

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

November 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

November is here and offers up many fellowship opportunities this month! Thanksgiving comes on the 24th 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. Thanksgiving is a day where we pause to remember how blessed we are by our Lord God and in turn give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us over the past year.

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 6th 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.

God has prepared us to grow together in many ways. We are called by God to be the church in this life and to discern God's will as we go into the world to proclaim the Gospel. 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.

This month's scripture passage from 1 Corinthians 1, in Paul's letter to the church at Corinth Paul speaks plainly of the new beginning achieved by God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For in Paul's time as well as our own there are many who say there is no God and Jesus is a myth. Paul spends some time proclaiming the stiff necked logic of humanity - which seeks proof of that which cannot be proven in human terms.

Our everyday world is filled with opportunities to seize upon new beginnings of faith and relationships with God and each other. Jesus charges his disciples then

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November Scripture Passage

¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-- whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:11-17



CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

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

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Rev. Davis may also be reached at
919.264.4324(m).

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and us now with embracing new beginnings of relationships centered on God. Belief in our God of unimaginable love, grace and power is the message Jesus proclaims throughout the New Testament. May we all be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may seize upon the opportunities for mission and ministry which God places in our paths everyday.

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.



**NOVEMBER 6 AND NOVEMBER 20
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
- Lean 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.

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.

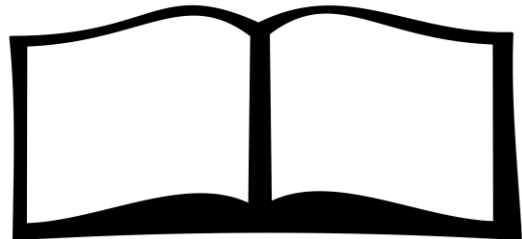


FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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.

LAY READERS

There will be a training session at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 6 in the Sanctuary. Those who volunteered, and anyone who is interested or curious, are encouraged to attend.



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The November Senior Citizen Luncheon will be Tuesday, November 15 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 12:00 noon. Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149 by Wednesday, November 9 with your reservations.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting

Will meet on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm in the Seekers Classroom. This meeting will also be our kick-off meeting for the 2017 Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction, scheduled to take place on Friday, March 17, 2017. If you have volunteered to serve as a 2017 Crew leader please attend on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm. Thanks!



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry Meeting will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 in the New Fellowship Hall to assemble and mail cards.

The Card Ministry PREP TEAM III will meet on Thursday, November 17 at 12:00, noon at LaVette Morgan's home to do prep card work and for lunch.

Any questions or need directions call LaVette, 919-369-7843



2016 CANTATA CD SALES

Our very own Brittany K. Jones, Music Director, has written and produced this year's Cantata, "Let There Be Peace." CDs are being sold as a fundraiser for our Building Fund. Orders can be placed during Fellowship, in the Upper Fellowship Hall, through the day of the Cantata, Sunday, December 11. Current price is \$15/CD. On December 11 the \$20/CD. We will mail any CDs at an additional flat rate of \$5 per order. Payments of cash or check are due upon ordering. Orders are also being accepted, in the foyer of the Upper Fellowship Hall after Worship each Sunday. CDs will be available December 11. Orders to be mailed will be shipped the week of December 12.

Thank you for your support!



Let There Be Peace

ADVENT DECORATING

The Providence Presbyterian Women are seeking assistance with decorating our facilities for the upcoming holiday season. All able-bodied volunteers please meet in the Nannie Coates Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am, on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Your help would be greatly appreciated; many hands make light work! Thanks!



POINSETTIA SALES TIME!

It is that time of year, we are accepting poinsettia orders. The plants are grown by the Horticulture I and II Classes, and the Ag Science Class at West Johnston High School. Net proceeds help buy materials used by the students' for their horticultural work. This year the plants are **\$8.00** each. They are the red variety, in a green, foil wrapped pot, with a red ribbon. All plants will be delivered to the church on Saturday, November 26 to adorn the Sanctuary until after Worship on Sunday, December 25. You are free to take home your purchases at that time. Complete an order form; supply the "In Honor Of" and "In Memory of" info, include payment and place in the offering plate. Checks payable to: Providence Presbyterian Church, "Poinsettia Sales" to appear on the memo line of the check. Sunday, November 20 will be the last day for taking orders.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time of year to pack a shoebox! It is simple, easy to do, and life changing, on both the sending and receiving ends. Look in your bulletin on Sunday, November 6 for a "How to Pack a Shoebox Gift" envelope, to facilitate your participation in this very worthwhile cause. We will be accepting packed shoeboxes on Sunday, November 13 and Sunday, November 20. All our boxes will then be transported to the local receiving center the afternoon of November 20. Can't wait to get started? You can get a head start and print your instructions form: samaritanspurse.org/occ



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*; **Patsy Bowman**, member; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **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; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Jackie Parker**, friend of *Amy Dupree*; **Dina Poole**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law*; **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 and Mary Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and 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*; **Gary Brown**, *Steve Wolak's friend*; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Rebecca Jackson**, member; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Susan Kushnereit**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Laura Langdon**, member; **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*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Janice Parrish**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Donna Walker**, church family; **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

Larry Wright, *Lisa Nelms' stepfather*
Jonathan Lewis, *Patsy Bowman's niece's son*
Janet Harris, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister-in-law*



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 Alex Nooney
- 21 Candace Creech
- 22 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 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

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 6 Heath & Heather White
 13 Jonathan Breeden & Laura Langdon
 20 Lindsey Frampton & Barri Martin
 27 Jennifer Crocker & Elaine Wood

USHERS

- 6 Eric Faircloth & John Roger,
 Trey Bullock (Back)
 13 Justin Wood & Chase Faircloth,
 Joseph Phillips (Back)
 20 Eric Smith & Bob Stolle,
 Parker Smith (Back)
 27 Sue Bryant & Pat Davis,
 Lindsey Frampton (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 6 David Breeden
 13 Kait White
 20 Connor Frickman
 27 Gavin Annis

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 6 Kristy Stephenson & Jonathan
 Breeden, Candace Bullock
 13 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
 Candace Bullock
 20 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
 Candace Bullock
 27 Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden,
 Candace Bullock

ELDER

Sam Stephenson

November Upcoming Events

- Nov 1. All Saints Day
 Card Ministry 10:00 am
 Nov 2. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Nov 6. Harvest Day Sunday
 Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Congregational Meeting
 Immediately following Worship
 Lay Readers Training Session
 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Nov 7. Congregational Care Meeting
 10:00 am
 Long Range Planning Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Nov 9. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Nov 10. Presbyterian Women Coordinating
 Team Meeting 7:00 pm
 Nov 11. Veterans Day
 Nov 13. Stewardship Sunday
 Nov 15. Presbyterian Women Day Circle
 Meeting 10:00 am Lower FH
 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00
 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
 Meeting 7:00 pm Lower FH
 Nov 16. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Nov 17. Card PREP III Lunch/card work at
 LaVette Morgan's home
 Personnel Committee 7:00 pm
 Nov 20. Christ the King Sunday
 Barium Springs Offering
 Poinsettia last day to order
 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Nov 23. Newsletter deadline
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Nov 24. Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed
 Nov 25. Holiday/Office Closed
 Nov 26. Advent Decorating 9:00 am
 Nov 27. 1st Sunday in Advent
 Nov 29. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
 Nov 30. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm