

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

August 2016



## From the Pastor's Study...

God is so awesome! Once again growing church has ended the month with celebration of Jesus Christ in the form of Vacation Bible School. It is such a blessing and true joy to share the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to those in our community and our church family. We would like to extend a big ol' joyful *Thank you!* and *well done* to all who made this year's Vacation Bible School an awesome display of God's grace, love, great food, fun in the sun, kickball, and proclamation of the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.

This month's scripture passage comes from the Gospel according to Luke and the new beginning of seeing and hearing of the God of Abraham through the words of Jesus the Christ. Jesus charges his disciples with a full development of the higher law of love. Such teaching found in the New Testament marks a new understanding of God as much more than revealed in the Law of Moses. Jesus redefined what a relationship with God is to be for the Jews and the Gentiles. Belief or faith in our God of unimaginable love, grace and power is the message Jesus proclaims.

God's higher law of love is described by Jesus to include, but not limited to, what Luke chronicles in Chapter 6 as: "love your enemies ... do good ... expecting nothing in return" because even God "... is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked" and so Jesus points to what is often humanity's greatest challenge - "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you."

Today's church of Jesus Christ has so many opportunities to engage the complex culture it finds itself in. Our Lord God has given Providence Presbyterian Church many opportunities to reach out to

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## August Scripture Passage

*35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. 1 Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." 39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"*

**Luke 6:35-39**

## 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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others and proclaim the Gospel message of God's higher law of love – let us continue to pray diligently that our church continues to recognize the doors of opportunity God places in our path.

This month is full of worship, praise, and fellowship opportunities and we will celebrate communion on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for these and other opportunities to have fun and meaningful fellowship. As this summer winds down and the cooler days of fall become more abundant, let's come together in prayer and conversation as we discern God's plan for the days to come.

Please pray for our church's future, our church family, our session, and our pastor – that we may follow our Lord God's will more nearly day by day. May the peace of our LORD and Savior be with you now and always, Amen.

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](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org) and her office number is 919-894-4063.



Praise the Lord! Our 2016 Vacation Bible School was a huge success and a tremendous outreach to both our church and our community! Children, youth, and adults have all enjoyed a week full of learning through a study of Joseph's journey from prison to palace. We traveled back into Bible times to Egypt and learned that God is active in our everyday lives and that He gives us everything we need. Below is our breakdown of VBS attendance for each night.

Sunday: 79 Children/Youth  
10 Adults in Bible Study  
60 Teachers/Helpers  
**Total: 149**

Monday: 101 Children/Youth  
10 Adults in Bible Study  
63 Teachers/Helpers  
**Total: 172**

Tuesday: 103 Children/Youth  
11 Adults in Bible Study  
63 Teachers/Helpers  
**Total: 177**

Wednesday: 107 Children/Youth  
10 Adults in Bible Study  
66 Teachers/Helpers  
**Total: 183**

Thursday: 99 Children/Youth  
10 Adults in Bible Study  
67 Teachers/Helpers  
**Total: 176**

We would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents, donated items and offered up prayer support for Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all that you did to make VBS a success!

### 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.



### 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.

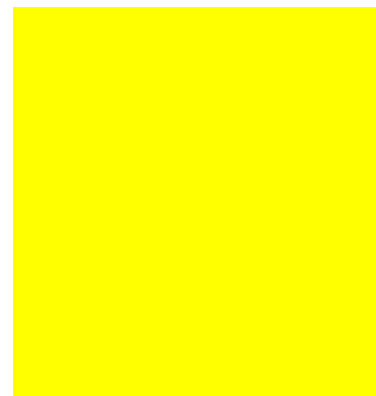


### FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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).

### LOGOS

Will start meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> and planning is underway. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact Kristy Stephenson or Beth Breeden.



### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizen's luncheon will be August 9 at Johnson Memorial Church at 12:00 (noon). Please contact Margie Taylor at [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com) or 919-207-0149 by Wednesday, August 3 with your reservations.



### THANKS FROM MISSION AND OUTREACH

During June the following items were provided through donations and purchases: 217 items for Friendly Chapel Food Pantry and 96 items for Backpack Buddies.

### 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, August 2, 2016 at 10:00 am. 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.



### 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!

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm in the Seekers Classroom.

### 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.



### RYAN AND ALLISON NELMS BABY SHOWER

Join us in celebrating the soon-to-be parents as they welcome their little fireman!  
Sunday, August 7 at 2:00 pm in the New Fellowship Hall.  
The couple is registered at Target and Babies R Us.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN AND BLAIR COX!

On their new arrival Laney Gray!  
She arrived on Tuesday, August 2  
and weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBBIE AND STEPHANIE WOOD!

On their new arrival Macie Elizabeth! She  
arrived on Monday, August 1 and weighed  
8 pounds and was 20 ½ inches long.





## 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**, **Lisa Bradshaw**, *member of the community*; **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*; **Dina Poole**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis' sister*; **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 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*; **Thomas Barefoot**, *community UPS driver*; **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 Nattrass**, *member*; **Nancy Nelms**, *member of the church family*; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, *member of church family*; **Lou Penny**, *member*; **Caleb Reese**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*; **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

**Clark McLamb, Beck McLamb's uncle**

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **August Anniversaries**

- 14 Nathan and Kay Dry  
18 David and Pamela Collier  
Stephen and Samantha Nordan  
21 Darren and Joan Stuart  
23 Ron and Lynn Cross  
Don and Brenda Dupree  
29 Dave and Edythe Natrass

### **August Birthdays**

- 1 Dick Embrey  
3 Brenda Dupree  
Grace Martin  
LaVette Morgan  
4 Emma Phillips  
Eva Stephenson  
5 Silas Porter  
Robert Stolle  
7 Pauline Jones  
9 Richard Jones  
Sandy Kopanski  
Keith Langdon  
10 Joe Martinelli  
12 Liz Marley  
Sophie Marley  
Ann Stephenson  
13 Bob Reed  
19 Stewart Pickens  
Nadine Reed  
22 Candace Bullock  
23 Patsy Bowman  
26 Natalie Nordan  
27 Paige Smith  
28 Charleigh Morrow  
Natalie Nordan  
Elaine Wood  
29 Tyler Nordan  
30 Lauren Collier  
Israel Morrow  
31 Randy Benson

### **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

# AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

7	Eric & Lorie Smith
14	Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms
21	Jonathan Breeden & Laura Langdon
28	Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens

## USHERS

7	Eric Faircloth & John Rogers, Justin Wood (Back)
14	Trey Bullock & Kent Walton, Joseph Phillips (Back)
21	David Nelms & Wayne Ennis, Chase Faircloth (Back)
28	Rick Taylor & Wayne Lamm, Parker Smith (Back)

## ACOLYTE

7	Connor Frickman
14	Caroline Frampton
21	Kait White
28	Joey Crocker

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

7	Beth Breeden
14	Kristy Stephenson
21	TBA
28	Kristy Stephenson

## ELDER

Tony Bryant

## August Upcoming Events

- Aug 1. Long Range Planning Meeting  
7:00 pm
- Aug 2. Card Ministry Meeting 10:00 am
- Aug 3. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Aug 7. Communion Sunday
- Aug 8. Congregational Care Meeting  
10:00 am  
Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Aug 9. Senior Citizen's Luncheon 12:00  
(noon) at Johnson Memorial Church  
Presbyterian Women Coordinating  
Team Meeting 7:00 pm in the  
Seekers Classroom
- Aug 10. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Aug 17. Worship Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Aug 18. Personnel Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm
- Aug 21. New Fellowship Hall Info Session at  
9:45 am
- Aug 24. September Newsletter Deadline  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Aug 25. Mission & Outreach Meeting  
7:00 pm
- Aug 31. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm