

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2019



## From the Pastor's Study...

Heat of Summer is on! Yet once again we begin the process of enduring the sweltering summer days of the south. July is arguably the warmest time of the year where iced tea, ice cream, swimming pools, and fireworks from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July are what we look forward to. The ministry and mission opportunities also heat up in the summer here at Providence Presbyterian Church as we prepare for another awesome Vacation Bible School.

Our nation's birthday begins the month of July, where we celebrate our freedoms enjoyed apart from many other oppressive countries in this world. As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> in our own unique ways let us remember those who have gone boldly before us to pay the price of the freedom we now enjoy.

This month's scripture passage is from Galatians 5:1, 13-14, where the Apostle Paul writes of Christian freedom through which Jesus calls us all to a life of freedom from being convicted of our past sins but through our faith in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and are called to a life of repentance and service to our neighbors. And who are our neighbors? All of God's people! Paul contrasts our spiritual freedom by saying "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another." therefore we are called to go and do. We must never get too comfortable in our lives to justify ignoring those whom God sends our way.

Let us then be " <sup>20</sup> ... ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

**2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

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## July Scripture Passage

: 1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:1, 13-14



## CHURCH OFFICE



### Pastor's Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 am -  
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Office phone number is 919.894.4063

Rev. Davis may also be reached at  
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Let us pray for our families, our church, our community, the leaders and the citizens of this country in that we may never forget the privilege and responsibilities that come with the greatest gifts humanity can be given. God bless Providence Presbyterian Church ... God bless you ... God bless America ... and may God bless all those who bless God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Jim Davis



### 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](mailto:ppcsecretary@gmail.com) or call the office number, 919-894-4063.



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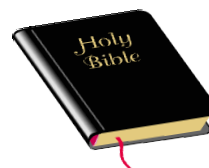
### FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

*Jonathan Kershaw 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 can reach him at 908-698-2501 or [jlucask222@gmail.com](mailto:jlucask222@gmail.com)*



### LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 7	Wendy Stephenson
July 14	Beth Wolak
July 21	Jeff Wood
July 28	Justin Wood



### 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 Committee or 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. Your request will be placed on the calendar as "Reserve" until it is "Approved". If you have questions on this policy please contact:  
Jonathan Kershaw at 908-698-2501 or [jlucask222@gmail.com](mailto:jlucask222@gmail.com)

### 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.*



### Men's Fellowship Group Assistance

Small chores & household assistance is available by the Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, contact Pastor Jim Davis or the Secretary with your needs.



**Have a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**Thank you God for our Freedom!**

**May God Bless the USA!**



**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free ...  
Galatians 5:1**



The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the worship service to vote on the Agreement of Dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between Reverend Jim Davis and Providence Presbyterian Church. All active members are encouraged to be present.

## Congregational Vote on Terms of Dismissal

A Congregational Meeting was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June to consider a motion to approve the Terms of Dismissal from New Hope Presbytery and the PC(USA). The motion was approved by 95% of the active members present. New Hope Presbytery will hold a vote on the dismissal terms on October 26<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield. If the terms are approved by a majority vote, Providence will be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

## Mission & Outreach Committee

During the month of July we are going to collect items to be donated to the USO center at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. Please place your items in the container outside the Upper Fellowship Hall from July 1 – 31. At the end of July the USO will visit us to collect our contributions.



North Carolina

### USO of NC, Fort Bragg/Fayetteville Centers Wish List:

#### *Food & Drink*

- Bottled Water
- Canned soft drinks
- Gatorade/PowerAde
- K-Cups
- Snack Crackers/Nuts
- Wrapped Candy/Mints
- Canned meats
- Mac & Cheese (instant cups)
- Soup/Ramen (instant cups)
- Beef Jerky
- Candy Bars
- Protein Bars
- Granola or Yogurt Bars
- Tea & Lemonade Mix

#### *Pantry*

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Chap stick
- Wet wipes
- Band-Aids
- Can openers
- Pill boxes
- Playing cards
- Greeting cards
- Non-perishable (canned/boxed) food items

#### *Cleaning Supplies & Program Support*

- Clorox Sanitizing Wipes
- Paper towels
- Liquid hand soap
- Ziploc bags – all sizes
- Hand sanitizer
- DVDs (new movies & TV series)
- Handy-Wipes
- Dishwashing detergent
- Aluminum foil
- Disposable plastic containers
- Video games – (new) PlayStation & Xbox

*All donated food items must be sealed in the manufacturers packaging.  
No out-of-date food items will be accepted.*

## Mark Your Calendars!



**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School**  
**Sunday, July 28, 2019 – Thursday, August 1, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well! Registration for children is now available on the church website or you may complete the registration form in the bulletin insert. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for ROAR, where kids will learn that though life gets wild – God is Good!!  
Signup Electronically at our website [www.providencepresb.org](http://www.providencepresb.org)

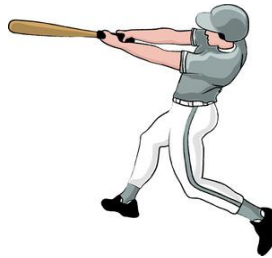
We have incredible Bible-learning experiences in which kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! There are also team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats as just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PPC MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM  
FOR WINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN THE LEAGUE GAMES  
THIS SUMMER OF 2019!!



The Congregational Care Committee supplies Prayer Shawls for anyone who may be in need of physical warmth during the Worship Service. The shawls are located in the Narthex. *\* After the service, please leave the used shawl on the end of the pew - they are cleaned after each use.*



If there are members of the congregation or regular attendees that would like a member of the Congregational Care Committee to visit with them, please get that information to Carolyn Johnson at [cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com](mailto:cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com)





## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**There will Not be a Men's Fellowship Breakfast in July or August. All men are encouraged to attend the Men's Breakfast in September.**



## SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

**There will Not be a Senior Citizens Luncheon in July.**

The next Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 13 at Mount Zion Methodist Church at 12:00.



## CARD MINISTRY

**The Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, July 2 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.**

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



## FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

The Fellowship & Fitness 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 at 10:00 am in the UFH.

**15 BENEFITS OF WALKING**

1. Burns calories
2. Accessible to everyone
3. No special equipment required
4. One of the easiest ways to get active
5. Reduces stress
6. Low-impact exercise
7. Improves mood
8. Helps maintain strong bones
9. Tones muscles
10. Builds aerobic fitness
11. Helps maintain lean muscle tissue
12. Easy way to reduce risk of and aids management of type 2 diabetes
13. Improves heart and cardiovascular health
14. Less likely to lead to exercise-related injuries
15. Its Free



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PROMOTE LIFE'S SIMPLES

## PRAYER SHAWL

**The Prayer Shawl Circle will Not meet in June, July or August**

We will reconvene on Tuesday, 24 Sept., 10:00am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

**Enjoy the summer!**



**M&O Outreach  
Universal Assisted Living  
Visit**

**Our visit this month is on Tuesday, July  
9 at 1:00 pm.**



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women had its last circle meeting on May 14 for the 2018-2019 study year.

There will be a PW Coordinating Team Mtg. on Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 pm in the UFH.

We will then kick off the 2019-2020 study year at the Tuesday, September 17, 2019 PW Joint Circle Meeting at 7:00 pm.

All are Welcome!



**Change the World**

**This quarter, May/June/July, the 'change the world' coins deposited in the barn bank in the UFH foyer will be sent to help in three different ways.**

**They are**

- 1) Clean Water Projects,**
- 2) Goats & Dairy Animals, and**
- 3) Sheep & Wool Bearing Animal Projects.**

**These are also the projects the collections received during VBS will support.**

**Thank you everyone at PPC for contributing to this effort to help our neighbors around the world.**



## Highlights of Minutes from June 10, 2019 Stated Session Meeting

### Visitor

Kathryn Wester, Girl Scouts representative, was present. The Girl Scouts are seeking to form a new Brownie troop (ages K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) in our area and would like to use our lower fellowship hall for meetings on two Tuesday evenings a month. The Girl Scouts want to be an active part of our church and participate where they can help. Meetings would run from 5:45 pm until 7:15 pm. Session approved a motion to permit use of the lower fellowship hall by the Girl Scouts.

### Correspondence

Clerk of Session reported on communications.

- Letters were mailed to active members on May 15, 2019 informing them of plan to hold a Congregational Meeting on June 23, 2019 to vote on the Terms of Dismissal from New Hope Presbytery.
- Letters were mailed to active members on June 3, 2019. Included were a letter from the Session and Rev. Davis announcing the dissolution of his pastoral relationship with Providence effective August 5, 2019 and a copy of the Agreement of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship.
- Conversations were held with representatives of both New Hope Presbytery and the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery of EPC regarding the possible employment of a temporary EPC pastor during the interim between August 4, 2019, Reverend Davis' last day, and the dismissal of Providence from PCUSA in late October. Assuming that the Congregational Vote on June 23, 2019 is in favor of the Terms of Dismissal, both presbyteries have stated their willingness to work with Providence to allow an EPC temporary pastor during that interim and supply PCUSA pastors to moderate Session meetings until Providence is dismissed.

### Open and Actionable Items

**Welcome Center** – An update was received update from the volunteers working on a welcome. No donations have been sought or offered to date to pay for a desk. A solution for mounting the flat screen TV needs resolving. The committee will continue working to identify options for a desk.

**Worship** – As is usual in July, there will be no Children's Church. At present there are no plans to offer elder-led "Moment with Children" as has been offered in previous years.

**Homecoming** – An invitation will be posted in the bulletin, announcing an organizing meeting on June 18, 2019 inviting members of the congregation to participate.

**Session Call List Updates** – The Session reviewed the call list and made updates in preparation for making calls to active members to encourage them to attend the Congregational Meeting on June 23, 2019

**Cooking Classes** – A motion was approved to allow cooking classes to be held in the church kitchen, assuming that there are members interested in teaching classes and members who want to receive lessons.

### Committee Updates

**Children's Christian Education** – VBS is July 28 – August 1, 2019

**Financial** – The May 2019 financial report was reviewed and approved. The General Fund outlook improved in May. The Presbyterian Women donated funds to pay the mortgage for 2 months. Funds were also transferred to the General Fund from the Money Market Account.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
May 2019	\$31,818.82	\$22,393.05
Year to Date	\$112,968.31	\$117,267.35

**Mission & Outreach** – The committee will review the "Rise Against Hunger" invitation recently received from Oakland Presbyterian Church.

**Worship** – A solution will be sought for the bottleneck at the piano and organ preventing wheelchairs from entering.

## 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 *The Laurels in Pineville*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

### Persons Living with Cancer, including:

**Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Sherri Cox**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Earl Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **Jamie Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **David Ryan**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Abby Stanley**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Debbie Sturgis**, member.

### 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*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Patricia Chapin**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Larry Creech**, father of *Kevin Creech*; **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of *Providence*; **John Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Brian Johnson**, cousin of *Don Dupree*; **Jamone Johnson**, friend of church; **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; **Judy Nemeth**, friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Ginny Parker**, friend of the church; **Ed & Lou Penny**, members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Stephen Southers**, community; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father* and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

*Our Christian sympathies are extended to the families and friends of those who were lost this past month.*

*Ricky Mulcahy, nephew of Patsy Bowman*



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



### **July Anniversaries**

21 Kevin and Annah Creech

### **July Birthdays**

7 Tom Nelms  
Kenny Poole  
Sam Stephenson  
8 Ryne Jones  
Samuel Stephenson, Jr.  
10 Christy Cross  
11 Travis Creech  
12 David Nelms  
13 Vickie Faircloth  
14 Cathy Maddux  
Carolyn Zattiero  
15 Kent Walton  
16 Mary Langdon  
17 Atlee Roberts  
19 Pete Booth  
Jennifer Gilbert  
Kevin Powell  
20 Rick Taylor  
22 Miriam Lambert  
24 Wesley Nooney  
25 Trey Bullock  
27 Brenda Abbott  
29 Heather Reed  
30 Kendall Nelms



**Pastor**  
Rev. Jim Davis

**Session**  
*Class of 2019*  
Mary Ann Booth - Clerk  
Donna Stolle - Worship  
Vickie Faircloth - Children C.E.  
John Kopanski - Mission & Outreach

*Class of 2020*  
David Collier - Adult C. E.  
Kevin Creech - Youth C. E.  
Steve Newnam - Property  
Cathy Simmons - Personnel

*Class of 2021*  
Sam Stephenson - Financial  
Jonathan Kershaw - Fellowship  
Scott Martin - Long Range Planning  
Carolyn Johnson - Congregational Care

### **Church Staff**

*Secretary*  
Cindy Lynch

*Accounting Treasurer*  
Wendy Stephenson

*Collections Treasurer*  
Ann Benson

*Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*  
Brittany Jones

*Pianist*  
Angie Searcy

*Newsletter*  
Cindy Lynch

*Website*  
David Nelms

# JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## NURSERY

- 7 Jennifer and Roger Gilbert  
 14 Barri Martin and Mary Wood  
 21 Anna and Kevin Creech  
 28 Allison and Ryan Nelms

## USHERS

- 7 Todd Frickman, Richard Jones and  
 John Kopanski (Back)  
 14 Wayne Lamm, Scott Martin and David  
 Nelms (Back)  
 21 Ryan Nelms, Joseph Phillips and  
 Atlee Roberts (Back)  
 28 Jimmy Stuart, Rick Taylor and Jeff  
 Wood (Back)

## ACOLYTE

- 7 Kolton Crocker  
 14 Connor Frickman  
 21 Joey Crocker  
 28 Landon Gilbert

## NO CHILDRENS WORSHIP During July

## ELDER

Mary Ann Booth

## SAFETY/SECURITY ASSISTANT

Rick Taylor

## July Upcoming Events



- July 2. Card Ministry 10:00 am  
 July 3. No Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 No Adult Choir Practice  
 July 4. Independence Day  
 PPC Office Closed  
 July 7. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 July 8. Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
 July 9. M&O Visit at Universal 1:00 pm  
 No Senior Citizen's Luncheon  
 July 10. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 July 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 July 14. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Congregational Vote After Worship  
 July 15. Personnel Committee Meet 7:00 pm  
 July 17. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 Adult choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 July 18. Card Ministry Prep Team I  
 At LaVette Morgan's Home 1:00 pm  
 July 19. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 July 21. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 July 22. M&O Committee Meeting 1:00 pm UFH  
 July 23. Newsletter Deadline  
 July 24. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 July 26. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 July 28. 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Vacation Bible School "Roar" through  
 August 1, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
 Dinner served nightly at 6:00 - RSVP  
 July 31. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm