

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2016



## From the Pastor's Study...

June is here once again and we have another opportunity to celebrate Communion Sunday on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Graduation Sunday on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and warm days filled with all the opportunities that Summer brings with it. There are opportunities for mission this month in terms of our Blood Drive on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>, Back Pack Buddies donations, Food Pantry donations, and other opportunities mentioned in the bulletin each week.

In June's scripture passage, 2 Timothy 3:12-17, which states "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work". Studying the Bible is a part of being in relationship with God.

The first lines of the book of proverbs are: "For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young -- Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge."

Francis Bacon proclaimed in 1597 "For also knowledge itself is power" this is a derivation of **Proverbs 24:5** "A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength". Studying the word of God increases our strength in God ... where God increases and we diminish ... where we become more Godly. Images of the 10 Commandments on stone tablets in the arms of Moses ... the five books of Moses ...

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## June Scripture Passage

*12 Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 13 But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:12-17*

## CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 am -  
12:00 pm and by appointment

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priests and scribes who record the words of God ... scrolls beings read in the temple ... well up in our memories as we dwell in God's Word. In the Old Testament, scripture exists so that the Hebrew people may live in a right relationship with God. It is of the utmost importance that Jews live every moment in accordance with God's law!

I wonder as Christians today ... do we have the same feeling about this? Our own denomination, the PCUSA, has chosen to edit God's Word and interpret many passages of scripture as irrelevant, antiquated, and even claim some passages to be false. This also is nothing new, through the centuries there have been many schisms in the larger Christian church.

Even in the time of Jesus, this was common place so much so that he spoke these words in Matthew 5:17-20 <sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,<sup>1</sup> not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks<sup>1</sup> one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

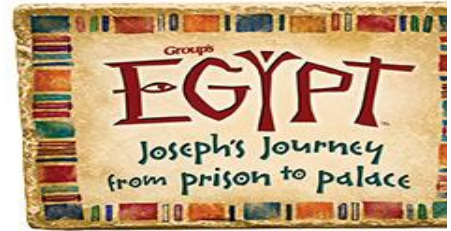
I am saddened however, that it has occurred in our own time. Obedience to God's Word is often hard work and yet we called to such a vocation by Jesus our Lord and Savior.

We are also called not to be stumbling blocks to each other. Our actions (and inaction) can often speak louder than words. We are called to live our lives centered on Christ and living a repentant life ... going... discipling ... baptizing ... and teaching each other the abundant gracious love of God Almighty. Let us encourage one another in the Love of God, the truth of the power of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in Our Redeemer may we grow and mature in our faith of a God who sends forth into this world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for the ministries and missions of our church here at Providence as well as our denomination and the larger Christian church all over the world.

*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. Amen.*

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis



**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](http://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  
p.m!*

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

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

### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizen's luncheon will be Tuesday, June 14 at Providence Presbyterian Church at 12 noon.

Please contact Margie Taylor at [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com) or 919-207-0149 by Wednesday, June 8 with your reservations.



### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Thanks for supporting Backpack Buddies (Lighthouse Baptist) and the Food Pantry (Friendship Chapel) in April. An outstanding 967 items were delivered to Backpack Buddies. Many thanks to the Boy Scouts for collecting over 700 of these items during their food drive. 47 items were delivered to the Food Pantry.



### 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, June 7, 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.



The Homemade Delights Sale on June 20 to support the church's Card Ministry was a sweet success! The \$810 raised was the result of all those who made and/or bought the variety of desserts. The money will fund supplies, equipment and stamps to be used for the card ministry. Each month the number of mailed cards increases which is a delight to those that meet the first Tuesday each month at 10:00 am in the new fellowship hall. You would be welcome to join this ministry and fellowship. Thanks be to God for providing and for those that support the Card Ministry at Providence.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This is a reminder that the Presbyterian Women who meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month will be taking a summer break. There will be no meetings in June, July or August. We will reconvene on Tuesday, September 27 at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and fun while we all crochet blankets to be gifted to those who are sick or infirmed.



## HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Homecoming Committee will meet Monday, June 20 at 7:00 pm in the Seekers Class. Anyone interested in being on this committee please attend this meeting.



## 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!



**SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**---Providence's 2nd blood drive for 2016 is scheduled for June 17 in the new Fellowship Hall from 3-7:30 PM. Appointments can be made online as described in the brochure. Sign-up sheets are also available at the Church on the bulletin boards and in the new Fellowship Hall. Please pass along the information to your family and friends and help Providence exceed the 48 units given during the January drive.



**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**To make your lifesaving appointment  
visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor  
code: "ANGIER"**

**or call Beck at 919-625-6925.**

**We need all eligible donors to support our summer drive!!**



[redcross.cedarfair.com](http://redcross.cedarfair.com) | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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### MEN'S FISH FRY

Thanks to all of you who helped in any way to make the Men's Fish Fry a big success! We appreciate all of your help!

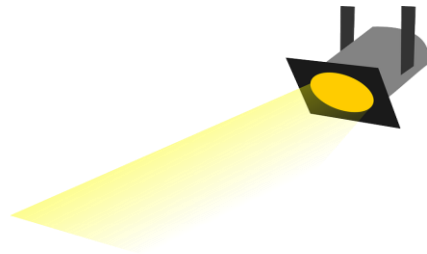
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you!

### 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.



### YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



**Youth Fellowship** - Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm we will be having a youth fellowship in the youth center. All Youth are invited to attend and asked to bring a snack to share. We will play games and have a short devotion.

**Lock In** - A Lock In is planned for Friday, June 24 in the youth center from 8:00 pm - 7:00 am. Please bring a movie and a game to share. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

## Graduate List 2016

**Joshua Criston Lynch** – 2016 West Johnston High School Graduate. He will be going to Wake Technical Community College. Then he plans on going to Basic Law Enforcement.

**Daniel William Stephenson** – 2016 West Johnston High School Graduate. He will be going to North Carolina State University and majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Then he plans on going to optometry school.

**Abigail Peyton Wood** – 2016 West Johnston High School Graduate. She will be going to Appalachian State University and majoring in Graphic Arts.

**Austin Benson** – Has completed his Firefighter Certification Standard for Firefighter I & 2. He also graduated from the NCSU Tobacco Short Course.

**Emily Louise Langdon** – Graduated from North Carolina State University in December, 2015 with a degree in English with a concentration in film. She is currently living and working in Ashville.

**Jane Elizabeth Pickens** – 2016 University of North Carolina at Greensboro Graduate. With a Bachelor's degree in Science of Nursing with a Minor in Human Development and Family Studies. She will begin work at Duke University Medical Center in Durham on the cardiac ICU in August, as well as part time at Johnston Medical Center in Smithfield.

**Abbey Caitlin Walton** – Will graduate from Mitchell's Hairstyling Academy in July. She hopes to be working in a hair salon after graduation.



**Congratulations on a job well done!**



## 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*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis' sister*; **Art Redmond**, *husband of 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:**

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **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 Natrass**, *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*; **Pamela Tallent**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter*; **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**

**Mack Langdon, member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **June Anniversaries**

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle
- 9 William and Yun Blair  
Candace and Trey Bullock
- 12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton
- 14 John and Kelly Daniel  
Israel and Karen Morrow
- 20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Phil and Christy Cross  
Paul and Karen Sherrill
- 24 Steve and Kelly Nordan
- 24 Kent and Gwen Walton
- 28 Jim and Pat Davis

### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Daniel Stephenson
- 2 Molly Breeden
- 4 Connor Reed
- 5 Chance Ennis  
Connor Frickman
- 6 Pam Nelms
- 6 Riley Wood
- 7 Wayne Ennis
- 8 Don Dupree
- 9 Debbie Greene  
Lisa Nelms
- 11 Austin Benson
- 13 Kay Dry
- 14 Rob Nooney
- 16 Eric Smith
- 17 Peggy Jones
- 18 Tripp Nordan
- 20 Joshua Lynch
- 23 Chase Faircloth
- 24 Eric Faircloth
- 25 Lauren Langdon  
Emma Roberts
- 26 Barri Martin
- 27 Hamilton Greene
- 28 Molly Breeden
- 30 Pamela Collier

### **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

# JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## **NURSERY**

5 Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens  
12 Carolyn Stuart & Elaine Wood  
19 Chris & Kristy Stephenson  
26 Richard & Andrea Jones

## **USHERS**

5 Wayne Lamm & Brent Frampton,  
Scott Martin (Back)  
12 Jeffrey Wood & Bob Stolle,  
Eric Smith (Back)  
19 Pete Booth & Nathan Dry,  
Rick Taylor (Back)  
26 Don Dupree & Atlee Roberts,  
Gary Phillips (Back)

## **ACOLYTE**

5 Joey Crocker  
12 Gavin Annis  
19 Lily Martin  
26 Charlotte Wood

## **CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER**

5 Amy Dupree  
12 Beth Breeden  
19 Beth Breeden  
26 Beth Breeden

## **ELDER**

Beth Breeden

## **June Upcoming Events**

June 1. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
June 5. Communion Sunday  
June 6. Congregational Care Meeting  
10:00 am  
June 7. Card Ministry Meeting 10:00 am  
June 8. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
June 12. Graduate Sunday  
June 13. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
June 14. Senior Citizen's Luncheon 12:00 pm  
at Providence Presbyterian Church  
June 15. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
June 17. PPC Community Blood Drive  
3:00 to 7:30 PM  
New Fellowship Hall  
June 19. Father's Day  
June 20. Homecoming Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm  
June 22. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
June 23. July Newsletter deadline  
Mission & Outreach Meeting  
7:00 pm  
June 26.  
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July 9. Pastor Jim Davis on Vacation  
June 29. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm