

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

November 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

November 2014 is certainly an exciting time for a new thing is becoming a reality here at Providence Presbyterian Church! Our two phases of our three phase vision has become a brand new building that we are anxiously awaiting the day we can officially occupy it! As many have walked the hall and rooms of the new space one gets a sense of new and exciting possibilities to serve, worship, and fellowship in the name of our Lord God.

With growth comes change. We are having new conversations of what mission and ministry for 2015 may look like. As we grow we must never forget all those who've gone before us and honor their service and work by reminding ourselves what we are doing is in service to God Almighty. Thanksgiving comes on the 27th this year and we have so much to be thankful for and it is a privilege to live in this country that still takes time to recognize all that God blesses us with – in our families, in our community, and in our nation.

This month we celebrate: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, our Harvest Sunday, and Stewardship Sunday. Let us remember that giving thanks, reaping the harvest, being blessed with much to be called a steward of, living in a country which places a premium on personal freedoms are all blessings and gifts from God. As we set our clocks back on the 2nd let us reflect on those who have gone before us, those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, those who braved great challenges and hardship to come to a new world and begin again.

This month's scripture is Paul writes that "... every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord ... to the glory of God the Father ...

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November Scripture Passage

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

2 Philippians 2:9-13

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for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:9-13) Paul is exhorting the church at Philippi to give glory to the Lord God in the things that we do and we must never forget that through all things in this world God is with us. God is with us in the highs and lows of life, in the greatest of joys and the deepest of sorrows.

We all too often take for granted that God is a relational God and requires us to be a willing participant in our relation to our gracious and loving God. Paul reminds us that God is working in and through us and that all our strength comes from God Almighty.

As the days of November unfold here in in our neck of the woods, let us pause and offer up our prayers to God in thanks and humility that our God loves us to send the very best – in sending Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

⁸ O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. ⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. **1 Chronicles 16:8-10**

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

Team DeEtta Benefit -- A benefit is planned for DeEtta Wood on Sat, 8 Nov, at the Wood Farm. All proceeds will go to pay medical bills. For more information visit www.teamdeetta.org.

Advent Readers -- Celebrating Advent involves spending time in spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We invite your family to honor Jesus in one of the most joyous ways by lighting the Advent candle and reading scripture. Reverend Davis will provide the readings and prayer. To volunteer for one of the following dates, please contact Mary Langdon (mjlangdon@embarqmail.com, or leave a message at 919-894-4658).

Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent.
Dec. 7 - Second Sunday of Advent.
Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent.
Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent.
Dec. 24 - Reading at both the 5:00pm and 10:00pm services.

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

November Senior Luncheon is Tuesday, Nov. 11 at White Memorial Presbyterian Church at Noon.

Please let Kay Dry know by Wed., Nov. 5th so she can make our reservations.

kaydry@embarqmail.com or 919-639-9784

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will hold a joint circle meeting on November 18 at 7:30 PM. We will collect our annual Thank Offering. The

Day Circle will provide the Bible lesson (lesson 3) and the Night Circle will provide refreshments. All women of the church are invited to participate.

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Circle at PPC meet on the first Tuesday of each month, starting. They meet at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome.

Mission and Outreach

To help with any M&O efforts, please contact Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149.

Work Day at Pizazz -- The next work day at Pizazz Thrift Store will be Sat, Nov, 1 10:00am thru 1:00pm. Pizazz is a thrift store that sells items in support of Harbor Shelter for Abused Women and Children. They also give items directly to residents at the shelter.

We will meet at the church and carpool to Pizazz.

Call for Used Clothing -- Contact Sue Bryant, Kelly Daniels, Carolyn Stevenson or Margie Taylor to coordinate pick up of clothing items to be donated to Pizazz. Thanks for all your support.

Harvest Sunday

November 9

Following Worship service, we will enjoy a meal in the Fellowship Hall. The Stewardship Committee will make a brief presentation. The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat, rolls and drinks. All those attending are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Prayer List -- As has always been a part of worship at Providence, we ask for people or situations to be lifted up during the pastoral prayer. This will continue, however if you mention someone and want their name placed on the prayer list, please email David Nelms (dnelms44@gmail.com) or call him at 919-894-1419. Also, when you ask to take someone off the list, please let David know as well. When we get a secretary in place in the new facility, this will be the procedure that we will follow, using the secretary as the point of contact.

Deadline for December Newsletter Items is Tuesday November 25. If you have news or announcements you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send them to Dave Nelms at dnelms44@gmail.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes will be collected thru Sunday November 16. Please include \$7.00/box. OCC envelopes are available during October. Checks payable to Samaritan's Purse; please put OCC on the memo line. OCC designated collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact John Kopanski for further information.

If you'd rather simply donate items, for the month of October, the children and youth of LOGOS are collecting items to then assemble and wrap boxes during their November LOGOS meetings. Please bring these items in no later than Nov. 2 and place them in the appropriate OCC bins under the LOGOS bulletin board.

Youth Spotlight

The Providence Christmas Program, A Festival of Lessons and Carols, will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 7th. Our children and youth are working hard on the program, and we look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our church family on that night. **Children and youth are asked to arrive by 3:45 on December 7th and to attend the dress rehearsal at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 6th.** All other practices for the Christmas program will take place during LOGOS. If your child is not participating in LOGOS but would like to take part in the Christmas program, please contact Susan Rudd or Beth Breeden for practice times and parts.

November Campout - November 7th-8th

Please RSVP to Stephanie Bagley by Sunday, **NOVEMBER 2nd** if you plan to participate in the campout. We need a head count to make sure we have enough "equipment" for everyone. Youth are asked to bring their bible, sleeping bag, pillow(s), flash light, and a snack to share. Remember it will probably be cool at night, please be prepared. Youth should eat supper before coming.

Youth Angel Tree Project -- The youth will be accepting monetary donations through the month of November for the annual "Angel Tree" Program. This program assists low income families in giving their children gifts at Christmas. The youth enjoy shopping for the needs and wishes of these children. Please mark any checks given "Angel Tree."

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser -- The youth will be serving breakfast at 9am on November 30. Biscuits will also be available during fellowship time. Donations are greatly appreciated. Funds will help with youth missions and retreats.

Youth Mission Project -- S.A.F.E. Drive (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies). The youth wish to **thank** everyone who gave a new or gently used stuffed animal for our local emergency centers.

October Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on October 20, 2014, at 7:00pm at the church. The elders present were Pete Booth, Wayne Lamm, Jeff Wood, Margie Taylor, Gary Phillips, Beth Breeden, Kristy Stephenson and David Nelms. Nathan Dry and Steve Nordan were excused.

- Discussion of the budget was held and the Session approved a motion to move forward with the budget as presented. It will be presented at the Harvest Sunday lunch.
- Policies and Procedures Manual --The Session approved a "Policies and Procedures Manual." At present the manual deals only with personnel matters. Other Church areas will be added in the future.
- Motion made to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation for increase of salary for the music director.

Next stated session meeting will be held November 10, 2014 at 7pm

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

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:

Vicky Austin, community, **Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon*, **Cheryl Beckham**, friend of *Laura McLamb*, **Jerry Benson**, *Randy Benson's* cousin, **Nancy Biernacki**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*, **Patsy Bowman**, member of church family, **Edith Bowser**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*, **Mickey Carroll**, cousin of *Kelly Nordan*, **Richard Davis**, friend of *Elaine Wood*, **Ann Hargis**, member of community, **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of *Sheila Dupree*, **Joey Johnson**, friend of *Randy Benson*. **Paula Johnson**, friend of *Dave and Edythe Natrass*, **Luke Jordan**, friend of *Christina Jones*, **Keith Langdon**, member of church family, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's* sister-in-law, **Stacy Meadows**, friend of *Beth Wolak*, **Jackie Parker**, friend of *Amy Dupree*, **Judy Clifton Smith**, friend of *Mary Langdon*, **Ben Snelling**, friend of *John Kopanski*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's* cousin, **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*, **Karen Tew**, friend of *DeEtta Wood*, **Wayne Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's* brother-in-law, **Tammy Vann**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*, **Cory Watt**, friend of *Jeff Wood*, **Kenneth Weathers**, brother-in-law of *Wendy Stephenson*, **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, **Mary Bass**, *Rev. Davis's* mother, **Velma and Ray Bost**, grandparents of *Heath White*, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's* parents, **Skylar Duquette**, *Wendy Stephenson's* great niece, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's* father, **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's* father, **Melinda Kendall**, member of church family, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's* father, **Stuart Kremer**, 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, **Chellie Poston**, former member, **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, community, **Donald Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's* brother-in-law, **Gwen Walton**, member of church family, and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's* father

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF

Kathy Durocher, co-worker of *Mark Nelms*
Mamie Lou Johnson, sister of *Atlee Roberts* and *Daphne Noles*
Brenda Davis, family friend of *David & Lisa Nelms*
Eva Lee Taylor, mother of *Rick Taylor*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 Kimsey Bagley
Joey Crocker
- 3 Gwen Walton
- 6 Nathan Reed
- 7 Ann Benson
Chloe Frickman
- 9 Gary Phillips
- 10 Hannah Stephenson
- 11 Virginia Moore
- 12 Rosyval Walton
- 15 Jane Ashley Porter
- 20 Jim Ingram
Alex Nooney
- 21 Candace Creech
- 22 Mark Strader
Darren Stuart
- 24 Chris Roberts
- 26 Jeffrey Wood
- 27 Audrey Whitley
Megan Sherrill
- 30 Laura McLamb

Anniversaries

- 1 Robert and Brandy Joyner
- 8 Dick and Pat Embrey
- 12 Johnny and Elaine Wood
- 13 Shepherd and Brenda Byrd
- 17 John and Sandy Kopanski
- 21 Todd and Barbie Frickman
- 24 Randy and Ann Benson
- 27 Steve and Beth Wolak

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2014

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

Class of 2015

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 2 Lindsey Frampton & Lisa Nelms
9 Amy Dupree & Elaine Wood
16 Carolyn Stuart & Pat Davis
23 Mary Langdon & Christina Jones
30 Jennifer Crocker & Laura Langdon

USHERS

- 2 Pete Booth & Mary Ann Booth
9 Rick Taylor & Margie Taylor
16 David Nelms & Lisa Nelms
23 Wayne Lamm & Joyce Lamm
30 Nathan Dry & Kay Dry

ACOLYTE

- 2 Olivia White
9 Lilly Martin
16 Charlotte Wood
23 Kimsey Bagley
30 Grace Martin

CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 2 Heather White
9 Kay Dry
16 Jennifer Crocker
23 Lindsey Frampton
30 Stephanie Bagley

CHILDRENS CHURCH TEACHER

Kelly Nordan

KIDS KRUSADE

Kristy Stephenson

ELDER

Steve Nordan

November Upcoming Events

- 2 Congregational Meeting
2 LOGOS at 5:00 pm, Christmas
Program Practice
2 Long Range Planning Committee
at 7:00 pm
3 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 am
4 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
5 Personnel Committee at 6:30 pm
6 Mission & Outreach Committee at
7:30 pm
6 Youth Campout
7 Fundraiser for DeEtta Wood
at Wood Farm
8 Harvest Sunday
9 Congregational Care Committee at
10:00 am
10 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm
12 Worship Committee at 6:30 pm
12 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
16 LOGOS at 5:00 pm, Christmas
Program Practice
16 PW Coordinating team at 6:30 pm
18 PW Joint Circle Meeting at 7:30
Thank Offering Program
18 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
19 Deadline for December Newsletter
Submissions
25 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
26 Youth Breakfast Fundraiser at 9am
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