

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

September 2015



From the Pastor's Study...

Labor Day weekend begins the month of September with many new beginnings to experience. September ushers in: cooler days, the Fall season on the 23rd, our Sunday evening LOGOS program of food - fun - fellowship -foundational Scripture lessons begin on 20th, football games, going back to school, those last hoorahs at the beach, and the first Fall season in our new facilities! Some of us will take that one last vacation while it's still warm, yet some of us have begun planning for Thanksgiving and even Christmas. Yes, that's right - only 16 weeks until presents are unwrapped under the tree! Here at Providence, while the days are still let us pray for all our new beginnings, that God will be present in the midst of us all, as the upcoming days unfold.

This month's scripture passage comes from 1 Peter 4, which the Apostle Paul writes "*Above all, maintain constant love for one another ... be hospitable to one another ... serve one another ... so that God may be glorified in all things*". Paul reminds us that we are to be a people of hospitality with Christian integrity for we are called by God to be "*... good stewards of the manifold Grace of God*". This is why we are a people who celebrate God and what God has done in our lives. It is important to pause in this life and recognize that God is a very dynamic and involved God in our lives - a God who seeks a relationship with us and who goes to extraordinary measures to get our attention so that we might not lose our souls in the course of this life.

Let us pray for God's intercession in our lives and the lives of those we come in contact with. May we encourage others to seek God in their lives for it is our Christian witness and calling to do so.

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September Scripture Passage

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11

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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God has given Providence Presbyterian Church many opportunities to reach out to others and proclaim the Gospel – let us continue to pray diligently that our church continues to recognize all the opportunities God places in our path.

May we lift our Lord God up in praise and adoration for all God has done in our lives - and pray for guidance and discernment in the days and weeks to come so that God's will be made manifold in our lives, in our families, in our church family, and in the world we live in.

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 and her office number is 919-894-4063.



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20 – COME JOIN THE FUN!

LOGOS (“The Word”) is a four-part Sunday evening ministry for young people ages 3 years old through grade 12. Every first and third Sunday evening of the month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, we will study the Bible, learn practical skills for leading worship, experience games and recreation, and share a family meal.

These four segments provide children and youth the opportunity to:

- Develop meaningful relationships with caring Christian adults
- Experience what early Christian communities lived out – study, fellowship, a shared meal and the practice of worship
- Lean and practice what it means to be a child of God and a disciple of Christ

All are welcome to LOGOS.

We ask for prior registration for safety and planning purposes.

Registration is now open at

www.providencepresby.org



Presbyterian Women will hold a joint circle meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm in the Nannie Coates Fellowship Hall. Our new officers for the upcoming year will be installed. The Evening Circle will provide refreshments and the Day Circle will lead the lesson.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet at 6:00 pm Tuesday, September 15 in the Seekers Classroom.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The September Senior Citizen's Luncheon will be Tuesday, September 15 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Please respond to Kay Dry at [919-639-9784](tel:919-639-9784) or kaydry@embarqmail.com or Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com by Wednesday, September 9, so we can make the reservations with Pleasant Grove Baptist 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 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 or you can call 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 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.

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, September 22 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.



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

Acolyte Training

Will be held in conjunction with our first LOGOS meeting, Sunday, September 20 from 5:30 to 6:00 in the Sanctuary. Training is for children in first grade thru fifth grade.

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 Down. This is held in Raleigh on Friday, October 16, 2015 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

School Supply Drive by Providence Youth

During the month of September please put your donations to the School Supply Drive in the box in the New Fellowship Hall – we are collecting paper, pencils, and pens only please.

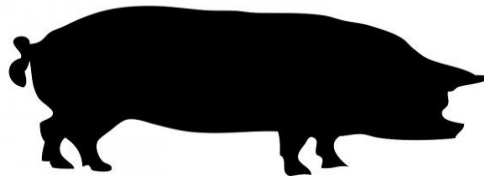


Providence Presbyterian Youth BBQ Fundraiser

11:00 am to 8:00 pm on Friday, September 25

Proceeds Support Youth Missions and Retreats

\$8.00 per ticket – Plate of BBQ, boiled potatoes, slaw, and dessert



Parents of all College Students – Please email or call the office with your student's correct address since they are all starting a new year.

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*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*; **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*; **Kim Faircloth**, *friend of Amy Dupree*; **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*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis's sister*; **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; **Brenda Byrd**, member of the church; **Ricky Faircloth**, Beck McLamb's brother-in-law; **Ed Fontana**, Mary Langdon's father; **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; **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; **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

Bill Pope, member of the community
Gail Keeter, co-worker of John Kopanski
Golda Pittman, sister-in-law to Joyce Lamm
Ned Bradbury, Beth Wolak's brother-in-law
Steven Allen, friend of Christiane Nooney



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Anniversaries

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

September 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
14 Stephanie Bagley
Hannah Bullock
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

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

6	Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens
13	Carolyn Stuart & Elaine Wood
20	Todd & Barbie Frickman
27	Richard & Andrea Jones

USHERS

6	Eric Smith & Darren Stuart, Justin Wood (Back)
13	Carlos Bagley & Heath White, Israel Morrow (Back)
20	Tony Bryant & Ronnie Creech, Ryan Nelms (Back)
27	Bob Stolle & Jeffrey Wood, Steve Wolak (Back)

ACOLYTE

6	Kenny Poole
13	Silas Porter
20	Alexa Rogers
27	Lily Martin

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADER/HELPER

6	Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
13	Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
20	Kristy Stephenson/Jeff Wood
27	Kristy Stephenson/Jeff Wood

ELDER

David Collier

September Upcoming Events

1	Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
2	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
3	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
3	Adult Christian Education Meeting 7:00 pm
7	Labor Day (Office Closed)
9	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
10	Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
14	Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
15	Senior Citizen's Luncheon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church 12:00 pm
15	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting 6:00 pm (Seekers Classroom)
15	Presbyterian Women Joint Circle Meeting 7:30 pm
16	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
20	LOGOS kickoff 5:00 pm
22	Card Ministry Meeting 10:00 am
23	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
24	October Newsletter Deadline
25	Youth BBQ Fundraiser 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
30	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm