

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

March 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

The month of March brings in an early Easter this year. Whether you are an ACC fan or care little about sports, March is the seasonal marker for change in many ways. March marks: the last throws of winter, Daylight Savings begins, March Madness is the culmination of college basketball year, and the beginning of spring on March 20th. March, in terms of Christianity, means an exceptional time of year. For many Christians the season of Lent is apex of the church calendar. Lent is meant to be a time for reflection and meditation on our devotion to God who is devoted in care and redemption of our souls. It is a time of preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

Even though the temperature outside has been bitter cold – inside the doors of our church we have witnessed a warm glow of the Holy spirit in action among us. Our Lord God continues to bless the missions and ministries of our church family in so many new and wonderful ways. Let us continue to pray for our Lord God's blessing as we discern God's will and direction for our lives and the life of Providence PC.

This Lent season may we take time out of our busy lives and recount God's gracious and mighty acts on behalf of all humanity. For God gave up much and allowed His only Son our Lord to die on the cross at Calvary in payment for our sins. And so it is fitting that we to give up something in recognition of God's great gift of the messiah to us sinners. Let us all celebrate the Lent season in meditation, prayer, and reflection on what our lives would be like had God chosen not to invest anymore in humanity.

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March Scripture Passage

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:8-10

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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This month's scripture passage is on Ephesians 2:8-10, where the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are saved through our Lord God's awesome grace. Where our only choice in this life is to seek God's will for our lives or reject God's will for our lives. Jesus calls us all to a life of mission and ministry wherever we find ourselves in our journey of faith in Christ. The Bible proclaims again and again the importance of hearing and discerning God's call in our lives. So often is the case that we allow our fears and anxiety to limit our Christian witness instead of trusting that God will meet our footsteps ... every step of the way.

The Easter message, the season of Lent, and the prevailing message of our Lord and Savior reminds us to always keep God before the eyes of our hearts that we may be transformed by God's Grace. Let us pause during the season of Lent to re-evaluate our personal relationship with God and may we strive to place God first in our lives that all other things may fall in place – as our Lord God ordains it.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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@providencespb.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
Meets March 6
and March 20 at
5:00 pm Join us!

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.



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.

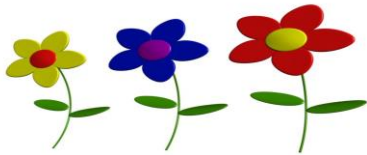
With the addition of a third usher, we want to make it easy for members and visitors to know who our ushers are each week. If you are scheduled to be an usher, please look in the cabinet drawer in the vestibule for an usher pin that is to be worn. Please remember to place it back in the drawer after 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.

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.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Anyone interested in going to the Montreat Women's Conference please let Elaine Wood (919-801-5328) know. The conference is August 11-14 and the theme is "Calm in the Chaos". The next PPW meeting is March 15 at 10:00 am for the Day Circle and 7:00 pm for the Evening Circle. We would like to extend a warm welcome for any woman attending PPC to join us we would love to have you!



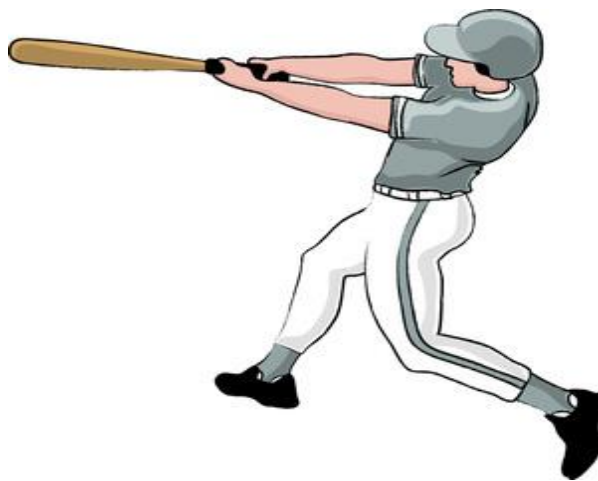
BACKPACK BUDDIES/FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to the Youth for the food collected during Souper Bowl and to the congregation for continued support of these ministries. To date in February we have taken 207 items to Backpack Buddies and 54 items to the Friendship Chapel food pantry.



MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL

There will be a practice/meeting on Sunday, March 6 at McGee's Middle School ballpark from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. All men interested please come out and we will get into action! Questions call Eric Faircloth at 919-201-2696 or by email at ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizens' luncheon will be Tuesday, March 8 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 12 noon. Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149 by March 2 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 March meeting is Tuesday, March 22 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, March 1, 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.



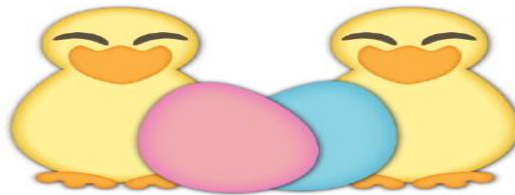
CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION

Children's Easter Celebration will take place at Providence Presbyterian Church at 10:00 am until 11:30 am on Saturday, March 26, 2016. We will have light refreshments and will hear the Easter Story. The children are asked to bring their baskets for the egg hunt.

Easter craft donations of the following items are needed:

- plastic Easter eggs
- green Easter grass
- black or gray playdoh
- green construction paper
- white glue or rubber cement

Items can be placed in the bright green tote in the new fellowship hall.
If you have any questions please contact Annah Creech at 919-418-4050.



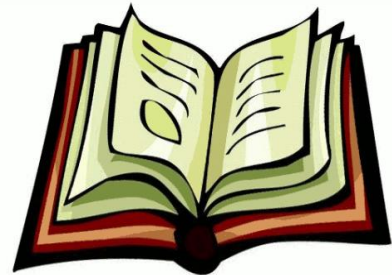
GOSPEL SING

The Fellowship Committee will be having a gospel sing on Sunday, March 13 from 4-6 pm. Hickory Grove Quartet will perform and hotdogs will be served. If you are interested in coming please let Ryan Nelms or David Collier (919-625-3026) know so they can plan the food.

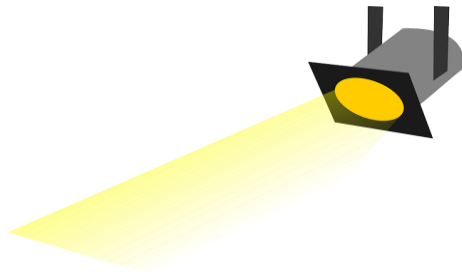


NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have not retrieved your copy of the new directory they are now with Kim Callis. Please contact Kim to arrange receipt. One copy per family is available, even if you were not able to have your picture taken.



A big thank you to Donna Stolle and the directory team that put this directory together. What an awesome job!



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Middle School Conference to Massanetta – The 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 massanettasprings.org.

Youth Trip to Winter Jam at PNC Arena – March 25, 2016

Calling all youth in grades 6-12: We'll be going as a group to the Winter Jam Concert at PNC Arena on Friday, March 25. The cost for guaranteed a ticket is \$33. Please RSVP to Beth Breeden by March 13, including cash or a check made out to Providence Presbyterian Church with "Winter Jam" in the memo line. We will purchase tickets on March 13 so please be sure to RSVP and that your ticket is paid for by that date.

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

PPW trip to the Billy Graham Library (Charlotte)

- This trip is planned to take place on April 14.
- We will go round trip by train.
- We need a minimum of 20 people for this trip and it is open for anyone from our church, not just the women.
- The train will leave Cary at 6:58 am and arrive back in Cary at 8:18 pm.
- We will not know the exact train price until we have a count of how many are going, but it will be less than \$51 for the roundtrip ticket.
- The Library will pick everyone up at the train station, give us a tour, we will have lunch and some free time.
- No cost for the Library but lunch will be \$11.
- We will then return to the train station for the ride home.
- Please let Margie Taylor know ASAP so that we can guarantee tickets.
- Contact Margie at 919-207-0149.

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*; **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*; **Tania Query**, *Pat Davis's 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 Nesselrodt'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 Nesselrodt'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*; **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*; **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

Paul Reed, Bob Reed's brother



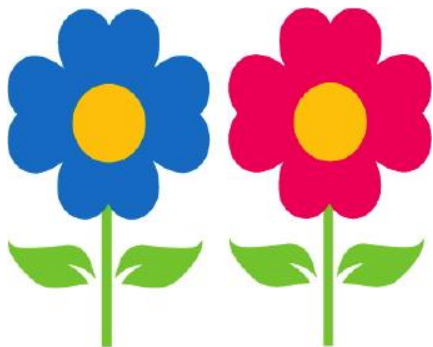
Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

8 Tom and Nancy Nelms
26 Bob and Carolyn Zattiero

March Birthdays

2 Linda Jackson
Graycen Murray
3 Lorie Smith
4 Haleigh Weaver
Kaleigh Weaver
5 Courtney Walton
7 Melvin Langdon
8 Sandra Lordi
11 Riley Lynn Nordan
13 Barbie Frickman
Gunner Wheeler
16 Mac Jones
18 Donald Creech
19 Harris Bagley
20 Abbey Walton
22 Jarrett Cross
Jack Sherrill
27 Marilyn Johnson
Travis Jones
29 Jane Pickens
30 Steve Nordan



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

MARCH EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 6 Jonathan Breeden & Laura Langdon
- 13 Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens
- 20 Carolyn Stuart & Elaine Wood
- 27 Todd & Barbie Frickman

USHERS

- 6 Wayne & Joyce Lamm,
Joesph Phillips (Back)
- 13 Scott & Barri Martin,
Chase Faircloth (Back)
- 20 Rick & Margie Taylor,
Trey Bullock (Back)
- 27 David & Lisa Nelms,
Wayne Ennis (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 6 Connor Frickman
- 13 Joey Crocker
- 20 Gavin Annis
- 27 Lily Martin

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 6 Beth Breeden & Scott Martin,
Donna Stolle (Youth) Lily Martin &
Mary Elaine Wood
- 13 Beth Breeden & Scott Martin,
Donna Stolle (Youth) Lily Martin &
Mary Elaine Wood
- 20 Beth Breeden & Scott Martin,
Donna Stolle (Youth) Lily Martin &
Mary Elaine Wood
- 27 Beth Breeden & Scott Martin,
Donna Stolle (Youth) Lily Martin &
Mary Elaine Wood

ELDER

David Collier

March Upcoming Events

- Mar 1. Card Ministry 10:00 am
- Mar 2. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Mar 6. LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Mar 8. Senior Citizen's Luncheon
12:00 pm at Pleasant Grove Baptist
Church
- Mar 9. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Mar 13. Daylight Savings Time Starts
- Mar 14. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar 15. Presbyterian Women
Day Circle 10:00 am
Presbyterian Women
Evening Circle 7:00 pm
- Mar 16. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Mar 20. Palm Sunday
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Mar 22. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
Mission & Outreach Meeting
7:00 pm
- Mar 23. April Newsletter Deadline
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Mar 24. Maundy Thursday
Communion 7:30 pm
- Mar 25. Good Friday
- Mar 26. Easter Celebration
10:00 to 11:30 pm
- Mar 27. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at
Providence Presbyterian Church
7:00 am
Easter Sunday Communion Service
11:00 am
- Mar 28. Easter Monday/Office Closed
- Mar 30. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm