

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

May 2017



## From the Pastor's Study...

This month we celebrate Mother's Day, our graduates, Memorial Day, and our annual Fish Fry! May is a month which comes on the heels of celebrating Easter and it is a time of renewal – remembering our Lord Jesus Christ redeemed us from our sins and freed us to live lives filled with love and hope. We also celebrate National Day of Prayer so let us be in prayer for God's will to be done in our lives, in our homes, in our community, and in the world.

May's scripture of the month is John 14, we hear an account from the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. Jesus is speaking of heaven and his relationship with God Almighty. In the first two verses, Jesus speaks of God the Father: verse 1 - *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."* And then in verse 2 - Jesus says *"I go to prepare a place for you ... in (his) Father's house"*. Thomas asks the poignant question: "How can we know the way?" and then Jesus answers Thomas, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"* whereby Jesus becomes the means by which we have a relationship to God, and Jesus Christ teaches us the reality of God's grace in our lives, and finally our existence is Christ centered. God can work in and through us in various new and exciting ways and we must seek out areas in the life and mission of the church where we are both, being fed and are feeding others, this is where true discipleship begins and the ministry of the Holy Spirit flourishes.

Please consider your own call to ministry in our church and in the world. I encourage us all to embrace the text: John 14:14 *"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."* There is so much energy, hope and joy here in Providence let us encourage each other to continue to support all of God's people and PPC's mission and ministries in your thoughts, prayers, and actions.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis

## May Scripture Passage

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me<sup>1</sup> for anything, I will do it. **John 14:6-14**

## 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).



**COME JOIN THE FUN  
May 7 AT 5:00 pm &  
May 21 will be our  
“End of Year Celebration”  
From 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

**LOGOS End of Year Celebration** – Will be held on Sunday, May 21 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. This is a church-wide event, please RSVP to Georgeanna Phillips or Kristy Stephenson if you plan to join for supper. Accident waiver forms are located in the LOGOS mailbox and were sent via email to LOGOS participants and should be completed prior to the event.

All are welcome to LOGOS. We ask for prior registration for safely and planning purposes.

**Sign-Up Sheet for Flowers** – Now located on the bulletin board beside the Mission & Outreach bulletin board just inside the door of the new part of the church building. It was moved due to the installation of the new sound system. You may contact Beth Pickens at 919-697-5663 or by email at [bpickens80@gmail.com](mailto:bpickens80@gmail.com) for help or information.



#### **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

David Collier would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for fellowship time and wants to extend an invitation to anyone or group if they would like to volunteer for a fourth or fifth Sunday this year to please contact him. You may contact 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 who 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.

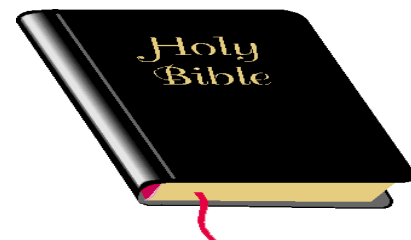


### FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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).

### LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 7	Israel Morrow
May 14	Jeff Wood
May 21	Donna Stolle
May 28	Travis Creech



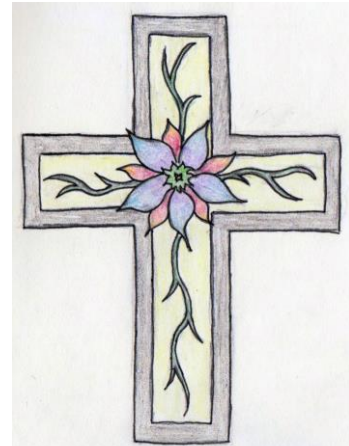
### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The May, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00 (noon), at Mount Zion United Methodist Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, May 3, so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com).



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle and Evening Circle will meet in a Joint Circle Meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Our study will be on "Lydia." All women of Providence Church are welcome to attend.



### UPDATED NEW ADDRESS FOR HEATH & HEATHER WHITE FAMILY

Heath had asked that I share the new address for his family. They are now at: 10066 Castlebrooke Drive, Concord, NC 28027. Heath's email is [grail74@gmail.com](mailto:grail74@gmail.com) and Heather's is [ergostarr@gmail.com](mailto:ergostarr@gmail.com). Their home and cell numbers will remain the same.

### CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet at on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team II will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, May 25 at 1:00 pm.



### GRADUATE SUNDAY

Graduate Sunday is coming soon! Graduate Sunday this year will be on Sunday, June 11. We reserve a few pews for the families of the graduates. This includes both high school and college. If you are graduating or have graduated this year, please send Kim Callis an email to [secretary@providencepresb.org](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org), so that we can include you on Graduate Sunday.

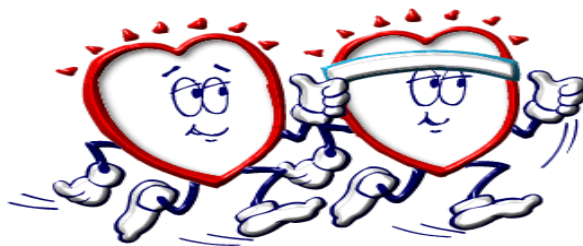
## PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2017

Our May gathering is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 23 May, at 10:00 am, in the Lower Fellowship Hall. We do not meet in the summer. Our next gathering after the summer will be on the fourth Tuesday in September 2017. Anyone interested in crocheting and/or just meeting together for fellowship is welcome to participate at any time.



## FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

They say if we do something 7 times we have developed a habit. Join us on Wednesday & Friday mornings at 10:00 am on the upper parking lot to develop a great new habit of walking. If it rains or is too hot we meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall and walk inside. This is the first day of the rest of our lives and a good time to develop a great habit. You can just come to walk at your own pace or set a goal you would like to meet.



## MEN'S FISH FRY

**Fish Fry Sign Up Sheet** – The Fish Fry will be on Friday, May 19. If you are willing to help with the Fish Fry please sign up on the sheet located in the Upper FH. We are asking for everyone to please fill in where they are able. If you have any questions please contact Mark Nelms at 919-795-5893.

The Men's Fish Fry will serve on Friday, May 19 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The plates are \$8.00 each and your support is appreciated!

If you would like to be a sponsor for the Fish Fry please let Ryan or Allison Nelms know. Sponsorship is \$100 and you get 4 fish fry tickets. The fish fry is May 19th, we would like all sponsorship turned in by May 15th. Your business will be advertised on the day of the fish fry! Please contact us if interested. Ryan Nelms-[919-669-1209](tel:919-669-1209) or Allison Nelms- [919-625-5575](tel:919-625-5575)/[apnelms5512@gmail.com](mailto:apnelms5512@gmail.com)



## Mission & Outreach Committee

The Mission & Outreach Committee is exploring the possibility of participating in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's ("NCDOT") Adopt A Highway program ("AAH"). Towards this end, the committee contacted the NCDOT representative and obtain program information related to: Overview of AAH, program application process, and a map of sections of highway available for adoption. Here is a brief overview of the program:

- There are no fees associated with participating in the program. All materials (i.e. bags, gloves, safety items) needed to implement the program are provided by the NCDOT.
- There is a four (4) year agreement with the NCDOT which includes conducting roadside cleanups a minimum of four (4) times per year (more if needed).
- Length of the roadside cleanup is two (2) miles (cleanup is for both sides of the roadway).
- Minimum age requirement is twelve (12) years of age (with parental consent).
- The section of highway that is available and is within close proximity to the church is Old Fairground Road. A two (2) mile stretch would begin at the intersection of Hwy 210 and Old Fairground Road and conclude at Amber Lane (entrance street into the Olde Lake subdivision) heading towards Mt. Pleasant Road.
- There would be signs installed at the beginning and end of the cleanup route designating that Providence adopted the section of highway.

Of course, we would need dedicated members of the congregation and perhaps affiliated church groups to make this venture successful. It is estimated that fifteen (15) to twenty (20) participants would be needed to conduct the effort efficiently. If there are enough people interested in participating in the program, the committee would begin the application process with the NCDOT. If you are interested please contact committee member John Kopanski by sending an e-mail to [jkopanski@live.com](mailto:jkopanski@live.com). Additional program information can be sought via NCDOT's website (google NCDOT Adopt A Highway).

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### Quarterly (January through March 2017) donation count for food ministries:

Backpack Buddies: 434 items

Friendly Chapel Pantry: 432 items

Many thanks to the congregation for your support of these ministries. Your donations are very much appreciated.



## Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting, April 13, 2017

### Action Items

- Motion from Children's Christian Education – Session approved the suspension of Children's Worship during the month of July
- Motion from Youth Christian Education – Eric Faircloth was approved to rotate as Sunday School teacher for the church youth.
- Motion from Congregational Care – The usher at the back of the Sanctuary will lock all doors to the church - with the exception of the front door to the Sanctuary - by 11:10 AM on Sunday during Worship. This action is an effort to ensure the security of members and church property during worship.
- Gracious Dismissal – A list titled "Requests for Information and Documents from Providence Presbyterian Church" was received from the Presbytery Discernment Team. Following review, Sam Stephenson, Finance Chair, stated that he will be able to provide the financial information requested. A date of June 1, 2017 was agreed to as a target for having all information ready for handoff to the Presbytery Discernment Team.

### Committee Updates

**Youth Christian Education** – The church youth have been accepted to participate in a mission project with TEAMeffort this summer at Virginia Beach. The project will involve performing minor home repairs and ramp building.

**Fellowship** – The sign-up sheet for flowers will be moved to one of the bulletin boards just inside the door connecting the new wing of the church to the old building.

**Finance** – Sam Stephenson presented a detailed financial report updated through March, 2017. General Fund revenues for March were \$20,562.78. Expenses for March were \$29,927.84.

**Mission & Outreach** – John Kopanski reported that donations to the Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies have been moved from the manse to the caged storage area of the new fellowship hall.

**Property** – Installation of the new audio system for the sanctuary was completed.

Natalie Nordan and Todd Clifton met with the committee regarding installation of backsplash in the new kitchen. Mr. Clifton will donate his services. Total cost will be \$550 – 600. The cost will be covered by funds from the DeEtta Wood Memorial fund.

**Worship** – Donna Stolle reported that the committee is working on a new visitor card.

**Pastor's Report** – Rev. Davis reported as follows:

- Wendy Flesh and Patricia Pool will join the congregation as new members during the worship service on Sunday, April 23, 2017.
- Kim Callis, church secretary, will be out on vacation the week of May 1 – 5.
- Reverend Davis will be at Union Theological Seminary for Sprunt Lectures May 8 – 10.

### Old Business

- Suggestion Box – David Nelms completed the addition of a link on the church website for an electronic suggestion box for use by the congregation. All members of the Session will have access to view suggestions.
- Entrance Markers - Johnny Wood reported that the Property committee is currently reviewing options for permanent markers at the entrance to the upper parking lot.

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**Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting, April 13, 2017 – (Continued from page 8)**

**New Business**

- Sunday School for College Age – The Session approved by consensus establishing a Sunday School class for college aged young adults. Vickie Faircloth will take the lead on locating teachers, materials and classroom space.
- Outstanding Seniors – Kent Walton announced that two outstanding seniors have been selected to be honored in the coming month.

Next stated session meeting will be held May 15, 2017 at 7pm.



**VBS VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Planning is underway for Providence's VBS and we need YOUR help!  
Mark your calendar for the week of Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>  
and volunteer to be transported to a fun filled week at Maker Fun Factory!  
Signup electronically at - <http://bit.ly/PPCVBS2017>

**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School**  
**July 23, 2017 - July 27, 2017**  
**6:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well!

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences in which kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. 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!*



## 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*; **Ann Hargis**, *member of community*; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Luke Jordan**, *friend of Christina Jones*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Dina Poole**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law*; **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 and Mary Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law*; and **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*

### **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*; **Shepherd Byrd**, *member*; **Elise Corona**, *daughter of friend of Sue Bryant*; **Lynn Cross**, *member*; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Charles "Chick" Folkman**, *church family*; **Coby Foreman**, *church family*; **Rebecca Jackson**, *member*; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, *member*; **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*; **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*; **Mary Wilkinson**, *Ron Forren's mother*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

**Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:**

**Elbert "Harlan" Simmons, Cathy Simmons' father**



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **May Anniversaries**

- 3 Wayne and Laura Langdon
- 5 Ryan and Allison Nelms
- 13 Jimmy and Carolyn Stuart
- 14 Sam and Wendy Stephenson
- 19 Wade and Carolyn Johnson
- 21 Andy and Sheila Dupree
- 25 Mark and Pam Nelms

### **May Birthdays**

- 1 Madeline Jones
- 4 Jonathan Kershaw
- 5 Mady Ennis  
Julie Marley  
Parker Smith
- 6 Shepherd Byrd
- 7 Todd Frickman
- 8 Will Dupree
- 10 Cathy Simmons
- 12 Kolton Crocker  
Ron Forren  
Kelly Nordan
- 17 Beth Breeden  
Lynn Cross
- 19 Jonathan Breeden
- 23 Karen Morrow  
Annah Creech
- 24 Heather Langdon
- 26 Christina Jones  
Ryan Nelms
- 27 Greg Kornegay  
Edythe Natrass
- 28 Worth Bowman  
Ronnie Creech  
Brittany Jones  
Heather White
- 30 Chris Nooney

### **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  
Russell Wood - Property

#### *Class of 2019*

Vickie Faircloth - Children C.E.  
John Kopanski - Mission & Outreach  
Mary Ann Booth - Clerk  
Stephanie Bagley - Personnel

### **Church Staff**

#### *Secretary*

Kim Callis

#### *Accounting Treasurer*

Kristy Stephenson

#### *Collections Treasurer*

Ann Benson

#### *Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*

Brittany Jones

#### *Pianist*

Angie Searcy

#### *Website*

David Nelms

#### *Newsletter*

Kim Callis

#### *Usher Coordinator*

Russell Wood

# MAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 7 Chris & Kristy Stephenson  
 14 Richard & Andrea Jones  
 21 Jennifer Crocker & Amy Dupree  
 28 Sue Bryant

## USHERS

- 7 John Kopanski & Todd Frickman,  
 Austin Benson (Back)  
 14 Pete Booth & Atlee Roberts,  
 Riley Wood (Back)  
 21 Jimmy Stuart & Rick Taylor,  
 Bob Stolle (Back)  
 28 Don Dupree & Wayne Lamm,  
 Israel Morrow (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 7 Kimsey Bagley  
 14 Gavin Annis  
 21 David Breeden  
 28 Phoebe Creech

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 7 Stephanie Whitley,  
 Jeff Wood, Vickie Faircloth  
 14 Stephanie Whitley,  
 Jeff Wood, Vickie Faircloth  
 21 Stephanie Whitley,  
 Jeff Wood, Vickie Faircloth  
 28 Stephanie Whitley,  
 Jeff Wood, Vickie Faircloth

## ELDER

Barri Martin

## May Upcoming Events

- May 1. Congregational Care 10:00 am  
 May 2. Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Long Range Planning 7:00 pm  
 May 3. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 May 5. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 May 7. LOGOS 5:00 pm  
 May 9. M&O visit to Stage Coach Manor  
 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00  
 (noon) Mount Zion United  
 Methodist Church  
 May 10. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 May 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 May 14. Mother's Day  
 May 15. Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
 May 16. Presbyterian Women Joint Meeting  
 7:00 pm Upper FH  
 May 17. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 May 19. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Men's Fish Fry 11:00 am to  
 7:00 pm  
 May 20. Youth Camp Out at Lake Jordan  
 May 21. LOGOS "End of Year Celebration"  
 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
 May 23. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am Lower FH  
 May 24. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 May 25. Mission & Outreach 11:00 am  
 Card Ministry Prep Team II  
 1:00 pm at LaVette Morgan's home  
 May 26. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper FH  
 May 29. Memorial Day Holiday  
 (Office Closed)  
 May 31. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm