

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

March 2018



From the Pastor's Study...

March is upon us once again and we celebrate the Lenten season which leads us into Easter the first day and the Sunday in April this year. March ushers in March Madness as well. This month, let us be true A.C.C. fans (Always Christ Centered) and let's get excited about what God has in store for the future of Providence Presbyterian Church! Go Team!

The Lenten narrative focuses on the forty days prior to the crucifixion. On Easter morning this year, we will celebrate by partaking in communion in the fashion of Jesus and his twelve disciples. Jesus proclaim *"This is my body, which is given for you ... This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood ... Do this in remembrance of me."* These are familiar phrases when we celebrate Communion together in church and these are also words which were spoken during the last Passover Meal that Jesus shared with the disciples. The *seder meal* served during Passover finds its root firmly embedded in this Jewish tradition that recounts an almighty God who acts mightily on behalf of the Israelites during the Exodus narrative. The season of Lent, like a *seder meal*, bids us to recount another mighty act of our gracious God on behalf of all people – the Passion of Jesus as Christ and Messiah.

It is tradition during Lent to give up something from our life of plenty as a stark reminder of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and that our gracious God and creator gave His only Son to redeem a sinful world. 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 is a wonderful time in the life of our church - to have God bless us in so many new ways is a blessing. We have opportunities to meet new folks ... meet the needs of our community... we have new ways to celebrate our joy in this life... another softball team opportunity and each day is a new day to celebrate the gift of life from our Lord. 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.

March Scripture Passage

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:8-10



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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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 our Lord God bless all you say and do in a new way so that your faith journey be illuminated with joy and clarity and lead you in the way you should go.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Jim Davis



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



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 or call the office number, 919-894-4063.



**COME JOIN THE FUN IN MARCH ON
MARCH 4 AND 18 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 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 or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



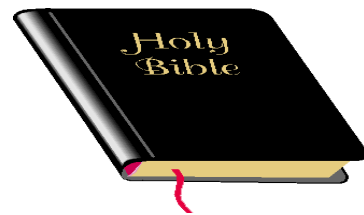
FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

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.

LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 4	Mary Ann Booth
March 11	Doug Sonderfan
March 18	Justin Wood
March 25	Kevin Creech



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The March, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 13 at 12:00 (noon), at Mount Zion United Methodist Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, March 7, so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.



CARD MINISTRY

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

The Card Ministry Prep Team I will meet at LaVette Morgan's home at 1:00 on Thursday, March 22.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet Tuesday, March 20 in the Upper Fellowship Hall. The Night Circle will meet at 7:00 pm; same date and location. All are welcome!



PPC Women's Fellowship Outings March/April

Movie and Lunch/Dinner (optional): "I can Only Imagine", at Regal White Oak Theater, Garner, NC (March 24, 25, 31 - movie time to be determined) Tickets \$10 Based on the hit single from Christian band MercyMe, "I Can Only Imagine" tells the life story of the band's front man, Bart Millard.

Easter Drama: Benson Grove Baptist Church "Through Peter's Eyes": March 24, 25, 28, 30 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are Free - Reservations Required.

Play: Walking Across Egypt at Neuse Little Theatre, Smithfield, NC (April 15 at 3:00 pm) Tickets \$13/\$15. Adapted by Catherine Bush from novel by Clyed Edgerton. Upon discovering a stray dog on her back porch, Mattie Rigsbee decides she's too old to keep a pet and calls the dogcatcher. The dogcatcher, Lamar Benfield, will open her eyes to a whole world she never knew existed, a world that includes car theft, prison breaks and a juvenile delinquent named Wesley who is as desperate for a family as she is. Armed with only her mouthwatering corn bread and a deep abiding faith in the Almighty, Mattie is determined to woo him to the side of God and Good southern manners.

Contact: If you have interest in attending contact Cathy Simmons your choice(s) & preferred dates/times at cesimmons112@gmail.com or call 919-275-4399. Please stay tuned for more outings to come and feel free to pass on info for any future outings you are aware of.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

The Prayer Shawl Circle is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 27, at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

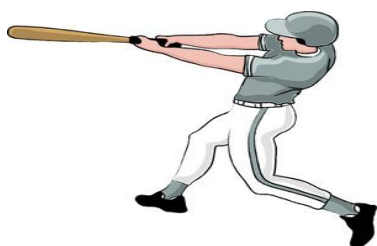
Have you like many of us put off exercise? Have you thought you do not want to walk alone or you do not have a place to walk? Problem solved. Meet us in the Upper Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays. Contact Donna Walker with questions 910-814-2153 or 47dwalker@gmail.com.



Men's Softball 2018

Sunday, February 18 was our first Meeting/Practice for Men's Softball.

If you did not attend and you are interested in getting your name on the roster for our PPC Men's Softball Team please contact Eric Faircloth.



M&O Outreach Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday, March 13 at **2:00 pm**. We will help with Bingo at 2:00 and then pass out the snack bags and sodas to the 51 residents.





CHICKEN PASTRY & SILENT AUCTION 2018

Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction - Is scheduled for Friday, 16 March 2018. Contact Donna Stolle (dms6330@gmail.com or 860-214-6698) if you are available and can help.

Sign-up Sheets for CP&SA – Are in the Upper Fellowship Hall now, and will be available through the day of the event. We are seeking volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities in support of this annual fundraiser. Included in the sign-up sheets is one for donating boiled chickens. We stress that the chickens be skinned and deboned. Important that all bones be removed; it is a safety concern. Donations of time, money and materials are very much appreciated. From the net proceeds, the Presbyterian women chapter at Providence is hoping to donate the equivalent of one month's mortgage towards principal pay down.

Silent Auction Items Needed Now for Chicken Pastry Event on March 16 – We are **NOW** accepting Donations for our Silent Auction!! Please drop off your donations in the Choir Room on designated Silent Auction tables. Please complete Donation Form(s) provided on the tables and attach to your donated item(s). Please consider donating items in the following categories: Antiques and Collectibles, Entertainment/Family Events/Vacations, Food Items (Made to order cakes, cheesecakes, pies, Boston Butt, Dinners, etc.), Home Items (Kitchen, framed pictures, Thirty-one, etc.) Personal Items (gift baskets, gift cards/certificates, etc.), Services (car wash, babysitting, etc.), All items should be new or nearly new. Please email Cathy Simmons (cesimmons112@gmail.com) with any questions or call 919-491-5674. Donations will be accepted through March 11.

Bake Sale and Crafts/CP&SA – Calling all Cooks (Kitchen Engineers and Apprentices) and Crafters! Please consider donating a sample of your favorite food: pies, cakes, cookies, candy, snacks, jelly, pickles, etc. Bring “ready to serve” or as a certificate to “make on request”. Crafters, we’re having a section to showcase your handiwork; to those who like to knit and crochet, jewelry makers, woodworkers, potters, weavers, painters and paper artists. Contact Carolyn Stevenson.

SILENT AUCTION

Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting on February 12, 2018

Correspondence

- Email from Rev. McLeod, chair of the New Hope PET, requesting the names of the negotiating team for Providence and reflection documents from the Session and Rev. Davis.
- Email from New Hope Presbytery with copies of resolutions and overtures that will come before the February 24, 2018 Presbytery meeting for vote.
- Annual reports were submitted to PCUSA and the Presbytery of New Hope.

Open and Actionable Items

Children's Christian Education – A motion was approved to accept “Shipwrecked” by GROUP as the 2018 Vacation Bible School program. The theme of the program is “Jesus Saves.”

Gracious Dismissal – Rev. Davis reported that he had not completed the reflection paper required by the Presbytery Engagement Team that he had begun writing. He apologized for the delay.

Personnel – The Session will receive copies of Rev. Davis' objectives for his mid-term performance evaluation. All Session members were asked to provide feedback to the Chair. Rev. Davis said that he would provide his goals apart from those associated with his performance evaluation.

Committee Updates

Adult Christian Education – It was reported that 63 attended the Women's Day event on February, 10, 2018. Phyllis Elvington gave an inspiring presentation that was well received. The men of the church will hold an organization meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. They will elect officers and discuss activities for the coming year.

Children's Christian Education – Jennifer Crocker is now the Nursery Director. We have a mix of infants and toddlers most Sunday's and is crowded. The committee will consider options for a larger space or for separating toddlers from infants.

Congregational Care – The committee has been unable to visit regularly due to sickness, but hopes to return to its usual schedule soon. Information was shared about the passing of Miriam Lambert's mother.

Fellowship – The sign-up list for fellowship time each Sunday will be moved to the bulletin boards between the Sanctuary and the Sunday School classrooms. The committee decided against renting classrooms for the time being. A committee member will be present for all fellowship hall rentals.

Finance – A motion was approved grant a request from our housekeeping staff to reduce their pay by the amount of the tithe that they give to the church out of their salaries. A bank statement mix-up requires a rework of the December and January financial reports. New reports will be forthcoming. The one report he was able to provide the Session was the report of January expenses. Expenses for January totaled \$26,746.77

Personnel – A new committee was formed. The pastor's mid-year evaluation will be in April.

Property – A number of repairs and maintenance items was reported. A motion was approved to relocate the mailboxes from behind the Sanctuary to the choir rehearsal room. The Boy Scouts will be asked to create and erect new reflector poles at the lower parking lots.

Youth Christian Education – Information was shared regarding a mission trip, retreat, and outings for the Youth during the spring and summer. Youth Sunday is scheduled for April 29, 2018

Pastor's Report – Key points:

- Members with health issues: Laura McLamb, Stephanie Bagley, Mary Ann Booth, Brittany Jones' father, and Kent Walton,
- Blood Drive was most successful ever with 55 units donated,
- Ash Wednesday service planned for February 14, 2018,
- The office will be closed Presidents Day, February 19, 2018, and
- Session reminded of scheduled retreat on February 27, 2018 at 7 pm.

Next stated session meeting will be held March 12, 2018 at 7pm.

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; **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*; **Linda Stangl**, friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **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*; **Candy Weaver**, friend of *Amanda McLamb*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Brenda Bachlor**, *Linda Robert's niece*; **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; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Ashley Faircloth**, niece of *Laura McLamb*; **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*; **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*; **Barbara Walton**, member; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:

Dot Stephenson

Lucy Alligood, *Miriam Lambert's mother*
W. R. Atkins, brother of *Linda Roberts*





Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Anniversaries

- 8 Tom and Nancy Nelms
14 Robbie and Stephanie Wood
26 Bob and Carolyn Zattiero

March Birthdays

- 2 Linda Jackson
Graycen Murray
Debra Sturgis
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 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

MARCH EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 4 Jennifer Crocker and Liz Annis
- 11 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 18 Mary Langdon and Beth Pickens
- 25 Eric and Lori Smith

USHERS

- 4 Ryan Nelms and
Pete Booth (Back)
- 11 Johnny Wood, Riley Wood
Steve Wolak (Back)
- 18 Jeff Wood, Justin Wood &
Wayne Lamm (Back)
- 25 Tony & Sue Bryant,
David & Lisa Nelms, (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 4 Phoebe Creech
- 11 Joey Crocker
- 18 Charlotte Wood
- 25 Ava Wood

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 4 Beth Breeden
- 11 Beth Breeden
- 18 Beth Breeden
- 25 Beth Breeden

ELDER

Donna Stolle

March Upcoming Events

- Mar 2 World Day of Prayer
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Mar 4 3rd Sunday in Lent
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Mar 6 Card Ministry 10:00 am
- Mar 7 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Mar 8 Presbyterian Women Coordinating
Team and CP&SA Crew Leader Mtg.,
7:00 pm, Upper Fellowship Hall
- Mar 9 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Mar 11 4th Sunday in Lent
Daylight Saving Time Starts
- Mar 12 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar 13 Senior Lunch 12:00 Mount Zion United
Methodist Church
M&O Universal Visit 2:00
- Mar 14 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
- Mar 16 CP&SA, Bake Sale/Crafts, 11:00 am-
7:30pm, UFH and Drive-Thru
- Mar 18 5th Sunday in Lent
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Mar 19 Personnel Com. Meet 7:00 Seekers Rm.
- Mar 20 Presbyterian Women Day Circle, 10:00 am,
UFH and Night Circle, 7:00 pm, UFH
- Mar 21 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Mar 22 M&O Mtg, 11:00 am, Seekers Room
Card Prep Team I at LaVette's Home 1:00
- Mar 23 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
Newsletter Deadline
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Mar 27 Prayer Shawl Circle, 10:00 am, LFH
- Mar 28 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Mar 29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm
Communion
- Mar 30 Good Friday
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
- Mar 31 Easter Celebration 10:00 am