

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2014



## From the Pastor's Study...

July is here and it arrives with great anticipation for we have so much to be excited about. We celebrate our nation's birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> - for the 238<sup>th</sup> year of the United States of America, our country based on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. At Providence PC we have a lot of happiness going on! We thank our Lord God for all the ministries and missions that are being blessed in so many wonderful ways. We have been richly blessed as a church family with roots going back to the first Sunday school organized at Piney Grove School by Miss Alice Edmundson.

I think Miss Alice would be pleased with the growing building work, fellowship, discipleship, and worship unfolding today here at Providence. Our Vacation Bible School rolls out the end of this month, beginning Sunday evening on the 27<sup>th</sup> we will again offer a joyful and action packed Vacation Bible School for all ages! "Wilderness Escape - Where God Guides and Provides" is the title of an exciting theme based mission and service experience for all of God's people. What an awesome opportunity to share good food, good fun, good times, and the good news with all of God's good people of all ages.

May God bless us as we grow in space, number, faith and maturity in discerning God's gracious love and calling upon each and every one of us.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Your brother in Christ,  
Jim



## July Scripture Passage

*<sup>15</sup> People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."* **Luke 18:15-17**

## 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 will be on vacation thru July 6.  
Please contact Wayne Lamm or David  
Nelms with any questions.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of leaders for children's worship during 2014-2015 year. The Order of Worship and materials will be provided for both Children's Church and Kids' Crusade. Please contact Beth Breeden at [beth@awileyphotography.com](mailto:beth@awileyphotography.com) or at 919.624.1633 with questions and to volunteer.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLINE**

**"Wilderness Escape"** is July 27 - 31. Please register your child and encourage members of the community to do the same. A link to the registration page is on the front page of the church website.

### **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. Providence will send a team to LOGOS training on August 2nd in Mount Olive, so please mark your calendars if you would like to attend and let Beth or Kristy know so that we can get everyone registered by July 7th.

### **SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON**

The July Senior Citizens' Luncheon will be held at Johnson Memorial Church on Hwy 50 on July 8th at 12 noon. Please let Kay Dry know by Wed., July 2nd if you would like for her to make you a reservation for the Luncheon. Thanks to all of you for helping make Providence's June Luncheon such a fantastic success! You are all the GREATEST!! Kay Dry  
919-639-9784 or  
[kaydry@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaydry@embarqmail.com)

**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.

### **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.

### **USHERS**

All ushers are now asked to count the side you are working that week so that we can get an accurate count on our Sunday worship attendance. There is a sheet inside the stand (drawer) in the vestibule. Please enter the total each Sunday.

### **DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

is Monday July 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](mailto:dnelms44@gmail.com).

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER**

You may have noticed that the bulletin and service schedule now has a Children's Church Helper listed.

We have added a Children's Church helper to assist with children's worship, to escort children to the restroom if necessary, and to accompany the acolyte back to the sanctuary for the end of worship.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH**

Connor Reed made the A/B Honor Roll at Dixon Road Elementary for the entire school year (3rd grade) and he also received an award for having perfect attendance for the whole school year.

### **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.

### **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.

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

*Simon Everett.*

### **June Session Highlights**

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on June 9, 2014, at 7:00pm at the church. The elders present were Gary Phillips, Pete Booth, Beth Breeden, Wayne Lamm, David Nelms, Margie Taylor, Jeffrey Wood and Steve Nordan.

- The Session accepted Sandra Lordi, Steve Nordan, Carolyn Stevenson and Donna Stolle as leaders for the 2014 confirmation class. Also accepted Carlos and Stephanie Bagley, Beth Breeden and Heath White as youth group leaders.
- The Session agreed to accept the LOGOS program at Providence to be expanded to include the middle and high school youth under the leadership of Kristy Stephenson, with LOGOS youth leaders provided the opportunity for training in August at a cost of \$125.00 per person with a maximum of 12 attending.
- Jeffrey Wood informed the session that the youth program would meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month beginning with the new school year.
- Beth Breeden informed the session that the Children's CE committee's recommendation for the curriculum for the LOGOS program would be Faith for Life Bible study. The Session agreed to the recommendation.
- The Session meeting will be moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (July 14) to July 21 since Reverend Davis will be at Montreat with the high school youth group.
- Reverend Davis will be on vacation June 23-July 6 . The pulpit will be supplied by Gene Pierce on June 29 and George Dudley on July 6.

Next stated session meeting will be held July 21, 2014 at 7pm

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### CONCERNS:

**Lacy Johnson**, recovering from surgery  
**Jerry Benson**, leukemia, Randy Benson's cousin  
**Kim Schmidt**, mobility problems

### 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** 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, **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, **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, **Yevette Meggs**, sister of Georgeanna Phillips, **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, **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, **Bob Bridges**, friend of Pat Embry, **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, **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

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### *July Birthdays*

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

### *July Anniversaries*

- 17 Jim and Lisa Ingram  
28 Jonathan and Beth Breeden

### **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 - Children's Christian Education  
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

# JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## **NURSERY**

- 6 Elaine Wood & Abbey Walton  
13 Lisa Nelms & Amy Dupree  
20 Richard & Andrea Jones  
27 Pat Davis & Lindsey Frampton

## **USHERS**

- 6 Austin Benson & Pete Booth  
13 Don Dupree & John Kopanski  
20 Ken Lordi & Israel Morrow  
27 Bob Stolle & Darren Stuart

## **ACOLYTE**

- 6 Graycen Murray  
13 Riley Wood  
20 Mary Elaine Wood  
27 Charlotte Wood

## **CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER**

- 6 Christy Cross  
13 Karen Morrow  
20 Christina Jones  
27 Heather Ennis

## **CHILDRENS CHURCH** Beth Breeden & Barri Martin

## **ELDER**

David Nelms

## **July Upcoming Events**

- 1 Prayer Shawl Group at 10am  
2 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
4 Happy Fourth of July!  
8 Senior Citizens' Luncheon at Johnson  
Memorial Church at 12 noon  
9 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
10 Missions & Outreach meets at  
7:30pm  
14 Long Range Planning meets at 7pm  
15 Personnel Committee meets  
at 6:30 pm  
16 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
21 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm  
23 Worship Committee meeting at  
6:30pm  
23 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
27 VBS 6:00pm - 8:45pm  
28 VBS 6:00pm - 8:45pm  
28 Deadline for July Newsletter  
Submissions  
29 VBS 6:00pm - 8:45pm  
30 VBS 6:00pm - 8:45pm  
31 VBS 6:00pm - 8:45pm