

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 2017



From the Pastor's Study...

October is a special month ... plump orange pumpkins, golden autumn colors, crisp cool evenings, the smell of a wood fire, football games and marching bands ... these are the things of fall. So many signs of winter slowly edging toward us; day by day, summer eventually becomes a distant memory. Such is the way the seasons unfold.

October is also the month that ushers in Homecoming Sunday. We all look forward to seeing our extended family and reconnecting through fellowship, worship, prayer, food, song and laughter. We are especially joyful this year, for it is our 90th Anniversary of being the body of Christ in the McGee's community. 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 Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. Paul speaks specifically to accomplishing the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. A snap-shot from 2 Corinthians frames ministry in terms of : 1. we are called to action - to do something; 2. we are dead to the wages of sin; 3. see all others as children of God - Jesus glasses; 4. we are no longer doomed creatures of sin BUT new creations of Christ; 5. we are God's redeemed people; 6, we are called as ambassadors / ministers / servants of Christ - in proclaiming the good news; and finally 7. we must remember Christ's ministry of reconciling humanity to God ... forgiveness, redemption, and grace. This is our ministry! All of us here at Providence PC ... and all of God's church around the world. Jesus Christ 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.

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October Scripture Passage

17So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20



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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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. We humbly ask for your continued prayer and support as we seek to meet the growing opportunities and needs here at Providence Presbyterian Church.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis



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 same as current process. If you have questions on this new policy please contact David Collier at 919-625-3026 or davidcollier123@yahoo.com.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list or someone who needs to be removed please email ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



SUGGESTION BOX

Is up and running on the PPC website. To receive a response to your submission, please leave your name with your suggestion. Submissions are only viewed by members of Session and the submitter. Answers to concerns are sent to the submitter via email.



SECRETARY

Cindy Lynch 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. Send to ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call the office number 919-894-4063.



October 1 and October 15
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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.

To help our volunteer cooks be good stewards of our resources, we ask that you take a minute to RSVP for your family. We’ve found a simpler way to handle RSVPs. Please click the direct link at the bottom middle of the main Providence Presbyterian Church webpage at <http://www.providencepresb.org>. to let us know whether or not to expect your children for supper.

Please be sure to join us even if you forget to RSVP ~ we always plan for a few friends and new attendees.

On **October 1** and **October 15**, we’ll be practicing for the Christmas program, as well as studying The Word, playing outside, and eating together.

October 1: The theme for family time is Italian night.

October 15: The theme for family time is State Fair night.

We look forward to seeing your children, and as always, thank you for sharing them with us.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

Following worship on **Sunday, October 15, 2017**, members of the church will meet to consider two items:

- 1) Consideration of the terms of Call for Reverend Davis, and
- 2) Vote to decide which of two Presbyterian denominations, EPC or ECO, will be the denomination to which Providence will be dismissed upon leaving PCUSA.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Members of Providence who know in advance that they will not be present for the Congregational Meeting on **October 15, 2017** may request an absentee ballot to vote for either EPC or ECO as our future denomination.

Ballots can be obtained from Rev. Davis and Mary Ann Booth (Clerk of Session), or picked up in the secretary's office. If preferred, you may request that the ballot be sent to you as an email attachment. Contact Mary Ann Booth at maboost1@gmail.com.

The absentee ballot requires your name and must be turned in to the Clerk **no later than 10 am on October 15**. Ballots can be placed in the Clerk's mailbox behind the Sanctuary or given to Mary Ann.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOMECOMING 2017

It is with great joy and anticipation that we announce our 90th Homecoming celebration on **Sunday, October 8, 2017**. We joyfully invite you and your family to join us Sunday morning for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Fellowship in the upper Fellowship Hall at 10:25 a.m. and morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. Please plan to stay for a covered dish dinner, enjoy the tasty food, and time honored tradition of fellowship on the grounds afterward!

We hope the Spirit moves you to come and bless us with your presence. We ask for your continued prayer and support as we seek to meet the growing opportunities and needs of our mission and ministry here at Providence Presbyterian Church.

The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church has invited the honorable **Rev. Steve Dupree** to present the message during worship. Steve and his wife Wanda were members of Providence Presbyterian Church until 1992. After Steve retired from Hewlet Packard, he became the Executive Pastor at Stonebridge Church in the Woodlands, TX. In 2015, he left Stonebridge to direct a mission outreach organization, Adventures in Mission, located in Gainesville, GA. In this role Steve teaches, mentors and disciples a new generation of Christ followers. This organization provides support to 1200 missionaries around the world annually.

It is with great excitement that the Session has designated that 100% of the Homecoming offering will go directly to the principal part of our mortgage account. We are honored to recognize you as a part of Providence Presbyterian Church's vibrant past and present, and we look forward to you being a part of our prosperous future. Looking to the future with hope and joy, we invite you to come and be a part of this year's Homecoming celebration on October 8th as we praise our Lord God, and give thanks for all God has done in our growing family!

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Session of Providence Presbyterian Church

Homecoming Committee of Providence Presbyterian Church



CARD MINISTRY

The next Card Ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 3 at 10:00 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team III will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on **Thursday, October 19 at 1:00 pm.**



SENIOR CITIZENS 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 **Tuesday, November 14** at Mount Zion United Methodist Church.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

will meet on
Tuesday, October 17

Day Circle
10:00 am Upper Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle
7:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall

Our study is "**Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ in Hebrews.**"
All women of Providence Church are welcome to attend.

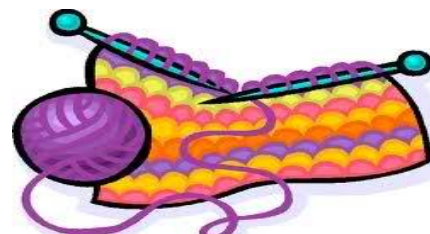


PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

Please join us on
Tuesday, October 24

Anyone interested in crocheting and/or just meeting together for fellowship is welcome to participate at any time.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group will continue to meet for the Fall. 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.**



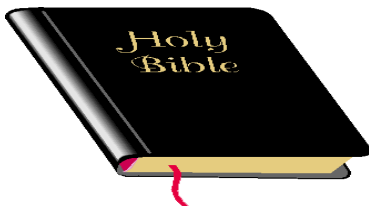
FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

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 or you can call him at 919-625-3026.



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 1	Greg Kornegay
October 8	Eric Faircloth
October 15	Brittany Jones
October 22	Kevin Creech
October 29	Donna Stolle



WELCOME NEW CHURCH SECRETARY

Cindy Lynch has accepted an offer to fill our secretary position. She will be starting on **Monday, October 2nd.** After 30 years in the workplace mostly teaching Spanish and English, Cindy recently retired from her full-time job at West Johnston High School where she served as a department head and Spanish teacher. Please welcome Cindy on October 2nd.



PROVIDENCE YOUTH

THANKS YOU!

The Providence Youth would like to thank everyone for all their monetary and material contributions to our BBQ fundraiser. More importantly we thank everyone for their time and energy. The lessons we learn and the fellowship our Elders share will guide us throughout our lives and someday make us strong leaders of God's church. We are proud to report that after expenses ALL of us raised approximately \$6750 beating last year's total by nearly \$1000. With humble hearts we thank you.



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We are collecting health and hygiene items for **Military Missions in Action (MMIA)**. A list is included below and will also be posted on our bulletin board. Items collected are for their **Fill the Locker Program** for homeless veterans and will be handed out at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down. This event is held in Raleigh on **October 27, 2017**. **Please place your donated items in the designated container outside the Upper Fellowship Hall.**



These items are needed for low to no income veterans:

Packaged Hand Sanitizers	Conditioner	Shower Shoes
Baby Wipes	Lotion	Laundry Bags
Toothpaste	Combs/Brushes	Clothing
Toothbrushes	Chapstick	Tennis
Mouthwash	Razors	Shoes/Boots
Deodorant	Q-Tips	Carrying Bags
Shampoo	Fingernail Clippers	Wash Cloths

Highlights of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting, September 11, 2017

Action Items

Homecoming – The Homecoming letter submitted by the Fellowship Committee was approved for mailing by Wednesday September 13, 2017. The Session unanimously approved using 100% of collections for payment against the principle of the building loan.

Personnel – On September 20, 2017, the Session will hold the annual performance appraisal for Rev. Davis. Reviews for Brittney Jones and Angie Searcy will be conducted on September 13, 2017.

Secretary Search – Kent Walton reported on the search for a church secretary. Three applications were received. The posting date closes on September 15, 2017. Kent expects to be able to make an offer in near future.

Denomination Information/Letter to Congregation – The Session reviewed a draft of a letter to the congregation regarding EPC and ECO, visits by representatives, and a planned congregational vote to select one as the denomination to which Providence will be dismissed following exit from PCUSA. Session chose to mail the letter and distribute additional information by email and at the church as print copy. October 15, 2017 was set as the date for the congregational vote, the same meeting at which consideration of the terms of call for Rev. Davis is planned.

Committee Updates

Children's Christian Education – LOGOS starts next Sunday, September 17, 2017.

Finance – Sam Stephenson presented a detailed financial report updated through July, 2017. The church continues to experience a short-fall in general fund giving versus expenses. July and year-to-date figures:

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
August	\$17,417.00	\$21,919.34
YTD	\$177,148.30	\$198,146.81

Monetary giving is approximately the same as last year, but not enough to cover church expenses, including the mortgage. We are a little under the budget in spending YTD. All (100%) of the 2017 homecoming offering can be applied to the mortgage principle if we hold onto the remaining funding from last year's homecoming offering as contingency and for mortgage payments. Sam distributed the quarterly financial report of the Providence Presbyterian Women. The information was reviewed by the Session.

Mission & Outreach – Update on church sponsoring Girl Scout Troop: Committee conversing with Girl Scout representative to get additional information on the particulars of program set up and implementation. Additional information will be forthcoming and conveyed to the Session.

Property – Committee is working with sign vendor to produce signs indicating that church premises are off limits for unauthorized parking or as a turn-around area (tractor trailer trucks entering parking lot for these purposes).

Youth Christian Education – LOGOS curriculum will be separate for boys and girls. The proposed curriculum materials were reviewed and Session voiced no objection to the chosen curriculum. Plan for the BBQ and Presbyterian Women's back sale are on track and ready for September 22, 2017 (11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) Youth trip is scheduled for Busch Gardens on October 7, 2017. Confirmation classes will begin in January of 2018.

Worship – New items in suggestion box were reviewed. The committee is working on how to set up an early service in response to sanctuary overcrowding in the event that it is necessary.

Clerk's Correspondence – Emailed approvals were received from Session for the Presbyterian Women's bake sale and Presbyterian Women's Event (planned for winter). Approvals were confirmed during Session meeting.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Davis will be on vacation September 27 – 28. Additional vacation is planned for: October 22 – 24 and December 26 – 28.



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*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **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; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Art Redmond**, *Pat Embrey's niece's husband*; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of *John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*; and **Wayne and Mary Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Randy Benson**, member; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Shepherd Byrd**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Gayla Edmond**, *Stephanie Wood's mom*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **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*; **Marie Rouse**, *delivery driver's wife*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Candy Weaver**, friend of *Amanda McLamb*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*.

Concerns: **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*, has a heart condition; **Charles Miller**, *Donna Stolle's brother*, still missing in Orlando

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:

Harold Pittman, *Joyce Lamm's brother*
Elmer Nederhoff, *Linda Roberts' brother-in-law*
Hardrock Stamey, community

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 Rebecca 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 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

Church Staff

Secretary
Cindy Lynch

Accounting Treasurer
Kristy Stephenson

Collections Treasurer
Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist
Brittany Jones

Pianist
Angie Searcy

Website
David Nelms

Newsletter
Cindy Lynch

Usher Coordinator
Russell Wood

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

October Assisting In Worship

NURSERY

1	Chris & Kristy Stephenson
8	Richard & Andrea Jones
15	Barri Martin & Mary Wood
22	Jennifer Crocker & Amy Dupree
29	Sue Bryant

USHERS

1	Atlee Roberts & Rick Taylor, Jonathan Breeden
8	Jimmy Stuart, Scott Martin, Tony Bryant, Russell Wood & Kent Walton
15	Eric Smith & Pete Booth, Austin Benson
22	Hamilton Greene & Todd Frickman, Justin Wood
29	Eric Faircloth & John Kopanski, Riley Wood

ACOLYTE

1	Phoebe Creech
8	David Breeden
15	Eva Stephenson
22	Gavin Annis
29	Ava Wood

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

1	Beth Breeden
8	
15	Kristy Stephenson
22	Beth Breeden
29	

ELDER

Mary Ann Booth

October Upcoming Events

- Oct 1.** Lunch and Town Hall Meeting in the Upper FH - Rev. Bucky Hunsicker / EPC
LOGOS 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- Oct 2.** Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
- Oct 3.** Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper Fellowship Hall
Long Range Planning/
Worship 7:00 pm
- Oct 4.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 6.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 8.** HOMECOMING!
- Oct 9.** Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 10.** M&O Monthly Visit to Stagecoach Manor Residents at Universal & Pinecrest 2:00 pm
- Oct 11.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 13.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 15.** Congregational Meeting Terms of Call
LOGOS 5:00 -7:00 pm
- Oct 17.** Presbyterian Women Day Circle Upper Fellowship Hall 10:00 am
Presbyterian Women Night Circle Upper Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm
- Oct 18.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 19.** Card Ministry Prep Team III 1:00 pm at LaVette Morgan's home
- Oct 20.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 24.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am Lower Fellowship Hall
- Oct 25.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 26.** Mission & Outreach Meeting 11:00 am
- Oct 27.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am