

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 2018



From the Pastor's Study...

October carries fall on its shoulders and is a time for Providence Presbyterian Church to celebrate God's family in many ways. Homecoming Sunday is on October 14th, it is the time that we come together as God's big family and remember that the bride of Christ stretches beyond our community with a loving global hand. It is important for us to stay connected to all of God's family – for we are all brothers and sisters in Christ!

This month also ushers in many other family opportunities at Providence, we rejoice in: World Communion Sunday on the 7th for Christians all over the world to remember Christ died for us all, Homecoming Sunday to fellowship with those intimately connected with Providence, and we begin our Sunday Evening Program - Logos for our children and youth to nurture our younger family members in the way of Christ.

October's scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke, where our Lord proclaims that the "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few ...*" Jesus proclaims the task that has been set before the disciples, to go out into the world, lambs amongst wolves. We, the body of Christ, are called to be a part of God's larger plan for this world and each one of us in it. It is important to pause in this life and recognize that God is a very dynamic and involved God in our lives – a God who seeks a relationship with us and who goes to extraordinary measures to get our attention so that we might not lose our souls in the course of this life.

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October Scripture Passage

:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. **2** He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. **3** Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. **4** Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' **6** And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. **Luke 10:1-6**



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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May we reflect on how God has grown us in mind and spirit this past year so that we may be all the more encouraged to invite God even closer in the life and people of Providence Presbyterian Church. Our Lord God has richly blessed our congregation with many opportunities to reach out to our community and the larger world. Let us pray that we turn our hearts and minds toward our Lord God and follow our Creator's will and direction for our lives both corporately and individually.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis



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.



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: ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call the office, the number is : 919-894-4063.



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.



SUGGESTION BOX

The electronic Suggestion Box is located on the PPC website. Submissions are only viewed by members of Session and the submitter. Answers to concerns are sent to the submitter via email. To receive a response to your submission, you must include your name.



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 can 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.



October 7 and October 21
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.

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

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who donated health and hygiene items towards this year’s “Fill the Locker Program” for low-to-no income veterans. Providence Presbyterian Church’s continued support of our military veterans is so very much appreciated.



Presbyterian Women Thank You!

The Presbyterian Women thank everyone who participated in the Bake Sale that was conducted at the Youth BBQ on Friday, Sept 28. Your donations of various tasty treats once again made the Bake Sale a success. Your purchases contributed to the pay down of the mortgage on the Upper Fellowship Hall and Sunday School Classroom building. And a heartfelt thank you to the women who coordinate and staff this event at the big three fundraisers at PPC. Thank you all!!!



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOMECOMING 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with eagerness and excitement that we announce our 91st Homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 14, 2018. We invite you and your families to join us as we joyfully celebrate our history and heritage. The day begins with Sunday School at 9:45, followed by Fellowship at 10:25 in the upper fellowship hall and Worship Service at 11:00. Please plan to stay for our famed covered dish dinner - savor the special dishes prepared by our members, catch up on what's new at Providence, and reconnect with friends old and new in our time-honored tradition of fellowship on the grounds!

The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church has invited Dr. Rob Westlund to present the message during worship. Rob is pastor of Englewood Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Rocky Mount, NC. He is a passionate evangelical who speaks joyfully of the fulfillment Englewood has experienced through growing its mission for Christ and spreading the Gospel. Rob completed his Master of Divinity in 1996 and Doctorate of Ministry in 2004 at Erskine Theological Seminary. He is active in continuing to grow and learn and has attended many conferences, including The Billy Graham School of Evangelism. Rob and his wife Fran have four children, Rachel, Kaleigh, Lauren, and Jacob.

As is our tradition, each year we designate the Homecoming offering to fund a special effort or need of the church. This year the Session has pledged 100% of the Homecoming offering to reduce the principal amount owed on our building loan. Our new building is both a source of joy and a marvelous opportunity for expanding our Christian ministry. It provides us another means to expand and fulfill our mission:

*To disciple others in Christ by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,
To prayerfully serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*

It is our honor and privilege to recognize you as a part of Providence Presbyterian Church's vibrant past and present. We look forward to you being a part of our future as we seek to follow God's will, holding tight to the historic and traditional foundations of our faith and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Looking to the future with hope and joy, we invite you to join us at this year's Homecoming celebration as we praise our Lord God and give thanks for all God has done in our growing family!

We ask for your continued prayers and support as we seek to meet the growing opportunities and needs of our mission and ministry here at Providence Presbyterian Church and hope the Spirit moves you to come and bless us with your presence on October 14th. We look forward to seeing you in our midst once again!

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jim Davis
Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church

CARD MINISTRY

The next Card Ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

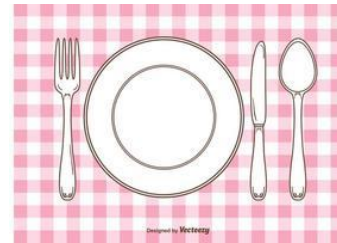
The Card Ministry Prep Team II will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on **Thursday, October 18 at 1:00 pm.**



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 13** at Johnson Memorial Church.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

The Presbyterian Women Day circle and Night circle both meet in October on **Tuesday, Oct 16.**

Day Circle meets at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Night circle Meets at 7:00 pm also in the Upper Fellowship Hall. If you have not received a Bible Study Guide you can pick up one in the Encouragers Classroom (please sign for it upon retrieval). All women of Providence are invited to join us. You can join in any given month in the year.



PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

Please join us on **Tuesday, October 23**

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet in the Lower Fellowship hall.

Don't do needle craft? Come out for fellowship anyway. The items we recreate are prayed over and given to those who are infirmed.

We look forward to seeing you at any of our scheduled meeting times!



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.



FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

The Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group – Since Summer vacations are coming to an end - we at the PPC Walking Group invite you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. We meet Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the UFH. Also, first come first served, there are 2-2X, 3-Large and 2-Medium walking group T-shirts left. Free to any new walkers!

All are welcome!



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 7	Beth Wolak
October 14	Wendy Stephenson
October 21	David Collier
October 28	Justin Wood



HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Florence has come and gone and left devastation in her path. There are families and businesses that will be suffering varying degrees of hardship for days and months to come. The Session at Providence Presbyterian Church (PPC) has approved the following ways you can consider being a part of the post-storm relief. The relief campaign at PPC will be administered by the Mission & Outreach Committee and will run through the month of October.

Samaritan's Purse -- Is a well-oiled machine that provides relief both domestically and internationally. They have smart response plans conducted efficiently, with Christian love and compassion.

- If you would like to donate money to this organization you can write a check to Providence Presbyterian Church; put "Samaritan's Purse Hurricane Relief" on the memo line. Deposit the check in the collection plate on any Sunday, now through October 28, 2018. One check will be written from PPC and sent to Samaritan's Purse after October 28.
- In recognition of the various giving opportunities in place this fall at PPC, we will be suspending the M&O quarterly campaign to collect funds for Samaritan's Purse International Relief (SPIR). Our kick-off quarter, July/August/September, which included donations from the children attending VBS, was extremely successful and resulted in \$700.00 worth of donations. These donations are in support of a gift chicken program to help farm families in other countries help themselves, by having eggs to sell and eat. Our check will be sent to SPIR the first week in October. We will reconvene this campaign in January 2019.

NC Food Bank -- Collections received at PPC will be delivered to the location in Raleigh after Oct 28.

- Items needed:
 - Non-perishable (non-refrigerated) food items.
 - Including but not limited to canned goods, canned meats, fruits, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars.
 - Please, no glass containers.
 - Bottled water.
 - Please, no glass bottles.
 - Cleaning Supplies.
 - Sponges, rubber gloves, dish rags, Clorox.
 - Paper products.
 - Paper towels, various disposal hygiene products, disposal diapers, "Wet Wipes."
- Place all items in the designated area in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
- PPC will be a designated drop-off location for the public to contribute as well. Details of the program will be listed on the PPC website.
 - Drop-off dates and times:
 - Saturdays, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27.
 - 9:00am to 1:00pm.
 - There will be two members of M&O present under the west side portico to receive donations during the posted hours.

PPC is also seeking adult members' interest in participating in the hands-on clean-up in North Carolina. Check the Sunday bulletin for details.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need.
The Session

Highlights of Minutes from September 10, 2018 Stated Session Meeting

Open and Actionable Items

Children's Christian Education – Session approved a motion to approve LOGOS curricula for Middle School and High School youth and the list of 2018-19 Sunday School teachers

Nominating Committee – The need to organize an Elder nominating committee was discussed. Four elders are scheduled to roll off: Sam Stephenson, Johnny Wood, Kent Walton, and Atlee Roberts. Johnny Wood volunteered to serve as chair of the committee and set the nomination process in motion. The Congregational Vote of Elders will be held November 18, 2018. Installation will be January 6, 2019. In the event of bad weather, the installation will be held January 13, 2019.

Budget – Sam Stephenson, Finance Chair, stated that he will announce a date for the budget meeting to be held in advance of the next Session meeting. The Session will finalize and vote on the budget at the October 8, 2018 Stated Session meeting. Harvest Sunday will be November 4, 2018, at which time the 2019 budget will be shared with the congregation.

Committee Updates

Children's Christian Education – September 23, 2018 is teacher recognition Sunday

Finance

Sam supplied copies of the August 2018 financial report and led the review.

Giving to general funds was insufficient to meet expenses in August

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
August	\$17,463.58	\$26,899.34
YTD	\$157,989.45	\$192,402.07

Sam reminded committee chairs that they should be preparing their proposals for the 2019 budget.

Property – Steve Newnam reported that he had spoken with the floor maintenance vendor and the cost to clean and polish the floors remains \$1700. Following discussion, the Session agreed by consensus to postpone until the next time floors are due for buffing. At that time, the need will be reviewed.

Youth Christian Education – The Youth BBQ is set for September 21.

Kevin Creech reported that a confirmation class will begin Sunday, January 6, 2019. The class will run for eight (8) Sundays, meeting during the Sunday School hour. Two make up classes will be offered in case of absences or bad weather. Teachers will be Kevin Creech, Vickie and Eric Faircloth, Kent Walton, Mary Ann Booth, and Ann Benson.

Clerk Report – Updates were made to the church register. Kevin and Mary Powell joined the church on August 26, 2018 and were added as new members. Active membership now stands at 196.

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

Highlights include:

- Update on our shut-ins, the elderly and infirm
- Arline and John Mott plan to join on either September 16 or 23
- Hurricane Florence Plans – Session agreed to;
 - close offices September 13 and 14;
 - cancel services on Sunday the 16th if no water or power;
 - permit the church facilities to be used as a FEMA staging area if needed; and
 - postpone the start of LOGOS to October 7, 2018
- Upcoming Events
 - Emily Langdon's wedding on September 22, 2018 at Wood's Barn
 - EPC Presbytery meeting September 28 and 29, 2018 in Huntersville, NC
 - Pastors Retreat October 28-31, 2018

Next stated session meeting will be held October 8, 2018 at 7pm.



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**.

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; **Barbara Habina**, mother-in-law of *Miriam Lambert's nephew*; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Carolyn Burns**, *Rich Lambert's sister*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend 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*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Justin Vess**, brother-in-law of *Andrea Jones*; **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:

Laura McLamb, Member of PPC

Stuart Maken, friend of *Joe LoCicero*

Barbara Habina, mother-in-law of *Miriam Lambert's nephew*



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
Don and Debra Sturgis
- 28 Eric and Lorie Smith

October Birthdays

- 2 Heather Ennis
- 3 Frankie Whitley
- 4 Allison Phipps
- 6 Dylan Jones
Amanda McLamb
Quinn Searcy
- 7 Eunice Newnam
- 8 Carolyn Johnson
- 9 Sally Allen
- 10 Chad Cross
- 11 Robbie Wood
- 13 Adam Stuart
- 16 Rebeccah Jackson
- 17 Abigail Wood
- 18 Susan Rudd
Paul Sherrill
- 21 Andrea Jones
- 22 Emily Langdon
- 23 Doug Sonderfan
- 24 Tim Nooney
- 28 Joan Littleton
- 29 David Breeden

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
Kevin 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

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

October Assisting In Worship

NURSERY

7	Chris & Kristy Stephenson
14	Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
21	Carolyn Stuart and Adam Stuart
28	Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley

USHERS

7	Pete Booth, Tony Bryant & Bob Stolle
14	David Collier, Ronnie Creech & Ryan Nelms
21	Kevin Creech, John Daniel & Eric Faircloth
28	Richard Jones, John Kopanski & Wayne Lamm

ACOLYTE

7	Phoebe Creech
14	William Stephenson
21	Eva Stephenson
28	Connor Frickman

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

7	Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley
14	Kristy Stephenson & Chris Stephenson
21	Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley
28	Kristy Stephenson & Chris Stephenson

ELDER

Atlee Roberts

Safety/Security Assistant

Wade Johnson

October Upcoming Events



- Oct 1.** Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
- Oct 2.** Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH
Long Range Planning/ Worship Joint Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 3.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 5.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 8.** Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 7.** World Communion
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Oct 8.** Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 9.** M&O Monthly Visit to Universal 1:00 pm
- Oct 10.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 12.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 14.** HOMECOMING
- Oct 15.** Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 16.** Presbyterian Women Day Circle Meet
Upper Fellowship Hall 10:00 am
Presbyterian Women Night Circle Meet
Upper Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm
- Oct 17.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 18.** Card Ministry Prep Team II
1:00 pm at LaVette Morgan's home
- Oct 19.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 21.** 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Oct 23.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am LFH
- Oct 24.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 25.** Mission & Outreach Meeting 11:00 am
- Oct 26.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 28.** All Saints Sunday
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
- Oct 31.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm