

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

August 2015



## From the Pastor's Study...

God is so good! God's blessings have overflowed in July here at Providence and rendered awesome testimony to our Lord God's presence in our church. Once again Providence has ended the month with celebration of Jesus Christ in the form of Vacation Bible School. It is a blessing and joy to share the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to those in our community and our church family. Vacation Bible School was a glowing display of God's grace, caring Christians, great food, fun, sun, kickball, and proclamation of the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We would like to extend a joyful *Thank you!* and *well done* to all who participated, taught, organized, cooked, played, led, and sustained the week long activities of proclaiming the love of God to all God's people!

This month's scripture comes from the Gospel of Matthew, where the disciples ask "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus continues by telling them Christian humility is a key character trait of being a disciple. Jesus speaks of being welcoming and not being a stumbling block to anyone.

We are called out of this world, by Jesus, to learn of and implement God's gracious love in our lives and everyday dealings with all people. Humility in this world is too frequently down-played and has now become replaced by unashamed self promotion. Our national sports figures, politicians, business and corporate heads, and even local community leaders now promote themselves in all sorts of misleading ways in establishing themselves as the latest and greatest role model for how the real world works. Sadly enough, our children all too often become flooded with images and marketing strategies that reinforce such sad

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## August Scripture Passage

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes!

**Matthew 18:1-7**

## CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 am -  
12:00 pm and by appointment

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Rev. Davis may also be reached at  
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behavior. The good news is that there are Christian outlets and resources at our disposal to choose as an alternative to the world's big voices. We are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and feed ourselves with the things that uplift our minds, bodies, and souls.

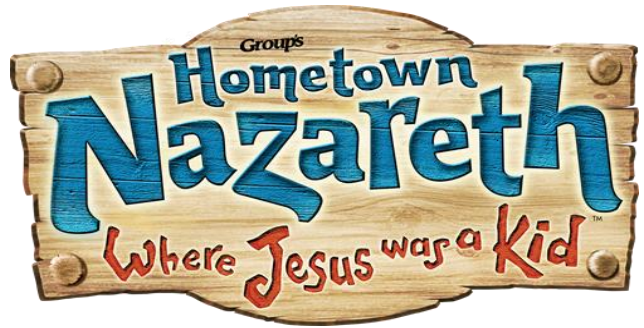
This month is full of worship, praise, and fellowship opportunities and we will celebrate communion on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for these and other opportunities to have fun and meaningful fellowship. As this summer winds down and the cooler days of fall become more abundant, let's come together in prayer and conversation as we discern God's plan for the days to come. Please pray for our church's future, our church family, our session, and our pastor – that we may follow our Lord God's will more nearly day by day.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis



**Secretary**

Kim Callis is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please send your bulletin prayer requests or updates, announcements, email distribution additions/deletions or other messages for broadcast via email to the congregation. Her email is [secretary@providencypresb.org](mailto:secretary@providencypresb.org) and her office number is 919-894-4063.



Praise the Lord! Our 2015 Vacation Bible School was a huge success and tremendous outreach to both our church and community! Children, youth and adults have all enjoyed a week full of learning through a study of when Jesus was a boy. We learned that Jesus had a family, a name, a house, a church, served others and WE DO TOO! Most importantly we learned that Jesus loves us so much, and his is our Lord and Savior. Below is a breakdown of our attendance for each night:

**SUNDAY:** 82 children/youth; 8 adults;  
65 teachers/helpers **TOTAL: 155**  
**MONDAY:** 94 children/youth; 10 adults;  
64 teachers/helpers **TOTAL: 168**  
**WEDNESDAY:** 91 children/youth; 9 adults;  
62 teachers/helpers **TOTAL: 162**  
**THURSDAY:** 90 children/youth; 8 adults;  
65 teachers/helpers **TOTAL: 163**

We would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents, donated items, and offered up prayer support for Hometown Nazareth's VBS. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all that you did to make VBS a success!

**LOGOS Volunteers**

**Volunteer Meeting** - Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 pm in the Seekers Classroom. If you are interested in serving in the LOGOS program please see Kristy Stephenson or Beth Bredden.

## WOMEN'S CONNECTION SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The Women's Connection spiritual retreat at Montreat will be held August 6 - 9, 2015. This year's program is *You are Enough*. Information regarding the retreat was sent by email to the ladies of the church by email. If you do not have email or cannot print from email, please check the Presbyterian Women's mailbox behind the sanctuary (bottom left box) for information and registration forms.



## SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The August Senior Citizen's Luncheon will be Tuesday, August 11 at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Please respond to Kay Dry at [919-639-9784](tel:919-639-9784) or [kaydry@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaydry@embarqmail.com) or Margie Taylor at [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com) by Wednesday, August 4, so we can make the reservations with Mt. Pleasant Church.



## USHERS

Johnny Wood, usher coordinator has requested a few items to be addressed with serving as ushers.

- If at all possible men please wear a tie when ushering.
- Be in position to usher by 10:40 am.
- After welcome and announcements ushers are to assist in seating guests.

With the addition of a third usher, we want to make it easy for members and visitors to know who our ushers are each week. If you are scheduled to be an usher, please look in the cabinet drawer in the vestibule for an usher pin that is to be worn. Please remember to place it back in the drawer after service. If you have any questions about the new third usher position or any usher duties, please contact our usher coordinator, Johnny Wood at [rwood146@centurylink.net](mailto:rwood146@centurylink.net) or 919-801-1892.

## THE MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**The Missions and Outreach Committee Opportunities** - Call Margie Taylor, Kelly Daniel, Carolyn Stevenson, Donna Stolle, or Sue Bryant.

- Backpack Buddies - donate easily prepared foods (list on bulletin board); help deliver bags during school year.
- Food Pantry – fourth Sunday bring non-perishable items (check to make sure not out of date).
- Stagecoach Manor - come visit with us on the third Tuesday, donate prizes for Bingo or check bulletin board for other items to donate.
- Harbor House for domestic violence victims - personal items and clean gently used clothes.
- Operation Christmas Child - shoeboxes for children (information coming soon).

## FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

Please sign up for fellowship times on the bulletin board located in the kitchen of the new fellowship hall. You may also sign up by sending an email to David Collier at [davidcollier123@yahoo.com](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com) or calling him at 919-625-3026.



### Prayer List Updates

If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list or someone that needs to be removed please let Kim Callis know by email at [secretary@providencepresb.org](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org) or call the church office at 919-894-4063.

### SCHEDULING FOR NEW AND OLD FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you need to schedule use of the new or old fellowship hall please contact Kim Callis at the church office at 919-894-4063 or by email at [secretary@providencepresb.org](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org).

### CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry, a sub-committee of Congregational Care, will be led by LaVette Morgan. This new Card Ministry involves making handmade cards to send to members of our congregation. Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of every month. This month's meeting is Tuesday, August 18 at 10:00 am in the new fellowship hall. Anyone interested in participating in this Ministry is invited. If you would like to make a financial contribution toward the Card Ministry to help offset the cost of materials, please designate "Card Ministry" on the memo line of your check.



### MUSICAL TALENT

We need your God given gifts! Brittany is searching for those within the congregation with musical talents who would be interested in sharing their talents with us; particularly piano talents, but we have ways of incorporating other musical gifts as well, so please don't let your instrument of choice be a factor in not coming forward. We can put your gifts to good use! Contact Brittany Jones at 910-814-7208 or [blkefauver07@hotmail.com](mailto:blkefauver07@hotmail.com).



### **Church Directory Information**

In 2014, the church invested in a database program, ChurchTrac to track membership and member information. At that time information sheets were handed out and the congregation was asked to fill in the information. This is and was used to populate the data in the program. However, we only had about 45% of the congregation to turn in their information. This information is very important. So beginning July 5, 2015 more information sheets will be emailed as well as copies placed in the narthex. If you DID NOT fill out an information sheet last year, PLEASE do so. This will allow us to provide a directory to church members that is both up to date and hopefully without errors.

Thank you for your participation  
David Nelms, Clerk of Session

### **Congregational Survey Review**

Members and concerned attendees of Providence Presbyterian Church (PPC) the PPC Session and our Pastor, Jim Davis, have made it my pleasure to announce that we will all have a covered dish luncheon following our worship service on August, 30, 2015. Drinks will be supplied for the covered dish luncheon, please note a meat will not be supplied so please plan your covered dish accordingly. Following the luncheon it will be my privilege (Nathan Dry) to give a one (1) hours presentation of the results of the survey we did in 2014. I am sure we all will find the results interesting and helpful to us in achieving the mission of Providence Presbyterian Church. Will everyone that will be able to attend please reply to Kim, our secretary so the preparation of the covered dish luncheon can be properly coordinated.

### **Mission and Outreach Committee**

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be collecting health & hygiene items for Military Missions in Action (MMIA). A list will be posted on our bulletin board. Items collected are for their Fill the Locker program for homeless veterans and will be handed out at the Homeless Veterans Stand Dwon. This is held in Raleigh on Friday, October 16, 2015 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.





## YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Youth Group apparel is available for purchase! The Youth Group thanks Abby Wood for the inspiration behind this year's design.

If you and your family would like youth apparel this year, **please visit the link below and place your order by Wednesday, August 5.** Also available in kids' sizes.

There will not be a separate church-wide order for this shirt as we've had in previous years. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Wood ([jdwood72@gmail.com](mailto:jdwood72@gmail.com)) or Beth Breeden ([aew@aewileyphotography.com](mailto:aew@aewileyphotography.com)).

Purchase Link: <http://teespring.com/providence-youth-shirt2>

### Upcoming Events

Registration for LOGOS 2015-16 is now open on the church website. Please register your child and help pass the word to the community.

**Back to School Bash** – for Providence Middle and High School Youth

Sunday, August 16 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Hosted by the Wood Family at 721 Honeycutt Road, Willow Spring, NC

We will have an informational parent meeting to discuss the 2015-2016 Youth opportunities at the beginning

Fun to include: Games, Food, Devotion, and "On the Farm" Scavenger Hunt

Come join the fun!

**Youth Handbook available in mid- August for 2015-2016**

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### **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; **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*; **Jerry Benson**, *Randy Benson's cousin*; **Nancy Biernacki**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*; **Patsy Bowman**, *member of church family*; **Edith Bowser**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*; **Christopher Conway**, *friend of Karen Morrow*; **Richard Davis**, *friend of Elaine Wood*; **Salley Dowsett**, *Laura McLamb's cousin*; **Carol Frickman**, *Todd Frickman's sister-in-law*; **David Guss**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, *member of community*; **P.B. Jernigan**, *relative of Sheila Dupree*; **Joey Johnson**, *friend of Randy Benson*; **Luke Jordan**, *friend of Christina Jones*; **Keith Langdon**, *member of church family*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Dupree*; **Larry Phipps**, *Allison Phipps's husband*; **Ben Snelling**, *friend of John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, *friend of John Pickens*; **Wayne Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's brother-in-law*; **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*; **Kenneth Weathers**, *brother-in-law of Wendy Stephenson* and **Hannah Youngblood**, *friend of Kristy Stephenson*

### **Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:**

**Levon and Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's parents*; **Velma and Ray Bost**, *Heath White's grandparents*; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Ricky Faircloth**, *Beck McLamb's brother-in-law*; **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*; **Billy Gilchrist**, *Becky Kleaver's nephew*; **Linda Haden**, *Brenda Byrd's neighbor*; **Janet Harris**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister-in-law*; **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*; **Melinda Kendall**, *member of church family*; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, *member of church family*; **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, *scout leader*; **Joe Martinelli**, *member of the church family*; **Scott Martinelli**, *Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son*; **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*; **Tim McLeod**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother*; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, *member of church family*; **Barbara Penny**, *friend of Janice Parrish*; **Lou Penny**, *member of the church family*; **Caleb Reese**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*; **Donald Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*; **Blake Weatherspoon**, *friend of Karen Morrow*; **Marie Wellman**, *friend of Brenda Byrd*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

**Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of**

**Roy Byrd  
Betty Carroll  
Brandy Hawkins  
Kathy Ryals  
Charles Stewart**



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **August Anniversaries**

- 2 Brian and Leshia Wheeler
- 10 John and Julie Marley
- 14 Nathan and Kay Dry
- 18 Stephen and Samantha Nordan
- 18 David and Pamela Collier
- 21 Darren and Joan Stuart
- 23 Don and Brenda Dupree
- 29 Dave and Edythe Natrass

### **August Birthdays**

- 1 Dick Embrey
- 3 Brenda Dupree  
Grace Martin  
LaVette Morgan
- 4 Emma Phillips  
Eva Stephenson
- 5 Silas Porter  
Robert Stolle  
Leshia Wheeler
- 7 Pauline Jones
- 9 Richard Jones  
Sandy Kopanski  
Keith Langdon
- 10 Joe Martinelli
- 12 Liz Marley  
Sophie Marley  
Ann Stephenson
- 13 Bob Reed
- 19 Stewart Pickens  
Nadine Reed
- 22 Candace Bullock
- 23 Patsy Bowman
- 27 Paige Smith
- 28 Charleigh Morrow  
Elaine Wood
- 29 Tyler Nordan
- 30 Lauren Collier  
Israel Morrow
- 31 Randy Benson

### **Pastor**

Rev. Jim Davis

### **Session**

#### *Class of 2015*

Kristy Stephenson - Finance  
Jeffrey Wood - Youth Christian Education  
Margie Taylor - Mission and Outreach  
Kent Walton - Congregational Care

#### *Class of 2016*

Beth Breeden - Children's Christian Education  
Pete Booth, Personnel  
David Nelms - Clerk of Session  
Steve Nordan - Property

#### *Class of 2017*

Tony Bryant - Long-Range Planning  
David Collier - Fellowship  
Barri Martin - Adult Christian Education  
Heath White - Worship

### **Church Staff**

*Secretary*  
Kim Callis

*Accounting Treasurer*  
Wayne Lamm

*Collections Treasurer*  
Ann Benson

*Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*  
Brittany Jones

*Organist/Pianist*  
Ann Stephenson & Susan Rudd

*Website*  
David Nelms

*Newsletter*  
Kim Callis

*Usher Coordinator*  
Russell Wood



# AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 2 Jonathan Breeden & Laura Langdon  
 9 Sue Bryant & Pat Davis  
 16 Eric & Lori Smith  
 23 Chris & Kristy Stephenson  
 30 Heath & Heather White

## USHERS

- 2 John Kopanski & Rick Taylor, Gary Phillips (Back)  
 9 Ken Lordi & Atlee Roberts, Austin Benson (Back)  
 16 Pete Booth & Jonathan Breeden, Parker Smith (Back)  
 23 Don Dupree & David Nelms, Eric Faircloth (Back)  
 30 Nathan Dry & Wayne Lamm, Dave Natrass (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 2 Riley Wood  
 9 Kimsey Bagley  
 16 Eva Stephenson  
 23 Connor Frickman  
 30 Ava Wood

## CHILDRENS CHURCH

### HELPER

- 2 Carolyn Stuart  
 9 Stephanie Bagley  
 16 Vickie Faircloth  
 23 Christy Cross  
 30 Laura Langdon

## CHILDRENS CHURCH

### TEACHER

Beth Breeden/ Barri Martin

## KIDS KRUSADE

No Kids Krusade for August

## ELDER

Kristy Stephenson

## August Upcoming Events

- 3 Congregational Care Meeting at 10:00 am  
 3 Long Range Planning Meeting at 7:00 pm  
 5 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm  
 6 Mission and Outreach Meeting 7:00 pm  
 6 Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm  
 6  
 - Women's Retreat in Montreat  
 9  
 9 Communion Sunday  
 10 Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
     Senior Citizen's Luncheon  
 11 Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church 12:00 pm  
 12 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  
 18 Card Ministry Meeting 10:00 am  
 19 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  
 26 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  
 30 Covered Dish Luncheon after worship, survey results discussed.