

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

February 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

February is upon us once again – BUT in a new way! While it is cold outside it is heating up on the inside of the walls of Providence Presbyterian Church. As we put on our coats and sweaters to face the cold weather outside, let us greet those whom God places in our lives with all the warmth and joy of knowing our LORD and Savior has done the greatest thing of all for each and every one of us.

February has always been a month of many opportunities – here we have the Presbyterian Women's Chicken and Pastry Dinner and Silent Auction, Souper Bowl, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Ash Wednesday which heralds the coming of Easter.

Our scripture of the month is Psalm 119:10-18, which proclaims the Word of the Lord to be the central thing on which we are to hold fast to and the live out our lives centered upon it. And so the Season of Lent prepares our minds and hearts to be centered on our Lord and Savior. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is prelude to Easter. Lent is the forty-day liturgical season which represents the time Jesus spent in the desert, where, according to the Bible, he endured temptation by Satan. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer—through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial—for the annual commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, as celebrated during Holy Week, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The ashes we use today signifies our origins from the ashes of the ground ... God made us in His image. We are good creations by God in God's created world – Yet we are corrupted by SIN.

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February Scripture Passage

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. ¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. ¹³ With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. ¹⁴ I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. ¹⁸ Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Psalm 119:10-18

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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For God has given much to humanity throughout time ... John stated it the best ... **John 3:16-21** ¹⁶ **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.** We are sinners in a sinful world – BUT as Christians we are strangers in this world. We are repentant sinners redeemed by the blood of Christ. Our journey in this world is a strange one in that our reality and hope lies in the next life in the kingdom of heaven.

Let us embrace the beginning of the Lenten Season and pause to reflect and discern the possibilities of God Almighty in our lives. Let us come together in fellowship and lift one another up as we go faithfully forward in God's plan for our lives.

May our Awesome God of infinite possibilities bless us in a new way that we might grow deeper in faith, love and Christian hospitality.

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!

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.

**Next LOGOS
Meeting February
21 at 5:00 pm**

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.

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizens' luncheon will be Tuesday, February 9 at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church at 12 noon.

Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com by February 3 with your reservations.



PRAYER SHAWL TEAM

This team will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am in the lower fellowship hall. The February meeting is Tuesday, February 23 at 10:00.



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, February 2, 2016. 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.



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.



The Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women thanks all the many volunteers and members who helped make this year's Chicken Pastry and Silent Auction fundraiser a success. Too numerous to name, you cooked, baked, cleaned, sold and bought tickets, poured tea, stood in the cold and did numerous other jobs. Thank you all!

THANK YOU!



Congregational Meeting

There will be a short Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2016 following worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the board of directors for the church corporation.

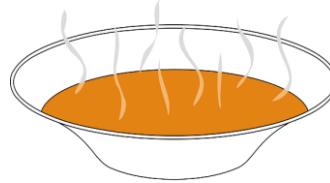


YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Summer Conference Information: High School Youth – The High School Youth conference opportunity for this summer is Fun in the Sun in Hilton Head, SC. The dates are July 11-16, 2016. If your youth would like to attend, please let Barri Martin know by **February 7**, and be sure to get a registration packet. A \$100 deposit is required by **February 7!** The balance of the conference fee will be paid for by Youth funds.

Middle School Conference to Massenetta – The tentative date for this conference is July 12 – July 15. The theme this year is Gone Fishin'. The cost is \$100 per person and the deadline for registration is March 6, 2016. If you have any questions contact Barri Martin at bhmartin74@gmail.com. The website is massenettasprings.org.

“Souper” Bowl Sunday – Youth Mission Project – Please join the Youth of the Church for soup, sandwiches, and fellowship after worship on Sunday, February 7. In exchange for your meal, the Youth will accept canned food items to support the Food Pantry.



Youth Week Long, Summer Mission Opportunity 2016 – If interested, please contact Wendy Stephenson at 919-894-2822, or wendystephenson@me.com

The Youth Mission Activity will be making “Comfort Blankets” for the Smithfield Rescue Mission on Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 pm



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*; **Richard Davis**, *friend of Elaine Wood*; **Kim Faircloth**, *friend of Amy Dupree*; **David Guss**, *cousin of Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, *member of community*; **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*; **Joe Rudd**, *church family*; **Ben Snelling**, *friend of John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, *friend of John Pickens*; **Wayne Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrod's brother-in-law*; **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*; 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*; **Ricky Faircloth**, *Beck McLamb's brother-in-law*; **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*; **Janet Harris**, *Dorothy Nesselrod's sister-in-law*; **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*; **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*; **Virginia Moore**, *member of the church family*; **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*; **Hunter Stephenson**, *son of Laura McLamb's friend*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of

Betty Lou Collier Campbell, David Collier's Mother



Birthdays & Anniversaries



February Anniversaries

- 6 Ron and Pat Forren
12 Worth and Patsy Bowman

February Birthdays

- 2 Ava Wood
4 Kristy Stephenson
Olivia White
5 Parker Smith
Johnny Wood
6 Pat Davis
Becky Kleaver
7 Lily Martin
8 Yun Blair
Phil Cross
Wayne Langdon
Mark Nelms
10 JoAnn Creech
14 Linda Roberts
15 Andy Dupree
Joyce Lamm
Beth Wolak
16 Lilli Bullock
Jim Davis
Lisa Ingram
Cooper Nordan
Jimmy Stuart
17 Eric Jones
18 Beth Pickens
20 Ashley Porter
21 Wade Johnson
Edsel Penny
23 Donna Stolle
24 Kelly Daniel
25 Tony Bryant
Barbara Walton
27 Margot Porter
28 Crissy Porter

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 7 Amy Dupree & Jennifer Crocker
 14 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms
 21 Eric & Lori Smith
 28 Heath & Heather White

USHERS

- 7 Russell Wood & Jimmy Stuart,
 Scott Martin (Back)
 14 Connor Reed & Eva Stephenson
 Tim Nooney & Chad Cross (Back)
 21 Tony & Sue Bryant,
 Austin Benson (Back)
 28 Brent & Lindsey Frampton,
 Justin Wood (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 7 Kimsey Bagley
 14 Olivia White
 21 Kait White
 28 Caroline Frampton

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 7 Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood,
 Margie Taylor (Youth) Emma
 Phillips & Grace Martin
 14 Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood,
 Margie Taylor (Youth) Emma
 Phillips & Grace Martin
 21 Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood,
 Margie Taylor (Youth) Emma
 Phillips & Grace Martin
 28 Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood,
 Margie Taylor (Youth) Emma
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ELDER

Barri Martin

February Upcoming Events

- Feb 1. Long Range Planning Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Feb 2. Card Ministry 10:00 am
 Feb 3. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Feb 7. Communion Sunday
 "Souper" Bowl Sunday
 Following Service
 No LOGOS at 5:00 pm
 Feb 8. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 Feb 9. Senior Citizen's Luncheon
 12:00 pm at Mount Pleasant
 Presbyterian Church
 Presbyterian Women Coordinating
 Team Meeting 7:00 pm
 Feb 10. Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm
 Feb 14. Scout Sunday/Valentine's Day
 Congregational Meeting
 following Worship
 Feb 15. President's Day/ Office Closed
 Feb 16. Presbyterian Women
 Day Circle 10:00 am
 Presbyterian Women
 Evening Circle 7:00 pm
 Feb 17. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Feb 21. LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Feb 23. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
 Feb 24. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 March Newsletter Deadline
 Feb 25. Mission & Outreach Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Feb 28. Youth Mission Activity
 "Comfort Blankets" 5:00 pm
 Old Fellowship Hall