

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

December 2016



## From the Pastor's Study...

The Advent Season is once again here with so many joys and blessings to be truly thankful for. Christmas is the time we celebrate the true nature of God's love for humanity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we learn of God's salvation for all in terms of hope, peace, joy and love. We are supremely blessed to be loved by our Lord God who humbled God's self to take on human form and proclaim a new covenant with humanity.

May we reflect on what God has done for us and perhaps share the gospel with those God places in our lives. Let us encourage others to come and enjoy any or all worship and fellowship opportunities here at Providence PC - Sunday Worship, Sunday Fellowship, the Christmas Program, the Christmas Cantata, Christmas Eve Services, and other various events - we have so much to offer all of God's people in our community.

In the first chapter of Matthew, we encounter the birth of Jesus in whom united all humanity into one common thread in the fabric of time and space. Christmas is the time we celebrate the true nature of hope, peace, joy and love - realized in birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. In verse 23, Matthew writes of the true nature of Jesus Christ of Nazareth as *Emmanuel* meaning "God is with us." Our Lord God's Son entered into our midst in humble and even lowly circumstances so that God might minister to us in ways that speak to the human condition. God's grace is the central theme of Christ's ministry. A grace that is paramount to all human sin and brokenness. This is the good news- this is why we celebrate Christmas with lauds of joy laughter and excitement ... for God so loves us that He gave his only begotten Son that we might be redeemed even if we are unredeemable.

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## December Scripture Passage

*18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."*  
**Matthew 1:18-23**



## 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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May the Holy Spirit move us to give witness to the reason for the season and inspire us to Christian love and generosity. May we also pray for those who are in need, share the message of God's Grace, celebrate the birth of the Christ child, and give a little of ourselves so that others might see God's sparkle of grace in us.

Merry Christmas!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis



**COME JOIN THE FUN!  
LOGOS Family Christmas**

On Sunday, December 18th, in lieu of LOGOS, you are invited to attend a Family Christmas craft and movie time of Fellowship from 3:00 - 5:30. In order to plan this event, we would like to know who plans to attend. Please let Kristy Stephenson know if you family plans to attend [kstep74@gmail.com](mailto:kstep74@gmail.com).

**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.



### 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 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](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org) or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



### 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  
[davidcollier123@yahoo.com](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com).

### BACKPACK BUDDIES AND FOOD PANTRY TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER

Once again these ministries benefited from your donations and purchases from the M&O budget. The Friendship Chapel Food Pantry received 548 items and Backpack Buddies at Lighthouse Baptist Church received 358 items. Thanks so much!



### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The December Senior Citizen Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 13 at Mount Zion United Methodist Church at 12:00 noon. Please contact Margie Taylor at [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com) or 919-207-0149 by Wednesday, December 7 with your reservations.



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 13 at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



### CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry Meeting will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 in the New Fellowship Hall to assemble and mail cards.



## 2016 CANTATA CD SALES

Our very own Brittany K. Jones, Music Director, has written and produced this year's Cantata, "Let There Be Peace." CDs are being sold as a fundraiser for our Building Fund. Orders can be placed during Fellowship and directly after Worship, in the foyer of the Upper Fellowship Hall, through the day of the Cantata, Sunday, December 11. Pre-delivery price \$15/CD. On December 11 they will sell for \$20/CD. We will mail any CDs at an additional flat rate of \$5 per order. Payments of cash or check are due upon ordering. CDs will be available December 11. Orders to be mailed will be sent the week of December 12. Thank you for your support!



# Let There Be Peace

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Providence Christmas Program will take place Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm! Our children and youth have been practicing during LOGOS for several weeks, and we look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our church family!



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Angel Tree Shopping** – The youth will have lunch at the church and then go Angel Tree Shopping after church on Saturday, December 3.

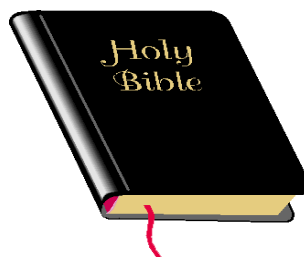
**Youth Caroling and Progressive Dinner** – The youth will be caroling and partaking in a progressive dinner on Saturday, December 3. Plan to meet at Providence at 4:00 pm in the lower parking lot. Please RSVP to Barri Martin at [bhmartin74@gmail.com](mailto:bhmartin74@gmail.com).

**Youth Outing** – An outing to Mike’s Farm will be Saturday, December 17. All middle and high school youth are invited to this outing. The day will include a meal with a hayride and Christmas light display at the end. The cost is \$25 per person which includes: food, drink and the cost of the hayride. Please RSVP or direct any questions to Barri Martin at [bhmartin74@gmail.com](mailto:bhmartin74@gmail.com).



## LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 4	Heath White
December 11	Doug Sonderfan
December 18	Greg Kornegay
December 25	Brittany Jones



## 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*; **Patsy Bowman**, *member*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, *member of the community*; **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*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Dupree*; **Dina Poole**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law*; **Art Redmond**, *husband of Pat Embrey's niece*; **Elbert Simmons**, *Cathy Simmons' father*; **Ben Snelling**, *friend, of John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, *friend of John Pickens*; **Wayne and Mary Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law*; **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*; and **Hannah Youngblood**, *friend of Kristy Stephenson*

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

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Velma and Ray Bost**, *Heath White's grandparents*; **Worth Bowman**, *member*; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Elise Corona**, *daughter of friend of Sue Bryant*; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Coby Foreman**, *church family*; **Rebecca Jackson**, *member*; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, *member*; **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*; **Susan Kushnereit**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Laura Langdon**, *member*; **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*; **Nancy Nelms**, *member*; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, *member*; **Janice Parrish**, *member*; **Lou Penny**, *member*; **Caleb Reese**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*; **Barbara Walton**, *member*; **Nora Williams**, *Lindsey Frampton's niece* and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **December Anniversaries**

5 Ashley and Crissy Porter  
22 Tony and Sue Bryant  
31 Beck and Laura McLamb

### **December Birthdays**

2 Wayne Lamm  
Heath White  
4 Karen Sherrill  
5 Nancy Nelms  
6 Janice Parrish  
7 Beck McLamb  
12 Joseph LoCicero  
18 Allison Nelms  
19 John Daniel  
26 John Kopanski  
27 Brenda Byrd  
Scott Martin  
28 Sheila Dupree  
Phoebe Creech  
29 Stephen Nordan  
31 Cheyanne Nooney



### **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



# DECEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 4 Chris & Kristy Stephenson  
 11 Richard & Andrea Jones  
 18 Amy Dupree & Jennifer Crocker  
 25 Sue Bryant & Pat Davis

## USHERS

- 4 Mary Langdon & Sandra Lordi,  
 Beth Pickens (Back)  
 11 Carolyn Stevenson & Margie Taylor,  
 Elaine Wood (Back)  
 18 Lisa Nelms & Karen Morrow,  
 Barbie Frickman (Back)  
 25 Donna Stolle & Heather Ennis,  
 Joan Littleton (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 4 Phoebe Creech  
 11 Hannibal Langdon  
 18 Joey Crocker  
 25 Olivia White

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 4 Stephanie Whitley, Jeff Wood,  
 Heather Ennis  
 11 Stephanie Whitley, Jeff Wood,  
 Heather Ennis  
 18 Stephanie Whitley, Jeff Wood,  
 Heather Ennis  
 25 Stephanie Whitley, Jeff Wood,  
 Heather Ennis

## ELDER

Steve Nordan

## December Upcoming Events

- Dec 1. Mission & Outreach Meeting  
 7:00 pm  
 Dec 3. Christmas Program Practice  
 9:30 to 11:00 am  
 Dec 4. Communion Sunday  
 Christmas Program 5:00 pm  
 Dec 5. Congregational Care Meeting  
 10:00 am  
 Dec 6. Card Ministry 10:00 am  
 Dec 7. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Dec 11. Cantata 11:00 am and  
 6:00 pm in the New FH  
 Dec 13. Presbyterian Women Day Circle  
 10:00 am Lower FH  
 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00  
 (noon) Mount Zion UMC  
 Presbyterian Women Evening Circle  
 7:00 pm Lower FH  
 Dec 15. Personnel Committee Meeting  
 7:00 pm  
 Dec 18. Christmas Joy Offering  
 LOGOS Family Christmas 3:00 pm  
 Dec 20. Pastor Jim Davis on vacation  
 thru January 1, 2017  
 Dec 21. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Dec 22. Newsletter Deadline  
 Dec 23. Christmas Eve observed  
 Office Closed  
 Dec 24. Christmas Eve  
 Christmas Eve Service with  
 Communion 5:00 pm  
 Christmas Eve Service with  
 Communion 10:00 pm  
 Dec 25. Christmas Day  
 Dec 26. Christmas day observed  
 Office Closed  
 Dec 31. New Year's Eve