

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

March 2017



## From the Pastor's Study...

For those of us who are ACC basketball fans - March is known as March Madness, where the ACC Basketball Tournament erupts and we get a preview of the NCAA tournament to come. For the Christian church the month of March means an extraordinary time of year. For many Christians the season of Lent is apex of the church calendar. Lent is meant to be a time for reflection and meditation on our devotion to God who is devoted in care and redemption of our souls. It is a time of preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians. God gave up much and allowed His only Son our Lord to die on the cross at Calvary in payment for our sins. And so it is fitting that we to give up something in recognition of God's great gift of the messiah to us sinners. Let us all celebrate the Lent season in meditation, prayer, and reflection on what our lives would be like had God chosen not to invest anymore in humanity.

This month's scripture passage comes from the Gospel according to Luke and the new beginning of seeing and hearing of the God of Abraham through the words of Jesus the Christ. Jesus charges his disciples with a full development of the higher law of love. Such teaching found in the New Testament marks a new understanding of God as much more than revealed in the Law of Moses. Jesus redefined what a relationship with God is to be for the Jews and the Gentiles. Belief or faith in our God of unimaginable love, grace and power is the message Jesus proclaims.

God's higher law of love is described by Jesus to include, but not limited to, what Luke chronicles in Chapter 6 as: "love your enemies ... do good ... expecting nothing in return" because even God "... is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked" and so Jesus points to what is often humanity's greatest challenge - "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you."

## March Scripture Passage

*<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.<sup>1</sup> Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."*  
**Luke 6:35-38**



## 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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Today's church has so many opportunities to engage the complex culture it finds itself in. Our Lord God has given Providence Presbyterian Church many opportunities to reach out to others and proclaim the Gospel message of God's higher law of love – let us continue to pray diligently that our church continues to recognize the doors of opportunity God places in our path.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis

**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](mailto:vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com))  
Barri Martin ([bhmartin74@gmail.com](mailto:bhmartin74@gmail.com)) or  
Atlee Roberts ([atleeroberts@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@providencepresb.org) and her office number is 919-894-4063.



**COME JOIN THE FUN IN MARCH ON  
MARCH 5 AND 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](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.



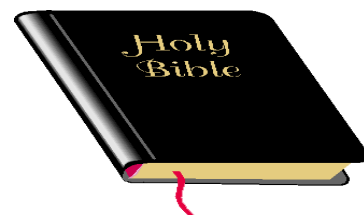
### FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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 SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 5	Kevin Creech
March 12	Heath White
March 19	Mary Ann Booth
March 26	Justin Wood



### SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The March, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 14 at 12:00 (noon), at Johnson Memorial Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, March 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](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com).



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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



### CARD MINISTRY

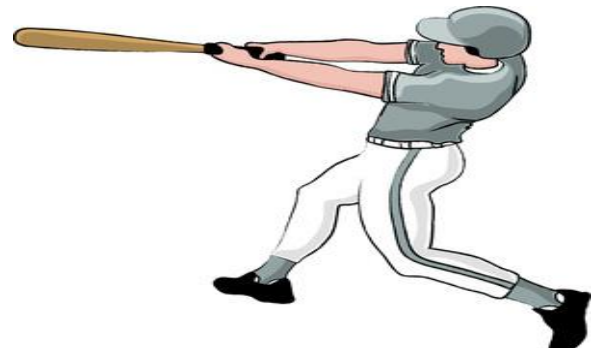
The Card Ministry will meet at on Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team III will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, March 23 at 12:00 (noon).



### 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](mailto: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.



### FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

Have you like many of us put off exercise? Have you thought you do not want to walk alone or you do not have a place to walk? Problem solved. Meet us for walking in the lower parking lot beginning Wednesday, March 29 at 10:00 am. We will meet Wednesdays and Fridays. We will walk inside the Upper FH if it is raining. Contact Donna Walker with questions 910-814-2153 or 47dwalker@gmail.com.



### CHICKEN PASTRY & SILENT AUCTION 2017

This fundraiser is just about two weeks away! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 17, 2017. We will be serving 11:00 am thru 7:30 pm, dine-in or drive-thru. Please check the table in the Upper Foyer to sign-up to serve in one of several different capacities (serve food, bus tables, wash dishes...) that Friday. If you can't serve that day, we are also accepting donated baked goods for the Bake Sale. All assistance and donations are much appreciated!



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We wish to congratulate Payton and Angie Searcy on their marriage, on February 24, 2017!

May God bless your life together!



## Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting, February 13, 2017

Church members Israel Morrow and Steve Wolak brought suggestions for improving church security. Israel offered to gather and provide to the Session information about security ministries at other churches. He expressed his willingness to provide training.

### Separation from PCUSA

The clerk informed the Session that members Jeff Wood, Kristy Stephenson, and Steve Nordan have agreed to serve on the Special Committee of the Congregation (SCC). Elder Mary Ann Booth will lead the SCC negotiating team when discussion begins with New Hope Presbytery on terms of dismissal from PCUSA.

### Action Items

1. Personnel Committee – Two motions were presented to modify the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. Both motions set dates by which pastor reports must be submitted. Reports include the Mileage and Expense Reimbursement and the Monthly Pastoral report.
2. Children's Christian Education – Session approved "Maker Fun Factory" as the 2017 VBS theme.
3. Mission and Outreach – Storage space was approved for donations to food ministries in cages in the new fellowship hall closet.
4. Property – The existing 100 watt light in the upper parking lot will be replaced with a 350 watt light. Johnny Wood will try to have new entrance markers in place by next Session meeting.
5. Youth Christian Education – Youth Worship on Sunday, April 30, 2017.
6. New Comer's Class – Rev. Davis will conduct a class for new comers on four Sundays beginning March 5, 2017 during the Sunday School hour.
7. Pastor's 2017 Objectives – Revisions to Rev. Davis' objectives were reviewed and approved.
8. Long Range Planning – A sub-committee will begin developing plans for a campaign no sooner than 2018 to pay down the principle on the building loan.

### Committee Reports

Youth Christian Education – The Session declined to approve sponsorship of church youth attendance at Montreat this summer.

Congregational Care – Rev. Davis reports that our sound system appears not to be working and offered to review the equipment needs and price a solution.

Finance – Sam Stephenson presented a 2016 year-end detailed financial report. A report of January's receipts and expenses was presented. The Session approved a payment of \$10,000 against the building loan principle.

Property – Kent Walton expressed appreciation for the repairs made to the handicap ramp by Ronnie Creech and Jimmy Stuart.

### New Business

Missions and Outreach is evaluating participation in the NDCOT adopt-a-highway program.

Easter Crosses – The Session asked Johnny Wood to see to the erection of the crosses this year.

Compliance with Insurance – Adequate coverage for children's classes was raised. Vickie Faircloth will check with insurance agent Kevin Creech regarding requirements.

Next stated session meeting will be held March 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; **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*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's* mother; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Jonathan Hass**, *Bob and Donna Stolle's* grandson; **Rebeccah Jackson**, member; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's* father; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **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:

**Jerry V. Johnson**, nephew of *Lacy and Brack Johnson*



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **March Anniversaries**

8 Tom and Nancy Nelms  
26 Bob and Carolyn Zattiero

### **March Birthdays**

2 Linda Jackson  
Graycen Murray  
3 Lorie Smith  
5 Courtney Walton  
7 Melvin Langdon  
8 Sandra Lordi  
11 Riley Lynn Nordan  
13 Barbie Frickman  
16 Mac Jones  
19 Harris Bagley  
20 Abbey Walton  
22 Jarrett Cross  
Jack Sherrill  
27 Marilyn Johnson  
Travis Jones  
29 Jane Pickens  
30 Steve Nordan  
31 Nadia DeJesus

### **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



# MARCH EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 5 Christina Jones & Lisa Nelms  
 12 Jennifer Crocker & Amy Dupree  
 19 Pat Davis & Sue Bryant  
 26 Israel & Karen Morrow

## USHERS

- 5 Tony & Sue Bryant,  
 Carlos Bagley (Back)  
 12 Scott & Barri Martin,  
 Gary Phillips (Back)  
 19 Rick & Margie Taylor,  
 David Collier (Back)  
 26 David & Lisa Nelms,  
 Ryan Nelms (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 5 Phoebe Creech  
 12 Hannibal Langdon  
 19 Joey Crocker  
 26 Olivia White

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 5 Beth Breeden, Jonathan Breeden,  
 Donna Stolle  
 12 Beth Breeden, Jonathan Breeden,  
 Donna Stolle  
 19 Beth Breeden, Jonathan Breeden,  
 Donna Stolle  
 26 Beth Breeden, Jonathan Breeden,  
 Donna Stolle

## ELDER

Russell Wood

## March Upcoming Events

- Mar 1. Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm  
 Mar 3. World Day of Prayer  
 Mar 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent/ LOGOS 5:00 pm  
 Mar 6. Congregational Care Meeting  
 10:00 am  
 Mar 7. Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Long Range Planning Meeting  
 7:00 pm  
 Mar 8. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Mar 9. Presbyterian Women Coordinating  
 Team and CP&SA Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Upper FH  
 Mar 12. Daylight Saving Time Starts  
 Mar 13. Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Mar 14. M&O Monthly Visit to Stage Coach  
 Manor  
 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00  
 (noon) Johnson Memorial Church  
 Presbyterian Women begin prep  
 for Chicken Pastry and Silent  
 Auction Upper FH and Foyer  
 Mar 15. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Presbyterian Women prep for  
 Chicken Pastry and Silent Auction  
 Mar 16. Presbyterian Women prep for  
 Chicken Pastry and Silent Auction  
 Mar 17. Presbyterian Women  
 Chicken Pastry and Silent  
 Auction 11:00 am to 7:30 pm  
 Mar 19. LOGOS 5:00 pm  
 Mar 21. Presbyterian Women Day Circle  
 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Presbyterian Women Evening  
 Circle 7:00 pm Upper FH  
 Mar 22. Newsletter Deadline  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Mar 23. M&O Meeting 11:00 am  
 Card Prep Ministry Team III  
 Meeting/Lunch at LaVette  
 Morgan's home at 12:00/noon  
 Mar 28. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am Lower FH  
 Mar 29. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Lower parking lot  
 Mar 31. Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 10:00 am Lower parking lot