

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2015



From the Pastor's Study...

July is a hot, wonderful, bright and joyful time of the year where we have a chance to enjoy the warm and sunny days of summer. We have so much to be thankful for here at Providence Presbyterian Church, please look for the upcoming opportunities to join in life of Christ's church in our community. We are excited about the upcoming worship, fellowship, and ministry opportunities such as: Vacation Bible School, and all the other group activities happening here at Providence this summer

The Fourth of July celebrates our nation's independence from England as a colony. It is the day we set aside to remember those who have gone before us and to commemorate the freedoms enjoyed by all the citizens and even visitors of our great nation. Let us rejoice in the gift of being born in this country of ours and pray for all its leaders. Pat and I plan to see Mt. Rushmore this year for the first time. This historic landmark is a symbol of those who have given much to our country. While there are many symbols of our country that are important to us - the symbols in Christ's church are of utmost importance. The cross, the candle on the Lord's Table, our baptism, and the Lord's Supper are all components of symbolism used in our church.

The cross hanging in our church is an empty cross - that reminds us that we worship a risen Lord and Savior. The candles in our sanctuary on the Lord's Table represent the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Our baptisms are an outward sign and symbol that we have been reborn in the Holy Spirit and become new creatures of Christ Jesus. The Lord's Supper is a symbol that reminds us God sacrificed much when Jesus offered his body and blood to redeem all humanity.

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July Scripture Passage

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;¹ only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,² but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-14

CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

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

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

Rev. Davis may also be reached at
919.264.4324(m).

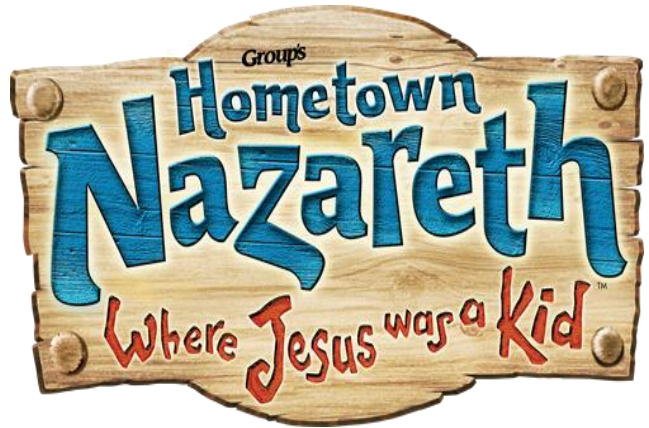
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Let us celebrate the independence day of our country while we reflect on the only hope of being made truly free in Christ.

What an awesome opportunity we have in this year's VBS to reach out to all those who hunger for the truth in our community. Please support the missions and ministries of Providence Presbyterian Church with your prayers, involvement, time, words, and resources.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis



VBS Online Registration -Is now open at:

<http://www.providencepresb.org>

VBS is July 26 - 30 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Please register your children and share the link with others in the community. We look forward to having a great time at "Hometown Nazareth - learning about when Jesus was a boy."

Come join the fun!

Items needed for VBS have been posted on the bulletin board in the new building. Please check it out to see how you can help!

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@providencepresb.org and her office number is 919-894-4063.

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 LUNCHEON

There will not be a Senior Citizen Luncheon in July due to family vacations.



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 or 919-801-1892.

Tyler, Natalie and Tate Nordan are excited to announce the arrival of Tripp Gregory Nordan. He was born June 18, 2015. We welcome this new addition to our church family.



THE MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Is in need of donations for the Stagecoach Manor assisted living facility. They are in need of twin fitted sheets, personal items, size 9-11 men's tennis shoes and some larger size men's clothing. Contact Margie Taylor, Carolyn Stevenson, Kelly Daniel, Donna Stolle, or Sue Bryant.

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 or calling him at 919-625-3026.

Directory Updates

Please contact Kim Callis, church secretary, if you want to have your phone number(s), mailing address, or email address updated in our records. Kim can be reached by phone at 919-894-4063 or by email at 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, July 28 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.



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.

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

Marquee Duties

We are looking someone to update the two signs / marquees throughout the year. If you are interested please contact the secretary or pastor. Church office number is 919-894-4063 or email secretary@providencepresb.org.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Upcoming Youth Events

Massanetta Springs Youth Conference 2015 to Massanetta Springs, VA.
The group will depart at 8:45 am the morning of Thursday, July 9
and return on the evening of Sunday, July 12.



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**, *Tod 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*; **Karen Winningham**, *friend of Karen Morrow*; 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; **Scott Martinelli**, Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Wanza Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's mother; **Sarah McBride**, friend of Georgeanna Phillips; **Tim McLeod**, Wendy Stephenson's brother; **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister; **Jon Nooney**, member of church family; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Kathy Rose**, friend of Kim Schmidt; **Donald Salmon**, Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law; **Marie Wellman**, friend of Brenda Byrd; **Gary Willis**, friend of Georgeanna Phillips; and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of

**Betty Carroll
Billy Marcom
Kathy Ryals**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Anniversaries

- 17 Jim and Lisa Ingram
28 Jonathan and Beth Breeden

July Birthdays

- 5 Brian Wheeler
7 Tom Nelms
Kenny Poole
Sam Stephenson
8 Ryne Jones
Samuel Stephenson
10 Christy Cross
11 Travis Creech
Lindsey Frampton
12 David Nelms
13 Vickie Faircloth
14 Cathy Creech
Carolyn Zattiero
15 Kent Walton
16 Mary Langdon
17 Atlee Roberts
19 Pete Booth
Kimberly Byrd
Jennifer Crocker
Atlee Roberts
20 Maddox Strader
Rick Taylor
24 Wesley Nooney
25 Trey Bullock
29 Heather Reed
30 Kendall Nelms

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 Educator
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

JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 5 Richard and Andrea Jones
- 12 Christina Jones and Lisa Nelms
- 19 Israel and Karen Morrow
- 26 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley

USHERS

- 5 Steve Wolak and Jeffrey Wood
(Back) John Rogers
- 12 Brent Frampton and Jimmy Stuart
(Back) Parker Smith
- 19 Todd Frickman and Hamilton
Greene
(Back) Russell Wood
- 26 Scott Martin and John Daniel
(Back) Kent Walton

ACOLYTE

- 5 Olivia White
- 12 Paige Smith
- 19 Charlotte Wood
- 26 Mary Elaine Wood

CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 5 Heather Ennis
- 12 Amy Dupree
- 19 Beth Pickens
- 26 Donna Stolle

CHILDRENS CHURCH TEACHER (all Sundays except July 5) KIDS KRUSADE

No Kids Krusade for July

ELDER

Barri Martin

July Upcoming Events

- 1 - Pastor Jim Davis on Vacation
- 5 Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting 7 pm
- 2 Independence Day
- 4 Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
- 6 Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 8 Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9 Youth Retreat to Massanetta Springs, VA
- 12 Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13 No Senior Citizen's Luncheon
- 14 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 15 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 22 Vacation Bible School "Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus was a kid". 6:00 - 8:45 pm
- 26 August Newsletter Deadline
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- 30 August Newsletter Deadline
- 27 Card Ministry Meeting 10:00 am
- 28 New Hope Presbyterian Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham