

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2017



## From the Pastor's Study...

The month of June begins right after celebrating Memorial Day and we have another opportunity to celebrate Communion Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Graduation Sunday on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and warm days filled with all the opportunities that Summer brings with it. There are opportunities for mission this month in terms of our Blood Drive on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, Food Pantry donations, and other opportunities mentioned in the bulletin each week.

*In June's scripture passage, Colossians 1:10-14, the apostle Paul speaks of each Christian bearing fruit as we grow in the knowledge of God and the work we do as a community of believers as well as in our own particular ministry and faith journey in this world. In this passage Paul reminds us that our strength comes from our loving and generous God who has redeemed us through Christ and thereby given us the most truly awesome gift which enables us to "endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the God". I encourage you to revisit Galatians 5:22-26 and explore the fruit of the spirit in your own life in light of this month's Colossians passage.*

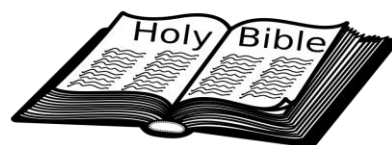
May our faithful God bless you with the fruit of the spirit and fill your days with the hope of the good news of Jesus Christ that you may find "generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" in your own life and all those you meet and greet. Let us encourage one another in the Love of God, the truth of the power of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in Our Redeemer may we grow and mature in our faith of a God who sends forth into this world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for Christ's church universal to stand up and go where God calls it to go and let us also pray for each other here at Providence. May we all be prayerful disciples eager to do the will of God as we discern God's will for our church and ourselves.

*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. Amen.*

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis

## June Scripture Passage

*<sup>10 b</sup> ...as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:10-14*



## 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).



## VBS VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT

Planning is underway for Providence's VBS and we need YOUR help! Mark your calendar for the week of Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and volunteer to be transported to a fun filled week at Maker Fun Factory! Sign-up electronically at - <http://bit.ly/PPCVBS2017>

**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School**  
**July 23, 2017 - July 27, 2017**  
**6:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well!

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences in which kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Dinner will be served each evening at 6:00 p.m!*

**VBS Registration** - Online registration for VBS is now open at [www.providencepresb.org](http://www.providencepresb.org). Click on the "Maker Fun Factory" logo on the left side of the home page to register online. It's so helpful to have as many children pre-registered as possible, so that we can welcome every child at VBS while being good stewards of our budget. (It also helps us get families checked in and headed to supper quickly on the first night of VBS.) Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to register online as well! We look forward to seeing all of you for a faith-filled and fun VBS this summer!

## 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.

### FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

David Collier would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for fellowship time and wants to extend an invitation to anyone or group if they would like to volunteer for a fourth or fifth Sunday this year to please contact him. You may contact 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 who 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.

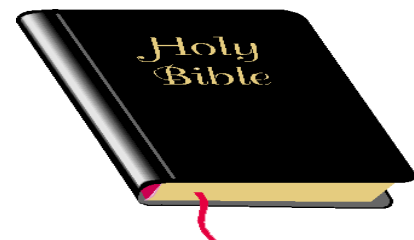


### FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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 SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 4	Chase Faircloth
June 11	Joe Martinelli
June 18	Mary Ann Booth
June 25	Doug Sonderfan



### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The June, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 13 at 12:00 (noon), at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, June 7, so that the cooks have an accurate headcount for food prep. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.



### MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**(Bed Linen Donations)** - This is to inform the congregation that the M&O committee will be conducting a bed linen drive for the residents of Stagecoach Manor. The type of bed linen that is needed is twin size fitted sheets with the preferred color of white. The linen drive will be conducted starting on May 28th and concluding on June 11, 2017. If you would like to participate, you can place your donation (s) by the blue containers (used to for food pantry and backpack buddies) located in the upper fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact any of the following committee members: Kelly Daniel, Donna Stolle, Donna Walker, or John Kopanski.



### CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet at on Tuesday, June 6 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team III will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, June 15 at 1:00 pm.



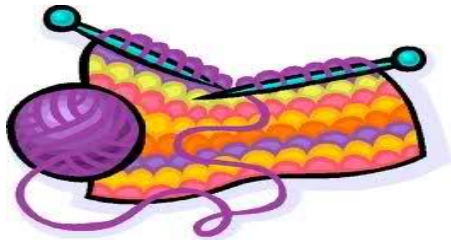
### SIGN-UP SHEET FOR FLOWERS

Now located on the bulletin board beside the Mission & Outreach bulletin board just inside the door of the new part of the church building. It was moved due to the installation of the new sound system. You may contact Beth Pickens at 919-697-5663 or by email at bpickens80@gmail.com for help or information.



### **PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2017**

We do not meet in the summer. Our next gathering after the summer will be on the fourth Tuesday in September 2017. Anyone interested in crocheting and/or just meeting together for fellowship is welcome to participate at any time.



### **FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP**

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group WILL meet for the Summer. We are so fortunate to be able to walk inside when it rains or is hot, otherwise will be in the Upper parking lot. Come join us Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 am.



### **MEN'S FISH FRY**

Fish Fry Thank You! – To all of those who volunteered, set up, served, donated, baked goods, delivered plates, cooked, cleaned up and worked longed hours to prepare for the Fish Fry, we thank you all!



### **BAKE SALE RESULTS**

Thanks to everyone who baked items, pitched in to help price items, donated time & long hours to the Women's Bake Sale to make it a successful fund raiser toward our Mortgage Principal. Your love and support for our church reflects in your willingness to participate & smiles working toward a common goal. Our final proceeds update total is \$700.00.



## CONGRATULATIONS 2017 GRADUATES!

### High School Graduates

#### **Travis Ray Creech**

2017 West Johnston High School Graduate. He plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall and will participate in the Ag Institute 2 year program. After completion he will either continue in the CALS (4 year program) at State or he will pursue job opportunities. He is seeking to go into work with animal nutrition or be a USDA inspector.

#### **Chase Parker Faircloth**

2017 West Johnston High School Graduate. He will be attending East Carolina University and plans on becoming a Criminal Justice major or a Communications/Political Science double major.

#### **Timothy Ray Nooney**

2017 Harnett Central High School Graduate. He plans to attend Wake Technical Community College in the fall and participating in the College transfer program to become a History teacher.

### College Graduates

#### **Lauren Marie Langdon**

2017 North Carolina State University Graduate, with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management with a minor in Psychology.

#### **Will McKenzie Langdon**

Graduated December, 2016 from Wayne Community College with honors in Aviation System Technology. He is currently head of turf management for Wingnut Yard Maintenance.

#### **Patrick Thomas Lynch**

Graduated from East Carolina University on May 6, 2017 with a degree in Criminal Justice. Graduated from Wilmington, NC Basic Law Enforcement Training and is now working for the City of Wilmington.

#### **Kendall Lee Nelms**

2017 Graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in Exercise Physiology. She is currently working with Cary Orthopedics and hopes to attend Physician's Assistant School in the near future.

#### **Samuel Paul Stephenson, Jr.**

Graduated May 13, 2017 from North Carolina State University with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. He is continuing to attend North Carolina State University to obtain his Electrical and Computer Engineering degree.



## Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting, May 15, 2017

### Action Items

- Motions from Children's Christian Education
  - Session approved a change to the design of the t-shirts for VBS. Change will allow adult shirts to be used for multiples years.
  - Session approved cancelling Children's Worship for Sunday, May 28 due to the Memorial Day weekend.
- Motion from Long Range Planning – Approved moving worship services to the new fellowship hall for a four (4) month trial period from September 3 through December 31, 2017 to resolve the crowded conditions on many Sundays. Johnny Wood responded that it has become difficult to find seats for late arrivals. He reported that on several Sundays we have had visitors arrive in the Narthex and leave because of the crowded conditions. The many details related to the trial will be addressed by the Long Range Planning, Fellowship, Worship, and Property committees in the months leading up to September.
- Fellowship
  - Approved revisions to the guidelines on use of the new fellowship hall. The changes largely reflect a need to clarify usage by individuals or group activities not related to the church.
- The Session agreed to invite David Dupree to be speaker for Homecoming.
- Motion from Worship – Approved drafts of an updated version of the church trifold flyer and of a new visitor card to be placed in the pockets on the back of the pews.
- Gracious Dismissal
  - ECO Application – Session agreed to a thorough review and comparison of ECO and EPC polity and essential tenets from the perspective of Providence. Vickie Faircloth will lead the effort and seek assistance from elders of the church and the individuals who formerly served on the sub-committee to identify alternatives to PCUSA.
  - Mary Ann Booth informed the Session of progress by the SCC. During the first week of June, the committee will mail the information requested by New Hope Presbytery.
- Suggestion Box – A process for reviewing and responding to suggestions was defined. Session will review the comments at each stated meeting and assign them to a committee for a response and appropriate action as needed.
- Personnel - The elders of the Session have agreed to assume the duties of the Personnel committee. Stephanie Bagley will continue as committee chair. The committee worked on updates to Rev. Davis' mid-year review.

### Committee Updates

Youth Christian Education – Rev. Davis reported that plans for a 2017 confirmation class have begun.

Finance – Sam Stephenson presented a detailed financial report updated through April, 2017.

General Fund receipts for April were \$27,225.96. Expenses for April were \$26,178.42. A \$10,000 donation from Presbyterian Women was used to pay down the principle of the building loan.

Congregational Care – Kent Walton announced that Rick and Margie Taylor would be recognized at the start of the worship service on May 21, 2017 as the recipients of this year's Outstanding Senior Adults award.

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### Property

- Johnny Wood reported that Boy Scout Rob Nooney from Troop 210 has volunteered to create permanent reflective markers for the entrance to the upper parking lot as a service project.
- Church Insurance has been updated to reflect the addition of the cooking shelter.

### Pastor's Report

- The membership of the church grew by two on April 23, 2017 with the addition of new members, Wendy Flesch and Patricia Poole.
- Rev Davis will take a personal day on June 6 and be on vacation June 25 – July 7. Rev. Tim Bunn will preach on June 25, and Rev. George Dudley fill-in on July 2

New Business – Session approved two (2) requests from the Fitness Fellowship: 1) to allow them to invite members of area churches to participate, and 2) the addition of one or more benches around the new parking lot. The Session will ask the Boy Scouts of Troop 210 if they would take on the benches as a service project.

## Gracious Dismissal Update

The Special Committee of the Congregation (SCC) has begun its work as your representatives to negotiate the terms of dismissal from the Presbytery of New Hope. The committee, Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood, Steve Nordan and Mary Ann Booth, is compiling the information requested by the Presbytery in preparation for the start of negotiations in late summer. The members of the SCC pledge that we will conduct our work ethically, morally, legally, and in the best interest of the congregation. The SCC asks for your prayers.

### Next steps in the process:

1. The SCC will complete the collection of information to mail on or around June 1, 2017 to Ed McLeod, chair of the Presbytery Discernment Team from New Hope Presbytery.
2. July 25, 2017 – New Hope Presbytery meets; a Presbytery Engagement Team (PET) will be appointed to negotiate the terms for dismissal with the SCC from Providence.
3. The SCC will meet together as it deems necessary in advance of and during the negotiations with the New Hope PET. Updates will be provided to you as we proceed.
4. Once there is agreement between the PET and SCC on the terms of dismissal, the congregation of Providence will be called together to vote of the terms. Upon approval by the congregation, the Presbytery will vote on the terms.

### Timeline for Dismissal:

- The earliest possible date on which the Presbytery could vote to dismiss Providence to a new denomination is October 28, 2017, just three months after the commissioning of the PET by the Presbytery.
- The next date on which Providence could be dismissed is in February of 2018.



## 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*; **Ann Hargis**, member of community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Luke Jordan**, friend of *Christina Jones*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **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*; and **Tammy Vann**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*

### **Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:**

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Randy Benson**, member; **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*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Vivian Harris**, *Pete Booth's sister*; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopasnki**, member; **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*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; ; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Clint Roberts**, *Atlee & Linda Roberts' son*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Marie Rouse**, *delivery driver's wife*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Kenneth Weathers**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*; **Candy Weaver**, friend of *Amanda McLamb*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*

**Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:**

**Elizabeth Flesch, Mother of Wendy Flesch**



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **June Anniversaries**

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle  
9 William and Yun Blair  
Candace and Trey Bullock  
12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton  
14 John and Kelly Daniel  
Israel and Karen Morrow  
20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson  
22 Phil and Christy Cross  
Paul and Karen Sherrill  
24 Steve and Kelly Nordan  
24 Kent and Gwen Walton  
28 Jim and Pat Davis

### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Daniel Stephenson  
4 Connor Reed  
5 Chance Ennis  
Connor Frickman  
6 Pam Nelms  
Riley Wood  
7 Wayne Ennis  
8 Don Dupree  
9 Debbie Greene  
Lisa Nelms  
11 Austin Benson  
13 Kay Dry  
14 Rob Nooney  
16 Eric Smith  
17 Peggy Jones  
18 Tripp Nordan  
20 Joshua Lynch  
23 Chase Faircloth  
24 Molly Breeden  
Eric Faircloth  
25 Lauren Langdon  
Emma Roberts  
26 Barri Martin  
27 Hamilton Greene  
30 Pamela Collier

### **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  
Russell 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 Searcy

#### *Website*

David Nelms

#### *Newsletter*

Kim Callis

#### *Usher Coordinator*

Russell Wood

# JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 4 Lisa Nelms & Carolyn Stuart  
 11 Jonathan Breeden & Emma Phillips  
 18 Barri Martin & Elaine Wood  
 25 Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens

## USHERS

- 4 Ronnie Creech & Hamilton Greene,  
 Carlos Bagley (Back)  
 11 Tony Bryant & David Collier  
 John Daniel (Back)  
 18 Don Dupree & Gary Phillips  
 Rick Taylor (Back)  
 25 Ryan Nelms & Trey Bullock,  
 Justin Wood (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 4 Phoebe Creech  
 11 Connor Frickman  
 18 Ava Wood  
 25 Charlotte Wood

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP

### LEADERS/HELPER

- 4 Stephanie Whitley  
 11 Amy Dupree  
 18 Beth Breeden  
 25 Kristy Stephenson

## ELDER

David Collier

## June Upcoming Events

- June 2. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 June 4. Day of Pentecost  
 Communion Sunday  
 June 5. Congregational Care 10:00 am  
 June 6. Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Long Range Planning Meeting  
 7:00 pm  
 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00  
 (noon) Mount Zion United  
 Methodist Church  
 June 7. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 June 9. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 June 11. Trinity Sunday  
 Graduate Sunday  
 June 12. Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
 June 13. M&O Monthly visit to Stage Coach  
 Manor  
 Senior Citizens Luncheon at  
 White Memorial PC 12:00 (noon)  
 June 14. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 June 15. Card Ministry Prep Team III  
 1:00 pm at LaVette Morgan's  
 June 16. PPC Blood Drive 2:00 to 6:30 pm  
 June 18. Father's Day  
 June 21. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper Parking Lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 June 22. Mission & Outreach 11:00 am  
 Newsletter Deadline  
 June 23. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper FH  
 June 25. Pastor Jim Davis on Vacation  
 Thru July 8  
 June 28. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 June 30. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Upper FH