

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

September 2018



From the Pastor's Study...

September begins with Labor Day weekend and that means fall is close at hand! As the temperature begins to cool and Fall arrives on the 23rd let our hearts warm up in our Lord and Savior. Here at Providence our ministries are warming up with our Sunday evening LOGOS Program of food - fun - fellowship - foundational Bible lessons begin on 16th, Seniors Luncheon on the 11th, and the Youth BBQ fundraiser on the 21st.

This 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 a family members joining our church... new opportunities to meet the needs of our community... we have new ways to celebrate our joy in this life... some barbeque to eat ... and each day is a new day to celebrate the gift of life from our Lord. Every day we are presented with another 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.

This month's sermon series is on The Apostle's Creed, we will discuss apostleship in the scripture and apostleship in our day and time. I encourage all to pause and reflect on what our Lord God is calling us to, as disciples and apostles within Providence Presbyterian Church and in the world. May God bless us with a deeper understanding of God's love through forgiveness purchased through the blood of Jesus. Let us continue to pray diligently that our church continues to recognize all the opportunities God places in our path.

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September Scripture Passage

³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." **John 4:30-38**



CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 am -
12:00 pm with varying additional hours
in the afternoons 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 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

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.



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 up and running 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,
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.





**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**Registration is now open at
www.providencepresb.org**

LOGOS ("The Word") is a four-part Sunday evening ministry for young people ages 3 years (fully potty trained) 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

All are welcome to LOGOS. We ask for prior registration for safety and planning purposes. Please register online at www.providencepresb.org or look for signup form in Sunday's Bulletin.

September 16 Activities - Several special activities will take place during our first meeting.

- **Children/Youth Christmas play practice** will be held beginning at 5:00 pm during Worship Arts time in the Choir Room and
- **Acolyte Training** will be held during Bible Study Time in the Sanctuary beginning at 5:30 pm for children in grades K-5.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry please contact Vickie Faircloth.

PROVIDENCE YOUTH BBQ

The Youth BBQ will be held on **Friday, September 21, 2018**. We will need everyone's help to pull this wonderful fundraiser off successfully for our youth! There will be signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall and on the PPC Bulletin Board.

Any questions related to the BBQ can be directed to Scott Martin: martin4nc@gmail.com, Eric Faircloth: ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com or Kevin Creech: kmocreech@gmail.com

September 21, 2018

11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Proceeds Support Youth Activities

\$8.00 per ticket

Plate of BBQ, Boiled Potatoes, Slaw and Dessert



BBQ BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

In conjunction with the Youth BBQ, the PPC Women will hold a Bake Sale on September 22, 2018 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Bake Sale items are available at the drive-thru and inside the Fellowship Hall. Help will be needed to staff both. Please contact Carole Kershaw at clkandjlk@yahoo.com or call 919-639-0447 if you can volunteer or will donate items. Donations of candy, cakes, pies, cookies, snack mix or whatever you would like to prepare and bring are greatly appreciated!



CARD MINISTRY

The next Card Ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 4 at 10:00 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team I will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on **Thursday, September 20 at 1:00 pm.**



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The next Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, September 11 at 12:00 (noon)** at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, September 5, so that the cooks have an accurate headcount for food prep. You can contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Joint Circle Mtg is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Sept 18, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

All women of Providence are welcome to attend. This is the kick-off meeting for the Sept 2018 – Aug 2019 operating year.

Refreshments will be served at the beginning of the meeting time. We will be discussing Lesson #1 in the "God's Promise – I Am With You" Bible Study.

If you have not received a study book please see Carolyn Stevenson (Day Circle Moderator) or Cathy Simmons (Night Circle Moderator). There will not be a regular Day nor Night Circle Mtg in September due to the Joint Circle Mtg.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th!



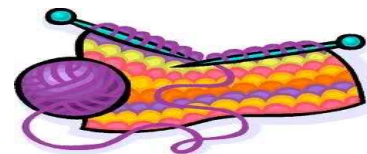
PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

The Prayer shawl Circle will reconvene on Tuesday, September 25, at 10:00 am in the LFH. Whether you crochet or not bring any needle craft or just come for the fellowship.

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

The remaining schedule is: Oct 23, Nov 27, No mtg in Dec, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, and May 28. There are no meetings in June, July, or Aug.

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



FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS 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!



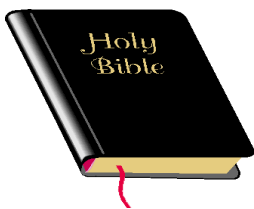
FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

David Collier would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for fellowship time and wants to extend an invitation to everyone to come. You may contact David Collier at davidcollier123@yahoo.com or you can call him at 919-625-3026.



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2	Justin Wood
September 9	Mary Ann Booth
September 16	Eric Faircloth
September 23	Jeff Wood
September 30	Kevin Creech



Updates

Please send your bulletin prayer requests, updates, announcements, email distribution additions/deletions or other messages for broadcast via email to the congregation:

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



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We will be collecting health and hygiene items for **Military Missions in Action (MMIA)**. A list is included below and will also be posted on our bulletin board. Items collected are for their **Fill the Locker Program** for homeless veterans and will be handed out at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down. This event is held in Raleigh on **November 2, 2018**. **Please place your donated items in the designated container outside the Upper Fellowship Hall.**



These items are needed for low to no income veterans:

Packaged Hand Sanitizers	Conditioner	Shower Shoes
Baby Wipes	Lotion	Laundry Bags
Toothpaste	Combs/Brushes	Socks
Toothbrushes	Chap stick	Hats
Mouthwash	Razors	Carrying Bags
Deodorant	Q-Tips	Wash Cloths
Shampoo	Fingernail Clippers	

Providence Women's September Outing

Saturday, September 15, 2018. Movie and Lunch/Dinner (optional).

The movie UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION picks up where Unbroken ended, with Louis "Louie" Zamperini returning home after World War II as a hero. Haunted by nightmares of his torment, Louie sees himself as anything but heroic. Suffering constant nightmares, angry, bitter and deeply depressed, his wife convinces Zamperini to attend the 1949 Billy Graham Crusade. Little did Zamperini know that God had plans for his life! This movie is based on a true story. Showing at Regal White Oak Theater, Garner, NC. **Movie times are 12:00 pm or 2:40 pm.**

Contact:

If you are interested in attending the movie, please email Cathy Simmons your choice of time 12:00 pm or 2:40 pm at cesimmons12@gamil.com or call 919-275-4399



Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting August 13, 2018

Visitor

Session heard recommendations from Carole Kershaw. She proposed two new ministries:

- Building Membership – Gift bags to be presented to visitors upon their first visit and
- School Supplies – A drive to collect supplies for students of teachers among our congregation.

Mission & Outreach Committee will conduct the school/student supply collection. It was decided that Fellowship and M&O would hold a joint meeting to work out details for gift bags.

Correspondence

Rev. Davis read a letter from Rev. Ray Tear, former pastor at Providence, expressing gratitude and appreciation for the sympathy, prayers and concern expressed by members of the congregation at the passing of his wife, Linda.

An email from a church member regarding concerns with worship service was reviewed. A response to the sender will be sent by the chair of the Worship committee.

Open and Actionable Items

Long Range Planning/Worship – Music for the early Service was discussed. A pianist is considered by the committees and the Session to be the desired solution. The Session agreed that we should attempt to find a volunteer from among the congregation before considering hiring a pianist. Other solutions were proposed, including programming the organ or pre-recording music.

Personnel – A motion was approved to require that the pastor wear a jacket or his robe during the administration of any sacrament during the summer. Following discussion, it was agreed that going forward the Apostles' Creed would be included in every worship service.

Homecoming Letter – Session approved a motion to accept the letter of invitation that will be sent out in advance of this year's Homecoming celebration. A "save-the-date" card will be issued in advance of the letter.

Application for Transitional Membership in EPC – A motion was approved to submit an application for Transitional Membership to the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery of EPC.

Committee Updates

Worship – The subject of greeters for worship service was discussed. Greeters would be needed both behind the Sanctuary and at the double doors leading into the foyer at the fellowship hall.

Personnel – The Committee has begun the process for the pastor's annual review in September.

Finance – Copies of the July 2018 financial report were reviewed and approved. Giving to general funds was not sufficient to meet expenses, due largely to Vacation Bible School expenses. Giving for the year is down 7.6% verses 2017

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
July	\$21,977.08	\$26,942.14
YTD	\$140,522.87	\$165,502.73

Congregational Care – The new AED has been installed. It was noted that the device has an alarm on it. Members of the Safety and Security Team have keys. Members of the Safety committee met with representatives of the Fire Department; a fire evacuation plan was created. Copies will be made available for posting.

Children's Christian Education – Plans for LOGOS for the upcoming year include ending the program after the first Sunday in May 2019. Rev. Davis and the chairs of Youth and Children's Christian Education are making plans for holding a Confirmation class this autumn.

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

- Rev. Davis and Kent Walton served Communion to members in hospital or long term care during the month
- Updates were provided on ailing members of the congregation
- EPC Elder training took place for 11 of the 12 active elders and two inactive elders in Fayetteville, NC on July 14.
- Assistance was provided to a couple of families in the community
- Mid-Atlantic Presbytery of EPC will meet on September 28-29th in Huntersville,
- Staff Evaluations will take place in the next 30 days

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; **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*; **Laura McLamb**, member; **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*; **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 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*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, *Scout Leader*; **Stuart Maken**, friend of *Joe LoCicero*; **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 to *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 and friends who lost loved ones this past month.

Robert Royal, friend of *Miriam Lambert*



WANTED -- Piano Player

PPC Session, through a joint Long Range Planning/Worship group is drafting how an early service (8:30- 9:30am) would be structured at PPC. Our objective is to make worship at PPC a meaningful and comfortable experience for current members and friends, as well as for visitors coming in for the first time looking for a church home. We believe keeping the 11:00am worship intact as our traditional service and having a flexible early service will provide options that may appeal to a cross section of folks. In examining each segment of our existing service, we have decided the liturgical pieces will remain the same for an early service. Recorded music with lyrics projected on the screen may become a part of the early service in the future.

When might an early service be implemented? Whenever Session feels we have a complete plan, one that addresses every detail involved in providing a service with integrity. Some of you may have heard that there was a 16 Sept kick-off date. That was an unpublished "hope for" target date not etched in stone. Our desire is to have a complete plan ready to use at the drop of a hat. Our plan working towards implementation includes a congregational meeting in the Upper Fellowship Hall where we can share the proposed plan and have a Q&A session.

After much consideration, it was agreed that live music is greatly desired for an early service. Music may be integral to the success of an early service. To that end, we are looking for someone within the congregation who might have the skills to be the early service pianist. Someone who would not mind playing unpaid for an as-yet-to-be-determined initial number of months. If not committed every Sunday, could multiple people share this service by taking one or two Sundays each a month? Our hope is that if we see growth in attendance (and not just a shift of current attendees between the two services) the growth will represent giving that will afford PPC the ability to then compensate a dedicated pianist for the first service. The pianist is being asked to play the prelude, three hymns, the doxology, during the passing of the peace and then the postlude. The music is found in the "Worship & Rejoice" blue hymnal that we currently use. If you might be interested in that position, have a family member who might qualify, or know someone in the community who might be interested, please contact Donna Stolle at dms6330@gmail.com.

PPC is in a community experiencing quite an influx of new homes and families. The greater Raleigh area has enjoyed sustained growth for several years, this includes the McGee's Crossroads area. Our beautiful sanctuary cannot enjoy being a part of that growth without going to two services. Read "Our Mission Statement" on the front of the bulletin. To "disciple others ... share the gospel ... serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us;" we need to bring folks in where they can feel there is room for them. We have multiple programs and ministries that accommodate many. We need our worship space and experience to also say "We are glad you are here, we want you to feel comfortable and desire to become a part of the family of God worshipping at Providence Presbyterian Church." We won't know for sure if an early service will help meet our mission until we step out in faith and try. May our efforts be blessed by the One we serve, the One to whom the glory belongs.

With much thought and consideration,

The Session at Providence Presbyterian Church

Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Anniversaries

- 8 David and Lisa Nelms
- 9 Ronnie and JoAnn Creech
- 10 Eric and Christina Jones
- 17 Eric and Vickie Faircloth
- 19 Richard and Andrea Jones
- 22 Melvin and Mary Langdon
Ken and Sandra Lordi
- 23 John and Arline Mott

September Birthdays

- 1 Sue Bryant
Carolyn Stuart
Stephanie Whitley
- 5 Dorothy Nesselrodt
Steve Wolak
- 6 Rich Lambert
- 8 Stephanie Wood
- 10 David Collier
Jessica Narron
- 11 Nell Franke
- 12 Joseph Phillips
- 14 Stephanie Bagley
Hannah Bullock
- 16 Bobbie Langdon
Mary Elaine Wood
- 19 Ken Lordi
Ashton Stuart
- 21 Meadow Creech
Brock Nelms
- 22 William Stephenson
- 28 Pat Embrey
Haley Jones
- 30 Nathan Dry

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

September Assisting In Worship

NURSERY

- 2 Barri Martin and Mary Wood
 9 Kevin and Annah Creech
 16 Sue Bryant and Emma Phillips
 23 Beth Pickens and Carolyn Stuart
 30 Carolyn Stuart and Adam Stuart

USHERS

- 2 Wayne Lamm, David Nelms & Ryan Nelms (Back)
 9 Scott Martin, Gary Phillips & Joseph Phillips (Back)
 16 Atlee Roberts, Rick Taylor & Jeff Wood (Back)
 23 Jimmy Stuart, Johnny Wood & Riley Wood (Back)
 30 John Daniel, Todd Frickman & Wayne Lamm

ACOLYTE

- 2 Ava Wood
 9 Charlotte Wood
 16 Gavin Annis
 23 Kimsey Bagley
 30 Meadow Creech

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- 2 No Children's Worship
 9 Allison Nelms and Ryan Nelms
 16 Allison Nelms and Ryan Nelms
 23 Stephanie Wood and Rob Wood
 30 Stephanie Wood and Rob Wood

ELDER

Kent Walton

SAFETY/SECURITY ASSISTANT

Kent Walton

September Upcoming Events



- Sep 2.** 15th Sunday After Pentecost
Sep 3. Labor Day/Office Closed
Sep 4. Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH
 Long Range Planning/ Worship Committee
 Meet 7:00 pm in the Seekers Room
Sep 5. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 7. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Sep 9. 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Sep 10. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 11. Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 pm
 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 M&O Monthly Visit 1:00 pm
Sep 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 14. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Sep 15. Providence Women's Sept. Outing - Movie
Sep 16. 17th Sunday After Pentecost
 LOGOS 5:00 -7:00 pm
Sep 17. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
 Seekers Rm
Sep 18. Presbyterian Women Joint Circle 7:00 pm
Sep 19. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 20. Card Ministry Prep Team I
 at LaVette Morgan's Home 1:00
Sep 21. Youth BBQ & Bake Sale
 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sep 23. 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Teacher Recognition
Sep 25. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am LFH
Sep 26. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 27. M&O Committee Meeting 11:00 am
Sep 28. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Sep 30. 19th Sunday after Pentecost