

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

February 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

February is often known for cold temperatures and very wintry conditions; but the Holy Spirit continues to bless us with hot new opportunities for mission and ministry for the new year of 2014. We have the honor of doing a new thing in the history of God's church here at Providence Presbyterian Church. The ground has been turned, footers have been poured, pallets of foundation blocks have been delivered and thus begins a new chapter of growth and excitement. As the days and weeks progress we will be challenged in various ways to grow gracefully and graciously. God's Holy Spirit is in and among us doing a new thing! It is our duty to support and contribute the work of the Holy Spirit through our words and deeds, our prayers and meditations, our passions and gifts for ministry and mission.

With growth comes change. Jesus the Christ, the redeemer of sinful humanity, forever changed the relationship between God and our sinful selves. Christ calls us out of our comfort zones to step out of the boat and trust that the LORD will meet us every step along the way. Let us be faithful, humble, grateful, hospitable, and obedient to our Lord God who continues to bless us in truly awesome ways.

This month's sermon series is on the fruit of the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5:22-26, the Apostle Paul writes powerfully of the outward signs of the inward transformation of our soul.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its
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February Scripture Passage

⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw-- ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:9-16

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

The reality of the believer has never been articulated any clearer than “*those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*” where Paul expresses the Christian attitude of the heart, mind, and soul transformed by God’s gracious love for us unworthy sinners. Christ died on the cross so we wouldn’t have to spend eternity apart from the love of God. Please come to worship services at 11 a.m. and join us in a dialogue with the outward manifestations of the work of the Holy Spirit as we discuss the fruit of the Spirit.

Please pray for our church and its leadership so we might discern what God has in store for us in 2014. Please consider your own call to ministry in our church and in the world. There is so much energy, hope and joy here in Providence; I can’t wait to see where God leads us next.

May our Loving Lord God bless you in new ways of the mind, body, and soul.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

is scheduled immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 2. The purpose of the meeting is to install new officers in the Board of Directors.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

will be hosted by Johnson Memorial at 8280 NC Hwy 50N at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 11. All those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday, February 5, to Kay Dry at 919.639.9784 or kaydry@embarqmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group is open to anyone - if you do not know how to crochet, one of the participants will gladly teach you - or simply come be a part of this fun time of fellowship and ministry.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY LUNCH

will be hosted by the Youth of the church immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 2. Soup and sandwiches will be served. The youth ask that you bring pop-top canned food items to support Backpack Buddies. Donations to support youth missions and conferences will be accepted.

January Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated Session meeting on January 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The Elders present were: Kristy Stephenson, Nathan Dry, Wayne Lamm, Robert Joyner, Gary Phillips, Jeffery Wood, Steve Nordan, David Nelms, Margie Taylor, Beth Breeden and Pete Booth. The meeting was moderated by Reverend Jim Davis. A quorum was declared and the Moderator Reverend Jim Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

- The minutes from stated Session meetings for December 2014 were reviewed and approved by the Session.
- The December Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the Session.
- Each committee presented their reports
- The session agreed to split the Christian Education Committee into three separate committees. They are Children CE, Youth CE and Adult CE.
- Committee assignments for 2014 were agreed upon. They are: Nathan Dry (Long Range Planning), Wayne Lamm (Congregational Care), Gary Phillips (Fellowship), Robert Joyner (Adult Christian Education), Kristy Stephenson (Finance), Margie Taylor (Mission and Outreach), Jeffrey Wood (Youth Christian Education), Beth Breeden (Children's Christian Education), Pete Booth (Personnel), David Nelms (Worship) and Steve Nordan (Property).
- David Nelms was named Clerk of Session

The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Reverend Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

CONCERNS:

Mickey Carroll, cousin of Kelly Nordan, undergoing chemotherapy
Cory Watt, friend of Jeff Wood, 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.

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, **Brad Davis**, Jim Davis' father,
Kathy Durocher, friend of Mark Nelms, **Ann Hargiss**, member of community,
Kobe Horney, two-year old member of community, **Becky Horsley**, friend of DeEtta Wood,
P.B. Jernigan, relative of Sheila Dupree, **David Kopanski**, John Kopanski's brother,
Keith Langdon, member of church family, **Amy Louthan**, friend of Barri Martin,
Carol Mayben, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, **Harry Myers**, friend of Ann Benson,
Jackie Parker, friend of Amy Dupree, **Jerry Penny**, friend of Dick Embrey,
Nina Redmond, niece of Pat and Dick Embry, **Barbara Shaw**, Kathy Ryals' aunt,
Randy Stephenson, Jon Nooney's cousin, **Tammy Vann**, friend of Sandy Kopanski,
Kenneth Weathers, Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law,
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 and H. A. Andrews**, parents of Andrea Jones,
Mary Bass, Rev. Davis' mother, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, Steve Wolak's parents,
Rich Cross, Phil Cross' father, **Brenda Davis**, friend of Lisa Nelms,
Brenda Dupree, member of church family, **Bill and Bobbie Ellis**, Georgeanna Phillips' parents,
Tammy Ennis, member of community, **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, **Vic LaSaxon**, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law,
Wanza Mayben, Sandy Kopanski's mother, **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister,
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,
and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Anniversary

13 Worth and Patsy Bowman

February Birthdays

2 Ava Wood
4 Kristy Stephenson
Olivia White
5 Parker Smith
Johnny Wood
6 Pat Davis
7 Lily Martin
8 Phil Cross
Wayne Langdon
Mark Nelms
Keith Weatherly
10 JoAnn Creech
14 Linda Roberts
15 Andy Dupree
Joyce Lamm
Beth Wolak
16 Jim Davis
Lisa Ingram
Cooper Nordan
Jimmy Stuart
18 Beth Pickens
20 Ashley Porter
21 Wade Johnson

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2014

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

Class of 2015

Robert Joyner – Adult Christian Education
Kristy Stephenson – Finance
Jeffrey Wood - Youth Christian Education
Margie Taylor, Mission and Outreach

Class of 2016

Beth Breeden - Childrens Christian Education
Pete Booth, Personnel
David Nelms - Worship, Clerk of Session
Steve Nordan - Property

Church Staff

Secretary Group

Mary Ann Booth, Heather White,
LaVette Morgan

Accounting Treasurer

Ann Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

DeEtta Wood

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

David Nelms & Mary Ann Booth

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

FEBRUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 2 Elaine Wood and Jennifer Crocker
- 9 Kent and Gwen Walton
- 16 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 23 Todd and Barbie Frickman



USHERS

- 2 Chad Cross and Rob Nooney
- 9 Hamilton Greene and Tony Bryant
- 16 Ryan Nelms and Carlos Bagley
- 23 Austin Benson and John Kopanski

ACOLYTE

- 2 Conner Reed
- 9 Riley Wood
- 16 Silas Porter
- 23 Ava Wood



CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 2 Austin Benson
- 9 Donna Stolle
- 16 Heather Ennis
- 23 Karen Morrow

CHILDRENS CHURCH

Beth Breedon, Feb 2
Kay Dry, Feb. 9,16,23

KIDS KRUSADE

Laura Langdon

ELDER

Nathan Dry

February Upcoming Events

- 2 Scout Sunday
Congregational Meeting
Following the Worship Service
"Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch
served by Youth in Fellowship
Hall right after the
Congregational Meeting
Pioneers, Youth and Bible Study
meet at 5 PM – no dinner will be
served
- 3 Congregational Care Meeting at
10 AM
Long Range Planning Committee
meets at 7:00 PM
- 4 Prayer Shawl Group meets at 10
AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 5 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30
PM
- 9 Communion Sunday
Youth Group meets at 5:00 PM
- 10 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00
PM
- 11 Sr. Citizen Luncheon at Johnson
Memorial Church at Noon
PW Coordinating Team meets at
7 PM
- 12 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30
PM
- 16 Pioneer, Youth Group and Adult
Bible Study at 5 PM
- 18 Presbyterian Women's Circles
meet at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM
- 19 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30
PM
- 23 Youth Group meets at 5:00 PM
- 26 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30
PM
Deadline for Submissions for
March Newsletter