducted on July 28, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- The July Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- Sunday School teacher appreciation will be September 8 during worship.
- The Providence Youth will sponsor a craft sale on October 19th as a fundraiser to support youth activities.
- The roster of Sunday School teachers for 2013-2014 were presented and approved.
- The roster of Pioneer Clubs leaders for 2013-2014 were presented and approved.
- Recent gifts totaling \$2,700 will be used toward the balance of Vacation Bible School expenses and the purchase of the new communion set with any remaining amount to be moved to the capital campaign account.
- A building finance chairperson will be appointed to form a committee to finalize the loan for Phase 1 and Phase 2 facilities and any ancillary items that are required to complete the construction of these phases.
- The long-range building committee will begin and complete any ancillary items required for the proper completion of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects.
- Homecoming Sunday will be designated the "Groundbreaking Ceremony" for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 construction.
- Every fourth Sunday will be designated as "Bring your can to church Sunday" to promote the donation of canned food items for the church's food pantry with a food donation bin (blue tub) positioned in the vestibule and one in the fellowship hall.
- Kids Crusade leaders for the 2013-2014 year were presented and approved.
- Music CDs for children's church will be purchased.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Praise the Lord for His many blessings!

CONCERNS:

Shelton Benson, *Randy Benson's father, health concerns*
Janie McClellan, *Barri Martin's stepmother, broken hip*

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*, **Keith Langdon**, *member of church family*, **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*, **Jerry Penny**, *friend of Dick Embrey*, **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*, **Betty West**, *friend of Randy Benson*, **Jimmy Wilkins**, *member of community*, **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*, **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*, **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*, **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

September Anniversaries

- 8 David and Lisa Nelms
9 Ronnie and JoAnn Creech
10 Eric and Christina Jones
17 Brent and Lindsey Frampton
19 Richard and Andrea Jones
22 Melvin and Mary Langdon
Ken and Sandra Lordi

September Birthdays

- 1 Sue Bryant, Carolyn Stuart and
Stephanie Whitley
4 Kaitlin White
5 Dorothy Nesselrodt
and Steve Wolak
10 David Collier, Jessica Langdon
and Michelle Strader
11 Nell Franke
12 Joseph Phillips
13 DeEtta Wood
14 Stephanie Bagley
15 Makalya Hackney
16 Bobbie Langdon
and Mary Elaine Wood
19 Ken Lordi and Ashton Stuart
22 William Stephenson
28 Pat Embrey and Haley Jones
30 Nathan Dry

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 1 Jonathan and Beth Breeden
- 8 Jennifer Crocker and Mary Langdon
- 15 Richard, Andrea, and Haley Jones
- 22 Christina Jones and Laura Langdon
- 29 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley



USHERS

- 1 Ronnie Creech and David Nelms
- 8 Wayne Lamm and Atlee Roberts
- 15 Austin Benson and Jeffrey Wood
- 22 Carlos Bagley and Ryan Nelms
- 29 Todd Frickman and Russell Wood

ACOLYTE

- 1 Connor Reed
- 8 Paige Smith
- 15 Mary Elaine Wood
- 22 Kimsey Bagley
- 29 Hunter Joyner



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Laura Langdon and Stephanie Whitley
- 8 Jonathan and Beth Breeden
- 15 Wayne and Heather Ennis
- 22 Heath and Heather White
- 29 Brent and Lindsey Frampton

September Upcoming Events

- 3 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 4 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 12 noon at Johnson Memorial Church at 12 noon
- 11 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Pioneer Clubs, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Presbyterian Women Circle meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 18 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Acolyte Training at 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 25 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Deadline for submitting items for October newsletter
- 29 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.