

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

May 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

The month of May has arrived! Through the years my inner grease monkey (loving all things mechanical) has been replaced with an appreciation of what God (Mother nature if you will) accomplishes in the great outdoors. Each year I look forward to the flowers and flowering bushes that bloom in the month of May. For me May gives us the wonderment of God as our creator demonstrated in the renewal of the flora and even fauna that pops up in Spring. Pat has the green thumb in the family and has taught me the value and joy of plants and living things in God's creation. Mother's Day occurs on the 2nd Sunday this month - it is a moment in time where we celebrate that special person who perhaps gave birth to us and who raise us from infancy to adulthood. Our mothers nurture us in so many ways, in great part we are who we are due to the very nature of our mothers. I believe that one of the gifts that mothers so often offer their children comes in appreciating life and the beauty found in our world. Let us remember all those who have filled the role of mother in our lives - who have given so much to us this Mother's Day in prayer and deed.

May is also full of many opportunities to live, love, and rejoice with one another in regards to what God has done here at Providence. Come join us and bring a friend as we join together for Mother's Day, Annual Fish Fry, Memorial Day, and other joy filled activities this month.

Whether it is remembering someone in our lives who is no longer with us, celebrating a new birth of a child, or laughing uncontrollably with people who love you - it is all a celebration of God great grace and love for humanity.

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May Scripture Passage

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."
John 3:16-21

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 May 27 – 30. Please contact the Elder on call, Pete Booth, should anyone need assistance.

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For in John 3:16 proclaims **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"** which Jesus teaches us in that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations. Our response to God's grace and eternal life is to proclaim the good news to all.

This May let's pray for those God places in our lives and share the hope and promise our risen Savior proclaims to all humanity. May God bless us with a deeper understanding of God's love through forgiveness purchased through the blood of Jesus. In days and weeks to come let us encourage each other to continue to support our church family and its ministries in your thoughts, prayers, and actions.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim

Thanks!!

Mrs. Marilyn Johnson asked that the congregation know how much it meant to her for the visit by the youth, their singing and gifts!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
HELP IS NEEDED**

VBS is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, through Thursday, July 31. Help once again is needed in many areas. Please refer to the volunteer filer in the church bulletin for additional information.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN**

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.

SPRING CLEANING!

As you ladies pull out your Spring clothes and sort out the ones that you no longer wear, donate them to *Pizazz* - a thrift store that supports a shelter for abused women and children.

Call Margie Taylor, Sue Bryant, Kelly Daniel, or Carolyn Stevenson to donate. We will be accepting items until May 3rd when we take everything to *Pizazz* in Smithfield where we will hang and steam clothes for the store. We would like volunteers to help on that day from 10am until 1pm. We can carpool from the church.

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

will be hosted by White Memorial Presbyterian Church, at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 13. All those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Thursday, May 8, to Kay Dry at 919-639*9784 or kaydry@embarqmail.com

MESSAGE OF THANKS

received from Brenda and Don Dupree:

I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers, cards, visits, and food. Each act of kindness was appreciated and meant so much to me and my family. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as my recovery process has been long and is still ongoing. We are truly blessed to be members of such a wonderful church!

*With Love,
Brenda & Don Dupree*

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

will meet on Sunday, May 4, at 5:00. Pete Booth will lead the class in a study of 1 John 4:7-21. On May 18, Kay Dry, will lead the class in study of 1 John 5:1-5.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF

Helen Pittman, sister-in-law of Joyce Lamm

Gary Schmidt, brother of Kim Schmidt

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH

Robert Blair, son of William and Yun Blair, will be graduating on May 9 from Western Carolina University with a degree of Masters of Music in Commercial and Electronic Music

The NC Junior Angus Association held its State Show on Saturday, March 28 at the NCSU Beef Unit. The following youth participated in this show and won the following awards:

Ava Wood: 2nd in class, and 1st in Showmanship

Charlotte Wood: 3rd in class, and 1st in Showmanship

Justin Wood: Grand Champion Bull, Grand Champion Female, and Reserve Grand Champion Showman in the Junior Division

Mary Elaine Wood: 1st in class

Riley Wood: 2nd in class and 5th in class

Providence Youth Excel at Johnston County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale

Kimsey Bagley, Travis Creech, Justin Wood, Mary Elaine Wood, and Riley Wood

Justin Wood was awarded Grand Champion Heifer

PIONEERS and YOUTH YEAR END CELEBRATION

Pioneers and Youth will enjoy a special year end celebration on Sunday, May 18, at 5:00 pm. This will be the last meeting of the groups until after Summer Break.

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

for Backpack Buddies and the Food Pantry continue on every 4th Sunday. The Mission and Outreach Committee has a container for your donation in the Fellowship Hall or at the entry to the Sanctuary.

OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULT AWARD

Nathan and Kay will be honored presented by the Presbytery of New Hope on May 4, 2013 in Rocky Mount. Nathan and Kay were Providence Presbyterian's nominees for the Presbytery's Older Adult Award. This is a well-deserved award to a faithful couple that is so deserving for their church and community efforts.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OUTING

All the ladies of the church are invited to join us on Thursday, May 8, at 6:00 pm on an outing to Ron's Barn for buffet dinner and gospel singing. We will car pool from the church at 5:45 pm. If you do not drive at night, let Brenda know and we will arrange to pick you up! Please contact Brenda Byrd by May 4 at 919-772-6277.

2014 WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MONTREAT

titled "Daughter of God," will be held August 7 – 10, 2014. Payment of fees and your registration form with the name of your roommate are due to Janice Parrish by May 15. Please make your checks out to **Montreat Conference Center** for the full amount

MEN'S FISH FRY

is scheduled for Friday, May 16. Sponsors are being sought for the event.. For a \$100 sponsorship, the sponsor receives 4 tickets and advertising on a flier placed into each to-go bag and on the sponsorship board in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsorships are due by May 7. Please contact Stephanie Bagley, Beth Breeden, or DeEtta Wood if you would like to sponsor or if you have a sponsor.

April Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated Session meeting on April 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The Elders present were: Kristy Stephenson, Wayne Lamm, Jeffery Wood, 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 March 2014 were reviewed and approved by the Session.
- The March Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the Session.
- Each committee presented their reports
- Youth Christian Education chair, Jeffrey Wood asked the Session to establish a confirmation class for the fall of 2014. Motion passed.
- Children's CE chair, Beth Breeden asked for session approval of a new Order of Worship for the Kids Crusade beginning in the fall of 2014. New order is: Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer, Scripture verse, message, activity/discussion, Apostles Creed, closing prayer. Motion passed.
- The personnel committee asked the Session to allow the personnel committee to assign the responsibility for janitorial and landscaping services to be overseen by the property committee. The Session agreed and the motion passed.

The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Reverend Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

CONCERNS:

Melinda Kendall, recovering from surgery at WakeMed Hospital, member of church family
Families of Victims in the sinking of the Korean ferry

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, 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, Jenny Campbell, sister of Lisa Nelms, 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, 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, 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, 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, Ray Bost, grandfather of Heath White, Charlie & Mary Burke, Steve Wolak's parents, Brad Davis, Jim Davis' father, Brenda Davis, friend of Lisa Nelms, Brenda Dupree, member of church family, 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, Jon Nooney, member of church family, 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, Nan Walker, Andrea Jones' grandmother, Gwen Walton, member of church family, and John Wright, Chris Nooney's father

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Anniversaries

- 3 Wayne and Laura Langdon
- 5 Ryan and Allison Nelms
- 13 Jimmy and Carolyn Stuart
- 14 Sam and Wendy Stephenson
- 19 Wade and Carolyn Johnson
- 21 Andy and Sheila Dupree
- 25 Mark and Pam Nelms

May Birthdays

- 5 Mady Ennis
Annie Lewis
- 6 Shepherd Byrd
- 7 Todd Frickman
- 8 Will Dupree
- 12 Kolton Crocker
Kelly Nordan
- 17 Beth Breeden
- 19 Jonathan Breeden
- 23 Karen Morrow
- 24 Heather Langdon
- 26 Christina Jones
Ryan Nelms
- 27 Edythe Nattrass
- 28 Worth Bowman
Ronnie Creech
Brittany Jones
Heather White
- 30 Chris Nooney

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

MAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 4 Jonathan Breeden
- 11 Brandy Joyner
- 18 Richard & Andrea Jones
- 25 Todd & Barbie Frickman

USHERS

- 4 Jeffrey Wood & David Nelms
- 11 David Collier & John Daniel
- 18 Jonathan Breeden & Todd Frickman
- 25 Jimmy Stuart & Gary Phillips

ACOLYTE

- 4 Chance Ennis
- 11 Kenny Poole
- 18 Emma Roberts
- 25 Eva Stephenson

CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 4 Barbie Frickman
- 11 Carolyn Stuart
- 18 Barri Martin
- 25 Kay Dry

CHILDRENS CHURCH

Donna Stolle

KIDS KRUSADE

Karen & Israel Morrow

ELDER

Pete Booth

May Upcoming Events

- 1 Personnel Committee meets
at 6:30 pm
Mission and Outreach Committee meets
at 7:30 pm
- 4 Pioneer and Youth Group and Adult Bible
Study meet at 5:00 pm
- 5 Congregational Care Committee meets at
10:00 am
Long Range Planning Committee meets at
7:00 pm
- 6 Prayer Shawl Group meets at 10:00 am in
the Fellowship Hall
- 7 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 8 Children's Christian Education
Committee meets at 7:00 pm
- 11 Youth Group meets at 5:00 pm
- 12 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 13 Senior Luncheon at White Memorial
Presbyterian Church at 12 Noon
- 14 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 16 **MEN'S FISH FRY 11 AM - 8 PM**
- 18 Pioneer Club Year End Celebration at
5:00 pm

Youth Group and Adult Bible Study meet
at 5:00 pm
- 20 PW Coordinating Team meets in the
Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm
PW Combined Circles and Birthday
Offering meet at 7:30 pm
- 21 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 26 Deadline for June Newsletter
Submissions
- 27 Youth Advisor's Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 28 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm