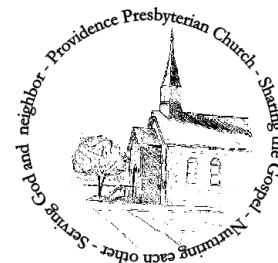


# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2015



## From the Pastor's Study...

June is here once again and we have another opportunity to celebrate Communion Sunday, Father's Day, and warm days filled with all the opportunities that Summer brings with it. Our church family also blesses and sends another Youth mission team to minister to God's people in need by offering their hands, hearts, elbow grease, smiles, laughter, grace filled conversation, and Christian witness. Please pray for their safe journey and a truly life changing mission opportunity for our entire mission team. We will also welcome Steve Aschmann back in the pulpit on the last Sunday in June.

In June's scripture passage, Matthew 18:1-7, Matthew writes *"<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."* In response to the disciples' question: Who will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven amongst them? Jesus speaks of four things: three actions and one condition - 1- change, 2- humility, 3- being welcoming, 4- and not being the cause for others to spiritually stumble.

Change is so often the hardest thing we have to do ... and old habits die hard. True spiritual change is transformation - becoming a new creature centered on God and God's plan for our lives and thereby allowing the old self to die.

True humility is the condition of being willing to step out of a world centered around ourselves and allow God to be the main focus of our lives.

The act of welcoming someone is a facet of hospitality, following Christ's example is a mission of hospitality to declare God's redeeming love.

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## June Scripture Passage

**1** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" **2** He called a child, whom he put among them, **3** and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. **6** "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. **7** 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

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

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919.264.4324(m).

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It is a mission of hospitality because Christ meets each and every one of us where we are in life. Jesus calls us to go out into the our ever changing world in Matthew 28:19-20 (known as the "Great Commission") so that we may go and do Christ's work in the lives of others.

We are also called not to be stumbling blocks to each other. Our actions (and inaction) can often speak louder than words. We are called to live our lives of repentance and reflecting Christian love.

This is the image that we are presented with is living a life centered on Christ and living a repentant life ... going... discipling ... baptizing ... and teaching each other the abundant gracious love of God Almighty. Let us encourage one another in the Love of God, the truth of the power of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in Our Redeemer may we grow and mature in our faith of a God who sends forth into this world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*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. Amen.*

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@providencepresb.org](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org) and her office number is 919-894-4063.

**COMING SOON!!  
"HOMETOWN NAZARETH - WHERE  
JESUS WAS A KID"**

**VBS Online Registration** -Is now open  
at:

<http://www.providencepresb.org>

VBS is July 26-30 from 6:00 - 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".



**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING**

Sunday, June 7, immediately after church. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Kristy Stephenson at [clkhstep@embarqmail.com](mailto:clkhstep@embarqmail.com) or 919-207-0111.

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!

## 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.



## 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.

## JUNE SENIOR LUNCHEON

The June Senior Luncheon will be held at Johnston Memorial Church on Tuesday, June 9 at 12 noon. We hope all of our Senior Citizens will be able to attend. Please let Kay Dry or Margie Taylor know if you can come by

Wednesday, June 3

[kaydry@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaydry@embarqmail.com) or  
919-639-9784,

[margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com).

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



## 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](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com) or calling him at 919-625-3026.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY CIRCLE**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 16, at 10:00 in the Nannie Coates Fellowship Hall. This will be the last meeting until September. Please join us as we study the ninth and final lesson in our Bible study. All ladies are welcome!

### **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](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, June 23 at 10:00 am in the Nannie Coates 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.



### **GRADUATE SUNDAY**

Will be June 7. We will reserve a few pews for the families of the graduates. This includes both high school and college. If you are graduating or have graduated high school or college this year, please let Heath White know at [grail74@earthlink.net](mailto:grail74@earthlink.net) or 919-612-0492.

### **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).



### **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).

## **YOUTH SPOTLIGHT**



### **2015 Graduates**

#### **High School**

**Joshua Patrick Collier – High School**  
**Jarrett Lee Cross – West Johnston High School**  
**Evan Joseph Phillips – West Johnston High School**  
**Hannah Jean Stephenson – West Johnston High School**  
**Ashton Stuart – Middle Creek High School**

#### **College**

**Matthew Ryan Dupree – East Carolina University & Johnston Community College**  
**Lorie Smith – Methodist University**

### **2015 Marshals**

**Daniel Stephenson**  
**Abby Wood**

**Congratulations to all of our graduates!**

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

Please be in prayer for the Youth, Pastor Jim and Wendy Stephenson, as they prepare to travel to Jacksonville, Florida on June 14 for mission work. They will leave Sunday morning and return the following Saturday, June 20.

Youth retreat to Massanetta Springs, VA. The group will depart on the morning of Thursday, July 9 and return on the evening of Sunday, July 12. More details to come as the retreat nears.

## 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*; **Karen Tew**, *friend of DeEtta Wood*; **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*; **Linda Haden**, *Brenda Byrd's neighbor*; **Bob Huber**, *friend of Jeffrey Wood*; **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*; **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*; **Gary Willis**, *friend of Georgeanna Phillips*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

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

**Tracey Lee**

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **June Anniversaries**

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle  
9 Candace and Trey Bullock  
12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton  
13 Lacy and Marilyn Johnson  
14 John and Kelly Daniel  
Israel and Karen Morrow  
20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson  
22 Phil and Christy Cross  
Paul and Karen Sherrill  
24 Steve and Kelly Nordan  
Kent and Gwen Walton  
28 Jim and Pat Davis

### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Daniel Stephenson  
4 Connor Reed  
5 Chance Ennis  
Connor Frickman  
6 Pam Nelms  
Riley Wood  
7 Wayne Ennis  
8 Don Dupree  
9 Debbie Greene  
Lisa Nelms  
11 Austin Benson  
13 Kay Dry  
14 Rob Nooney  
16 Eric Smith  
17 Peggy Jones  
20 Joshua Lynch  
23 Chase Faircloth  
24 Eric Faircloth  
25 Lauren Langdon  
Emma Roberts  
26 Barri Martin  
27 Hamilton Greene  
28 Molly Breeden  
30 Pamela Collier

### **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

# JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 7 Mary Langdon and Beth Pickens
- 14 Carolyn Stuart and Elaine Wood
- 21 Todd and Barbie Frickman
- 28 Jennifer Crocker and Emma Phillips

## USHERS

- 7 Carlos Bagley and David Collier  
(Back) Justin Wood
- 14 Israel Morrow and Heath White  
(Back) Chase Faircloth
- 21 Ronnie Creech and Tony Bryant  
(Back) Joseph Phillips
- 28 Bob Stolle and Ryan Nelms  
(Back) Eric Faircloth

## ACOLYTE

- 7 Emma Roberts
- 14 Chance Ennis
- 21 Lily Martin
- 28 Conner Reed

## CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 7 Joyce Lamm
- 14 Kay Dry
- 21 Jennifer Crocker
- 28 Lindsey Frampton

## CHILDRENS CHURCH TEACHER

Beth Breeden/ Barri Martin

## KIDS KRUSADE

No Kids Krusade for June

## ELDER

Pete Booth

## June Upcoming Events

- 1 Congregational Care Meeting 10 am
- 1 Long Range Planning Meeting 7 pm
- 2 Prayer Shawl 10 am
- 3 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 4 Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4 Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting 7 pm
- 7 Graduate Sunday
- 7 VBS Volunteer Meeting immediately after church
- 8 Stated Session Meeting 7 pm
- 9 Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 12 pm at Johnson Memorial Baptist Church
- 10 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
- 14 Communion Sunday
- 14 Youth Mission Trip to Jacksonville, Florida
- 20 Presbyterian Women Day Circle 10 am
- 16 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 17 Blood Drive 2:30 - 7 pm
- 21 Father's Day
- 23 Card Ministry Meeting at 10 am
- 24 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 25 July Newsletter Deadline
- 28
- Pastor Jim Davis on vacation
- July 11