

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

January 2017



From the Pastor's Study...

Happy New Year!

The new year of 2017 has been ushered in and we begin another 12 month – 52 week cycle of life on planet earth. Thus a new chapter in the annals of the family in and of Christ had begun here at Providence Presbyterian Church. Today we stand in the warm afterglow of Christmas and the season of Advent. May we carry in our hearts the joy of the most precious gift any one has ever received and remember how great God's love is for us.

As I begin my tenth year of service here at Providence I find myself just as excited today as I was almost a decade ago when God brought our paths together. God's family continues to grow in so many ways here. My continuing prayer for us is that we continue to grow in faith and Christian maturity that we may be prepared for this year's new mission and ministry opportunities. May we become more centered on God's will for our lives individually and corporately so that we step out on faith into the great unknown of what God has prepared for us in the days-months-years to come.

Just as Jesus Christ's birth and ministry marks a paradigm shift in humanity's relationship with our Lord God – may we be transformed through Christ as we serve, worship, disciple, live, laugh, and love in the name of our Lord and Savior. May we all pray for real and meaningful paradigm shifts in our own lives and seek to understand and worship God in the good times and in the bad times. Jesus compels us to share the Gospel – 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 begin this new year with the Apostle Paul's words from this month's scripture Galatians 5:22-26 where we are beckoned to live in accordance with the Spirit of the Lord and ask ourselves these following questions:

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January Scripture Passage

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:22-26



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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If we are to take our commitment to Christ seriously then we are love – as Christ loved – not from our own hearts and heads but from God’s love, God’s Grace revealed to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. If we are to grow and the fruits of the Holy Spirit revealed in our own life and ministry – then we must become more and more each day like Jesus Christ and less and less like our sinful selves. It’s what January’s scripture of the month is talking about. If we as leaders and examples of Christian love in our homes, our work, our church and our community then we must embody Christ’s servant leader head and heart ... and therefore become living sacrifices of God’s love – reflecting and attesting to what God is doing in our hearts and lives.

Please pray for our church and its leadership so we might discern what God has in store for us in 2017. Please consider your own call to ministry in our church and in 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.

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
JANUARY 15 AT 5:00 PM**

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.

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.

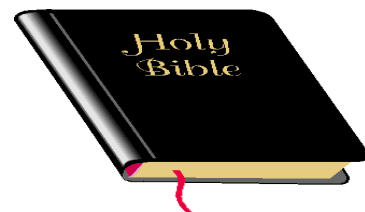


FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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.

LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 1	Eric Faircloth
January 8	Mary Ann Booth
January 15	Joe Martinelli
January 22	Israel Morrow
January 29	Olivia White



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The January, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:00 (noon), at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, January 4 so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women Day Circle 2017 - Reminder, we will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall, at 10:00 am on the third Tuesday of each month that we have a scheduled meeting.



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry Meeting Prep Team I will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on January 19 at 12:00 (noon). The next regular Card Ministry Meeting will be February 7 at 10:00 am.



PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLES 2017

Meetings in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 2017 are scheduled to take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 10:00 am, in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



CHICKEN PASTRY & SILENT AUCTION 2017

This event is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 17. Volunteers are needed for service the day of the event, and prep and set-up on Wed and Thurs. We are also still looking for captains to head up the following: Kitchen Crew, Ticket Sales (includes advanced sales and sales day of event), Beverage Service/Dining Rm Wait & Bus, Silent Auction, Kitchen & Dining Rm Clean-Up. Please get in touch with me if you feel called to volunteer in any capacity. Donna Stolle, dms6330@gmail.com, 860-214-6698



Members of Providence Presbyterian Church,

Our church has been blessed in many ways over the years. We have also experienced much change and growth. Over the last several decades some of that change included decisions PCUSA has made with which we have not agreed. Previous sessions have communicated our concerns through letters sent to both the Presbytery and PCUSA. The current session felt the direction of PCUSA was contradictory to our deeply held beliefs. Many session members have heard the voices of our congregation and set in motion, through a call and letter, the prescribed process indicating our desire to leave New Hope Presbytery and PCUSA.

The first step in this process was the letter the session sent stating our desire to leave. The second step was the November 10 meeting Reverend Davis and David Nelms had with a committee of four (two teaching elders and two ruling elders) which is termed a PDT (Presbyterian Discernment Team). This meeting was conducted at the New Hope Presbytery Offices. The third step in the process was the December 5 meeting at PPC which included session and incoming elders-elect and the PDT. The meeting went well; the session feels the PDT understands the unity of this move within our session and congregation.

The next step in this process requires the PDT to meet with the congregation, to discuss our desire to leave and answer any questions or concerns. This meeting of the congregation with the PDT has been scheduled for **Sunday January 29, 2017** at 3pm in our Upper Fellowship Hall.

The congregation is invited (encouraged) to attend this meeting so that the PDT can hear their perspective regarding separation from PCUSA, and ask any questions they may have regarding the process.

Future steps depend on the outcome of this meeting between the congregation and the PDT. Please know that this is not the time for a vote from the congregation overseen by the presbytery.

Please keep our church as well as New Hope Presbytery and PCUSA in your prayers.

With God's Blessing,

Providence Presbyterian Session

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*; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **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*; **B.A. Johnson**, *friend of Brenda Byrd*; **Carolyn Johnson**, *member*; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, *member*; **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*; **Susan Kushnereit**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Wayne Lamm**, *member*; **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*; **Lou Penny**, *member*; **Caleb Reese**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*; **Barbara Walton**, *member*; **Mrs. Mollie Ward**, *Brenda Byrd's friend's mom*; **Mary Wilkinson**, *Ron Forren's mother*; **Nora Williams**, *Lindsey Frampton's niece* and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:

Chris Creech, *Ronnie Creech's nephew*
Bruce Coats, *member of the community*
Geraldine Pate, *Wayne Lamm's sister*



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 Shelton Langdon
Wendy Stephenson
11 Matthew Dupree
12 Coby Frampton
Joy Jones
14 Georgeanna Phillips
16 Caroline Frampton
18 Mary Ann Booth
Carolyn Stevenson
19 Justin Wood
21 Chris Stephenson
25 John Marley
26 Laura Langdon
Kathy Wood
29 Carole Kershaw

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2017

Tony Bryant - Long-Range Planning
David Collier - Fellowship
Barri Martin - Youth Christian Education
Donna Stolle - Worship

Class of 2018

Sam Stephenson - Finance
Kent Walton - Congregational Care
Atlee Roberts - Adult Christian Education
Stephanie Bagley - Personnel

Class of 2019

Vickie Faircloth - Children C.E.
John Kopanski - Mission/Outreach
Mary Ann Booth - Clerk
Johnny Wood - Property

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

- 1 Israel & Karen Morrow
 8 Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens
 15 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms
 22 Eric & Lorie Smith
 29 Heath & Heather White

USHERS

- 1 Pete Booth & Eric Smith,
 Jeffrey Wood (Back)
 8 Gary Phillips & Atlee Roberts,
 Carlos Bagley (Back)
 15 David Collier & Israel Morrow,
 Heath White (Back)
 22 Ronnie Creech & Rick Taylor,
 Ryan Nelms (Back)
 29 John Kopanski & Todd Frickman,
 Austin Benson (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 1 Charlotte Wood
 8 Connor Reed
 15 Ava Wood
 22 Kimsey Bagley
 29 Eva Stephenson

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 1 Beth Breeden, Scott Martin, Kay Dry
 8 Beth Breeden, Scott Martin, Kay Dry
 15 Beth Breeden, Scott Martin, Kay Dry
 22 Beth Breeden, Scott Martin, Kay Dry
 29 Beth Breeden, Scott Martin, Kay Dry

ELDER

Kent Walton

January Upcoming Events

- Jan 1. New Year's Day
 Jan 2. New Year's Day observed
 Office Closed
 Jan 3. Long Range Planning Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Jan 4. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Jan 8. Baptism of the Lord
 Installation of Elders
 Jan 9. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 Jan 10. Senior Citizens Luncheon
 White Memorial Presbyterian
 Church 12:00 (noon)
 Presbyterian Women Coordinating
 Team & Chicken Pastry Silent
 Auction Committee Meeting In
 Seekers Classroom 7:00 pm
 Jan 11. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Jan 13. Blood Drive 2:00 to 6:30 pm
 UpperFellowship Hall
 Jan 15. Weather Date Installation of Elders
 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Jan 16. Martin Luther King Day
 Office Closed
 Jan 17. Presbyterian Women Day Circle
 10:00 am Upper Fellowship Hall
 Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
 7:00 pm Lower Fellowship Hall
 Jan 18. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Jan 19. Card Ministry Prep Team I at
 LaVette Morgan's 12:00 (noon)
 Personnel Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Jan 24. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
 Lower Fellowship Hall
 Jan 25. Newsletter Deadline
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Jan 26. Mission & Outreach Meeting
 7:00 pm