

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

February 2017



From the Pastor's Study...

February is once again upon us and we are reminded that winter is still showing up on occasion. While February delivers days such as Valentine's Day, President's Day, and the Super Bowl, February is further special for it contains my father's birthday, my wife's birthday as well as my own. I have the honor of being born on my father's birthday. As a child I felt special in having two birthday cakes on the table and singing Happy Birthday in shared harmony. Now that dad has gone home to be with God I am reminded that our lives are so connected to so many others. I cherish the father-son relationship that shared a birthday and so many other life experiences.

Christ seeks an even closer relationship with us. We call out to God who calls out to us ... Christian discipleship is being in relationship with Jesus ... It's discipleship which shares the good news ... It's discipleship that feeds the minds, bodies, and souls ... It's discipleship that reaches out beyond just the community of believers and proclaims God's grace to the world ... It's Christian discipleship that pushes us, calls us, propels us, and energizes us to "go" to our neighbors and "do" what Jesus calls us to in the great commission ... It's being taught and teaching ... It's being fed and feeding others ... It's learning how to receive and give ... It's an on going process.

Christian discipleship begins with Christ – Christ calls us – we are taught – nurtured – we are in community – we are empowered – and we are sent. I encourage you to seek out areas in the life and mission of the church that you feel passionate about serving God.

Please pray for our church, church leadership, church direction, church family noted in the Joys and Concerns insert from the bulletin, and pray for our Elders on Session as our church discerns God's plan for Providence Presbyterian Church. There is so much energy, hope and joy here in Providence; I can't wait to see where God leads us next.

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February Scripture Passage

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Acts 2:17-21



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 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,
Jim



PPC SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED

The position of Sunday School Superintendent is open and we are looking for someone to fill this position. If you feel led to serve in this ministry or have any questions regarding this role please contact:

Vickie Faircloth (vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com)
Barri Martin (bhmartin74@gmail.com) or
Atlee Roberts (atleeroberts@aol.com)

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 IN FEBRUARY ON FEBRUARY 19 AT 5:00 PM

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chase Faircloth has earned his Eagle Badge on January 5, 2017. He has also been accepted to East Carolina University and is planning on attending in the fall.

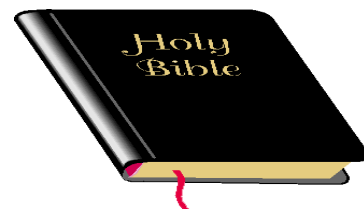
Great job Chase!



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LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 5	Donna Stolle
February 12 (Scout Sunday)	Travis Creech Olivia White Chase Faircloth
February 19	Chase Faircloth
February 26	Heather White



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The February, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 14 at 12:00 (noon), at Providence Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, February 8 so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women Day Circle 2017 - Reminder, we will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall, at 10:00 am on the third Tuesday of each month that we have a scheduled meeting.



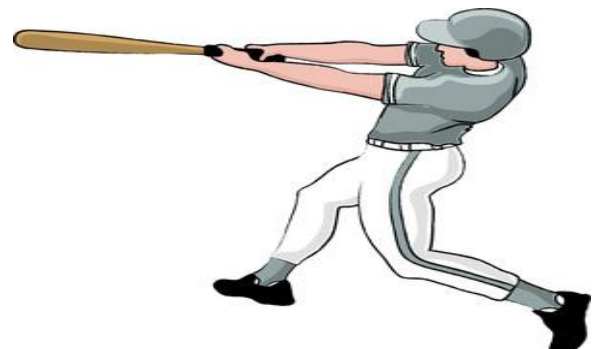
CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet at on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.



MEN'S SOFTBALL COMING SOON!

All men of the church are welcome to play and fellowship with us this season. The season starts at the end of March and will finish up in the middle of June. If you are interested in playing please contact Eric Faircloth, Ryan Nelms, or Carlos Bagley. Eric can be emailed at: ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com.



PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLES 2017

Meetings in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 2017 are scheduled to take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 10:00 am, in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



CHICKEN PASTRY & SILENT AUCTION 2017

Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for March 17, 2017. We will be serving 11:00 am thru 7:30 pm, indoors as well as at the drive-thru. We owe much gratitude to all the folks in the congregation who are volunteering and helping in so many different ways. Thank you!!



M&O SUMMARY INFORMATION 2016

1. Backpack Buddies
 - 150 items donated in Dec
 - 3855 items donated/purchased in 2016
 - Great support from VBS, Boy Scouts and the Congregation
 - 3855 items would fill almost 300 bags @ 5 meals/bag = 1500 meals
2. Friendly Chapel Food Pantry
 - 229 items donated in Dec
 - 1633 items donated/purchased in 2016
3. Stagecoach
 - Monthly visits with games and candy/cookies/drinks
 - Birthday cards for each resident
 - Christmas party with ice cream, cupcakes and gift bag
 - Held first Communion service
4. MMIA, USO, Blood Drive, Pizazz and Operation Christmas Child (25 boxes) Support
5. Flood Victim Support----Donated \$150 through First Pres in Lumberton



Changes to the Bulletin – The Session is changing the way the church financial information is reported on the back of the Sunday bulletin. Complete monthly financial statements will continue to be available in the narthex. Your Session hopes that these changes will provide more helpful information. Going forward, you will see these figures reported:

- Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts – The total will update each week and provide you with an “at-a-glimpse” update of how well we are meeting our yearly financial needs
- Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses – This figure will be updated once a month as the total of previous month’s expenses are known (figures for January will not be available until Feb. 19)
- Prior month’s General Fund Receipts – Updated the first Sunday of the month
- Prior month’s General Fund Expenses – Updated as available each month
- Total for current month’s General Fund Receipts – Like the Year-to-Date total, this updates weekly and provides a quick assessment of how well we are managing to meet our monthly expenses. On the first Sunday of the month, the bulletin figure will be \$0.00
- General Fund Receipts for the Previous Sunday
- Capital Reserve Account Balance
- Current Loan Balance
- Attendance at Sunday School and Worship

Minutes of the Session – Beginning with the February newsletter, the Session will begin publishing highlights of the minutes from the previous month in an effort to provide greater transparency to the workings of your church leadership. Full text of the minutes are open and available to members of the church upon request. Due to space limitation, the report in the newsletter will be restricted to highlights of the most pertinent activities of each meeting. Please reach out to members of the Session for more information or clarification.



Gracious Dismissal – A Process – Gracious Dismissal is the name given to the process by which churches leave the PCUSA denomination to join another reformed (Presbyterian) denomination. Many of you have asked about the process.

The process for Providence Presbyterian Church began last September. The Session informed the Presbytery of New Hope that our congregation desired to leave PCUSA in order to join a Presbyterian denomination that holds to the same traditional, conservative theological tenets that we do. The steps of the process are defined by our Presbytery, New Hope.

Representatives of New Hope - the Presbyterian Discernment Team (PDT) - met with our pastor and Session in December and learned that the Session is unanimous in its desire to pursue dismissal from PCUSA. On Sunday, January 29, the PDT met with members of the congregation to answer questions and hear your perspective about staying with or leaving PCUSA.

The process now depends on what the PDT hears from you. It is possible that we will move to an abbreviated process. If the shortened process is decided on by the PDT, the next step would be an official vote by members of the church, overseen by the representatives of the Presbytery. A quorum of at least 50% of church members is required for the vote to take place. Assuming that at least 65% of members vote in favor of leaving PCUSA, a Special Committee of the Church will begin negotiating the terms of dismissal with representatives of the Presbytery.

The Session wants to keep you up to date on the process and will continue sharing information with you as the next steps are determined. You are urged to contact a Session member (posted on the back of the Sunday bulletin) with your questions and comments.

In this as in all things, the Lord is our Shephard and we trust Him to guide us.



Highlights of the Minutes of PPC's Stated Session Meeting January 16, 2017

Action Items

1. Finance Sub-committee Recommendation - a plan for improved communication by informing the congregation regarding the church's financial status was approved by session. Key components include changes to how financial information is reported in the bulletin and a letter to the congregation that includes a financial analysis with a follow-up Q&A meeting on February 12, 2017. The Q&A will be held following worship in the new fellowship hall.
2. Denomination Transition
 - a. Gracious Dismissal Negotiating Team - The New Hope Presbytery Gracious Dismissal Process was reviewed and discussed. The Session agreed to form a special committee to serve as our negotiating team was discussed as an item that needs immediate attention by the Session.
 - b. ECO Application to Transfer Membership from PCUSA - Session is reviewing the application form and process of transitioning to the ECO.
3. Review and Approval of Pastor's Objectives - Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, to review
4. Board of Directors (BOD) - the new BOD officers were nominated by the Session: President - Mary Ann Booth; Vice President - John Kopanski; Secretary - Dave Collier; Treasurer - Sam Stephenson; congregational meeting to elect BOD to be announced in the upcoming bulletin.
5. Church Manual - Discussion was held regarding the need to update and complete the Church Manual. It was agreed that each committee is responsible for development and maintenance its section and table of contents. Committee sections and updates shall be sent to the church secretary.

Committee Reports

Adult Christian Education - Atlee Roberts reported that congregation members had a good time taking down Christmas decorations

Congregational Care - No meeting in January. Kent Walton reported that Donna Walker seeks approval to start a walking group at the church. Approved by consensus.

Finance - Session approved the December 2016 year-end financial report. Sam noted that receipts in December were particularly good and larger than the monthly expenses. Total expenses for 2016 were \$290,485, \$14,693 under budget.

Old Business

New Members Class - Pastor Jim Davis informed the session that he will announce a date in February for the New Comers class.

New Business

Boy Scout Troop 210 - Session approved Boy Scout Troop's purchase of utility trailer to be kept on church property near the Manse.

Publication of minutes in monthly newsletter - session voted to approve publishing the highlights of the minutes.

Next stated session meeting will be held February 13, 2017 at 7pm.

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; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Luke Jordan**, friend of *Christina Jones*; **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*; **Elbert Simmons**, *Cathy Simmons' father*; **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*; **Velma and Ray Bost**, *Heath White's grandparents*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Shepherd Byrd**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Rebecca Jackson**, member; **Carolyn Johnson**, member; **Becky Kleaver**, 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; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Mrs. Mollie Ward**, *Brenda Byrd's friend's mom*; **Mary Wilkinson**, *Ron Forren's mother*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:

Barbara Ennis, **Brenda Byrd** and **Janice Parrish's aunt**
Norwood Ennis, **Brenda Byrd** and **Janice Parrish's uncle**
Carl Honeycutt, family member of **Brenda Byrd** and **Janice Parrish**
Charles King, member of the community
Keith Langdon, member

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
9 Kevin Creech
10 JoAnn Creech
14 Linda Roberts
15 Andy Dupree
Joyce Lamm
Beth Wolak
16 Lilli Bullock
Jim Davis
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 2017

Tony Bryant - Long-Range Planning
David Collier - Fellowship
Barri Martin - Youth Christian Education
Donna Stolle - Worship

Class of 2018

Sam Stephenson - Finance
Kent Walton - Congregational Care
Atlee Roberts - Adult Christian Education
Johnny Wood - Property

Class of 2019

Vickie Faircloth - Children C.E.
John Kopanski - Mission/Outreach
Mary Ann Booth - Clerk
Stephanie Bagley - 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

- 5 Heath & Heather White
 12 Barri Martin & Elaine Wood
 19 Chris & Kristy Stephenson
 26 Richard & Andrea Jones

USHERS

- 5 Tony Bryant & Jimmy Stuart,
 Scott Martin (Back)
 12 Chad Cross & Eva Stephenson,
 Connor Reed (Back)
 19 Hamilton Greene & Don Dupree,
 Jonathan Breeden (Back)
 26 Wayne Lamm & David Nelms,
 Justin Wood (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 5 Connor Frickman
 12 Kait White
 19 David Breeden
 26 Gavin Annis

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 5 Amy Dupree, Scott Martin,
 Margie Taylor
 12 **No Children's Worship**
 19 Amy Dupree, Scott Martin,
 Margie Taylor
 26 Amy Dupree, Scott Martin,
 Margie Taylor

ELDER

John Kopanski

February Upcoming Events

- Feb 1. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Feb 2. Presbyterian Women Coordinating
 Team Meeting and CP&SA Meeting
 7:00 pm
 Feb 3. Scouts Pinewood Derby 8:00 am to
 3:00 pm Upper FH
 Feb 5. Communion Sunday
 Congregational Meeting immediately
 following service
 Souper Bowl Sunday after service in
 Lower FH
 No LOGOS
 Feb 6. Congregational Care Meeting
 10:00 am
 CCE/VBS Meeting 6:45 pm
 Seekers Classroom
 Feb 7. Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper FH
 Long Range Planning 7:00 pm
 Feb 8. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Feb 12. Scout Sunday
 Session Q&A Financial Analysis
 Meeting Upper FH following Worship
 Feb 13. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 Feb 14. Valentine's Day
 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00
 (noon) Providence Presbyterian
 Church Upper FH
 Feb 15. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Feb 19. LOGOS 5:00 pm
 Feb 20. Presidents' Day/Office Closed
 Feb 21. Presbyterian Women Day Circle
 Upper FH 10:00 am
 Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
 Lower FH 7:00 pm
 Feb 22. Newsletter Deadline
 Mission & Outreach Meeting
 11:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Feb 23. Personnel Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm