

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

April 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

May the all the color of Spring lift you up and may none of the pollen keep you down! Greetings in the name of our LORD and Savior! Easter has come early this year and so we go into April with Easter upon our hearts. Let us go out into the world and share the "Peace of Christ" realized in the risen Son of God. Please join us for the worship and fellowship opportunities this month, such as: The Meet and Greet/Gospel Sing on the 10th, Youth Sunday on the 17th, and all the other opportunities this month - check the bulletin or website for all our calendar events.

This month's scripture comes from 1 Peter 1:3-9, where Peter writes of God who gives us a "... new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," this is a powerful witness to the depths of God's grace for humanity. Peter further reminds us that though we "suffer various trials" we are "... being protected by the power of God through faith". Peter rightly proclaims that our lives, and the world we live in, are not blemish free and through our continued faith in our Lord God Almighty we are blessed through the good and the bad times. Celebrating Easter reminds us that the redemption of our souls by Jesus the Messiah was at a great cost to God. So to the gift of life, knowledge and freedom come from God and those God uses.

Let us take the moments in April and give thanks to our Gracious God for all the gifts that continue to shower down upon us. May we also remember all those in our lives who care to take time in their lives to give us those things we could never achieve on our own.

May God bless us with a deeper understanding of God's love through forgiveness purchased

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April Scripture Passage

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **1 Peter 1:3-9***

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through the blood of Jesus. In days and weeks to come let us encourage each other to continue to support our church family and it's ministries in your thoughts, prayers, and actions.

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,
Jim



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).

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.



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
- Learn 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.

LOGOS
Meets April 3 and
April 17 at
5:00 pm Join us!

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.



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.

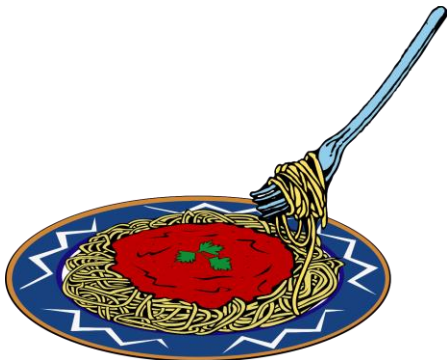
FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

As of October 1, 2015 we have adopted a new policy to be used on all scheduling request to use both Fellowship Halls. If you request to use either of our Fellowship Halls you will be required to complete a form and the approval will come from the Session. This will apply to all new requests for both halls. Requests that have already been approved or confirmed will not be required to complete the new form. New requests need to be made through the church office (Kim Callis) same as current process. If you have questions on this new policy please contact

Kim Callis at 919-894-4063 or
David Collier at 919-625-3026 or
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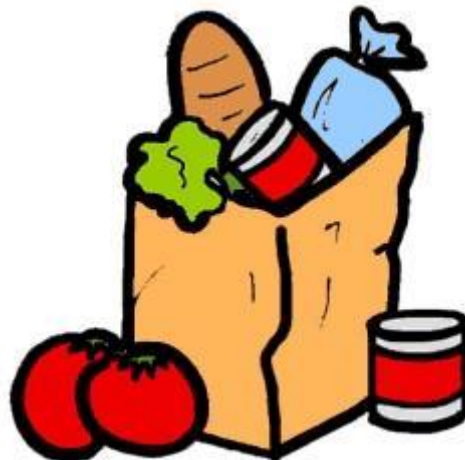
SCOUTS SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Come out and support our Scouts at their Scouts Spaghetti Fundraiser on Friday, April 29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Plates are \$8.00 each and goes to support our local troop. Thanks in advance for your support!



SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

Cub Scout Pack 210 is having a food drive on April 9, 2016 at Food Lion from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations will go to local food pantries and Backpack Buddies. Please come support your community!



MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL

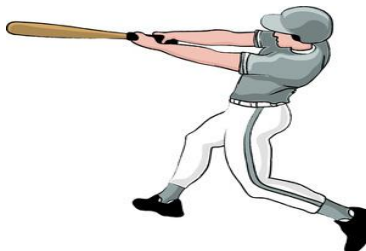
The Men's softball games that are scheduled for April are as follows:



Monday, April 4 at 6:45 pm
Thursday, April 7 at 8:45 pm
Tuesday, April 12 at 6:45 pm
Thursday, April 14 at 8:45 pm
Monday, April 18 at 6:45 pm
Thursday, April 21 at 6:45 pm
Thursday, April 28 at 6:45 pm

Games are played at Midway Baptist Church in Garner.

Questions call Eric Faircloth at 919-201-2696 or by email at ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizen's luncheon will be Tuesday, April 12 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at 12 noon. Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149 by April 6 with your reservations.



PRAYER SHAWL TEAM

This team will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am in the lower fellowship hall. The April meeting is Tuesday, April 26 at 10:00.



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 first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. 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.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to participate in our kid-sized Children's Worship ~ an interactive worship service of music, scripture, and learning about God's word. Children's Worship will be held in the space formerly known as Classroom 5. We are thankful for the adults, youth, and little people who are committed to making this worship service meaningful for all involved. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth Breeden at 919-624-1633.



BACKPACK BUDDIES AND FOOD PANTRY

In March 76 items were donated to Backpack Buddies and 52 items to Friendship Chapel Food Pantry.
Thank you!



MISSION & OUTREACH

We will be collecting clothing during the month of April for Pizazz. Pizazz supports Harbor House, a shelter for domestic violence victims.



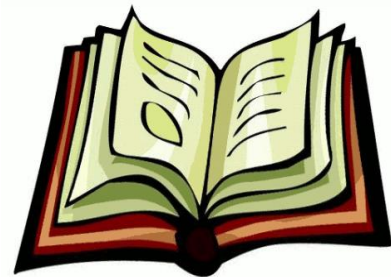
FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GOSPEL SING...FOOD TOO!

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a meet and greet on April 10 from 4:00-6:00 pm in our new Fellowship hall. This will include a Gospel Sing from the Hickory Grove Quartet. Everyone is invited out for fellowship time with our church family to grab a hot dog and listen to some wonderful Gospel music. Please notify Ryan Nelms or Elaine Wood, if you will be attending this event. Hope to see you there!

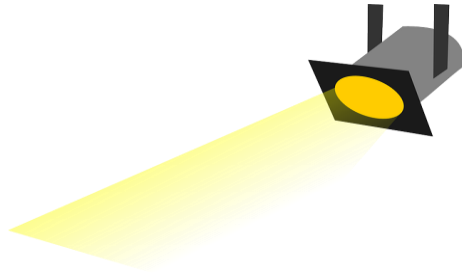


NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have not retrieved your copy of the new directory they are now with Kim Callis. Please contact Kim to arrange receipt. One copy per family is available, even if you were not able to have your picture taken.



A big thank you to Donna Stolle and the directory team that put this directory together. What an awesome job!



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

DeEtta Jones Wood Youth Center

Please join us for Youth Sunday and the dedication of the DeEtta Jones Wood Youth Center on Sunday, April 17, 2016. The Youth will lead worship at the 11:00 am service and would like to welcome you to the newly renovated Youth Center immediately following the worship service. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletins.



CONGRATULATIONS

Chase Faircloth was inducted into the National Honor Society. Also, Chase has been named the new Wildcat News Editor-in-Chief. Great job Chase!



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*; **Patsy Bowman**, *member of church family*; **Richard Davis**, *friend of Elaine Wood*; **David Guss**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, *member of community*; **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*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis' sister*; **Art Redmond**, *husband of Pat Embrey's niece*; **Nina Redmond**, *Pat Embrey's niece*; **Joe Rudd**, *church family*; **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*; 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*; **Janet Harris**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister-in-law*; **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*; **Scott Martinelli**, *Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son*; **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*; **Bill McClandless**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*; **Carol McClandless**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, *member of the church family*; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, *member of church family*; **Caleb Reese**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*; **Hunter Stephenson**, *son of Laura McLamb's friend*; **Barbara Walton**, *member*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of

Fred Ipock, Cathy Creech's father



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

- 4 Pete and Mary Ann Booth
- 12 Jon and Chris Nooney
- 17 Travis and Brittany Jones
- 20 Heath and Heather White
- 21 John and Beth Pickens
- 22 Nathan and Heather Reed
- 23 Hamilton and Debbie Greene
- 24 Wayne and Joyce Lamm
- 24 Joe and Beverly Martinelli
- 26 Billy and Peggy Barnhill

April Birthdays

- 3 Carlos Bagley
John Pickens
Beverly Martinelli
Tate Nordan
- 4 Pat Forren
- 6 Thomas Lynch
- 9 Peggy Barnhill
Amy Dupree
Daphne Noles
- 10 Margie Taylor
Sharon Stephenson
- 11 Kaitlin Faircloth
- 14 Brack Johnson
- 15 Jon Nooney
Scott Martinelli
- 16 Charlotte Wood
Pat Forren
- 17 Steve Newnam
- 19 Will Langdon
Bob Zattiero
- 20 Kathy Ryals
- 21 Wade Johnson
- 22 Brent Frampton
- 23 Joan Stuart
Alexa Rogers
- 24 Joshua Collier
Leon Parrish
- 25 Meredith Baggett
- 27 Lou Penny
- 28 Maria Jackson

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2016

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

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

Lindsey Frampton - Finance
Kent Walton - Congregational Care
Atlee Roberts - Adult Christian Education
Sam Stephenson - Personnel

Church Staff

Secretary

Kim Callis

Accounting Treasurer

Kristy Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

Angie DeJesus

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

Kim Callis

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

APRIL EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 3 Chris & Kristy Stephenson
10 Richard & Andrea Jones
17 Lindsey Frampton & Barri Martin
24 Sue Bryant & Pat Davis

USHERS

- 3 Eric Smith & Bob Stolle,
Kent Walton (Back)
10 Pete Booth & Nathan Dry,
Rick Taylor (Back)
17 Don Dupree & Atlee Roberts,
Gary Phillips (Back)
24 Carlos Bagley & Israel Morrow,
Heath White (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 3 Charlotte Wood
10 Connor Reed
17 Olivia White
24 Ava Wood

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 3 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
Ann Benson (Youth) Riley Wood &
Hannah Bullock
10 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
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Hannah Bullock
17 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
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Hannah Bullock
24 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
Ann Benson (Youth) Riley Wood &
Hannah Bullock

ELDER

Lindsey Frampton

April Upcoming Events

- April 1. LOGOS 5:00 pm
April 4. Congregational Care Meeting
10:00 am
Long Range Planning Meeting
7:00 pm
April 5. Card Ministry 10:00 am
April 6. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
April 9. Scout Food Drive 10:00 am to
2:00 pm
April 11. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
April 12. Senior Citizen's Luncheon at Mt.
Zion Methodist Church at
12:00 noon
April 13. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
April 17. Youth Sunday and Dedication of the
DeEtta Jones Wood Youth Center
LOGOS 5:00 pm
April 19. Presbyterian Women Day Circle
10:00 am
Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
7:00 pm
April 20. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
April 25. May Newsletter Deadline
April 26. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
April 27. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
April 28. Mission & Outreach Meeting
7:00 pm
April 29. Scout's Spaghetti Fundraiser
11:00 am to 2:00 pm and
4:00 to 7:30 pm