

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

May 2018



From the Pastor's Study...

April showers are over (hopefully) and May has sprouted! This month we celebrate Mother's Day, Pentecost Sunday, Memorial Day, the annual Fish Fry, and our Logos year end celebration! We find ourselves in the shadow of Easter and we celebrate the things we hold so dear; for Jesus Christ redeemed us and gave us our spiritual freedom – our mothers gave each of us the precious gift of life – honoring our graduates celebrates the importance of knowledge and understanding with integrity – and finally taking pause to remember those who have given their lives so that we can live in a free country honors all things precious in this life. Abraham Lincoln wrote these words with respect to Memorial Day: “... *that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God, ...and that government of the people by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.*” It is fitting that we recognize those who give us so much ... and so often we take for granted the things that impact our lives so profoundly.

May's scripture of the month is Galatians 5:22-26, the apostle Paul offers up the sweet message of the fruit of the spirit. In this text Paul teaches us the true nature of the Christian disciple. This is one of the seminal texts that we take away a sense of urgency urges us onto the higher law of love Jesus teaches. While the “Fruit of the Spirit” takes little time to read and understand, the implementation of Paul's text will take a life time. In his letter to the church at Galatia he steps up and offers us a list of what it means to live in this world as a Christian in step with the Holy Spirit. Paul offers us important images of the fruit of the Spirit – where there are certain characteristics of God's Holy Spirit that we can identify in this life and seek some comfort and use as an example of what faithful Christian living looks like.

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May Scripture Passage

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.
Galatians 5:22-26

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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The apostle Paul identifies that we are all creatures of passions and desires - yet we are REBORN creatures in Christ – and so we are more than just passion and desire ... we creatures of: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control* ... as well.

May your life become more fruitful as we live out together our lives ever seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the love of God, and the Peace of Christ that passes all understanding.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

Food Pantry

Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bins near the foyer doors leading into the Upper Fellowship Hall.

While all donations are appreciated, the most needed items are given below.

BACKPACK BUDDIES MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice
- 2) fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)
- 3) individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits
- 4) soup

FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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| 1) sugar | 4) toilet paper |
| 2) flour | 5) clothes washing detergent |
| 3) paper towels | 6) dish washing detergent |



Sign-Up Sheet for Flowers – Please sign up on the bulletin board just inside the door of the new part of the church building. You may contact Beth Pickens at 919-697-5663 or by email at bpickens80@gmail.com for help or information.



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 ppcsecretary@gmail.com and her office number is 919-894-4063.



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 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.



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.



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.

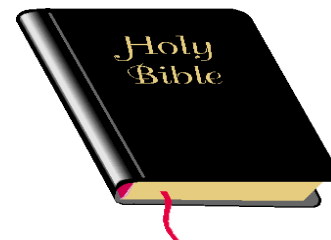
New requests need to be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) at ppsecretary@gmail.com or 919-894-4063 or

If you have questions on this policy please contact:

David Collier at 919-625-3026 or davidcollier123@yahoo.com.

LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 6	Justin Wood
May 13	Eric Faircloth
May 20	Jeff Wood
May 27	Mary Ann Booth



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Senior Luncheon for May will be held on the 15th, because of the election being held on the 8th. It will be at White Memorial Presbyterian Church at noon. If you are going, please let Margie Taylor know by the evening of Wednesday, May 9th so that the cooks know how much food to prepare. Contact Margie at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149.



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet at on Tuesday, May 1 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team III will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, May 17 at 1:00 pm.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle and Evening Circle will meet in a Joint Circle Meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Agenda includes:

- Refreshments (provided by the Day circle)
- Bible Study, Lesson #9 (lead by Ann Benson)
- Birthday Offering (lead by Lisa Nelms)
- Old and New business, including voting on the slate officers for next year

There are no PW Circle meetings scheduled in June, July or August.

The PW Coordinating Team including both incoming and outgoing officers will meet Aug. 14, at 7:00 pm in the UFH

Wishing everyone a most pleasant summer!



GRADUATE SUNDAY

Graduate Sunday is coming soon! Graduate Sunday this year will be on Sunday, June 10. We reserve a few pews for the families of the graduates. This includes both high school and college. If you are graduating or have graduated this year, please send Cindy Lynch an email to ppcsecretary@gmail.com, so that we can include you on Graduate Sunday.

PRAYER SHAWL

Our May gathering is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, May 22**, at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Any crafters are welcome to join us. Don't crochet? Bring your knitting or other needle craft to work while we enjoy each other's company.

Remember we **do not** meet in June, July or August. Meet with us again on Tuesday, September 25, at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

We hope everyone has a fun summer!



FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP



Appreciation Brunch - Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group has been meeting for a year the end of March! 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 4th 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.

**Meet us at the Upper wellowship Hall
Parking Lot on Wednesdays and Fridays at
10:00 am, all are welcome!**

on the move
Luncheon

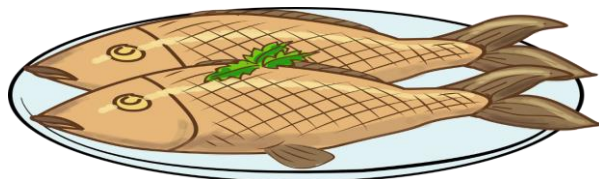
MEN'S FISH FRY

Men's Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser, Friday, May 18

Volunteer opportunities for upcoming Fish Fry! Please save the date, take a vacation day, gathering for all ages. Help is needed in all areas to make this a successful event. Fun & work included, free instructions! Contact Jonathan Kershaw at clkandjlk@yahoo.com or call (919) 639-0447 for any questions.

**Providence Women are sponsoring a Bake Sale at the Fish Fry
Baked goods needed!**

Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Breads, Bake-less deserts; all donations needed. Special Occasion deserts for future dates also available! Drive thru and indoor deliveries provided. Proceeds will go to the building fund. Contact Carole Kershaw for questions at (919) 639-0447.





COME JOIN THE FUN May 6 & May 20 AT 5:00 pm

LOGOS



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
- Learn and practice what it means to be a child of God and a disciple of Christ

LOGOS End of Year Celebration

The Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 20 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

This is a church-wide event!

Please RSVP to Vickie Faircloth or Kevin Creech if you plan to join for supper.

Accident waiver forms are located in the LOGOS mailbox and were sent via email to LOGOS participants and should be completed prior to the event.

All are welcome to LOGOS. We ask for prior registration for safety and planning purposes.

Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting, April 9, 2018

Correspondence

The clerk informed the Session of the following communications:

- Emails were exchanged between the SCC and the Presbytery Engagement Team; May 2, 2018 will be the first meeting of the two negotiating teams, and
- A thank you note was sent to Reverend Ruth for his service as Moderator at the March Stated Session Meeting during Rev. Davis' illness.

Open and Actionable Items

Property – Steve Newnam presented items for discussion:

- Outside Choir room door left unlocked– alternatives for securing the entrance under evaluation
- Chairs for Nesselrodt adult Sunday School room – Alternatives for supply are being considered

Safety Recommendations Approved – A motion from the sub-committee on Safety was approved.

- No exterior doors will be propped open during Sunday School or Church
- During Sunday School, only 4 exterior doors will be unlocked: the portico door, upper fellowship hall double doors, main sanctuary door and the handicap ramp door next to sanctuary
- At 11:05 during worship, the back usher will lock all doors except main sanctuary door; a note will be placed in the bulletin to inform the congregation
- After the offering is collected during worship, the offering will be locked in a secure location by the Elder of the month and the back usher
- The back usher and/or safety team member will tour both parking lots during worship
- The acolyte will not need to exit the church, but will enter the sanctuary from the door by the organ at the end of worship

Decline in Giving – Session agreed that we needed to ensure that the congregation is aware. Sam Stephenson, Treasurer and Chair of Finance, will speak during announcements and call attention to the figures that report church financials on the back of the bulletin. He will do this each month if the situation continues following the stated Session meeting.

Committee Updates

Children's Christian Education – Plans for VBS are on track; LOGOS will hold its year-end celebration on May 20, 2018, and a draft of the *Sunday School Teachers Handbook* is currently under review.

Finance – General Fund giving for the first three months of 2018 is 20% below the same period in 2017.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
March	\$17,909.24	\$24,218.95
YTD	\$55,810.67	\$73,322.52

Mission and Outreach – New fliers for distribution to new local neighborhoods are being considered.

Youth Christian Education – Kevin Creech reported that the youth enjoyed a zip-line outing earlier in the month. A camping trip for the youth is planned for May 5-6 to Jordan Lake.

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

- Missed Senior's Luncheon, the Chicken Pastry, and the Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet due to health
- Upcoming Personal Leave:
 - April 29 – Family wedding – Joe Martinelli will fill in
 - May 6 – 9 – Sprunt Lectures in Richmond
 - June 24 – July 7 – Vacation – Joe Martinelli to fill in on both Sunday's



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School
July 22, 2017 - July 26, 2017
6:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**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>**

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well!

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!
Dinner will be served each evening at 6:00 p.m!

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 *Georgeanna*; **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*; **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*; **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**, 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 of:

Joan Daniel, John Daniel's mother
Scott Martinelli, son of Joe and Bev Martinelli
Phyllis Sickmond, Grandmother of Todd Frickman



Birthdays & Anniversaries



May Anniversaries

- 3 Wayne and Laura Langdon
- 5 Ryan and Allison Nelms
- 13 Jimmy and Carolyn Stuart
- 14 Sam and Wendy Stephenson
- 19 Wade and Carolyn Johnson
- 21 Andy and Sheila Dupree
- 25 Mark and Pam Nelms

May Birthdays

- 1 Madeline Jones
- 4 Jonathan Kershaw
- 5 Mady Ennis
Julie Marley
Parker Smith
- 6 Shepherd Byrd
- 7 Todd Frickman
- 8 Will Dupree
- 10 Cathy Simmons
- 12 Kolton Crocker
Ron Forren
Kelly Nordan
- 17 Beth Breeden
Lynn Cross
- 19 Jonathan Breeden
- 23 Annah Creech
- 24 Heather Langdon
- 26 Christina Jones
Ryan Nelms
- 27 Greg Kornegay
Edythe Natrass
- 28 Worth Bowman
Ronnie Creech
Brittany Jones
- 30 Chris Nooney

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

MAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 6 Beth Pickens and Amy Dupree
- 13 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 20 Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
- 27 Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley

USHERS

- 6 Gary Phillips, Joseph Phillips & Ryan Nelms (Back)
- 13 Atlee Roberts, Jimmy Stuart & Rick Taylor (Back)
- 20 Jeff Wood, Justin Wood & Eric Faircloth (Back)
- 27 Johnny Wood, Riley Wood & Carlos Bagley (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 6 Phoebe Creech
- 13 Joey Crocker
- 20 Charlotte Wood
- 27 Eva Stephenson

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 6 Stephanie Whitley,
- 13 Stephanie Whitley,
- 20 Stephanie Whitley,
- 27 No Children's Worship, Memorial Day

ELDER

Cathy Simmons

May Upcoming Events

- May 1 Card Ministry 10:00 am
- May 2 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- May 4 Fellowship & Fitness Brunch 10:00 am
- May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- May 8 Senior Citizen's Luncheon
M&O Universal Visit 2:00 pm
- May 9 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- May 11 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
- May 14 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 15 Presbyterian Women Joint Circle Mtg.
7:00 pm, UFH
- May 16 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- May 17 Card Prep Team I, LaVette's Home, 1:00
- May 18 Men's Fish Fry and Bake Sale 11 - 7pm
Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- May 20 Pentecost Sunday
LOGOS End of Year 5:00 pm
- May 21 Personnel Com. Meet 7:00 Seekers Rm.
- May 22 Prayer Shawl Circle 10:00 am LFH
- May 23 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Newsletter Deadline
- May 24 M&O Meet 11:00 am, Seekers Room
- May 25 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- May 27 Trinity Sunday
- May 28 Memorial Day
Church Office Closed
- May 30 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm