

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2018



From the Pastor's Study...

July and summer heats up with great anticipation for we have so much to be excited about. We celebrate our nation's birthday on the 4th and remember our country is based on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. At Providence PC we have a lot of happiness going on! We thank our Lord God for all the ministries and missions that are being blessed in so many wonderful ways.

This month's scripture Paul writes that "... *every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord ... to the glory of God the Father ... for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*" (Philippians 2:9-13) Paul is exhorting the church at Philippi to give glory to the Lord God in the things that we do and we must never forget that through all things in this world God is with us. God is with us in the highs and lows of life, in the greatest of joys and the deepest of sorrows.

We all too often take for granted that God is a relational God and requires us to be a willing participant in our relation to our gracious and loving God. Paul reminds us that God is working in and through us and that all our strength comes from God Almighty and our only true hope is in the promise of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Let us celebrate the Independence Day of our country while we reflect the one and only hope of being made truly free in Christ.

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July Scripture Passage

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:9-13



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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Let us pray for the leaders AND the citizens of this country in that we may never forget the privilege and responsibilities that come with the greatest gifts humanity can be given.

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,
Rev. Jim Davis

FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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.

New requests need to be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) at ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call 919-894-4063.

If you have questions on this 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 let Cindy Lynch know by email at ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



SUGGESTION BOX

Is 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. Her email is ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com and her office number is 919-894-4063.





PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School
July 22, 2018 – July 26, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(Dinner at 5:30, RSVP)

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well!
Registration for children is now available on the church website.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 22nd through Thursday, July 26th and volunteer
for an island adventure where kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's
storms!

Or Signup Electronically at <http://bit.ly/PPCVBS2018>

We have incredible Bible-learning experiences in which kids see, hear, touch, and
even taste! There are also team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats as
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!

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 to come! For questions you may contact David Collier at davidcollier123@yahoo.com or you can call him at 919-625-3026.



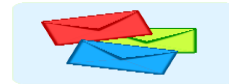
PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

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.

CARD MINISTRY

The next Card Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, July 3 at 10:00 am.

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



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

There will be No Senior Citizens Luncheon in July. The next Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 14 at 12:00.

FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

Due to the high humidity the walking group will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall for the duration of the summer.

Please come join us Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:00 am.

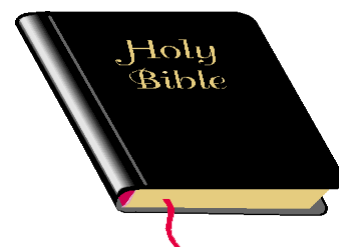
15 BENEFITS OF WALKING

1. Burns calories
2. Accessible to everyone
3. No special equipment required
4. One of the easiest ways to get active
5. Reduces stress
6. Low-impact exercise
7. Improves mood
8. Helps maintain strong bones
9. Tones muscles
10. Builds aerobic fitness
11. Helps maintain lean muscle tissue
12. Easy way to reduce risk of and aids management of type 2 diabetes
13. Improves heart and cardiovascular health
14. Less likely to lead to exercise-related injuries
15. Its Free!

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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 1	Jeff Wood
July 8	Mary Ann booth
July 15	Doug Sonderfan
July 22	Justin Wood
July 29	Kevin Creech



Providence Family & Friends,

The Mission & Outreach Committee Mission Statement reads as follows:

To develop a high level of interest and commitment to mission and outreach through hands-on participation and financial support by designing, recommending and implementing plans of action and partnerships to the Session that will:

1. Meet the needs of neighbors.
2. Respond to crisis at home and abroad.
3. Bear witness to God's reconciling love by making known the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Providence Presbyterian Church's community, across the United States and around the world.

To actively involve church members in the daily life of our church:

1. Through service.
2. Through better communication of service opportunities.
3. By identification of service needs.
4. By preparation and execution of action plans to meet such needs.
5. By the witness of the Committee.

Here at Providence M&O facilitates annually multiple outreach efforts in concert with local organizations. These efforts include collections and service in support of Pizazz/Harbor Shelter, USO, MMIA, Operation Christmas Child, Universal HealthCare, Backpack Buddies, Friendly Chapel Food Pantry and the Red Cross Blood Drive.

On July 1, 2018, M&O is kicking off a new outreach opportunity for Providence members. We will be collecting donations to be sent to Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Specifically, each quarter the collections will be sent in support of a farm project that provides families a source of perpetual food for their own consumption, as well as food products to be sold for income.

This quarter, July/August/September, our collections will be sent to provide chickens. Per Samaritan's Purse, "For \$14 we can provide a poor family with a dozen baby chicks. They will grow up to lay hundreds of eggs every month, blessing a family with a rich source of protein, a steady source of income and daily reminders of God's faithfulness." Each quarter we will collect for a different effort. It could be for sheep and wool-bearing animals, goats and dairy animals, seedlings and trees, and seeds for gardens. There are also clean water projects and various disaster relief efforts to which we can donate.

The collection container for these efforts will be in the UFH foyer, to the right of the double doors, opposite the blue collection barrels. We thank Rich Lambert for building the beautiful red and white barn into which coins and dollars can be deposited. Checks can also be placed in the offering plate with "M&O Samaritan's Purse Int'l Relief" on the memo line. Our donations will be remitted at the end of each quarter. We will advertise ahead of each quarter as to which effort our collections will be dedicated.

The M&O Committee thanks the PPC family and friends who give faithfully in support of all our outreach efforts every year. Sometimes it doesn't feel like much when we place just one item in the blue barrels. One item multiplied by 50 people becomes a lot of items. It takes a village. Many hands make light work. Together we can all make a difference.

The M&O Committee thanks you in advance for your support of our newest opportunity in outreach. We also invite anyone in the church to check out our committee and consider joining us. It is time well-spent, meaningful, rewarding and frankly, a lot of fun. Contact John Kopanski (M&O Elder), Kelly Daniel, Miriam Lambert, or Donna Stolle if you have any questions. Wanted: Another guy on the committee to keep John Kopanski company. ☺

Most sincerely,

The Mission & Outreach Committee
of Providence Presbyterian Church

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

Mission & Outreach Committee

During the month of July we are going to collect items to be donated to the USO center at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. Please place your items in the footlocker outside the Upper Fellowship Hall from July 1 – 29. At the end of July the USO will visit us to collect our contributions.



North Carolina

USO of NC, Fort Bragg/Fayetteville Centers Wish List

Food & Drink

- Bottled Water
- Canned soft drinks
- Gatorade/Powerade
- K-Cups
- Snack Crackers/Nuts
- Wrapped Candy/Mints
- Canned meats
- Mac & Cheese (instant cups)
- Soup/Ramen (instant cups)
- Beef Jerky
- Candy Bars
- Protein Bars
- Granola or Yogurt Bars
- Tea & Lemonade Mix

Pantry

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Chap stick
- Wet wipes
- Band-Aids
- Can openers
- Pill boxes
- Playing cards
- Greeting cards
- Non-perishable (canned/boxed) food items

Cleaning Supplies & Program Support

- Clorox Sanitizing Wipes
- Paper towels
- Liquid hand soap
- Ziploc bags – all sizes
- Hand sanitizer
- DVDs (new movies & TV series)
- Handi-Wipes
- Dishwashing detergent
- Aluminum foil
- Disposable plastic containers
- Video games – (new) Playstation & Xbox

*All donated food items must be sealed in the manufacturers packaging.
No out-of-date food items will be accepted.*

Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting June 11, 2018

Open and Actionable Items

Mission & Outreach – A motion was approved to create a designated funds line item for “Samaritan’s Purse International Relief.” A collection box will be stationed in the Upper Fellowship Hall foyer. The aid would be in the form of gifts of: various livestock to breed and provide food directly to families; other products to help families establish a livelihood; and disaster relief.

Fellowship-Homecoming Ad Hoc Committee – Plans in process for Homecoming were reviewed. A motion that Homecoming funds be applied towards principle reduction was approved. A plan to evaluate setting up audio-visual for overflow in the Seekers and Encouragers classrooms was approved by consensus. Session agreed by consensus to have Rev. Davis extend an invitation to Rev. Rob Weslund of Englewood Evangelical Church in Rocky Mount to be guest speaker. Englewood EPC was dismissed from PCUSA in 2012 and Rev. Westlund is known to the Discernment Committee. He is a passionate evangelical who speaks glowingly of the positive consequences of Englewood’s move to EPC.

New Designated Fund – A motion to approve a new designated fund was approved. The fund will accept donations to help with any expenses that may be associated with the transition to Evangelical Presbyterian Church and will be named the “Development Fund.”

Personnel – A motion was approved to accept the Final Action Objectives from Rev. Davis’ Mid-Term Evaluation of April 16, 2018.

Committee Updates

Finance – A copy of the Presbyterian Women Quarterly Report was accepted. The Treasurer reported that giving to general funds in May was again insufficient to meet expenses. Giving for the year is down 5% versus 2017.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
May	\$18,666.47	\$21,873.52
YTD	\$103,200.11	\$117,026.84

Sam Stephenson requested that anyone giving funds to be applied toward principle pay-down tell him that expressly, otherwise funds will simply be put in the General Fund. Elders were advised that they have 90 days to review their committee budgets in preparation for the Session proposing a 2019 budget this fall. An audit of 2016 and 2017 is needed. An auditor will be sought.

Property – It was reported that an inordinate number of calls must be made to remind the vendor to empty our trash receptacles. It was agreed that Steve Newnam is free to research other vendors.

Youth Christian Education – It was reported that all is on schedule for the Youth trip to Tennessee. The Youth trip to Smithfield to the Miracle League to present the gift of funds was inspirational.

Pastor’s Report – Rev. Davis provided a copy of his report. Highlights include:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Father’s Day – June 17

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- Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Annual Gathering – June 18-22 in Cordova, TN
- Providence VBS – July 22-26
- EPC Elder training, a one day event, will take place on Saturday, July 14, 2018, in Fayetteville. Training is open to current and past elders. This training is required for active elders in EPC. There is a handout for all attendees to complete and submit to Rev. Davis prior to the training.
- Upcoming Personal Leave on June 24-July 7 – Vacation and attendance at the EPC Annual Gathering – Kent Walton will preach on June 24 and Joe Martinelli on July 1

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Thank you, God for our Freedom!

May God Bless the USA!



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free ... Galatians 5:1

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:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Ashley Faircloth**, niece of *Beck McLamb*; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **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*.

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*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **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; **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 Reed**, *delivery driver's wife*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*; and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families and friends
of those who were lost this past month.

Candy Weaver, friend of *Amanda McLamb*

Al Felton, friend of *Dick Embry*

Katherine Johnson, *Virginia Moore's grandchild*
and *Carolyn & Wade Johnson's niece*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Anniversaries

- 21 Kevin and Annah Creech
28 Jonathan and Beth Breeden

July Birthdays

- 7 Tom Nelms
Kenny Poole
Sam Stephenson
8 Ryne Jones
Samuel Stephenson
10 Christy Cross
11 Travis Creech
12 David Nelms
13 Vickie Faircloth
14 Cathy Creech
Carolyn Zattiero
15 Kent Walton
16 Mary Langdon
17 Atlee Roberts
19 Pete Booth
Jennifer Crocker
20 Rick Taylor
22 Miriam Lambert
24 Wesley Nooney
25 Trey Bullock
29 Heather Reed
30 Kendall Nelms



Secretary 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

JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 1 Ryan and Allison Nelms
- 8 Beth Pickens and Emma Phillips
- 15 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
- 29 Roger Gilbert and Jennifer Crocker

USHERS

- 1 Wayne Lamm, Ryan Nelms, & Atlee Roberts (Back)
- 8 Scott Martin, David Nelms, & Jimmy Stuart (Back)
- 15 Gary Philips, Joseph Phillips, & Rick Taylor (Back)
- 22 David Collier, Johnny Wood, & Riley Wood (Back)
- 29 John Kopanski, Jeff Wood, & Justin Wood (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 1 Hannibal Langdon
- 8 Meadow Creech
- 15 Phoebe Creech
- 22 Joey Crocker
- 29 Kolton Crocker

**NO CHILDRENS WORSHIP
During July**

ELDER

David Collier

SAFETY/SECURITY ASSISTANT

David Collier

July Upcoming Events



- July 1. 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Davis on vacation through 7-7
- July 2. EPC Packets completed & back to office
- July 3. Card Ministry 10:00 am
Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 4. Independence Day/Office Closed
No Fellowship & Fitness Group
No Adult Choir Practice
- July 6. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- July 8. 7th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 9. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 10. M&O Visit at Universal 2:00 pm
No Senior Citizen's Luncheon
- July 11. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 13. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- July 15. 8th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 16. Personnel Committee Meet 7:00 pm
Youth to Ft. Caswell through 7-21
- July 18. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 19. Card Ministry Prep Team II
At LaVette Morgan's home 1:00 pm
- July 22. Vacation Bible School "Ship Wrecked,
- July 26 Rescued by Jesus" 6 – 8:30,
Dinner served nightly at 5:30 - RSVP
- July 23. Newsletter Deadline
- July 25. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- July 26. Mission & Outreach Committee
Meeting 11:00 am
- July 27. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- July 29. 10th Sunday after Pentecost
USO Contributions Deadline
- July 30. Secretary out of office through Aug. 3