

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 2016



From the Pastor's Study...

Autumn has come and leaves are beginning to turn. October is a month we all look forward to for it is a time in which we reconnect with our extended church family! This year is our 89th Anniversary of being the body of Christ in the McGee's community. It is with great thanksgiving that the Spirit continues to move us forward in our mission and ministry beginning yet another new chapter in our history of being Christ's church. We humbly ask for your continued prayer and support as we seek to meet the growing opportunities and needs here at Providence Presbyterian Church.

This month begins with World Communion Sunday on October 2nd - a celebration of the unity and mission of Christ's Church! World Communion reminds us that we are part of God's big family throughout the ages. Let us come together in the days and weeks to come and joyfully remember what God has done in our lives. October's scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus speaks to only those who are burdened ... Jesus offers us redemption from a weary and burdensome life ... for Jesus offers our souls rest and burdens us with the task of following Christ who teaches gentleness and humility! Gentleness and humility of the heart and soul begins with a decision ... do we follow our own wants and desires or do we follow God's plan for our lives. This is why Jesus references "the yoke" ... for the Bible is the story of God's people under the "yoke" of sin and oppression. In Leviticus, God plainly says "I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke." And now in the New Testament Jesus offers us a "yoke" that is really not a yoke at all. After all what is Jesus burdening us with? - or yoking us to? The answer is: God ... a gentle loving God that loved us so much that God humbled himself and came down to earth

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October Scripture Passage

7 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:27-30



CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

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

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

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to redeem sinful and messy humanity. To be gentle allows room for God in our lives, to be gentle allows room for others in our lives.

Christmas is only 11 weeks away. The cooler days and evenings are still nevertheless on the way and with the mercury dropping in the thermometer come football games, pumpkins on the porch, new fall fashions, and the last crop to harvest. God has blessed Providence in an abundant fashion. Our Lord has given us so many opportunities to share God's blessings and God's grace, to nurture and serve each other and our neighbors this year.

May the Lord God bless you and keep you, the Grace of God comfort you, the power of God protect you, and the peace of God fill your hearts.

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.



**OCTOBER 2 AND OCTOBER 16
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.

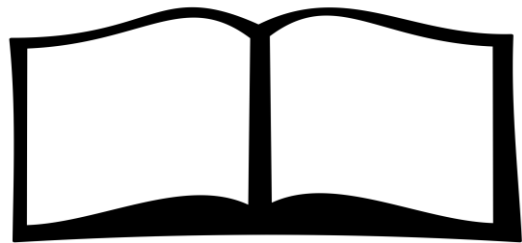


FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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

The Worship Committee would like to ask for everyone to prayerfully consider participating in a new program for Lay Readers. This would involve brief participation in the beginning portion of the worship service a few times a year. If you have any questions, please contact Heath White at 919-612-0492 or at grail74@gmail.com.



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

There will not be a Senior Citizen Luncheon in October due to church Homecomings. We will resume the Senior Citizen Luncheons in November on November 15.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry Meeting will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 in the New Fellowship Hall to assemble and mail cards.

The Card Ministry PREP TEAM II will meet on Thursday, October 20 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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
RYAN AND ALLISON NELMS!**

On their new arrival Brock Alton Nelms!
He arrived on Wednesday, September 21 at 5:34 pm weighing 8 pounds,
11 ounces and 22 inches long.



THANKS FROM MISSION & OUTREACH

Backpack Buddies and Food Pantry for August – 433 items were donated/purchased for Backpack Buddies and 77 items were donated/purchased for the Food Pantry.

September Summary – Thanks to donations and purchases 406 items went to Backpack Buddies, 632 items to USO and 24 items to the Food Pantry. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Thanks for your support from Mission & Outreach.



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOMECOMING 2016

The Session and Homecoming committee are pleased to announce that this year's Homecoming speaker will be Steve Dupree, a former member of Providence Presbyterian Church. Steve and Wanda Dupree were members at Providence until 1992. After years working with Compaq Computer in Texas and Seattle, Steve took early retirement and became an Executive Pastor at StoneBridge Church in The Woodlands, Texas. In 2015, he and Wanda left for Gainesville, Georgia so Steve could lead the ministry of Adventures in Mission. We look forward to a blessed Homecoming for Steve and Wanda and everyone who attends this year's Homecoming at PPC. Homecoming will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Please join us!



*Honoring our history
.....building our future*

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 of church family*; **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 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*; **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*; **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*; **Coby Foreman**, *church family*; **Sharon Hamrick**, *Carolyn Stevenson's daughter*; **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*; **Carolyn Langdon**, *Mary Langdon's sister-in-law*; **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*; **LaVette Morgan**, *member*; **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*; **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

Jerry Benson, Randy Benson's cousin



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Anniversaries

- 1 Mac and Peggy Jones
Tyler and Natalie Nordan
- 6 Bob and Nadine Reed
- 19 Leon and Janice Parrish
- 20 Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
- 26 Scott and Barri Martin
- 28 Eric and Lorie Smith

October Birthdays

- 2 Heather Ennis
- 4 Allison Phipps
- 6 Dylan Jones
Amanda McLamb
- 7 Eunice Newnam
- 8 Carolyn Johnson
- 9 Sally Allen
- 10 Chad Cross
- 11 Robbie Wood
- 13 Adam Stuart
- 16 Rebeccah Jackson
- 17 Abigail Wood
- 18 Susan Rudd
Paul Sherrill
- 21 Andrea Jones
- 22 Emily Langdon
- 24 Tim Nooney
- 27 Dave Natrass
- 28 Joan Littleton
- 29 David Breeden

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

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 2 Sue Bryant & Pat Davis
 9 Israel & Karen Morrow
 16 Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens
 23 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms
 30 Eric & Lorie Smith

USHERS

- 2 Ronnie Creech & Rick Taylor,
 Ryan Nelms (Back)
 9 Tony Bryant, Scott Martin, Jimmy
 Stuart, Kent Walton & Russell Wood
 16 John Daniel & Hamilton Greene,
 Steve Wolak (Back)
 23 Todd Frickman & John Kopanski,
 Austin Benson (Back)
 30 Jonathan Breeden & Wayne Lamm,
 David Nelms (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 2 Connor Reed
 9 Ava Wood
 16 Kimsey Bagley
 23 Eva Stephenson
 30 Connor Frickman

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 2 Kristy & Chris Stephenson,
 Jennifer Crocker
 9 Kristy & Chris Stephenson,
 Jennifer Crocker
 16 Kristy & Chris Stephenson,
 Jennifer Crocker
 23 Kristy & Chris Stephenson,
 Jennifer Crocker
 30 Kristy & Chris Stephenson,
 Jennifer Crocker

ELDER

Atlee Roberts

October Upcoming Events

- Oct 2. Communion Sunday
 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Oct 3. Congregation Care Meeting
 10:00 am
 Long Range Planning Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Oct 4. Card Ministry 10:00 am
 assemble and mail cards
 Cub Scout Sign Up and
 Parent Orientation 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 in the New Fellowship Hall
 Oct 5. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Oct 8. Church Wide Clean Up Day 9:00 am
 Oct 9. Homecoming
 Oct 10. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 Oct 12. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Oct 16. Congregational Meeting
 immediately following Worship
 LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Oct 18. Presbyterian Women Day Circle
 Meeting 10:00 am Lower FH
 Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
 Meeting 7:00 pm Lower FH
 Oct 19. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Oct 20. Card Ministry PREP TEAM II
 12:00 noon at LaVette's
 Personnel Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Oct 25. Newsletter Deadline
 Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
 Oct 26. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Oct 27. Mission & Outreach Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Oct 30. All Saints Sunday