

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

September 2016



## From the Pastor's Study...

September is upon us and fall is just around the corner! Today I went on line and looked for the monthly weather forecast for September. Unfortunately, I didn't get the results I wanted until October - for I had a yearning for daytime highs of 60 degrees or so. But, never the less, cooler days are ahead of us. While fall officially begins September 22, this month is full of fall activities like Labor Day, final trips to the beach, football season, and many more. Here at Providence we also have a calendar chocked full of activities. September ushers in, our Sunday evening LOGOS program of food - fun - fellowship -foundational Scripture lessons begin on 18<sup>th</sup>, Gospel sing on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Seniors luncheon on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Youth BBQ fundraiser on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Some of us may even take that one last vacation while it's still warm, yet some of us have begun planning for Thanksgiving and even Christmas. Yes, that's right - only 16 weeks until presents are unwrapped under the tree!

This month's scripture passage comes from Psalm 51, which petitions our Lord God for a clean heart, a new and right spirit, a restored soul, deliverance from violence, and a voice to offer praises to God! All too often we go to God in the midst of trying or troubling times and forget to offer praise in the midst of joy-filled moments of life. Jesus Christ's entire ministry always included asking God for spiritual integrity, grace that goes beyond human standards, healing of our brokenness, the power of the Holy Spirit, the courage to live according to God's will and not our own and last, but not least, the courage to share the gospel with others. With each breath we take in life, and in own journey of faith, let us take time to reflect on Christ's presence in our lives. Let us encourage each other to share the gospel with those God places in our path. May we reach out and invite others to join God's family at Providence, to all our worship or fellowship opportunities.

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## September Scripture Passage

*10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

**Psalm 51:10-15**



## 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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May we encourage others to seek God in their lives for it is our Christian witness and calling to do so. God has given Providence Presbyterian Church many opportunities to reach out to others and proclaim the Gospel – let us continue to pray diligently that our church continues to recognize all the opportunities God places in our path.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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.



**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18 – 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.

**Registration is now open at  
[www.providencepresb.org](http://www.providencepresb.org)**

### 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.

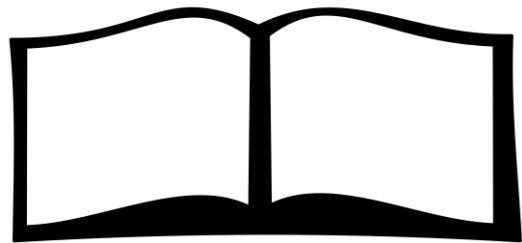


### FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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).

### 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](mailto:grail74@gmail.com).



### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Community Senior Citizen's luncheon will be Sept 13 at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church at 12:00 (noon). Please contact Kay Dry at 919-639-9784 or [kaydry4@gmail.com](mailto:kaydry4@gmail.com) by Wednesday, September 7 with your reservations.



### THANKS FROM MISSION AND OUTREACH

During July the following items were provided through donations and purchases: 293 items were donated/purchased for the Food Pantry. A whopping 664 items were collected



### CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will be meeting Wednesday, September 14, at LaVette Morgan's home, 2376 Sanders Road, Willow Spring, 10:00 am. Any questions or need directions call LaVette, 919-369-7843



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

There will be a joint circle meeting on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



### Children's Christian Education Survey

Please take a few moments to let us know how we're doing and to help us plan for 2016-2017. If you are a parent of children ages 3 years through 5th grade and/or are a volunteer in children's Sunday School, Children's Worship, LOGOS, VBS, our holiday programs, or in any other Providence ministry that serves children ages 3 years through 5th grade, please take this short survey to help us plan for next year. (The survey takes about 5 minutes.)

<http://goo.gl/forms/A3GPSObB5GTjFk1v2>

- If you cannot access the survey online, please contact Kim Callis for a printed copy.

Thank you so much for helping us make children's ministries successful at Providence.

### GOSPEL SING, BLUEGRASS MUSIC AND FOOD

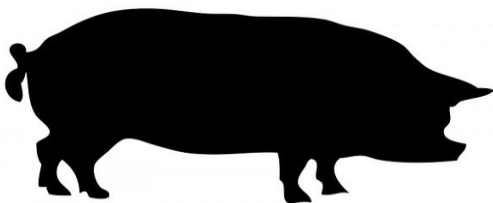
The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to a Gospel Sing and Bluegrass music on September 11 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in our fellowship hall. The group of Hickory Grove Gospel/Bluegrass band will be entertaining us. We will serve hotdogs and chips. The gospel sing will be from the Hickory Grove Quartet. Please mark on your calendar this date for food, fellowship and music.

\*Dessert donations would be greatly appreciated. Please notify Margie Taylor of any donations you wish to make.



### Providence Presbyterian Church Youth BBQ Fundraiser

**11:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday, September 23**  
**Proceeds Support Youth Activities and**  
**Capital Campaign**  
**\$8.00 per ticket - Plate of BBQ, boiled**  
**potatoes, slaw and dessert**



### BACKPACK BUDDIES SUMMARY FOR 2015- 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Lighthouse Baptist Church delivered 2281 Backpacks to Dixon Road Elementary, McGee's Elementary, and McGee's Middle. Each Backpack contains 5 meals for a total of 11,405 meals. Providence supports this ministry with food donations and volunteer drivers. Lighthouse Baptist and M&O thank you.



## **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*; **Jerry Benson**, *Randy Benson's cousin*; **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*; **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*; **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*; **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**

**Lucy Lancaster, friends of David and Lisa Nelms**



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **September Anniversaries**

- 8 David and Lisa Nelms  
9 Ronnie and JoAnn Creech  
10 Eric and Christina Jones  
17 Eric and Vickie Faircloth  
Brent and Lindsey Frampton  
19 Richard and Andrea Jones  
22 Melvin and Mary Langdon  
Ken and Sandra Lordi

### **September Birthdays**

- 1 Sue Bryant  
Carolyn Stuart  
Stephanie Whitley  
4 Kaitlin White  
5 Dorothy Nesselrodt  
Steve Wolak  
10 David Collier  
Jessica Narron  
11 Nell Franke  
12 Joseph Phillips  
14 Stephanie Bagley  
Hannah Bullock  
16 Bobbie Langdon  
Mary Elaine Wood  
19 Ken Lordi  
Ashton Stuart  
21 Meadow Creech  
22 William Stephenson  
28 Pat Embrey  
Haley Jones  
30 Nathan Dry

### **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



# SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

4 Carolyn Stuart & Elaine Wood  
 11 Chris & Kristy Stephenson  
 18 Richard & Andrea Jones  
 25 Jennifer Crocker & Amy Dupree

## USHERS

4 Brent Frampton & Eric Smith,  
 Bob Stolle (Back)  
 11 Pete Booth & Don Dupree,  
 Jeffrey Wood (Back)  
 18 Gary Phillips & Atlee Roberts,  
 Carlos Bagley (Back)  
 25 David Collier & Israel Morrow,  
 Heath White (Back)

## ACOLYTE

4 Gavin Annis  
 11 Lily Martin  
 18 Charlotte Wood  
 25 Olivia White

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

4 No Children's Worship  
 11 Beth Breeden  
 18 Beth Breeden  
 25 Beth Breeden

## ELDER

David Nelms

## September Upcoming Events

Sept 5. Labor Day/ Office Closed  
 Sept 7. Staff Meeting 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Sept 11. Gospel Sing and Bluegrass Music at  
 4:00 pm in the New Fellowship Hall  
 Sept 12 Congregational Care Meeting  
 10:00 am  
 Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Sept 13. Senior Citizen's Luncheon 12:00  
 (noon) at Mount Pleasant  
 Presbyterian Church  
 Sept 14. Card Ministry Meeting at  
 LaVette Morgan's home at 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Sept 15. Personnel Committee Meeting  
 7:00 pm  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Sept 18. LOGOS Begins at 5:00 pm  
 Sept 20. Presbyterian Women Joint Circle  
 Meeting Lower FH 7:00 pm  
 Sept 21. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Sept 22. Mission & Outreach Meeting  
 7:00 pm  
 Sept 23. Newsletter Deadline  
 PPC Youth BBQ Fundraiser 11:00  
 am to 7:00 pm  
 Sept 27. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am  
 Sept 28. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm