

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2014



## From the Pastor's Study...

I remember when my parents rented a Winnebago and we embarked upon our family vacation to Disney World. It was the month of June and we had never experienced travel as family in a R.V. I remember being filled with so much anticipation of what it might be like to travel to a place I had only seen on television in a vehicle that I saw more as a space ship than a R.V. Once we began the journey we quickly settled into our new way to travel and view the world. I was a wide-eyed eleven year old filled with excitement and wonder at the thought of going somewhere for the purpose of having fun.

The trip lived up to my expectations. We were introduced to K.O.A.s (Kamp-grounds Of America) with swimming pools and putt-putt courses almost every night. We managed to stop at many other attractions along the way as we listened to our newly purchased 8-track tapes which served as the theme music for that summer. I remember holding my father's hand many times as we explored Disney World, Marineland, Busch Gardens, Silver Springs, Cyprus Gardens and many other places. We all took plenty of pictures that summer and spoke of that family outing for many years afterward. It is a memory that rests fondly in my mind.

This month's scripture comes from the Gospel of John. Chapter 14:11-17 captures the response of Jesus regarding the disciples' questions as they try to understand Jesus explaining his ensuing departure. The disciples hear the words of Jesus going to the Father and respond with excitement and anxiety - where they are hoping to go with Jesus on what they perceive to be a glorious trip. But Jesus knows his departure will look nothing

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## June Scripture Passage

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

**John 14:11-17**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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like a family vacation trip for the purpose of fun or glory. Jesus speaks of going the God with his own crucifixion in mind and the disciples do not understand.

Jesus proclaims in John that an Advocate is to be given to us, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the world will not recognize. Jesus also reminds us to keep His commandments and that our Father God Almighty is with us forever. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to encourage, enlighten, inspire, and reveal the will of God our Father in heaven. In this life we are commanded to go and serve others (Matthew 28:19-20) in the name of the Father, the Son,, and the Holy Spirit. We are called to make disciples, sharing the Gospel, teaching the Commandments, living our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit, and invoking the name of Jesus the Christ our Lord and Savior.

As the foundation, walls, and roof come into being on our building project let us pray to God that we may be led and inspired by the Holy Spirit to begin a new thing for Providence Presbyterian Church. May our Lord God's will be evident in our words and deeds in the midst of discerning the next chapter of ministry and mission for the Body of Christ at our church.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Your brother in Christ,  
Jim

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN**

**"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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED**

On the bulletin board in the back of the Fellowship Hall is a list of supplies needed for VBS. Your help in providing these supplies will be greatly appreciated by the children of the church and community.

**MEETING OF VBS VOLUNTEERS**

There will be a meeting of the volunteers helping with VBS on Sunday, June 22, immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Kristy Stephenson or Beth Breeden.

**MADELINE HOPE JONES**

On May 1, we welcomed with great joy the newest addition to our church family, Madeline Hope Jones, daughter of Brittany and Travis Jones.

### **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.

### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

A box is now located in the Narthex for the names and needs of individuals in the community who need help. If you are aware of someone in the area who is in need, you can anonymously inform the Mission and Outreach committee where help is needed.

### **FOOD COLLECTION CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER**

for Backpack Buddies and the Food Pantry continues throughout the summer. The Mission and Outreach Committee has a container for your donation in the Fellowship Hall or at the entry to the Sanctuary.

### **DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

is Thursday, June 26. If you have news or announcements you would like to see included in the Newsletter, please send them to Dave Nelms at dnelms44@gmail.

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

will be held at our Church Tuesday, June 10, at 12 noon, We are asking as many of our Senior members as can to please come for the Luncheon and help make our guest feel welcome. All will be needed for decorating; hosting; food preparation and serving; beverage service; and cleaning. Please contact Kay Dry or Carolyn Stevenson by Thursday, June 5, if you can attend. Our theme is "Vacations," with the Hickory Grove Quartet for entertainment.

### **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.

### **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.

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

*Mary Long, sister of Linda Roberts.  
Edna Coats, aunt of Ann Benson  
Brad Davis, father of Reverend Davis*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH**

Providence Youth proudly contribute \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign. This donation was made possible by the success of their BBQ fundraiser that was held in March. Thank you again to all that helped make the event a success!

### **Academic Honors**

Hannah Stephenson and Daniel Stephenson received awards for academic achievement at West Johnston High for the 2013-2014 school year. Hannah finished second in her class and will serve as a Marshall for the 2014 graduating class.

Evan Joseph Phillips was selected as a Jr Marshall for the class of 2014 at West Johnston High.

### **Award in Livestock Competition**

Competing at the Atlantic National Angus Show in Timonium, Maryland, Justin Wood won Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair. Mary Elaine Wood won Reserve Grand Champion Junior.

### **Talent Show at Dixon Road Elementary School**

The children of Providence were well represented at the Dixon Road Elementary student talent show on May 15. Participants from Providence included Kinsey Bagley, Hunter Joyner, Lily Martin, Eva Stephenson, Olivia White, Ava Wood, Charlotte Wood, Mary Elaine Wood, and Riley Wood.

### **West Johnston High School Athletics**

A banquet at West Johnston High recently recognized students who participated in athletics during the 2013 – 2013 school year. Among them were many youths from Providence.

Chase Faircloth was a member of the high school swim team.

Joshua Lynch was recognized for participation in JV Football.

Daniel Stephenson played on the JV Basketball team.

Hannah Stephenson has three years with varsity soccer as goal keeper. The varsity soccer team won its conference and made it to the second round in state playoffs

### **TRANSITION OF DUTIES**

As of June 1, Mary Ann Booth will step down as one of your interim secretaries. Responsibility for Sunday bulletins and emails will be as follows:

#### **Bulletins and Newsletters**

Apart from the Worship Service, responsibility for the contents of the Sunday bulletin will fall to

Dave Nelms. Send announcements and prayer requests for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin to Dave at [dnelms44@gmail.com](mailto:dnelms44@gmail.com). Dave continues with responsibility for Newsletter content and production.

#### **Email Prayer Requests and Announcements**

Donna Stolle assumes responsibility for broadcast emails of prayer requests and birth or death announcements. She will issue the weekly email reminders of events and opportunities. Please be sure to include Donna in your requests for announcements so that they can be included in the weekly emails. Donna can be reached at [dms6330@gmail.com](mailto:dms6330@gmail.com) or 860-214-6698.

### **THANKS**

A thank you to Mary Ann Booth for overseeing the creating, printing of the bulletin and email requests, email reminders to the congregation and the printing of the newsletter.

### **WEST JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL**

is looking for volunteers June 5 and June 6 to help with the end of year testing. If you can volunteer, you will need to schedule a training session with the school before June 5.

### **RECOGNITION OF OUR YOUTH**

We have many exceptional young people here at Providence. If you know of outstanding achievements or special honors that our youth are receiving, please inform Dave Nelms at [dnelms44@gmail.com](mailto:dnelms44@gmail.com). In our monthly newsletter, we will give special recognition to our youth and their achievements.

### **CAUTION! CONSTRUCTION ZONE**

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

### **THANKS**

The Men of the Church wish to thank all those you participated, helped and bought plates for this annual event.

### **May Session Highlights**

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on May 12, 2014, at 7:00pm at the church. The elders present were Pete Booth, Beth Breeden, Wayne Lamm, David Nelms, Kristy Stephenson, Margie Taylor, Jeffrey Wood, Nathan Dry and Steve Nordan..

- A letter of transfer request was received from Broken Wing Fellowship Church for the transfer of Kim Byrd's membership. The session agreed to the request and the clerk will send a letter.
- Children's Christian Education committee chair Beth Breeden discussed her committee's look at the LOGOS program to replace Pioneers Club for the fall. She presented what they felt were the best points of the program and how they could supplement any missing aspects. The session then approved the adoption of the LOGOS model for the 2014-15 year, with further evaluation of the program after that first year.
- The session also approved the change to the "Grow Proclaim Serve" curriculum for the preschool Sunday school.
- The session approved the updated Fellowship Hall rules and rental agreement.
- The first draw from the loan has been made.
- Mission and Outreach committee chair Margie Taylor reported that the Easter boxes for families in need went over very well and were appreciated. The mission project at Pizazz was a huge success, with a lot of clothes delivered and all involved were touched by the work being done. Another project at Pizazz will be done in the fall.
- Personnel committee chair Pete Booth reported that the committee had conducted the pastor's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014 review.
- The session approved the personnel committee to assign the responsibility for janitorial and landscaping services to the property committee.
- Updated job descriptions for the pastor, music director, accounting treasurer and collections treasurers were presented to the session for their review.
- The scout troop will be using the sanctuary on Monday July 19 for a Court of Honor service.
- Reverend Davis will be on vacation May 25-30 and Rev. Steve Aschmann will supply the pulpit. He will also 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 June 9, 2014 at 7pm

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### JOYS:

We celebrate the joy and blessing of the birth of Madeline Hope Jones and rejoice along with Brittany and Travis God's creation of life anew.

### CONCERNS:

**Bob Bridges**, *friend of Pat Embry*

### 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*, **Jenny Campbell**, *sister of Lisa Nelms*, **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 Natrass*, **David Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's brother*, **Keith Langdon**, *member of church family*, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*, **Yvette Meggs**, *sister of Georgeanna Phillips*, **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*, **Judy Clifton Smith**, *friend of Mary Langdon*, **Ben Snelling**, *friend of John Kopanski*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*, **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 and H. A. Andrews**, *parents of Andrea Jones*, **Mary Bass**, *Rev. Davis' mother*, **Wally and Denise Blizzard**, *friends of Janice Parrish and Brenda Byrd*, **Velma and Ray Bost**, *grandfather of Heath White*, **Bob Bridges**, *friend of Pat Embry*, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*, **Brenda Davis**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*, **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*, **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, *member of church family*, **Danny Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Angela Walker**, *friend of Sue Bryant*, **Gwen Walton**, *member of church family*, and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **June Anniversaries**

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle
- 12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton
- 13 Lacy and Marilyn Johnson
- 14 Israel and Karen Morrow
- 20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Phil and Christy Cross  
Paul and Karen Sherrill
- 24 Steve and Kelly Nordan  
Kent and Gwen Walton
- 28 Jim and Pat Davis

### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Daniel Stephenson
- 4 Connor Reed
- 5 Chance Ennis  
Connor Frickman
- 6 Pam Nelms  
Riley Wood
- 8 Don Dupree
- 9 Debbie Greene  
Lisa Nelms
- 11 Austin Benson
- 13 Kay Dry
- 14 Rob Nooney
- 16 Eric Smith
- 17 Peggy Jones
- 20 Joshua Lynch
- 25 Lauren Langdon  
Brandy Joyner  
Emma Roberts
- 26 Grant Joyner  
Barri Martin
- 27 Hamilton Greene
- 28 Molly Breeden
- 30 Pamela Collier

### **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*

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



# JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## **NURSERY**

- 1 Chris & Kristy Stephenson
- 8 Jennifer Crocker & Beth Pickens
- 15 Kent, Gwen, Abbey Walton
- 22 Carlos & Stephanie Bagley
- 29 Karen & Israel Morrow

## **USHERS**

- 1 Ronnie Creech & Brent Frampton
- 8 Carlos Bagley & Wayne Lamm
- 15 Tony Bryant & Scott Martin
- 22 Hamilton Greene & Atlee Roberts
- 29 Eric Smith & Ryan Nelms

## **ACOLYTE**

- 1 Paige Smith
- 8 Alexa Rogers
- 15 Ava Wood
- 22 Kaleigh Weaver
- 29 Silas Porter

## **CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER**

- 1 Heather White
- 8 Jonathan Breeden
- 15 Jennifer Crocker
- 22 Lindsey Frampton
- 29 Stephanie Bagley

## **CHILDRENS CHURCH** Kristy Stephenson

## **ELDER**

Margie Taylor

## **June Upcoming Events**

- 2 Congregational Care meets at 10am
- 3 Prayer Shawl Group meets at 10:00 am  
in the Fellowship Hall
- 4 Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5 Personnel Committee meets  
at 6:30 pm
- 5 Mission and Outreach meets  
at 7:30 pm
- 8 Pentecost Sunday - Communion  
Sunday
- 9 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 10 Senior Citizens' Luncheon at 12 noon,  
hosted by Providence Presbyterian
- 11 Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 15 Father's Day
- 16 Long Range Planning meets at 7pm
- 17 PW Day Circle meets at 10:00 am
- 18 Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Youth Christian Education Committee  
meets at 7:00 pm
- 25 Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 26 Deadline for June Newsletter  
Submissions
- 27 Youth Advisor's Meeting at 7:00 PM
- 28 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm