

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

January 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

Happy New Year!

January marks the beginning of a new year and a new chapter in the life of the people here at Providence Presbyterian Church. It is our duty to support and contribute the work of the Holy Spirit through our words and deeds, our prayers and meditations, our passions and gifts for ministry and mission. We have the honor of doing a new thing in 2016 for Christ's church here at Providence Presbyterian Church.

God has seen fit to carry us into another new year where a new thing will be done in the midst of God's church. Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Christmas and the season of Advent. Let us remember the most precious gift any one has ever received and rejoice in the understanding of how great God's love is for us. God's family here at Providence continues to grow in so many ways, let us continue to be a prayerful people as we move forward in exciting and life changing missions and ministries. January always emerges in the afterglow of the birth of our Lord and savior. I am excited about what God has done - is doing - and will do through our church family. I believe that God calls each of us to a new and exciting chapter in our personal and corporate ministries with the advent of our Lord and Savior and the new year 2016.

As the light of the Christmas star continues to shine in our hearts and lives we are called by Jesus Christ to ask ourselves such questions as: What have we done with God's Christmas gift in our own lives? and What are we called to do with such a gift?

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January Scripture Passage

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

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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Jesus compels us to share the Good News of the Messiah who came into this world in swaddling clothes lying in a manger – who lived and died fully human and who loved and taught us the higher law of God's love fully divine.

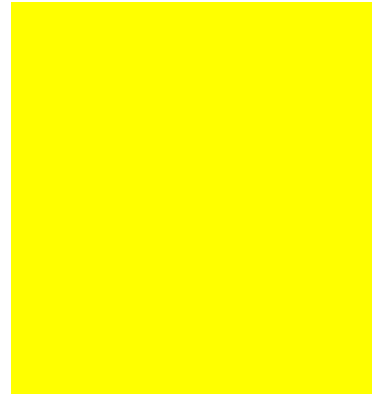
Let us celebrate the New Year and ring it in the knowledge of our own personal salvation through an awesome Gracious God who offers us that greatest gift ever given to humankind. Please pray for our church and its leadership so we might discern what God has in store for us in 2016. Please consider your own call to ministry in our church and in the world. There is so much energy, hope and joy here in Providence; I can't wait to see where God leads us next.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim



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
- 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.

LOGOS Adult Bible Study

This study is led by Ann Stephenson, lay Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The study is entitled "Discovering God's Will" by Andy Stanley. The study will begin at 5:00 pm and supper will be served at 6:30 pm. Attendance is encouraged and welcome by all! If you have any questions please contact Barri Martin at martin78@nc.rr.com or 919-639-1138.

WELCOME ANGIE!

The Session is pleased to announce that Angie DeJesus has accepted the position of pianist. She will start her duties in January. As many of you know, Angie has been the piano accompanist for PPC's cantatas for several years. Please welcome Angie and make her feel part of God's family at PPC.



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.

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 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.



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, January 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.



LADIES OF THE CHURCH

We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 2 at 9:00 am. Please join us if you are available.

PRAYER SHAWL TEAM

Starting January 26, 2016, and every month thereafter, this team will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am in the lower fellowship hall. We have switched Tuesdays with the Card Ministry Team, thus the change.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENTS

Providence Presbyterian Women's Chicken Pastry Fundraiser

- Chicken Pastry tickets will be distributed for sell on Sunday, December 27 and January 3. All monies and unsold tickets should be returned by Sunday, January 17 to the person that you received the tickets from. .
- Anyone who would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact Allison Nelms, Stephanie Bagley, or Beth Breeden by January 9.
- Anyone who would like to donate baked goods for "fixed priced" bake sale, please contact Carolyn Stevenson by January 9.
- Anyone who would like to donate a chicken and its broth for the pastry fundraiser, please contact Sheila Dupree by January 9. The chicken should be cooked, skinned and deboned and placed in a separate disposable container from the broth and be delivered to the church on Thursday, January 21.

Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team and all team captains for Pastry/Silent Auction
Will meet Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Seekers classroom

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAGLE SCOUTS 2015

**Dustin Barefoot
Jarrett Cross
Cody Davis
Sam Schon**

Great job on all of your hard work!



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizens' luncheon will be Tuesday, January 12 at Johnson Memorial Church at 12 noon. Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com by January 6 with your reservations.



DEETTA JONES WOOD YOUTH CENTER

The Youth Committee is delighted to announce that the Session has approved plans to renovate the Old Education Wing, where we currently hold youth Sunday School and LOGOS, to create the DeEtta Jones Wood Youth Center. We look forward to sharing our progress as construction begins and to welcoming the entire congregation into this space when it is complete. We expect minimal impact on usage of the Nannie E. Coates Fellowship Hall during the construction process. (Funds for this project will come from the DeEtta Wood Memorial Fund, outside of the church operating and capital campaign budgets.) If you have any questions about this project, please contact Jeff Wood or Beth Breeden. The committee thanks Allison Nelms and Natalie Nordan for their leadership on this project.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

The Youth Mission Activity will be making “Comfort Blankets” for the Smithfield Rescue Mission on Sunday, January 24 at 5:00 pm



CEMETERY ADDITION

The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church has approved expanding the church cemetery by 30 plots (60 graves). The expansion is on the east side of the cemetery and has been marked off with stakes and a survey has been completed. The plots are for members of Providence Presbyterian Church who don't currently own a plot and there is a limit of one plot (two graves) per household. The cost to buy a plot is \$500 (\$250 per grave). Our secretary, Kim Callis will have cemetery information forms for any member that wishes to buy a plot. The form is short and will only list name, address, city and date of application. **Checks or cash to purchase a plot will not be necessary at this point, that will come later probably sometime in early February; do not present Kim with money until you're notified.** This information will run in our church bulletin thru the month of January thus giving members this time (sign-up period) to make their decision on purchasing. Priority in buying/selecting a plot will be based on total years of active membership at Providence per our church records. It's our goal that every member who wishes to buy a plot will be able to do so.

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*; **Kim Faircloth**, *friend of Amy Dupree*; **David Guss**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, *member of community*; **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' sister*; **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*; **Patricia Forren**, *church family*; **Janet Harris**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister-in-law*; **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, *member of church family*; **Kerry Kotlas**, *daughter in law of Sheila Dupree's sister*; **Sheri Kotlas**, *Sheila Dupree's sister*; **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*; **Kenneth Moore**, *Virginia Moore's son*; **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*; **Donald Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*; **Hunter Stephenson**, *son of Laura McLamb's friend*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of

Graham Penny, Ed Penny's brother

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Anniversaries

- 3 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
11 Atlee and Linda Roberts
16 Rick and Margie Taylor

January Birthdays

- 2 Ron Cross
Samantha Nordan
7 Adam Ingram
Shelton Langdon
Wendy Stephenson
11 Matthew Dupree
12 Coby Frampton
Joy Jones
14 Georgeanna Phillips
16 Caroline Frampton
Nathan Ingram
Melinda Kendall
18 Mary Ann Booth
Carolyn Stevenson
19 Justin Wood
20 Billy Barnhill
21 Chris Stephenson
22 Joe Rudd
25 John Marley
26 Laura Langdon
Kathy Wood
29 Carole Kershaw

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

JANUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 3 Richard & Andrea Jones
 10 Barri Martin & Lindsey Frampton
 17 Pat Davis & Sue Bryant
 24 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms
 31 Israel & Karen Morrow

USHERS

- 3 Eric Smith & Bob Stolle,
 Darren Stuart (Back)
 10 Heath White & Carlos Bagley,
 Israel Morrow (Back)
 17 Ronnie Creech & Ryan Nelms,
 David Nelms (Back)
 24 Steve Wolak & Jeff Wood,
 David Collier (Back)
 31 Brent Frampton & Hamilton Greene,
 Russell Wood (Back)

ACOLYTE

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

CHILDRENS WORSHIP

LEADERS/HELPER

- 3 Amy Dupree, Scott Martin &
 Kay Dry (Youth) Riley Wood &
 Hannah Bullock
 Amy Dupree, Jonathan Breeden,
 10 Kay Dry (Youth) Riley Wood &
 Hannah Bullock
 Amy Dupree, Jonathan Breeden &
 17 Kay Dry (Youth) Riley Wood &
 Hannah Bullock
 Amy Dupree, Jonathan Breeden &
 24 Kay Dry (Youth) Riley Wood &
 Hannah Bullock
 Amy Dupree, Jonathan Breeden &
 Kay Dry (Youth) Riley Wood &
 31 Hannah Bullock

ELDER

Heath White

January Upcoming Events

- 1 New Year's Eve Office Closed
 3 Installation of Elders
 3 LOGOS/Youth Group 5:00 pm
 5 Card Ministry 10:00 am
 6 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 7 Staff Meeting 10:00 am
 7 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
 10 Weather date Installation of Elders
 11 Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 12 Senior Citizen's Luncheon 12:00 pm
 at Johnson Memorial Church
 PPW Coordinating Team & all team
 12 captains for Pastry/Silent Auction
 Meeting 7:00 pm Seekers Classroom
 13 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 17 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 18 Martin Luther King Day
 Office Closed
 19 Presbyterian Women Day Circle
 10:00 pm
 19 Youth Advisor Meeting 6:30 pm
 19 Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
 7:30 pm
 20 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 20 Presbyterian Women Chicken Pastry
 Prep - All Day
 21 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
 21 Presbyterian Women Chicken Pastry
 Prep - All Day
 Presbyterian Women Chicken Pastry
 22 & Silent Auction
 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
 24 Youth Mission Activity 5:00 pm
 26 Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
 27 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 28 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
 28 Session Workshop 7:00 pm
 29 Blood Drive 2:30 to 7:00 pm