

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

July is always a hot, yet mostly sunny time of the year where we have so much to be thankful for here at Providence Presbyterian Church, please look for the upcoming opportunities to join in life of Christ's church in our community. We are excited about the upcoming worship, fellowship, and ministry opportunities such as: Vacation Bible School, and all the other group activities happening here at Providence this summer.

The Fourth of July celebrates our nation's independence from England as a colony. It is the day we set aside to remember those who have gone before us and to commemorate the freedoms enjoyed by all the citizens and even visitors of our great nation. Let us rejoice in the gift of being born in this country of ours and pray for all its leaders. While our constitution and various symbols of our country are important to us – the symbols in our church are of utmost importance. The cross, the candle on the Lord's Table, our baptism, and the Lord's Supper are all components of symbolism used in our church.

The cross hanging in our church is an empty cross – that reminds us that we worship a risen Lord and Savior. The candles in our sanctuary on the Lord's Table represent the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Our baptisms are an outward sign and symbol that we have been reborn in the Holy Spirit and become new creatures of Christ Jesus. The Lord's Supper is a symbol that reminds us God sacrificed much when Jesus offered his body and blood to redeem all humanity. Let us celebrate the independence day of our country while we reflect on the only hope of being made truly free in Christ.

This month's scripture lesson is John 14:23-28 the end of a larger passage which Jesus speaks on the promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus teaches us that even though he will physically leave this earth – the Holy Spirit, the Advocate will teach us and remind us of the love, grace, truth and

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July Scripture Passage

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

John 14:23-28

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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power of God. This is what Jesus is trying to convey to the disciples in saying, "Those who love me will keep my word" for God's love conquers all things which the Holy Spirit will remind us of and encourage us to seek God in all things. This is evident in many ministries and mission opportunities here at Providence Presbyterian Church. Yet, let us not forget that we too have a personal ministry and mission of our own. God has called each one of us to our own ministries, such as being: a spouse, a sibling, parenthood, grand-parenthood, a coworker, a friend, and so on. We must always remember that we may be the only Bible someone ever reads ... we witness to the world around us - in our actions, words, and integrity and also our inaction, silence, and apathy.

What an awesome opportunity we have in this year's VBS to reach out to all those who hunger for the truth in our community. Please support the missions and ministries of Providence Presbyterian Church with your prayers, involvement, time, words, and resources.

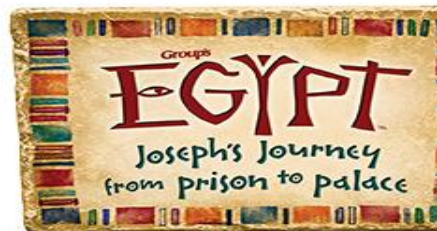
May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Your Brother in Christ,
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.



**PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Invites you to attend
Vacation Bible School
July 24, 2016 - July 28,
2016**

6:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sign Up at

www.providencepresb.org

VBS is for children ages preschool through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well!

Travel back into Bible Times - Bring your entire family to Egypt, where you'll hear stories about Joseph and his Journey from Prison to Palace. Each day, you'll visit Joseph and learn how God used him to save a nation. You'll also take part in games and crafts, and sing and dance to lively Bible songs. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Dinner will be served
each evening at 6:00 pm!*

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 10:30 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 davidcollier123@yahoo.com.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizen's luncheon will not be held in July due to summer break. Luncheons will resume in August.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive held on June 17, 2016 collected 44 units! Thank you to all who participated!



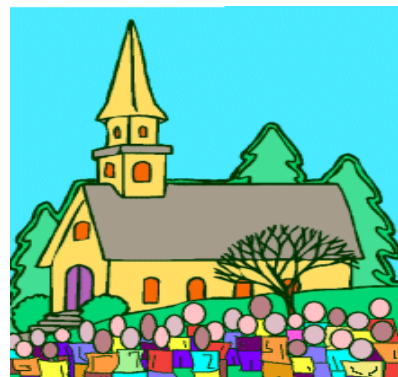
CARD MINISTRY

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, July 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.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

If anyone would like to join the Congregational Care Committee please contact Kent Walton at 919-618-6344. Kent can answer any questions and we would love to have additional members to join!



INTERESTED IN CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

The Children's Worship schedule for 2016-2017 is taking shape. We would like to add one or two worship leaders to our current team in order to allow everyone flexibility during the year. Worship leaders will receive all of the materials that they need to lead Children's Worship, including the lessons and music, and we have a dedicated set of helpers in this program. Please contact Beth Breeden to learn more about this ministry, and/or to discuss whether helping to lead Children's Worship might be a good fit for your gifts.

([919-624-1633](tel:919-624-1633) or aew@aewileyphotography.com)

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.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

Thanks for your support of food donations and money we supplied, for the month of May, Backpack Buddies with 201 items and the Food Pantry with 275 items.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

During the month of July we are going to collect items to be donated to the USO center at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. Listed below are the most needed items from their wish list.

Food items are:

- bottled water
- snack crackers
- snack nuts
- packaged cookies
- wrapped candy and mints
- protein or granola bars

Children's items are:

- juice boxes
- fruit snacks,
- crayons,
- coloring books
- children's books



Program support items are:

- wash clothes
- travel size toothpaste
- travel size deodorant
- board games
- playing cards

Office and center items are:

- printer paper
- note pads
- pens
- hand soap
- paper towels
- tissues
- zip lock bags of all sizes

Please place your contributions in the white container outside the New Fellowship Hall from **July 1-22**. At the end of July the USO will visit us to collect our contributions. Thank you for your support. If you have questions please contact Kelly Daniel at jdbootcamp@aol.com or call 919-639-2178.

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*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **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*; **Dina Poole**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis's sister*; **Art Redmond**, *husband of Pat Embrey's niece*; **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:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Thomas Barefoot**, *community UPS driver*; **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*; **Coby Foreman**, *church family*; **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*; **Edith Nattrass**, *member*; **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*; **Barbara Walton**, *member*; **Nora Williams**, *Lindsey Frampton's niece* and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of

Joe Rudd, church family
Leona Clifton Penny, Jamone Johnson's mother



Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Anniversaries

- 21 Kevin and Annah Creech
28 Jonathan and Beth Breeden

July Birthdays

- 7 Tom Nelms
Kenny Poole
Sam Stephenson
8 Ryne Jones
Samuel Stephenson
10 Christy Cross
11 Travis Creech
Lindsey Frampton
12 David Nelms
13 Vickie Faircloth
14 Cathy Creech
Carolyn Zattiero
15 Kent Walton
16 Mary Langdon
17 Atlee Roberts
19 Pete Booth
19 Jennifer Crocker
20 Maddox Strader
Rick Taylor
24 Wesley Nooney
25 Trey Bullock
29 Heather Reed
30 Kendall Nelms

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



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

JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 3 Lindsey Frampton & Barri Martin
- 10 Sue Bryant & Pat Davis
- 17 Israel & Karen Morrow
- 24 Jennifer Crocker & Amy Dupree
- 31 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms

USHERS

- 3 Carlos Bagley & Israel Morrow,
Heath White (Back)
- 10 David Collier & Ronnie Creech,
Ryan Nelms (Back)
- 17 Russell Wood & Steve Wolak,
Austin Benson (Back)
- 24 John Daniel & Jimmy Stuart,
Hamilton Greene (Back)
- 31 Tony Bryant & Todd Frickman,
John Kopanski (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 3 Olivia White
- 10 Connor Reed
- 17 Ava Wood
- 24 Kimsey Bagley
- 31 Eva Stephenson

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 3 No Children's Worship
- 10 Kristy Stephenson
- 17 Kristy Stephenson
- 24 Beth Breeden
- 31 Kristy Stephenson

ELDER

Pete Booth

July Upcoming Events

- July 1. -
- July 9. Pastor Jim Davis on Vacation
- July 4. Independence Day Holiday
Office Closed
- July 5. Card Ministry Meeting 10:00 am
- July 6. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 12. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 12. Middle School Massanetta
- Conference
- July 15. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 13. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 20. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 21. Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 pm
- July 24. Men's Meeting 4:00 pm
Old Fellowship Hall
- July 24. VBS "Egypt - Joseph's Journey from
- Prison to Palace" 6:00 pm to 8:30
July 28. pm dinner served at 6:00 pm
- July 26. August Newsletter Deadline
- July 27. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 28. Mission & Outreach Meeting
7:00 pm