

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

November 2015



From the Pastor's Study...

November is here and begins with All Saints Sunday where we light a candle and remember those whom have gone on to be with our Lord and Savior. November also offers up Thanksgiving, where we pause in the midst of our busy lives and thank our Lord God for the blessings bestowed upon us over this past year.

God has prepared us to grow in a new way! We are called by God to have new conversations of what mission and ministry for 2016 may look like. As we grow we must never forget all those who've gone before us and honor their service and work by reminding ourselves what we are doing is in service to God Almighty. Thanksgiving comes on the 26th this year and we have so much to be thankful for and it is a privilege to live in this country that still takes time to recognize all that God blesses us with - in our families, in our community, and in our nation.

This month we celebrate: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, our Harvest Sunday, and Stewardship Sunday. Let us remember that giving thanks, reaping the harvest, being blessed with much to be called a steward of, living in a country which places a premium on personal freedoms are all blessings and gifts from God. As we set our clocks back on the 1st let us reflect on those who have gone before us, those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, those who braved great challenges and hardship to come to a new world and begin again.

This month's scripture is Romans 12:9-13 that proclaims God's calling of the church to Divine love, in which Paul writes, "*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good ... love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in*

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November Scripture Passage

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Romans 12:9-13

CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

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

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showing honor ... Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer ... extend hospitality to strangers..." Paul expresses the Christian attitude of the heart, mind, and soul transformed by God's gracious love for us unworthy sinners. Christ died on the cross so we wouldn't have to spend eternity apart from the love of God.

Let us come together in Divine love during all our worship, fellowship, discipleship, stewardship, and friendship opportunities. Christ calls us out of our comfort zones to step out in faith that we might do a new thing in the eyes of the LORD. Let us be faithful, humble, grateful, hospitable, and obedient to our Lord God and each other in the coming weeks, months, and years to come.

We all too often take for granted that God is a relational God and requires us to be a willing participant in our relation to our gracious and loving God. Paul reminds us that God is working in and through us and that all our strength comes from God Almighty.

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.



COME JOIN THE FUN!

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
- Learn 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.

LOGOS Adult Bible Study

This study is led by Ann Stephenson, lay Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The study is entitled "Discovering God's Will" by Andy Stanley. The study will begin at 5:00 pm and supper will be served at 6:30 pm. Attendance is encouraged and welcome by all! If you have any questions please contact Barri Martin at martin78@nc.rr.com or 919-639-1138.

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.

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 10:40 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.

THE MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We are doing the Operation Christmas Child again this year. You can participate three different ways.

1. Pack a shoebox the way you would like remembering to enclose a \$7 check for postage.
2. Donate children's items to be packed in a shoebox.
3. Donate money either for postage or more items for the boxes.

If you do 2 or 3, please make sure that you have items to us by Sunday, November 8 so that boxes can be put together. We will take the boxes to the altar on Sunday, November 15 during church services so that everyone can see how many we have. Thank you all for all that you do for the less fortunate.



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.



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 fourth Tuesday of every month. This month's meeting is Tuesday, November 24 at 10:00 am in the new fellowship hall. 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.



MUSICAL TALENT

We need your God given gifts! Brittany is searching for those within the congregation with musical talents who would be interested in sharing their talents with us; particularly piano talents, but we have ways of incorporating other musical gifts as well, so please don't let your instrument of choice be a factor in not coming forward. We can put your gifts to good use! Contact Brittany Jones at 910-814-7208 or blkefauver07@hotmail.com.



NEW ARRIVAL!

Rev. Jim and Pat Davis announce the arrival of their first grandchild
Kailey Penna Greene born October 16.
She is the daughter of Megan and DJ Greene and weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENTS

Presbyterian Women's Meeting – Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be for our fundraiser planning, and will meet in the Seekers Classroom. All Providence Presbyterian Women are encouraged to attend. This year's fundraiser will be January 22, 2016.

Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 am and the Evening Circle will meet at 7:30 pm.



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.



NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Will begin November 15 during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 am, for a fifteen week curriculum. We want to encourage anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, Providence PC, the Presbyterian Church USA, to please come and participate. The class will be led by Rev. Davis. If you have questions please email the pastor at jimdavis10@hotmail.com or call the office at 919-894-4063.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizens' luncheon will be Tues., Nov. 10 at White Memorial Presbyterian Church at 12 noon. Please contact Kay Dry at 919-639-9784 or kaydry@embarqmail.com or Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com by Nov. 4 with your reservations. Make sure you put Senior Luncheon for Dec. 8 on your calendar because Providence Presbyterian Church will be the Host Church.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Providence Christmas Program will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 6. Our children and youth have been practicing during LOGOS for several weeks, and we look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our church family. Children and youth who are in the Christmas Program are asked to attend the dress rehearsal at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 5 and to arrive by 3:45 PM on Sunday, December 6 to get ready for the program. All practices other than the dress rehearsal will take place during LOGOS. If your child is not participating in LOGOS but would like to take part in the Christmas program, please contact Brittany Jones or Beth Breeden for practice times and parts.



ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

Will take place on Sunday, November 1 during Worship at 11:00 am. During this service the congregation will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone who has passed away during the past

Members that passed away in the last year:

Chellie Parrish Poston

(June 18, 1930 – February 5, 2015)

Rupert Lacy Johnson

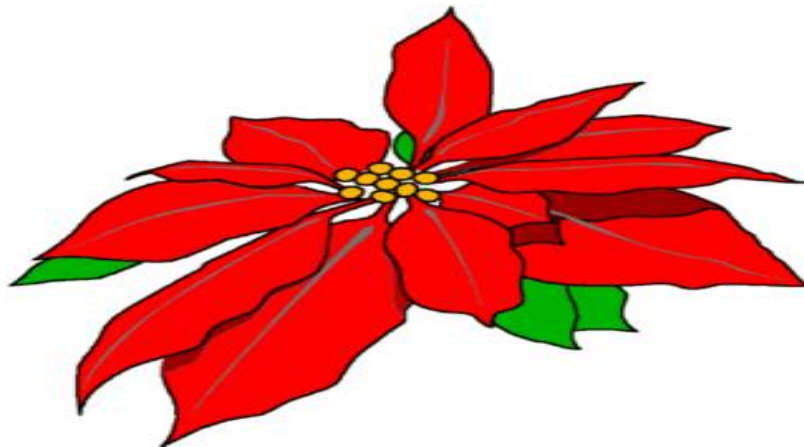
(April 22, 1926 – March 24, 2015)

DeEtta Jones Wood

(September 13, 1972 – April 7, 2015)

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Advent season in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the information on the order form insert (that will be in the bulletin starting November 1) and place the form and they money in the offering place no later than Sunday, November 15. The poinsettia will remain in the sanctuary from November 28 through December 20. Poinsettias are \$7.00 per plant, please make check payable to the Providence Presbyterian Church and indicate "Poinsettia" on the memo line.



DEETTA JONES WOOD YOUTH CENTER

The Youth Committee is delighted to announce that the Session has approved plans to renovate the Old Education Wing, where we currently hold youth Sunday School and LOGOS, to create the DeEtta Jones Wood Youth Center. We look forward to sharing our progress as construction begins and to welcoming the entire congregation into this space when it is complete. We expect minimal impact on usage of the Nannie E. Coates Fellowship Hall during the construction process. (Funds for this project will come from the DeEtta Wood Memorial Fund, outside of the church operating and capital campaign budgets.) If you have any questions about this project, please contact Jeff Wood or Beth Breeden. The committee thanks Allison Nelms and Natalie Nordan for their leadership on this project.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Youth Apparel Sales

Apparel with this year's Providence Youth Group anchor design is again available for order through November 10. These items will be shipped in time to arrive before Christmas. Orders must be placed online at the websites below by November 10. We must reach a minimum number of shirts ordered to print; your credit card will not be billed unless the minimum order is reached. (We recommend ordering adult sizes for children in grades 4 and higher.) If you have any questions, please contact Beth Breeden at 919-624-1633. The Youth Committee thanks Abby Wood for the youth apparel design. Adult Sizes: <https://teespring.com/providence-youth-shirt2>
Children's Sizes: <https://teespring.com/providence-youth-shirt-4kids>

The Youth are collecting donations during the month of November for "Angel Tree". It takes \$30 to buy a child Christmas. Donation collection will end November 22.



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Our new pictorial directory is under construction. Our hope is to have every member, and regularly attending friends, professionally photographed by Lifetouch. We ask that you please take the opportunity to be part of this important communication tool and historical document for our church.

Portraits Will Be Taken:

- Monday, 9 Nov, 2:00-9:00 pm
- Tuesday, 10 Nov, 2:00-9:00 pm
- Wednesday, 11 Nov, 2:00-9:00 pm

If we have 46 or more photo sessions actually taken, each family will receive a copy of the photo directory, as well as an 8x10 portrait--both at no charge. There is no obligation to be photographed. We encourage you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to take advantage of this photography opportunity. They, too, will receive the complimentary 8x10.

Schedule Your Appt:

You may sign up for an appointment immediately by visiting our website at:

www.providencepresb.org

On the church's website homepage, click on the photo icon on the left. From there the process is very straightforward. (We are encouraged by Lifetouch to schedule as many sessions as possible on Monday and Tuesday first before filling in Wednesday.)

Bring any non-perishable food item with you to your photography appointment and receive \$5 off your portrait order. Senior citizens will receive a 20% discount.

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*; **Nancy Biernacki**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*; **Patsy Bowman**, *member of church family*; **Edith Bowser**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*; **Christopher Conway**, *friend of Karen Morrow*; **Richard Davis**, *friend of Elaine Wood*; **Salley Dowsett**, *Laura McLamb's cousin*; **Kim Faircloth**, *friend of Amy Dupree*; **Carol Frickman**, *Todd Frickman's sister-in-law*; **David Guss**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, *member of community*; **P.B. Jernigan**, *relative of Sheila Dupree*; **Joey Johnson**, *friend of Randy Benson*; **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*; **Larry Phipps**, *Allison Phipps's husband*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis' sister*; **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*; **Kenneth Weathers**, *brother-in-law of Wendy Stephenson* and **Hannah Youngblood**, *friend of Kristy Stephenson*

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Levon and Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's parents*; **Velma and Ray Bost**, *Heath White's grandparents*; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Brenda Byrd**, *member of the church*; **Ricky Faircloth**, *Beck McLamb's brother-in-law*; **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*; **Patricia Forren**, *church family*; **Linda Haden**, *Brenda Byrd's neighbor*; **Janet Harris**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister-in-law*; **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*; **Becky Kleaver**, *member*; **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*; **Joe Martinelli**, *member of the church family*; **Scott Martinelli**, *Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son*; **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*; **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*; **Donald Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*; **Marie Wellman**, *friend of Brenda Byrd*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of

Mica Love, daughter of Sue Bryant



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Anniversaries

8 Dick and Pat Embrey
12 Johnny and Elaine Wood
13 Shepherd and Brenda Byrd
17 John and Sandy Kopanski
21 Todd and Barbie Frickman
24 Randy and Ann Benson
27 Steve and Beth Wolak
28 Jonathan and Carole Kershaw

November Birthdays

2 Kimsey Bagley
Joey Crocker
3 Gwen Walton
6 Nathan Reed
7 Ann Benson
Chloe Frickman
9 Gary Phillips
10 Hannah Stephenson
11 Virginia Moore
12 Rosyval Walton
15 Jane Ashley Porter
20 Jim Ingram
Alex Nooney
21 Candace Creech
22 Mark Strader
Darren Stuart
23 William Blair
24 Chris Roberts
26 Jeffrey Wood
27 Audrey Whitley
Megan Sherrill
30 Laura McLamb

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2015

Kristy Stephenson - Finance
Jeffrey Wood - Youth Christian Education
Margie Taylor - Mission and Outreach
Kent Walton - Congregational Care

Class of 2016

Beth Breeden - Children's Christian Education
Pete Booth, Personnel
David Nelms - Clerk of Session
Steve Nordan - Property

Class of 2017

Tony Bryant - Long-Range Planning
David Collier - Fellowship
Barri Martin - Adult Christian Education
Heath White - Worship

Church Staff

Secretary

Kim Callis

Accounting Treasurer

Wayne Lamm

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist

Brittany Jones

Organist/Pianist

Ann Stephenson & Susan Rudd

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

Kim Callis

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 1 Lauren Langdon
 8 Jennifer Crocker & Amy Dupree
 15 Eric & Lori Smith
 22 Chris & Kristy Stephenson
 29 Heath & Heather White

USHERS

- 1 Ken Lordi & Pete Booth,
 Austin Benson (Back)
 8 Wayne Lamm & Don Dupree,
 Nathan Dry (Back)
 15 Eric Smith & Rick Taylor,
 Justin Wood (Back)
 22 Carlos Bagley & Israel Morrow,
 Heath White (Back)
 29 Ronnie Creech & Ryan Nelms,
 Jeffrey Wood (Back)

ACOLYTE

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

CHILDRENS WORSHIP

LEADER/HELPER

- 1 Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
 (Youth)Lily Martin
 & Mary Elaine Wood
 Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
 & Kelly Nordan (Youth)Lily Martin
 & Mary Elaine Wood
 8 Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
 & Kelly Nordan (Youth)Lily Martin
 & Mary Elaine Wood
 15 Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
 (Youth)Lily Martin
 & Mary Elaine Wood
 22 Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
 (Youth)Lily Martin
 & Mary Elaine Wood
 29 Beth Breeden/Scott Martin
 (Youth)Lily Martin
 & Mary Elaine Wood

ELDER

Beth Breeden

November Upcoming Events

- 1 All Saints' Day Sunday
 1 Congregational Meeting at the end of
 worship/LOGOS 5:00 pm
 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 2 Congregational Care Meeting
 10:00 am
 2 Long Range Planning Meeting
 7:00 pm
 3 Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
 3 PPC Staff Meeting 10:00 am
 4 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 5 Mission and Outreach Committee
 Meeting 7:00 pm
 5 Personnel Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm
 8 Harvest Day Sunday
 9 Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 9-11 Directory Portraits 2:00 – 9:00 pm
 10 Senior Citizen's Luncheon
 at White Memorial Presbyterian
 Church 12:00 pm
 11 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 11 Office Closed/Veterans Day
 15 Stewardship Sunday/
 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 17 Presbyterian Women Day Circle
 10:00 am & Evening Circle 7:30 pm
 18 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 22 Christ the King Sunday
 22 Barium Springs Offering
 22 Donations for "Angel Tree"
 collected by Youth end
 23 Deadline for December Newsletter
 24 Card Ministry 10:00 am
 25 NO Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 26 Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed
 29 1st Sunday in Advent