

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

August 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

God is so good! Once again growing church has ended the month with celebration of Jesus Christ in the form of Vacation Bible School. It is a blessing and joy to share the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to those in our community and our church family. Vacation Bible School was a glowing display of God's grace, caring Christians, great food, fun, sun, (a little rain), kickball, and proclamation of the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We would like to extend a joyful *Thank you!* and *well done* to all who participated, taught, organized, cooked, played, led, and sustained the week long activities of proclaiming the love of God to all God's people!

This month's scripture passage is 2 Corinthians 9:11-15, where the Apostle Paul writes a powerful letter, steeped in the love of Christ, to the growing church in Corinth. In this passage, Paul reminds us that we all have a ministry of generosity, thanksgiving, confessing the gospel of Christ, grace, and obedience to our Lord God. Our task of being the church, as commanded by Jesus Christ, is to lift each other up in the love of God and put on the yoke of Christ and serve God's people. The important part and parcel of serving God's people is understanding that ALL people are God's people. The challenging task for us is to recognize the person right in front of us as a child of God ... even if they are blessing you or cursing you.

When Paul states we will be enriched by our generosity - he is proclaiming Jesus parable of reaping and sowing. When we sow the seeds of hospitality and love for a child of God - then we have invested in God's kingdom here on earth and in heaven.



August Scripture Passage

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:11-15

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).

Sharing the gospel with a believer can be affirming and convicting – sharing the gospel with a new believer can be enlightening and uplifting – sharing the gospel with a non-believer can be radically transformational. And so Paul rightly tells us that great generosity and the gospel of Jesus Christ not only serves God’s people but also blesses and yields blessing to and from our Lord God Almighty.

God calls us to be in relationship with God, our families (genetic family, church family, and humanity) for better or worse! Some relationships take more work than others, but anything which has true worth always requires effort.

Let us pray for the courage and strength to step out on faith, to embrace our personal ministry of hospitality and proclaiming the Gospel, and go forth lifting each other up by making new relationship – nurturing old relationship – and reconciling and repairing damaged relationships.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim

CAUTION! - The construction area is a very tempting place for children to want to play. There are many areas and materials that could injure an unsupervised child. Please make sure all children stay away from the construction zone. Thanks to all for their help in making sure we keep the construction area safe.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

The August Senior Citizens' luncheon will be held at 12 noon Tues., August 12th at Mt. Pleasant Pres. Church, 8001 Mt. Pleasant Ch. Road, Willow Springs, NC. Please contact Kay Dry by Aug. 6th to make your reservations for the Luncheon.

Kay Dry: kaydry@embarqmail.com or 919-639-9784.

Hope to see you at Mt. Pleasant for the special day.

NEW FALL PROGRAMS

LOGOS ("The Word") will be our Sunday evening program for preschoolers through 12th graders beginning this fall. LOGOS includes Bible study, music and worship arts, recreation, and a meal in a faith-full, fun, and interactive experience that will build on our VBS success. If you feel called to serve in the LOGOS program, or if you would like to learn more about LOGOS, please contact Kristy Stephenson or Beth Breeden. We have roles big and small, and we appreciate both your involvement in and your prayer for this new ministry. August 10 at 2pm, there will be a session for any adult interested in participating as a leader/helper in LOGOS or just want to learn more about this exciting Sunday evening program for children and youth.

Sunday Service Schedules

Please keep a watch in the bulletin, newsletter and website for times you or your child are scheduled to serve by helping with acolyte, ushering, nursery or children's program. If you see you cannot be here a particular Sunday, please find a replacement and let David Nelms know so the bulletin will reflect that change. The home page of the website will now have the schedule for the upcoming week.

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

is Thursday August 28. If you have news or announcements you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send them to Dave Nelms at dnelms44@gmail.com.

Mission & Outreach Committee

is going to make personal hygiene baggies for the ladies and the children at Harbor Shelter for abused women and children. We are collecting small bars of soap (the ones from the hotels are great), toothbrushes, toothpaste, small bottles of shampoo and conditioner, and small bottles of lotion. Travel size are best because we are going to use quart size bags. Please put them in the blue tubs in the fellowship hall.

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Back to School Bash

For Providence Middle & High School Youth

Sunday, August 17th at 4 pm
at the Home of Carlos & Stephanie Bagley
215 Timberland Drive
Angier, NC 27501
919.868.2756

Bring your bathing suit for swimming.

We will swim from 4pm to 6 pm.

Parents are asked to join us at 6pm for hotdogs and hamburgers.

We ask for each family to bring a side or dessert to share.

We will have our informational meeting to discuss 2014-2015 Youth Opportunities.

Please RSVP to Stephanie Bagley by Sunday, August 10, 2014.

Praise the Lord! Our 2014 Vacation Bible School was a huge success and tremendous outreach to both our church and community! Children, youth and adults have all enjoyed a week full of learning through a study of Moses' Journey through the Wilderness! We appreciate all the children, youth and adults who came each night to learn that God Guides and Provides, so TRUST GOD! Below is a breakdown of our attendance for each night:

Sunday: 57 children/youth; 10 adults; 51 teachers/helpers = Total **118**

Monday: 72 children/youth; 14 adults; 54 teachers/helpers = Total **136**

Tuesday: 68 children/youth; 9 adults; 55 teachers/helpers = Total **132**

Wednesday: 68 children/youth; 8 adults; 50 teachers/helpers = Total **126**

Thursday: 71 children/youth; 11 adults; 53 teachers/helpers = Total **135**

We would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents, donated items, and offered up prayer support for Wilderness Escape VBS. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all that you did to make VBS a success!

July Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on July 21, 2014, at 7:00pm at the church. The elders present were Pete Booth, Wayne Lamm, David Nelms, Margie Taylor, Kristy Stephenson, Nathan Dry and Steve Nordan.

- The Session accepted the resignation letter from Session from Robert Joyner.
- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be scheduled for September 7, 2014
- The youth calendar for the 2014-15 year as well as the Sunday School teacher schedule were presented and accepted.
- LOGOS Leadership training would be held on August 10 at the church for those not attending the August 2 session.
- M&O committee will do a single collection of items to support our troops through the USO. The committee will be collecting for the Fayetteville unit. Flags with wishes will be posted on the bulletin board so that members can take a flag so that the committee will know what items are being bought..
- The revised pastoral review evaluation format and a revised description of the part time secretarial position were approved.
- Communion will be August 10

Next stated session meeting will be held August 11, 2014 at 7pm

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson at Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield, Pauline Jones, Nancy Allen at Liberty Commons in Benson, Grant Joyner, Bobbie Langdon, and Frances Schmidt at home.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Carol Badalucco, friend of Sue Bryant, Sherry Baker, friend of Laura Langdon, Cheryl Beckham, friend of Laura McLamb, Jerry Benson, Randy Benson's cousin, Nancy Biernacki, friend of Bob Zattiero, Patsy Bowman, member of church family, Edith Bowser, friend of Bob Zattiero, Mickey Carroll, cousin of Kelly Nordan, ,Kathy Durocher, friend of Mark Nelms, Ann Hargiss, member of community, P.B. Jernigan, relative of Sheila Dupree, Joey Johnson, friend of Randy Benson. Paula Johnson, friend of Dave and Edythe Nattrass, David Kopanski, John Kopanski's brother, Keith Langdon, member of church family, Carol Mayben, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, Stacy Meadows, friend of Beth Wolak, Jackie Parker, friend of Amy Dupree, Barbara Shaw, Kathy Ryals' aunt, Judy Clifton Smith, friend of Mary Langdon, Ben Snelling, friend, of John Kopanski, Randy Stephenson, Jon Nooney's cousin, Chad Talley, friend of John Pickens, Wayne Toler, Dorothy Nesselrodt's brother-in-law Tammy Vann, friend of Sandy Kopanski, Cory Watt, friend of Jeff Wood, DeEtta Wood, member of church family, and Hannah Youngblood, friend of Kristy Stephenson

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Levon and Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's parents, Elaine Andrews, father of Andrea Jones, Mary Bass, Rev. Davis' mother, Velma and Ray Bost, grandparents of Heath White, Charlie & Mary Burke, Steve Wolak's parents, Ed Fontana, Mary Langdon's father, Rose Hollingsworth, Ann Stephenson's sister-in-law, Will Hunnicutt, member of community, Fred Ipock, Cathy Creech's father, Melinda Kendall, member of church family, Norbert Kopanski, John Kopanski's father, Stuart Kremmer, friend of Andrea Jones, Vic LaSaxon, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law, Wanza Mayben, Sandy Kopanski's mother, Sue Nicholson, Chris Nooney's sister, Jon Nooney, member of church family, Ray and Peggy Pippin, uncle and aunt of Scott Martin, Chellie Poston, former member, Jennifer Price, step-sister to Andrea Jones Kathy Rose, friend of Kim Schmidt, Kathy Ryals, member of church family, Danny Salmon, Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law, Merle Smith, Sandra Lordi's brother-in-law, Linda Stephenson, at Carolina House in Smithfield, Angela Walker, friend of Sue Bryant, Gwen Walton, member of church family, and John Wright, Chris Nooney's father

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

- 2 Brian and Leshia Wheeler
- 14 Nathan and Kay Dry
- 17 Stephen and Samantha Nordan
- 18 David and Pamela Collier
- 21 Darren and Joan Stuart
- 23 Don and Brenda Dupree

Birthdays

- 1 Dick Embrey
- 3 Brenda Dupree
Grace Martin
LaVette Morgan
- 4 Emma Phillips
Eva Stephenson
- 5 Silas Porter
Robert Stolle
Leshia Wheeler
- 7 Pauline Jones
- 9 Richard Jones
Sandy Kopanski
Keith Langdon
- 10 John Rogers
- 12 Ann Stephenson
- 13 Bob Reed
- 19 Stewart Pickens
Nadine Reed
- 23 Patsy Bowman
- 25 Lora Joyner
- 27 Paige Smith
- 28 Charleigh Morrow
Elaine Wood
- 29 Tyler Nordan
- 30 Lauren Collier
Israel Morrow
- 31 Randy Benson

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2014

Nathan Dry - Long-Range Planning
Wayne Lamm - Congregational Care
Gary Phillips - Fellowship

Class of 2015

Kristy Stephenson - Finance
Jeffrey Wood - Youth Christian Education
Margie Taylor, Mission and Outreach

Class of 2016

Beth Breeden - Children's Christian Educator
Pete Booth, Personnel
David Nelms - Worship, Clerk of Session
Steve Nordan - Property

Church Staff

Secretary Group

Ann Stephenson, Margie Taylor,
Mary Ann Booth, Heather White,
LaVette Morgan, David Nelms

Accounting Treasurer

Ann Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

DeEtta Wood

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

David Nelms

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 3 Mark & Pam Nelms
10 Sue Bryant & Beth Pickens
17 Eric & Lori Smith
24 Mary Langdon & Laura Langdon
31 Chris & Kristy Stephenson

USHERS

- 3 Rick Taylor & Heath White
10 Steve Wolak & Russell Wood
17 John Daniel & Gary Phillips
24 Ryan Nelms & David Nelms
31 Jonathan Breeden & David Collier

ACOLYTE

- 3 Olivia White
10 Connor Reed
17 Lilly Martin
24 Kimsey Bagley
31 Kenny Poole

CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 3 Laura Langdon
10 Austin Benson
17 Heather White
24 Beth Pickens
31 Donna Stolle

CHILDRENS CHURCH TEACHER

- 3 Beth Breeden
10 Beth Breeden
17 Barri Martin
24 Barri Martin
31 Barri Martin

ELDER

Kristy Stephenson

August Upcoming Events

- 4 Long Range Planning meets at 7pm

6 Worship Committee meets at 6:30 pm
6 Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 Personnel Committee meets at 6:30 pm

10 LOGOS informational and training session at 2pm

11 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm

12 Senior Citizens Luncheon at Mt. Pleasant Church at 12 noon

13 Adult Choir Rehearsal

17 Youth Back to School Bash

20 Adult Choir Rehearsal

27 Adult Choir Rehearsal

28 Deadline for September Newsletter Submissions