

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church  
January 2019



Prayers and Blessings  
to you and yours

From Providence Presbyterian Church

**2019**  
*Happy  
New Year*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

## Scriptures

*Encourage Each other and build each other up.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**



"Grace"

*From the fullness of His grace  
we have all received one blessing  
after another.*

**John 1:16**

**Prayers for a blessed New Year,  
And a Productive  
2019!**

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## 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).**

**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*Invites you to be part of a lifesaving journey*

*Donate blood.*



*Mark your calendar for Friday, January 11,  
2:00 pm – 6:30 pm*

*Contact Margie Taylor at  
margieataylor@aol.com or  
919-552-6068 to sign up  
Or*

*sign up on the American Red Cross website  
at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter 27501.*



**American Red Cross**

**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](mailto:ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com) or call the office, the number is: 919-894-4063.



**COME JOIN THE FUN  
JANUARY 6 and January 20 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
- 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.



### **Christmas Program “Cookin’ Up Christmas”**

**The Children’s Youth LOGOS Christmas Program “Cookin’ Up Christmas” was on Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. We had 38 children and youth and 1 adult participating in the program. Our Mission Project for this event was collecting donations for Backpack buddies. At last count we collected over 620 items for this charity. We had a “Special Guest, Santa” to come and see the children. A great time of entertainment, food, and fellowship was had by all.**

**Thank you to everyone, especially Brittany and Angie for all of your dedication and hard work!**

**Let the love of Jesus shine in your heart this season and all year long.**

**Peace and Blessings,**

**Children’s Christian Education Committee**

### 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 the **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 that needs to be removed please let Cindy Lynch know by email at [ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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.

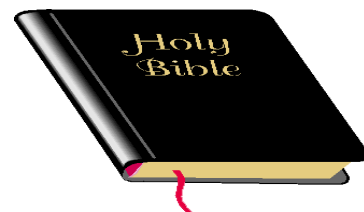
New requests can be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) at [ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com) or call 919-894-4063.

If you have questions on this policy please contact:

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

### LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 6	Beth Wolak
January 13	Jeff Wood
January 20	Justin Wood
January 27	Mary Ann Booth



## SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The January, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, January 8 at 12:00 (noon), at Providence Presbyterian Church.** Please let Margie Taylor know if you will attend by Thursday, January 3 so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. We will need help decorating and in the kitchen with preparations. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com).



### Wanted: Chicken Pastry Coordinator

See Ann Benson if you are interested in helping in this capacity with this fundraiser for PPC.

The next Chicken Pastry Fundraiser is scheduled for **March 15, 2019.**



### CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry Prep Team I Meeting will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, January 17 at 1:00.





## *Providence Presbyterian Women's January Luncheon Event*

*All Providence Presbyterian Women are invited to a catered luncheon on Saturday, January 12 at Noon in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship, great food and musical entertainment by the "Clevettes". The cost for lunch is \$11.00. Please RSVP by Friday, January 4 to Cathy Simmons, [cesimmons112@gmail.com](mailto:cesimmons112@gmail.com) or call 919-275-4399.*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

## **PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE 2019**

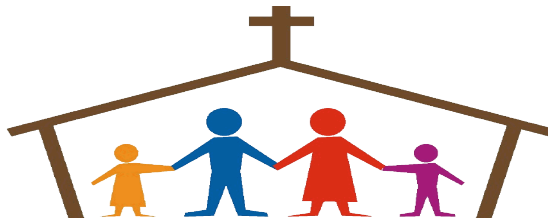
Our next get together will be Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or anything.

Feel free to come join the fellowship!





### ***Two Worship Services at Providence Presbyterian Church***

*Since the summer of 2017 the Session has been considering the need, or not, to provide an early service at PPC; in addition to the 11:00 am service. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Worship Committee were tasked to come up with a proposed early service plan.*

*With an additional service, this is what Sunday morning would look like at PPC:*

- *8:45am -- 9:30am, Early Worship*
- *9:30am -- 9:45am, First Fellowship*
- *9:45am -- 10:25am, Sunday School*
- *10:25am -- 11:00am, Second Fellowship*
- *11:00am -- Traditional Worship*

*Session has decided to implement an early service starting Sunday, February 3, 2019. A meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 20, 2019, directly after worship. At that time, we will share details of the plan and answer any questions you may have.*

*The Session  
at Providence Presbyterian Church*

## Highlights of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting December 17, 2018

### Correspondence

Clerk of Session reported the receipt of the following letters from New Hope Presbytery:

- Forms from New Hope Presbytery for updating 2019 Elder contact information,
- Annual request from the Presbytery for report of changes to the Pastor's call and directions for submitting the 2018 Providence Statistical Report to the PCUSA General Assembly.
- The Clerk presented Johnny Wood with a certificate from New Hope Presbytery recognizing his 25 years of service as a Ruling Elder.

### Open and Actionable Items

**Children's Christian Education** – A motion was approved for a fundraiser to help fund children's programs. Funds would be raised by selling high quality casual apparel and caps with the church name and/or logo.

**Personnel** – A motion passed to approve revisions to the pastor's 2019 evaluation form.

**Clerk of Session** – A motion was approved to replace the PC(USA) logo on baptism, membership, and confirmation certificates with a Celtic cross. A motion was approved to present revisions to the church by-laws to the congregation for vote at the next congregational meeting. The changes will replace references to PC(USA) and its book of order with references to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and its book of order.

**Worship** – An early worship service is scheduled to begin in February. Session approved an announcement for publication in the January newsletter and Sunday bulletins in January. Session will seek a volunteer to repaint the nativity scene prior to next Christmas.

**Fellowship** – Session approved a modification to the policy and procedure manual regarding the use and rental of the fellowship halls. A note was added to clarify that although no fee is required from members, a donation would be appreciated. Guidelines for Homecoming have been written. Session approved including the guidelines in the church policy and procedure manual.

### Committee Updates

**Worship** – Mugs with the church logo will be offered for \$5 each for a limited time.

**Youth Christian Education** – It was reported that in addition to caroling recently, the youth shopped and spent \$1300 received as donations for the Angel tree on gifts for local families. An initial organizational meeting for the upcoming confirmation class was held. A meeting with parents and teachers will be held on January 6, 2019.

**Financial** – During November, giving to general funds was below what was needed to meet expenses. Giving for the year is down 7.19% versus the same period 2017. He reported that we are now using designated funds to cover expenses.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
November	\$18,292.26	\$19,977.67
YTD	\$221,814.18	\$258,449.51

**Congregational Care** – Men's Fellowship is trying to organize volunteers who will be willing to do small household jobs to assist members of the church.

**Children's Christian Education** – A meeting will be held in February to discuss Vacation Bible School. Elders will be asked to participate in LOGOS in the upcoming months. Elders will be asked to speak to the LOGOS participants regarding such topics and liturgical colors, baptism, etc.

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

- Visited our members in long term care
- Taught the Seekers class in November
- Participated in an organizational meeting with the Confirmation teachers and organizers
- Met with incoming elders for training
- Lunched with local pastors
- Attended the Seniors' luncheon in November



## 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*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **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; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **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*; **Emily Carr**, *Miriam Lambert's friend*; **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Rev. Jim Davis**, member; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, members; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **Jonathan Kershaw**, member; **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; **Wendy 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*.



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **January Anniversaries**

- 3 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley  
11 Atlee and Linda Roberts  
16 Rick and Margie Taylor

### **January Birthdays**

- 2 Ron Cross  
Samantha Nordan  
7 Shelton Langdon  
Wendy Stephenson  
11 Gavin Annis  
Matthew Dupree  
12 Joy Jones  
14 Georgeanna Phillips  
18 Mary Ann Booth  
Carolyn Stevenson  
19 Justin Wood  
21 Chris Stephenson  
26 Laura Langdon  
Kathy Wood  
29 Carole Kershaw



### **Pastor**

Rev. Jim Davis

### **Session**

#### *Class of 2018*

Sam Stephenson – Finance  
Kent Walton – Congregational Care  
Atlee Roberts – Adult Christian Education  
Russell Wood – Long Range Planning

#### *Class of 2019*

Vickie Faircloth – Children C.E.  
John Kopanski – Mission/Outreach  
Donna Stolle - Worship  
Mary Ann Booth – Clerk

#### *Class of 2020*

David Collier – Fellowship  
Cathy Simmons - Personnel  
Kevin Creech - Youth Christian Education  
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

# JANUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 6 Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
- 13 Liz Annis and Carolyn Stuart
- 20 Andrea and Richard Jones
- 27 Jennifer Crocker and Carolyn Stuart

## USHERS

- 6 Pete Booth, Tony Bryant & David Collier (Back)
- 13 Kevin Creech, Ronnie Creech & John Daniel (Back)
- 20 Don Dupree, Eric Faircloth & Todd Frickman (Back)
- 27 Richard Jones, John Kopanski & Wayne Lamm (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 6 Connor Frickman
- 13 William Stephenson
- 20 Gavin Annis
- 27 Hazel Langdon

## CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 6 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
- 13 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
- 20 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
- 27 Barri and Scott Martin

## ELDER

John Kopanski

## Safety/Security

Rick Taylor

## January Upcoming Events



- Jan 1 New Years Day - Office closed
- Jan 2 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- Jan 4 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Jan 6 Epiphany of the Lord  
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Jan 7 Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
- Jan 8 Senior Luncheon at Providence - Noon  
M & O Stagecoach Visit 1:00 pm
- Jan 9 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- Jan 10 CO-ORD/CP
- Jan 11 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Blood Drive at PPC, UFH  
2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
- Jan 12 Providence Women January Luncheon  
12:00
- Jan 13 Baptism of the Lord  
Installation of Elders
- Jan 14 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 15 PPC Women's Day Circle 10:00 am  
PPC Women's Evening Circle 7:00 pm
- Jan 16 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- Jan 17 Card Prep Team II at LaVette Morgan's  
Home 1:00 pm
- Jan 18 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Jan 20 Second Sunday after Epiphany  
LOGOS 5:00 pm
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day – Office closed
- Jan 22 Prayer Shawl Circle Meeting  
Upper Fellowship Hall 10:00 am
- Jan 23 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm  
Newsletter Deadline
- Jan 25 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Jan 27 Third Sunday after Epiphany
- Jan 28 Mission & Outreach Comm. Meet 7:00  
pm
- Jan 30 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm