

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

March 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday occurs on Wednesday March 5th; Lent is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting and prayer before Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the desert, where, according to the Bible, he endured temptation by Satan. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer—through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial—for the annual commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, as celebrated during Holy Week, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In our time March means many things, it's a time to turn our clocks ahead, maybe a chance for a few snowflakes to fall, NCAA basketball March Madness, and ultimately the end of winter and the beginning of spring. As we come and go from our church grounds we will witness the beginning of a new landscape and look with respect to our grounds and facilities. Just as spring represents the growth of new flora and fauna so it is with God's people here at Providence.

With every brick and block laid for our new building God does a new thing in our congregation. New babies, new faces, new opportunities to serve God, new mission and ministry opportunities, new conversations, new memories will be formed, new traditions will be established, new ways of remembering our history and all those who have gone before us in our long rich history at Providence Presbyterian Church. And so as we go about the month of March may we take time to remember what our God has done for us – for it cost God much. We live truly blessed lives. We were born in this great country of ours, we were raised in a climate of freedom and heritage.

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March Scripture Passage

14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Luke 22:14-20

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).

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We are all part of God family as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. We continue to be blessed in so many ways – may we take time to recognize, rejoice, and proclaim to others the joy and hope of being redeemed by our Gracious God Almighty.

The Easter comes late in April this year, but let us begin again the season of Lent, and the prevailing message of our Lord and Savior is to always keep God before the eyes of our hearts that we may be transformed by God's Grace.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us ...May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim

**PREBYTERIAN WOMEN DONATE TO EQUIP
NEW KITCHEN**

The Presbyterian Women are pleased to announce a contribution of \$10,000 to the Capital Campaign. The funds are designated for equipping the new kitchen.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

will be hosted by Johnson Memorial at 8280 NC Hwy 50N at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 11. All those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday, March 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.

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

*Reverend Bill Ellis, father of
Georgeanna Phillips*

and

*Bernard Parsons, member of PPC
congregation*

BABY SHOWER

All members of the congregation are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Travis and Brittany Jones Sunday, March 23, from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The happy couple is registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

The Middle School Youth Retreat to Mansanetta Springs is planned for June 19 – 22, 2014, and is open to all Middle School Youth. Parents of 6th – 8th graders who are interested in their child attending should contact Barri Martin at martin78@nc.rr.com.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

The High School Youth Retreat to Montreat is planned for July 13 -19, 2014, and is open to all High School Youth. Parents of 9th – 12th graders who are interested in their child attending should contact Wendy Stephenson at wendystephenson@embarqmail.com or Rev. Davis at jimdavis10@hotmail.com.

YOUTH ADVISOR MEETING

Youth Advisor and Parent meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00p.m. in the Nesselrodt classroom. If you have questions, please contact Jeffrey Wood.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

continues to meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:00pm. On March 2, Ann Benson will lead the class in study of 1 John 2:18-27. The class on March 16 will be led by Eric Smith on 1 John 2:28 – 3:10

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will observe the first day of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 7:30 PM.

YOUTH BARBECUE FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group will be hosting their annual Barbecue Fundraiser on March 28, 2014. This year we will be barbecuing Boston Butts. If you are interested in donating money toward the purchase of the Boston Butts, please contact Jeff Wood or Cathy Creech. In addition to barbecue, plates will include potatoes, slaw and hushpuppies at a cost of \$8 per plate. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate in, sponsor, and donate to this event. Proceeds will go to support Youth Ministries and the Capital Campaign. We look forward to hosting a successful event!

February Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated Session meeting on January 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The Elders present were: Kristy Stephenson, Wayne Lamm, 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 January 2014 were reviewed and approved by the Session.
- The January Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the Session.
- Each committee presented their reports
- Motion to accept letter drafted by LRP committee and treasurers letter regarding status of individual pledge for Capital Campaign carried.
- Loan papers were signed and copies placed in safety deposit box
- Mission and Outreach will work with the youth on mission projects
- VBS committee has chosen "Wilderness Escape" (a study of Moses) as the theme for this summer's VBS
- Gravel added to the area above the construction zone for overflow parking
- Session voted to recognize DeEtta Wood on Feb. 23 to celebrate her 10 years of tireless volunteer work as church secretary.
- Motion was made and passed to accept the survey and place it on the church website to gather information from the congregation on ways they can help and interact within the church

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

CHURCH SURVEY

In an effort to better understand where you feel you can best help, volunteer, and participate in the activities at Providence, the committees of the Session and Sunday school program have created an online survey. We hope that each member will take the survey and plug in to the area or program where you feel led to help.

We are also taking this opportunity to collect birthdates (month and year only) and anniversaries (month and year only). There is room for up to 5 children and birthdates to be added. A link is on the church website or can be reached by going to

http://providencepresb.org/participation_survey.html. Hard copy forms are available in the fellowship hall and the narthex, if needed.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

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.

CONCERNS:

Shirley Collier, surgery, sister-in-law of David Collier
William and Leslie Collier, auto accident, *brother and sister-in-law of David Collier*
Cory Watt, hospitalized with brain cancer, *friend of Jeff Wood*
Jon Nooney, back surgery in coming weeks, *member of church family*
Elaine Andrews, declining health, at Brian Center in Clayton, *mother of Andrea Jones*

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 and 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*,
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*,
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*, **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*,
Randy Stephenson, *Jon Nooney's cousin*, **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*,
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*, **H. A. Andrews**, *father of Andrea Jones*, **Mary Bass**,
Rev. Davis' mother, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*,
Brad Davis, *Jim Davis' father*, **Brenda Davis**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*,
Brenda Dupree, *member of church family*, **Bobbie Ellis**, *Georgeanna Phillips' mother*,
Tammy Ennis, *member of community*, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*,
Mary Harper, *community*, **Rose Hollingsworth**, *Ann Stephenson's sister-in-law*,
Fred Ipock, *Cathy Creech's father*, **Becky Kleaver**, *member of church family*,
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*, **Gwen**
Walton, *member of church family*, and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Anniversaries

- 8 Tom and Nancy Nelms
- 26 Bob and Carolyn Zattiero

March Birthdays

- 2 Graycen Murray
- 3 Lorie Smith
- 4 Haleigh Weaver
Kaleigh Weaver
- 5 Courtney Walton
- 7 Melvin Langdon
- 8 Sandra Lordi
- 11 Riley Lynn Nordan
- 13 Barbie Frickman
- 16 Mac Jones
- 18 Donald Creech
- 19 Harris Bagley
- 20 Abbey Walton
- 22 Jarrett Cross
Jack Sherrill
- 27 Marilyn Johnson
Travis Jones
- 29 Jane Pickens
- 30 Steve Nordan

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

MARCH EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 2 Pat Davis and Barri Martin
- 9 Lindsey Frampton and Amy Dupree
- 16 Carolyn Stuart and Lisa Nelms
- 23 Mark and Pam Nelms
- 30 Christina Jones and Sue Bryant



USHERS

- 2 Israel Morrow and Heath White
- 9 Darren Stuart and Rick Taylor
- 16 Russell Wood and Pete Booth
- 23 Nathan Dry and Bob Stolle
- 30 Don Dupree and Steve Wolak

ACOLYTE

- 2 Hunter Joyner
- 9 Emma Phillips
- 16 Graycen Murray
- 23 Charlotte Wood
- 30 Connor Reed



CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 2 Laura Langdon
- 9 Christy Cross
- 16 Kristy Stephenson
- 23 Brandy Joyner
- 30 Beth Pickens

CHILDRENS CHURCH

Margie Taylor

KIDS KRUSADE

Carolyn Stevenson

ELDER of the MONTH

Gary Phillips

March Upcoming Events

- 2 Pioneers, Youth, and Adult Bible Study meet at 5:00 PM
- 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
Youth Advisor and Parent Meeting at 7pm in Nesselrodt Classroom
- 5 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 PM
- 6 Personnel Committee meets at 6:30 PM
Mission and Outreach Committee meets at 7:30pm
Children's Christian Ed Committee meets at 7:00 pm
- 9 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
- 12 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM
- 16 Pioneer, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study meet at 5:00 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
- 25 Youth Advisors meet at 7:00 PM
- 26 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM
Deadline for Submissions to April Newsletter
- 28 Youth Barbecue Fundraiser
- 30 Youth Group meets at 5:00 PM