

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

April 2018



## From the Pastor's Study...

In the month of April Easter arrives as early as can be! Easter occurs on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year! No foolin'!

Easter means so many things to so many in this world. From a bunny, candy, hunting for eggs, signs that Spring is here, and even fashions are changing. Easter means absolutely nothing for some countries, for there are so many people in this world who have never heard of Jesus Christ – or have been misinformed that Easter is somehow the product of American marketing. Yet the event Easter embodies is the most essential piece of Christianity. Easter marks the apex of God's Grace for all humanity.

Easter for the sinner means a “do over” from God Almighty ... Easter for the hopeless means that God reaches out in the deepest darkest moment of our despair and proclaims we are loved by our Lord and therefore redeemed from ourselves! ... Easter shines like a beacon on a hill, marked by a blood soaked cross, calling out to our souls giving us the one true direction life must go if it is to thrive and flourish beyond the bonds and bounds of this existence... Easter means hope where there is none.

For in the event on the ultimate sacrifice we have been anointed with the blood of Jesus Christ and we are restored back to the Lord God through God's grace and mercy. Jesus speaks of faith and repentance time and time again in the Bible. In the Easter message we are called to renew our faith in our God of all possibilities that we might repent of our sins whatever they may be and be filled with the Holy Spirit to rekindle our relationship with God Almighty.

In this month's scripture passage, we hear Jesus proclaim “*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live...*” this is the reality for all those who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is the core of the Gospel message that we are to share with all those God places in our path. Easter is a joyous occasion that we celebrate with all sorts of traditions.

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## April Scripture Passage

<sup>25</sup> *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."*

**John 11:25-28**



## 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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What a wonderful time in the life of our church it is to have God bless us in so many new ways. With each day that passes, I believe we have the opportunity to get closer to God's plan for us as the church - body of Christ – and to seek how God's plan inspires and changes us.

Please support our church family in your thoughts, prayers, and actions. We have many who need your smile, talents, and passion – I encourage you to be involved.

*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

**Please Note The Bulletin Deadline Change**

The Deadline for announcements and updates is now the end of the business day on **Wednesday**. If you would like an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday please email it by Wednesday the previous week to the secretary at [ppcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppcsecretary@gmail.com)



**SECRETARY**

Cindy Lynch is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please send your bulletin prayer requests, updates, announcements, email distribution additions/deletions or other messages for broadcast via email to the congregation to: [ppcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppcsecretary@gmail.com) or call the office number, 919-894-4063.



**Join us for Sunrise Service on  
April 1 at 7:00 am**

We will meet outside the church at the crosses for our Sunrise Service with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, then adjourn inside to the Upper Fellowship Hall for breakfast.

All are invited.

### 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 Cindy Lynch know by email at [ppcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppcsecretary@gmail.com) or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



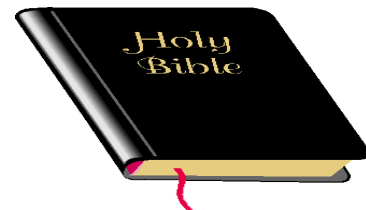
### FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

If you need to request to use either of our Fellowship Halls you will be required to complete a form and the approval will come from the Session. New requests need to be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) as soon as possible to prepare forms to be presented to the next Session meeting.

If you have questions please contact Cindy Lynch at 919-894-4063 or David Collier at 919-625-3026 or [davidcollier123@yahoo.com](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com).

### LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR April

April 1	Eric Faircloth
April 8	Jeff Wood
April 15	Mary Ann Booth
April 22	Doug Sonderfan
April 29	Kevin Creech



## SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The April, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 10 at 12:00 (noon), at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, April 4, 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).



## CARD MINISTRY

The PPC Card Ministry will **Not** meet on Tuesday, April 3.

The Card Ministry Prep Team II will meet at LaVette Morgan's home at 1:00 on Thursday, April 19.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's Day and Night Circles will meet Tuesday, April 17 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm respectively, in the Upper Fellowship Hall. All will be studying Lesson #8.

All are welcome!



## MISSION & OUTREACH

During the month of April we will be collecting men's, women's and children's gently used clothing for Pizazz. Their purpose is to support Harbor House, a safe haven emergency shelter for women and children that are victims of domestic violence. Please place your clothing items in a bag and put them next to the blue bins by the Upper Fellowship Hall. We are also asking for travel size personal health and hygiene items. These items are for the ladies and children who come to the Harbor House. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Daniel at 919-639-2178 or email to [jbootcamp@aol.com](mailto:jbootcamp@aol.com).



## PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

The Prayer Shawl Circle is scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Any crafters are welcome to come join in the fellowship!



## FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

**Meet us at the Upper Fellowship Hall Parking Lot on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group has been meeting for a year the end of March!

**Future Event: Appreciation Brunch** - All who have walked at least once with us, those meeting now to walk, and those interested in joining us are invited on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the UFH. Our T-shirts will be in by then. There is one ordered for everyone who has walked with us and there will be some extra T-shirts for new walkers. Please mark this event on your May calendars.

Please contact Donna Walker if you have questions.



**COME JOIN THE FUN IN APRIL ON  
April 15 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.

## M&O Outreach Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday, April 10. Please meet in the Universal Parking lot at **1:45 pm** to start Bingo at 2:00 pm. Snacks and sodas will be distributed afterwards.



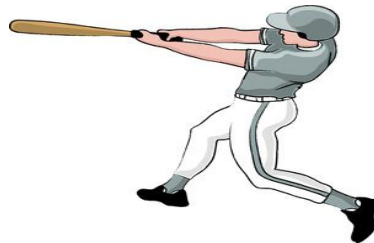
## Men's Softball 2018

**Providence Presbyterian Church Softball Team** games start April 16 and go through Mid-June. We play at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church off Hwy 401 just a few miles north of Fuquay. The Ballfield is on Hilltop Needmore Road which is just past the Ford dealership coming from Fuquay. The address for directions is: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 10005 Lake Wheeler Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526. A schedule is on the Bulletin Board and our Web Page. Come join the fun and support our Team!

### 2018 Spring Softball League Game Schedule – PPC

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 10005 Lake Wheeler Rd., Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Day	Date	Time	Home	Visitor
Monday	4/16/2018	6:30	Hollands UMC	Providence Presbyterian
Tuesday	4/17	8:30	Providence Pres	Plymouth Church
Monday	4/23	8:30	St Andrews UMC	Providence Presbyterian
Thursday	4/26	7:30	Fuquay-Varina UMC	Providence Presbyterian
Monday	4/30	6:30	Providence Pres	Fairview Baptist
Tuesday	5/1	8:30	Resurrection Life	Providence Presbyterian
Monday	5/7	8:30	Providence Pres	Wake Chapel Christian
Tuesday	5/8	7:30	Providence Pres	Hollands UMC
Monday	5/14	7:30	Plymouth Church	Providence Presbyterian
Thursday	5/17	6:30	Providence Pres	St Andrews UMC
Tuesday	5/22	6:30	Providence Pres	Fuquay-Varina UMC
Thursday	5/24	6:30	Fairview Baptist	Providence Presbyterian
Tuesday	5/29	7:30	Providence Pres	Resurrection Life
Monday	6/4	6:30	Wake Chapel Christian	Providence Presbyterian



## Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting on March 12, 2018

### Correspondence

The clerk informed the Session of the following communications:

- The Session's and Reverend Davis' Reflection Papers were emailed to the Presbytery Engagement Team for Gracious Dismissal along with the names of the members of the Special Committee of the Congregation. An acknowledgment was received,
- An email was sent to Terry Lamberson at New Hope Presbytery to correct the contributions amount reported on our 2017 Statistical report. We received confirmation of the update and a copy of the new report.

### Open and Actionable Items

**Property** – A number of property issues were discussed and approved. Photocells will be placed on outside signs; electrical room opposite women's restroom behind Sanctuary will be cleared of cleaning supplies, paint and other items that pose a fire hazard – a storage solution is sought; the janitorial closet needs to be cleared of non-related items being stored in it – a lock and sign will be placed on the door; excess wheelchairs that have been donated will soon be offered for free to anyone who needs them; alternatives are being examined for securing all church heat pumps.

**Additional Chairs for Adult Sunday School** – Steve Newnam will research and inform the Session of the cost.

**Children's C.E.** – Session approved the purchase of a second rug for the nursery.

**Personnel** – Cindy Lynch was approved as a regular part-time employee following the recommendation of Rev. Davis and completion of her probationary period.

**Fellowship** – Session approved a motion for a 2018 Homecoming Committee with participants drawn from members of the other committees. The committee will be responsible for planning all aspects of Homecoming, including the recommendation of a speaker.

**Gracious Dismissal** – Session approved distributing copies of the Session's Reflection Paper to members of the congregation. A motion was also approved to publish copies of the resolutions and overtures recently approved by the Presbytery at its February 2018 Gathering.

### Committee Updates

**Children's Christian Education** – The Boy Scouts will be invited to participate in Vacation Bible School this summer. The Session approved the purchase of walkie-talkies so that an usher can inform the leader of children's worship when it is time to send the acolyte at the end of worship.

**Congregational Care** – A motion was approved to install locks on the nursery door.

**Finance** – In nine of the last fourteen months, funds that were contributed to the Capital Campaign (pledged or at Homecoming) were used to pay the monthly mortgage (\$7,054 per month). These funds were rolled into the general fund during 2016, but have been tracked separately. Capital funds remaining are less than what would be required for three (3) more mortgage payments. The Session discussed the revenue vs expense shortfall and options for cutting expenses.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
February	\$20,396.16	\$22,356.78
YTD	\$37,904.43	\$49,103.55

**Long Range Planning** – Work continues on a final draft of plans for a second service.

**Personnel** – The committee will meet on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7 PM to review a summary of the pastor's mid-year evaluation and comments. Members of Session were invited to attend.

**Youth Christian Education** – The youth will travel to Raleigh for a zip-line event on March 24, 2018. A mission trip is scheduled for nine (9) youth and three (3) adults to the Gatlinburg, TN area.

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

**Brack Johnson** at *Classic Care in Smithfield*; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court in Smithfield*; **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*; **Virginia Moore**, *The Laurels in Pineville*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

### Persons Living with Cancer, including:

**Charity Arrington**, friend of *Georgianna*; **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; **Ashley Faircloth**, niece of *Beck McLamb*; **Al Felton**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Laura McLamb**, member; **Ben Snelling**, friend of *John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*; **Candy Weaver**, friend of *Amanda McLamb*.

### Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Dakota Boyd**, niece of *Elaine Wood*; **Brianna Bryant**, 9 month old daughter of friend of *Stephanie Wood*; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joyce and Jim Crowson**, friends of *Dick Embry*; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **George Johnson**, *Debbie Sturgis' father*; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones' niece*; **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*; **Marie Rouse**, *delivery driver's wife*; **Olive Stone**, *Linda Robert's sister*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father and Eva Younts, Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

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

**Ruby Clements**, aunt of *Sue Bryant*  
**Gary Parrish**; husband to *Mindy Parrish*, sister of *Kristy Stephenson*







### ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

#### **April Anniversaries**

- 4 Pete and Mary Ann Booth
- 12 Jon and Chris Nooney
- 17 Travis and Brittany Jones
- 21 John and Beth Pickens
- 22 Nathan and Heather Reed
- 23 Hamilton and Debbie Greene
- 24 Wayne and Joyce Lamm
- 24 Joe and Beverly Martinelli

#### **April Birthdays**

- 3 Carlos Bagley  
John Pickens  
Beverly Martinelli  
Tate Nordan  
Donna Walker
- 6 Thomas Lynch
- 9 Amy Dupree  
Daphne Noles
- 10 Margie Taylor  
Sharon Stephenson
- 11 Kaitlin Faircloth
- 14 Brack Johnson
- 15 Jon Nooney  
Scott Martinelli
- 16 Charlotte Wood  
Pat Forren
- 17 Steve Newnam
- 19 Will Langdon  
Bob Zattiero
- 21 Wade Johnson
- 22 Brent Frampton
- 23 Joan Stuart  
Alexa Rogers
- 24 Joshua Collier  
Leon Parrish
- 25 Meredith Baggett
- 27 Lou Penny
- 28 Maria Jackson

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Jim Davis

#### **Session**

##### *Class of 2018*

Sam Stephenson - Finance  
Kent Walton – Congregational Care  
Russell Wood – Long Range Planning  
Atlee Roberts – Adult Christian Education

##### *Class of 2019*

Mary Ann Booth - Clerk  
Vickie Faircloth – Children C. E.  
John Kopanski – Mission & Outreach  
Donna Stolle - Worship

##### *Class of 2020*

David Collier - Fellowship  
Cathy Simmons - Personnel  
Keven Creech – Youth C. E.  
Steve Newnam - Property

#### **Church Staff**

##### *Secretary*

Cindy Lynch

##### *Accounting Treasurer*

Sam Stephenson

##### *Collections Treasurer*

Ann Benson

##### *Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*

Brittany Jones

##### *Pianist*

Angie Searcy

##### *Website*

David Nelms

##### *Newsletter*

Cindy Lynch

##### *Usher Coordinator*

Russell Wood

# APRIL EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 1 Carolyn Stuart and Adam Stuart
- 8 Richard & Andrea Jones
- 15 Bari Martin and Mary Wood
- 22 Sue Bryant
- 29 Emma Phillips

## USHERS

- 1 Scott & Barri Martin, Rick & Margie Taylor (Back)
- 8 Tony Bryant, David Collier & Kevin Creech(Back)
- 15 Ronnie Creech, John Daniel & Eric Faircloth (Back)
- 22 Todd Frickman, Richard Jones & John Kopanski (Back)
- 29 Youth Sunday

## ACOLYTE

- 1 Gavin Annis
- 8 Meadow Creech
- 15 Kolton Crocker
- 22 Connor Frickman
- 29 Hannibal Langdon

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 1 No Children's Worship, Cantata
- 8 Kristy Stephenson
- 15 Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Kristy Stephenson
- 29 No Children's Worship, Youth Sunday

## ELDER

Johnny Wood

## April Upcoming Events

- 
- April 1 Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service 7:00 am  
Communion Service 11:00
  - April 2 Easter Monday  
Office Closed  
Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
  - April 3 Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
  - April 4 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
No Adult Choir Rehearsal
  - April 5 PW CT and CP&SA Meeting 7:00  
Seekers Rm.
  - April 6 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
  - April 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - April 9 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
  - April 10 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
  - April 11 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00  
Worship Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm  
Seekers Room
  - April 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
LOGO'S
  - April 16 Personnel Com. Meet 7:00 Seekers Rm.  
Men's Softball Begins
  - April 17 Women's Circles Meet 10 am/7pm
  - April 18 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
  - April 19 Card Prep Team II, LaVette's Home
  - April 20 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
  - April 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - April 24 M&O Universal Assisted Living Visit  
Prayer Shawl Circle, 10:00 am
  - April 25 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
  - April 26 M&O Meeting 11:00 am
  - April 27 Scouts Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner
  - April 29 Youth Sunday