

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

September 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

Labor Day kicks off the month of September where there are signs new things to come. September ushers in football games, going back to school, and those last hoorahs at the beach! God is blessing new things here at Providence Presbyterian Church in new and surprising ways. God has called us to reach out to our neighbors, our brothers and sisters, through so many opportunities such as: local mission projects, out-of-state mission projects, volunteering with USO, supporting our Armed Service men and women, helping the homeless and poor in our community, taking care of each other, growing our Youth Ministry, growing Children's Ministry, growing our Adult Ministry, Presbyterian Women, Men's Fellowship and so on and so on! I am almost overwhelmed at times with the passion, heart, skill, time, given out of this church and its willingness to step out on faith!

As our new building project wraps up – and the finer pieces of the puzzle come together, let us be always vigilant in staying focused on our true mission and ministry... which is keeping God the main thing in our lives ... in every nook and cranny (whatever a cranny is). I am always amazed and comforted by the knowledge that our Sovereign God is in control of all things and that even though I might not understand the events in my life – God is still God and has all things well in hand.

Let us look forward to the Autumn of 2014 and the beautiful array of color displayed in the God's grand palette of the world. Let us also embrace the transformative and radical nature of being Christ's Church. We all get to help write the next chapter of the ministry and mission of God realized through all those who would come and be a part of Jesus as Christ and King!!

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September Scripture Passage

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep¹ my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ 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 in¹ you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

John 14:15-19

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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These are exciting times and we should double our efforts to who God calls us – as God’s people, as Christ’s Church, as our Lord’s ambassadors in this life.

God continues to bless and grow the ministries and missions of PPC. I am encouraged in the outpouring of love and fellowship the Holy Spirit acts in and through the body of Christ here at Providence. As the days progress, let us remind ourselves to do a new thing in the Kingdom of God while we “Honor our history” and begin to “Build our future!”

Let us prayerfully move forward together as we enter this new chapter of being God’s family.

Your Brother in Christ, Rev. Jim Davis

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Circles will meet on the Third Tuesday of each month again this year. The Day Circle will meet at 10:00 AM and the Evening Circle at 7:30 PM. The first circle meeting of the new year will be a joint meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. New officers will be installed and the budget presented for approval. Refreshments will be served by the Day Circle and the Evening Circle will provide the lesson. All women of the church are invited to participate.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

The September Senior Citizens' luncheon is Tues., Sept. 9th, 12 noon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on Old Fairground Rd. If you will be able to attend, please contact Kay Dry 919-639-9784 or email kaydry@embarqmail.com or contact Carolyn Stevenson by Wed., Sept. 3rd so we can respond to Pleasant Grove with our number of reservations. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Copier Access Codes Implemented

At the request of the Session, a modification to our copier has been made to require users to enter an access code. Each elder has a code for use by their committee. Members of the congregation who need to use the copier for church-related purposes will contact the appropriate Elder for the access code.

Over the past year, we have seen larger than expected copier costs due to an increase in usage. Providence is charged by our vendor based on the number of copies we make. The move to access codes will help the Session better understand copier usage and allocate budget dollars appropriately.

Please speak with any member of the Session if you have questions regarding this change or if you are unsure which committee’s code you need.

Elders and Committees

- Long Range Planning – Nathan Dry
- Congregational Care – Wayne Lamm
- Fellowship - Gary Phillips
- Finance - Kristy Stephenson
- Mission and Outreach – Margie Taylor
- Christian Education Youth - Jeffrey Wood
- Christian Education Children - Beth Breeden
- Christian Education Adults – Pastor Jim Davis
(includes Presbyterian Women and Men of the Church)
- Property - Steve Nordan
- Personnel - Pete Booth
- Worship/Clerk - David Nelms

Homecoming

Homecoming at Providence is planned for Sunday, October 12. This will be another exciting Homecoming for us, as we are well underway with the new building project. There are several exciting activities being planned for this special day. All those who would like to help with the planning and organization, are invited to attend a Homecoming Committee meeting on Monday, September 15 at 7:00p.m. If you have questions, please contact Jeff or DeEtta Wood.

Deadline for October Newsletter Items

is Thursday September 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.com.

Mission and Outreach

There are several things going on with lots of opportunity for volunteers. To help with any of these events, please contact Margie at 919-207-0149.

- Blood drive scheduled for September 12th from 3pm to 7:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary. Get your friends to come to save a life.
- Stop Hunger Now is scheduled for September 24th at 6pm at Oakland Presbyterian Church. We would like to have many volunteers for this worthwhile project. We can carpool to Oakland.
- We need volunteers to deliver the Backpack Buddy bags to the schools on Fridays.

Church Skiing Retreat

Friday, January 23-Sunday, January 25, 2015 WINTER RETREAT to Winterplace Ski Resort, Flat Top, WV. This retreat is open to the whole church. A minimum of 40 people (a person is considered ages 6 and up) will be required to have the retreat. Youth are only permitted to go with parental supervision. Costs are ESTIMATED as follows:

Lodging (for persons 6 years and older) \$90 per person for the weekend. This payment (for lodging only) will be nonrefundable and due by Sunday, October 12th.

Skiing is ESTIMATED as follows:

Lift Ticket: 6-12 years \$49 all day on Saturday, Over 12 \$65 all day on Saturday

Ski Rental:

6-12 years \$25 all day on Saturday

Over 12 \$33 all day on Saturday

Snow Tubing: The cost has not been posted.

You do not have to ski or tube, please join us for the fellowship and fun! Please contact Stephanie Bagley snbagley@gmail.com or [919.868.2756](tel:919.868.2756).

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Circle at PPC will meet again for the first Tuesday of each month, starting Tuesday, 2 Sept. We meet at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome.

Youth Spotlight

Our Back to School Bash was a success! Seventeen youth and their parents attended. Please keep this ministry in your prayers for a successful year. We are off to a great start!

September events:

Sunday, September 7th, LOGOS 5-7 pm

Sunday, September 21st, LOGOS 5-7 pm

Sunday, September 28th, MISSIONS, organize school supplies after church. We will get lunch and play kick ball at Steve & Kelly Nordan's. Please RSVP to Stephanie Bagley, snbagley@gmail.com or [919.868.2756](tel:919.868.2756).

Ski Retreat deadline, Sunday, October 12th.

Sunday, September 14th, RSVP and money due for Busch Gardens trip

Youth Newsletter – anyone is interested in receiving the Youth Newsletter “*IGNITE*”, please contact Stephanie Bagley at snbagley@gmail.com

The church website’s **Youth Calendar** has been updated to reflect the new year and the exciting plans for the all youth. This can be accessed directly at http://providencepresb.org/Children_Youth%20Ministry/youth_calendar.html

LOGOS Registration is open

registration for the LOGOS program at Providence is now open on the church website. We encourage you to register your child online and pass the word to the community.

LOGOS Donations Sought

The LOGOS program at Providence Presbyterian Church begins on Sunday, September 7. All age groups from the church and community are encouraged to participate in the program on the first and third Sundays of each month from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. This program is accepting donations to help provide study Bibles (~\$16/Bible) for the younger children, food, and supplies. For donations made to the program, please label your check or envelope with the word LOGOS. Everyone is invited to be part of this exciting faith-building opportunity!

The youth are collecting loose-leaf paper and pencils for our local schools. A box will be located in the fellowship hall. Thanks for your support.

Church Surveys

A reminder that were distributed or mailed by the Long Range Planning Committee to Providence members and regular visitors ages 12 and older are due by Sunday, September 14. Surveys may be returned to Nathan Dry and Pete Booth or left in the Long Range Committee mailbox in the hallway behind the Sanctuary

Church Member Information

In an effort to keep better and more accurate records, families will be given an information sheet to fill out. This information is needed to create a database for the church. Please fill it out and return to David Nelms or leave in the Clerk's mailbox in the hallway behind the Sanctuary. Please return by Sunday, September 28.

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 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.

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.

Adult Christian Education Meeting

A meeting concerning Adult Christian Education opportunities for the Fall and 2015 will be held in the Seekers Classroom – Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. All who are interested are invited to attend – the more the merrier! If you are interested, cannot attend, or have questions - please contact Rev. Davis

Long Range Planning Meeting

The Long Range Planning meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7pm. Since the church is in the midst of the church surveys being completed, this meeting will be a Homecoming planning session with the Homecoming committee. Any and all who are interested in helping Jeff and DeEtta's Homecoming committee are invited to attend.

August Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on August 11, 2014, at 7:00pm at the church. The elders present were Pete Booth, Wayne Lamm, Jeff Wood, Margie Taylor, Gary Phillips, Nathan Dry, Beth Breeden and Steve Nordan. David Nelms and Kristy Stephenson were excused.

- Budget planning meeting for the session was scheduled for August 28.
- Motion passed to allow the LOGOS team to ask for donations for study bibles, food and supplies from the congregation.
- Jeff and DeEtta Wood have agreed to head up the Homecoming committee again this year.
- Motion passed to use 100% of this year's Homecoming offering on the Capital Campaign
- Furnishings Campaign information to be presented to the congregation by Nathan Dry on August 17.
- Next communion date will be Oct. 5 and will be World Communion Sunday.
- Pastor's Annual review to be September 11, 2014
- Session Workshop dates will be September 24 and 25 from 7-9pm.

Next stated session meeting will be held September 8, 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*, **Kathy Durocher**, friend of *Mark Nelms*, **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*, **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*, **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, **Jim Davis**, Pastor at Providence, **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, **Jennifer Price**, step-sister to *Andrea Jones* **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
Paul Taylor, *Rick Taylor's* brother
Jerry Johnson, member of the community
D.J. Johnson, member of the community
Krystal Davis, friend of *Georgeanna Phillips*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Sue Bryant
Carolyn Stuart
Stephanie Whitley
- 4 Kaitlin White
- 5 Dorothy Nesselrodt
Steve Wolak
- 10 David Collier
Jessica Langdon
Michelle Strader
- 11 Nell Franke
- 12 Joseph Phillips
- 13 DeEtta Wood
- 14 Stephanie Bagley
- 15 Makayla Hackney
- 16 Bobbie Langdon
Mary Elaine Wood
- 19 Ken Lordi
Ashton Stuart
- 22 William Stephenson
- 28 Pat Embrey
Haley Jones
- 30 Nathan Dry

Anniversaries

- 8 David and Lisa Nelms
- 9 Ronnie and JoAnn Creech
- 10 Eric and Christina Jones
- 17 Brent and Lindsey Frampton
- 19 Richard and Andrea Jones
- 22 Melvin and Mary Langdon
Ken and Sandra Lordi

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 Educator
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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 7 Heath & Heather White
- 14 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms
- 21 Israel & Karen Morrow
- 28 Kent, Gwen, Abbey Walton

USHERS

- 7 Ronnie Creech & Jimmy Stuart
- 14 Brent Frampton & Wayne Lamm
- 21 Carlos Bagley & Tony Bryant
- 28 David Nelms & Jeffrey Wood

ACOLYTE

- 7 Ava Wood
- 14 Eva Stephenson
- 21 Paige Smith
- 28 Alexa Rogers

CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 7 Amy Dupree
- 14 Jonathan Breeden
- 21 Carolyn Stuart
- 28 Kristy Stephenson

CHILDRENS CHURCH TEACHER

Wendy Stephenson

KIDS KRUSADE

Beth Breeden

ELDER

Beth Breeden

September Upcoming Events

- 2 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 am
- 3 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 4 Personnel Committee meets at 6:30 pm
- 4 Missions & Outreach Committee at 7:30pm
- 7 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day
- 7 LOGOS Begins!! 5:00 pm
- 8 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 9 Senior Citizens Luncheon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 12 noon
- 9 PW Coordinating Team at 7:00 pm
- 10 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 12 Blood Drive 3pm-7:30pm
- 15 Long Range Planning / Homecoming Committee meeting at 7:00 pm
- 16 Joint PW Meeting at 7:30pm
- 17 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 21 LOGOS at 5pm
- 24 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 24 Stop Hunger Now Oakland Presbyterian at 6pm
- 25 Deadline for October Newsletter Submissions