# Honoring our history .....building our future



#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To disciple others in Christ by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,

To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship,
fellowship and Christian education,

To prayerfully serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ

by the power of the Holy Spirit, And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

## Providence Presbyterian Church

At McGee's Crossroads 919.894.4063 14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501 www.providencepresb.org

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 25, 2019

#### OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS DR. BENJAMIN WILLIAMS

Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Randy Benson's Birthday by Ann and Austin Benson.

## **Today is Teacher Recognition Sunday**

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude and Acolyte** 

Call to Worship Eric Faircloth

Leader: Friends in Christ, gathered for worship, what commandment is first of all?

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Leader: And what is the second great commandment?

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself; no other commandments are greater than these.

Leader: And the love of God is this: That we obey his commandments, for his commandments are not burdensome.

All: Praise the Lord!

## \*Opening Hymn

# 25

#### "Let All Creation Bless The Lord"

#### Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Our sin separates us from your face. Our only hope is in your grace, for even the good we mean to do is tainted, and cuts us off from you. It's not that you, Lord, do not care: it's just that holiness can't bear to mix with unrepentant sin. So if I want you near again, I must let go of everything – the bad, the good, and in-between. Either you kill my sin, or sin kills me: so strike these chains and set me free!

#### Silence for Personal Confession

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends in Christ: Not one of us can have a better past, but through Christ Jesus, we are offered a new future, a new day, a new beginning. Together, let us affirm this Good News and be at peace.

People: "Anyone in Christ is a new creature altogether, the old is past, and the new has begun. Thanks be to God!"

\*Responsive Hymn # 326 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

\*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed"

(Back cover of Blue Hymnal)

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ (Please begin the pew pads.)

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology Hymn #34

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Recognition of Teachers** 

Old Testament Scripture 2 Chronicles 5:7-14

**Anthem** Providence Choir

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

## Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Barri Martin)

**Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer** 

New Testament Scripture 1 Corinthians 14:23-32

Sermon "WHEN THE SPIRIT DOES CHURCH"

Dr. Benjamin Williams

\*Dedication Hymn

# 134

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (2x)

\*Acolyte and Benediction

#### **Postlude**

\*Signifies Congregation to Stand

If you desire to join Christ's Church here at PPC please contact an Elder of the Session after worship or call the office at 919-894-4063.

#### August Scripture Passage

Accept one another, then just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup> For the I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs <sup>9</sup>so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefor I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." <sup>10</sup> Again, it says, Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to Him, all you peoples." <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in Him." <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:7-13

## **Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church**

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

#### Session

#### Class of 2019

Children C.E. Mission & Outreach Worship Clerk
Vickie Faircloth John Kopanski Donna Stolle Mary Ann Booth

#### Class of 2020

Adult C.E. Personnel Youth C.E. Property

David Collier Cathy Simmons Kevin Creech Steve Newnam

#### Class of 2021

Financial Congregational Care Long Range Planning
Sam Stephenson Carolyn Johnson Scott Martin

#### Staff

Accounting Treasurer
Sam Stephenson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
Brittany Jones

Secretary
Cindy Lynch

Collections Treasurer
Ann Benson

Pianist
Angie Searcy
Website
David Nelms

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#### Weekly Statistics

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2019 General Fund Receipts through July	\$167,461.27
2019 General Fund Expenses through July	\$160,204.81
General Fund Receipts for July	\$13,966.32
General Fund Expenses for July	\$22,153.96
General Fund Receipts so far for August	\$12,766.97
General Fund Receipts for August 18	\$5,152.72
Attendance for Sunday School August 18	67
Attendance for Worship August 18	106
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Secretary's Office Hours — Monday - Friday, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm. The office number is 919-894-4063.

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

## **Assisting in Worship this Sunday:**

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Newnam

**Greeters:** Carolyn Johnson

Ushers: Todd Frickman, Richard Jones and

John Kopanski (Back)

**Acolyte:** Phoebe Creech

Nursery: Jennifer and Roger Gilbert

Children's Worship: Barri and Scott Martin

Lay Reader: Eric Faircloth

Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

**Security Rep.:** Bob Stolle

## Assisting in Worship next Sunday, September 1

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Scott Martin

**Greeters:** Carolyn Johnson

Ushers: Wayne Lamm, Scott Martin and

David Nelms, (Back)

Acolyte: Joey Crocker

**Nursery:** Andrea and Richard Jones

Children's Worship: No Children's Worship (Labor Day)

Lay Reader: Doug Sonderfan

Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

Security Rep.: Bob Stolle

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

## **Today at Providence**

9:45 am: Sunday School 10:25 am: Fellowship Time 11:00 am: Worship Service

## **Weekly Events:**

Aug. 26. M&O Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am in the Seekers Rm.

**Aug. 28.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**Aug. 30.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

## **Upcoming Events**

Sep. 1. Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sep. 2. Labor Day, Office Closed

**Sep. 3.** Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH

**Sep. 4.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**Sep. 6.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

#### PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** We are thankful for our teachers!

## **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; Virginia Moore, at The Pearl in Fort Mill; Bobbie Langdon, at Highland Village in Cary.

## **Persons Living with Cancer, including:**

Sherry Baker, friend of Laura Langdon; Joanne Boyle, Bob Zattiero's niece; Lisa Bradshaw, member of the community; Sherri Cox, friend of Carolyn Johnson; Earl Guss, cousin of Andrea Jones; Jerry Hall, extended family of Wendy Stephenson; Ann Hargis, community; Consuelo Hawkins, Joe Hawkins' mother; Tommy Lee (and his wife Judge Jackie Lee), friends of the Jones Families; Judy Morris, community; Norman Nelms, brother of Tom Nelms; Jamie Harris, friend of Andrea Jones; David Ryan, coworker of John Pickens; Abby Stanley, coworker of John Pickens; Randy Stephenson, Jon Nooney's cousin; Debbie Sturgis, member.

## Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's mom; H. A. Andrews, father of Andrea Jones: Lauren Collier Bellissimo and family, members: Sara Barber, Vickie Faircloth's mother; Kay Bernier, sister-inlaw of Pamela Collier; Worth Bowman, member; Patricia Chapin, friend of Carolyn Johnson; Larry Creech, Father of Kevin Creech; Pamela Collier, member; Elise Corona, daughter of a friend of Sue Bryant; Sandra Dail, friend of the church; Kelly Daniel, member; Linda DaLessio, friend of church; Wanda Johnson Dupree, previous member; Barbara Ellis, mother of Georgeanna Phillips; Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman, friends of Providence; John Harris; friend of Andrea Jones; Brian Johnson, cousin of Don Dupree; Jamone Johnson; friend of church; Harley Kremer, Andrea Jones niece; Vic LaSaxon, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law; Tommy and Judge Jackie Lee, friends of the Jones Families; Hubert Lipscomb, scout leader; Bill McClandless, friend of Bob Zattiero; Nancy Nelms, member; Judy Nemeth, friend of Miriam Lambert; Sue Nicholson, Chris Nooney's sister; Jon Nooney, member; Ginny Parker, friend of the church; Ed & Lou Penny; members; Wanda Presnell, friend of Beth Wolak; Caleb Reese, cousin of Andrea Jones; Stephen Southers, community; Ann King Stephenson, member; Charles **Tadlock**; friend of Pamela Collier: **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father and Eva Younts, Nadine Reed's Aunt.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome Our Guest Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. Williams –

Dr. Benjamin, as he prefers to be called, is an EPC ordained minister. His father and grandfather were both Presbyterian ministers. He descends from a line of Methodist lay preachers on his maternal side. "I suppose I was predestined to a life in the Gospel ministry."

"I was commandeered by Christ through a direct and personal revelation of the risen Jesus during a youth rally in Jacksonville, FLA, in October, 1969. In a flash I knew that Jesus was Lord, alive and risen, and that I now belonged to Him. What that meant I had yet to learn."

Education for Dr. Benjamin includes the following degrees: Stetson University (Deland, FL) BA (religion) 1974. Princeton Theological Seminary, MDiv, 1977. University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, ThD (magna cum laude) 1989.

Dr. Benjamin and his wife, Ceci, reside in Reidsville, NC, where they care for eight rescue dogs and "other critters."

Please give Dr. Benjamin and Ceci a very warm Providence Church welcome.

Please Come Join Dixon Road Elementary and McGee's Crossroads Middle School for the Prayer Walk, Today, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Dixon Road Elementary walk starts at 2:00 pm and McGee's Crossroads Middle School is 4:00 – 6:00 pm. We hope everyone will participate!

Youth BBQ Fundraiser Meeting Today - We will have a short meeting immediately after worship service Sunday, Aug. 25th in the UFH. This will be an informational meeting about the Sept 27th Youth BBQ and to distribute tickets to be sold. We will also be passing out tickets during fellowship time. Any questions, please contact Kevin Creech at email <a href="mailto:kmocreech@gmail.com">kmocreech@gmail.com</a> or by phone at 919-631-1740.

Sunday, September 1, Everyone Is Invited To Help Celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mrs. Dorothy Nesselrodt after Worship Service in the UFH. A lite lunch and cake will be served. Come wish her Happy Birthday!

The Senior Lunch for September will be held on September 10th at noon in the fellowship hall of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Please let Janice Parish know if you plan to attend so the cooks know how much food to prepare. Her contacts are janicep6471@gmail.com or 919-210-8751.

**EPC Elder Training -** To all ordained elders interested in serving as an elder in the EPC: Elders in EPC churches must all undergo training before they are permitted to serve on the Session. On Saturday September 14, 2019, an EPC led class to train prospective elders will be held at Christ the King Church in Durham. The class will begin at 9:00 am and finish around 3:00 pm. Several members of the current Session will be attending. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Mary Ann Booth at 919-275-4564 or mabooth1@gmail.com.

Help Our Teachers! — We are accepting \$\$ donations from the congregation; M&O will then shop for supplies the teachers have indicated as their top five priorities. Please put "HOT" on the memo line of your check, or on the giving envelope. If you have already purchased supplies they can be placed in the HOT specific blue barrels in the Upper Foyer.

\*\*\* Thank you so much for participating. You are helping both the kids and the teachers, who might otherwise purchase these supplies from their own funds. Most Sincerely, The M&O School Shopping Squad!

Providence Women's September Event: All PP Women are invited for another fun "B-I-N-G-O" day on Saturday, September 21 at Noon in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship, laughs, prizes and good food. We are looking for volunteers to bring sandwiches, snacks and desserts. Please let Cathy Simmons know if you are able to help and if you will be attending at 919.275.4399 or email <a href="mailto:cesimmons112@gmail.com">cesimmons112@gmail.com</a>. We look forward to seeing you there!

**PROVIDENCE YOUTH BBQ** – will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Tickets are \$9.00 and proceeds support our PPC youth ministries. We will need everyone's help to pull this wonderful fundraiser off successfully for our youth. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Upper Fellowship Hall and on the PPC Bulletin Board. Questions can be directed to Scott Martin: 19smartin69@gmail.com,

Eric Faircloth: <a href="mailto:ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com">ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com</a> or

Kevin Creech: <a href="mailto:kmocreech@gmail.com">kmocreech@gmail.com</a>

Caraway Conference Center and Camp! November 1-3, 2019 - All Women Are invited to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, fun and breakout sessions to help us do amazing things with our churches! Registration for overnight attendees ends August 29, 2019; For day guests only, registration ends October 16, 2019 At <a href="https://www.pmawomen.org">https://www.pmawomen.org</a>

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Book of Order is now available on our PPC website <a href="http://www.providencepresb.org">http://www.providencepresb.org</a> for you to view online or download. Look for the link "EPC Book of Order" on the home page.

**Let's get cooking!** For all those of you that received a letter in the mail confirming your spot in the cooking class we will begin the 1st Tuesday of each month starting Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the UFH kitchen. Please enter the building through the kitchen door if you do not have a key. There will be a follow-up reminder.

Providence Women's October Event: Day Trip to Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. We are organizing a day trip to visit the Billy Graham Library on Saturday, October 5, 2019. If you are interested in going to see the Billy Graham Library on Saturday, October 5, 2019, please let Cathy Simmons know at 919.275.4399 or email cesimmons112@gmail.com.

Franklin Graham Decision America Tar Heel State Tour - Raleigh, Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek. Hear a powerful message of hope from Franklin Graham plus live music by Jeremy Camp and Dennis Agajanian. The event is free. No tickets required. If you are interested in carpooling, please let Cathy Simmons know at 919.275.4399 or email <a href="mailto:cesimmons112@gmail.com">cesimmons112@gmail.com</a>.

**Providence Women's November Event**: Upcoming play at Neuse Little Theatre in Smithfield: *Father Knows Best*, play dates: **November 15, 16, 22 & 23 8:00 p.m. and November 17 (Sunday) 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in going to see *Father Knows Best*, please let Cathy Simmons know your preferred choice of date(s) at 919.275.4399 or email cesimmons112@gmail.com.

Men's Fellowship Group Assistance: Small chores & household assistance is available by the Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, contact Jonathan Kershaw or the Secretary with your needs.

**The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group -** invites you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. Meetings are Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 am in the UFH. All are welcome!

The Congregational Care Committee Supplies Prayer Shawls for anyone who may be in need of physical warmth during the Worship Service. The shawls are located in the Narthex. \* After the service, please leave the used shawl on the end of the pew - they are cleaned after each use.

**Congregational Care** - If there are members of the congregation or regular attendees who would like a member of the Congregational Care Committee to visit with them, please get that information to Carolyn Johnson at cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com

Food Ministry Donations: Any and all food donations are accepted any day of the week; please place donations in the designated blue bins located in the UFH foyer. Backpack Buddies' most needed items include: Individual servings of 100% fruit juice, fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears), individual packets of oatmeal/grits, and soup. Food Pantry most needed items include: sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid. The M&O Committee thanks you for your continued support of these worthy ministries.

**Reminder** – Please email ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com if you need to:

- •Add or remove anyone from the prayer list
- •Schedule use of the UFH or LFH
- •Update the Directory for a change of address, phone number or email

The Quarterly Service List of those who serve in our Worship Services is also available on our church website to help with scheduling for the next three months.

Please Note – The Bulletin Deadline is the end of the business day Wednesday for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday.

The Newsletter items deadline is the 23rd of the month.

**Church Newsletter** – The August issue of the PPC Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads" is available online at the church website. If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a paper copy of the Newsletter in the Narthex.

For safety/security, no exterior doors will be propped open during services and all doors will be locked during the 11:00 am service except the main sanctuary door.