

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2019



From the Pastor's Study...

June is here once again and we have another opportunity to celebrate Communion Sunday, Graduate Sunday, Father's Day, and warm days filled with all the opportunities that Summer brings with it. There are opportunities for mission this month in terms of our Blood Drive on Friday June 7th, Food Pantry donations, and other opportunities mentioned in the bulletin each week.

In June's scripture passage, Galatians 5:22-26, the apostle Paul speaks of the fruit of the spirit. Paul frequently steps up to the plate and gives us meaty texts that we can walk away from and put to use immediately as well as chew on for days, weeks, months or even 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. 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.

Let us take time this month while we enjoy our air-conditioned spaces and give thanks to our Gracious God for all of God's blessings in this life. May we also remember all those in our lives who care to take time in their lives to give us those things we could never achieve on our own. May God bless us with a deeper understanding of God's love through forgiveness purchased through the blood of Jesus. In days and weeks to come let us encourage each other to continue to support our church family and it's ministries in your thoughts, prayers, and actions.

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June Scripture Passage

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16



CHURCH OFFICE



Pastor's 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 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. Amen.

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 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

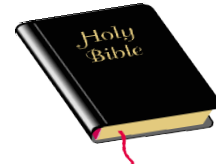
908-698-2501 or

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LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 2	Mary Ann Booth
June 9	David Collier
June 16	Kevin Creech
June 23	Eric Faircloth
June 30	Doug Sonderfan



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 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
ilucask222@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 or call the church office at

919-894-4063.



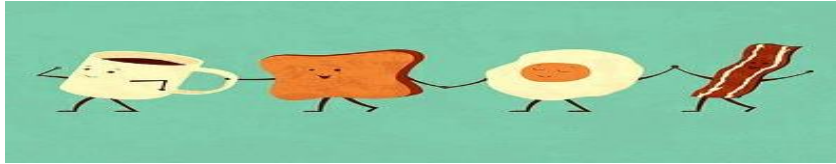
Men's Fellowship Group Assistance

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



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are encouraged to attend the Men's Breakfast Sunday June 2, at 7:30am. Results of Fish Fry event will be discussed. Breakfast team B don't forget to find someone to fill in your place if you can't serve. (Eric, Jeff, Ryan & Kevin)



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 4 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

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



PRAYER SHAWL

We will not be meeting in June, July or August

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



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The June, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 11 at 12:00 (noon), here at Providence Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by June 5, so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.





PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Invites you to be part of a lifesaving journey, Donate blood.

Mark your calendar for
Friday June 7
2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com to sign up



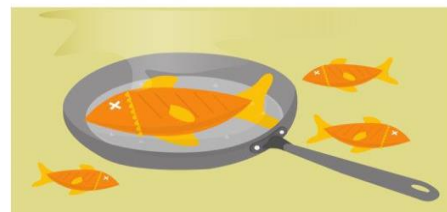
FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

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.



MEN'S FISH FRY Fish Fry Thank You!

The Men's Fish Fry Committee sends a "Thank You" to every person who donated time and work participating in the Fish Fry event to achieve a successful goal. The dedication to come together as a Church family in endless hours of working together with positive attitudes strengthens the bonds of Providence Church.



M&O Outreach Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday, June 11 at **1:00 pm**.



BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who baked and donated baked goods and worked to make the Bake Sale a huge success.



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.



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!



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!



**Graduate Recognition Sunday
9 June 2019**

Congratulations to this year's high school and college graduates!
They will be recognized during the 11:00 am service on 9 June 2019.

High School

Grace Elizabeth Martin
Parker Smith
Adam James Stuart
Justin David Wood

College

Travis Creech
Joseph Phillips
Hannah Jean Stephenson

Congratulations to you all!

Clear your mind of "can't."

"I can do all things through Christ
because he gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13
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Mark Your Calendars!



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School
July 28, 2019 - 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 28th through Thursday, August 1st for ROAR, where kids will learn that though life gets wild - God is Good!! Signup Electronically at <http://bit.ly/PPCVBS2019>

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!

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 a basket 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



Highlights of Minutes from May 13, 2019 Stated Session Meeting

Report from the Special Committee of the Congregation – Members of the Special Committee of the Congregation –delivered an update on the Gracious Dismissal negotiations. They reported that the negotiations have concluded and provided a draft of the Terms of Dismissal. A motion to approve the terms was unanimously passed.

A motion was made and passed to hold a Town Hall meeting on June 2 or June 9, 2019 to present the Terms of Dismissal to the congregation and answer their questions. A motion was approved to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the Terms of Dismissal on June 23, 2019. The Session Clerk will send a letter to the active members of the congregation to announce the meeting and prepare announcements for the bulletin and the June newsletter.

Open and Actionable Items

Fellowship – The Men’s Fellowship has initiated a new program to provide help to church members with small tasks around their homes.

Children’s Christian Education – The committee plans to suspend LOGOS for this coming fall. Other options for children and youth will be considered.

Committee Updates

Adult Christian Education – The young adults (18-30 yrs) will meet on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 to make plans for future gatherings. The group will decide the kind of format, content, teachers or speakers they prefer.

Safety and Security - There remain concerns and outstanding questions regarding security for big events and during Sunday School. Plans to utilize the walkie-talkies are being discussed. Designated areas for evacuation are needed, especially for parents to know where to find their children in the event of an evacuation.

Children’s Christian Education – Planning for VBS has begun, and volunteers are needed.

Financial – Copies of the April 2019 financial report were reviewed. Total cash assets including Checking account, Money Market account, ad CD’s totaled \$184,167.54 at the end of April. General fund giving in April fell short of expenses for the month.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
April 2019	\$18,473.32	\$21,114.11
Year to Date	\$81,149.49	\$94,874.30

Personnel – Cathy Simmons reported that there will be a Personnel committee meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Youth Christian Education – Youth Sunday was a great success and the Youth choir a hit. Confirmation for the eight (8) youths was an outstanding event with a huge turnout.

Worship – June 9, 2019 is Graduate Sunday. Session decided to postpone the startup or Early Worship.

Clerk Report – Mary Ann Booth presented Session with a list of the individuals from the inactive roll whom the Session voted to dismiss at the April Stated Session meeting. The church register has been updated to record those individuals as dismissed. The church register was updated to record the baptism on May 12, 2019 of:

- Chance Thomas Ennis, son of Wayne and Heather Ennis,
- Madison Lynn Ennis, daughter of Wayne and Heather Ennis, and
- Madylyn Gwenivieve Searcy, daughter Payton and Angie Searcy.

The church register was updated to record the confirmation and addition of new members.

- Kimsey Ann Bagley
- Phoebe Daye Creech
- Chance Thomas Ennis
- Connor Matthew Reed
- Madylyn Gwenivieve Searcy
- Eva Jean Stephenson
- Ava Elizabeth Wood
- Charlotte Grey Wood

Old Business

Welcome Center – Vickie Faircloth reported that she has been in talks with volunteers about building a desk for the welcome center. Session acknowledged that there are no funds for the desk in the budget and asked that Vickie make a request for broader assistance to see if an economical solution can be discovered donated flat screen TV was given to the church as a means of providing announcements.

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*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Tracey McSwain**, neighbor of *Steve and Eunice Newnam*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Ricky Mulcahy**, nephew of *Patsy Bowman*; **Nora Nagaruk**, niece of good friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **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*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **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*; **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; **Ginny Parker**, friend of the church; **Ed & Lou Penny**; members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **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.

God is our refuge and strength... Psalm 46: 3





Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle
- 9 William and Yun Blair
Candace and Trey Bullock
- 12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton
- 13 Stephanie and Frankie Whitley
- 14 John and Kelly Daniel
- 20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Phil and Christy Cross
Paul and Karen Sherrill
- 24 Steve and Kelly Nordan
- 24 Kent and Gwen Walton
- 28 Jim and Pat Davis

June Birthdays

- 1 Daniel Stephenson
- 4 Connor Reed
- 5 Chance Ennis
Connor Frickman
- 6 Pam Nelms
Riley Wood
- 7 Wayne Ennis
- 8 Don Dupree
Chic Folkman
- 9 Debbie Greene
Lisa Nelms
- 11 Austin Benson
- 13 Kay Dry
- 14 Robert Nooney
- 16 Eric Smith
- 17 Peggy Jones
Patricia Poole
- 18 Tripp Nordan
- 23 Chase Faircloth
- 24 Eric Faircloth
- 25 Lauren Langdon
- 26 Barri Martin
- 27 Hamilton Greene
- 30 Pamela Collier

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

JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 2 Kristy and Eva Stephenson
9 Allison and Ryan Nelms
16 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
23 Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
30 Andrea and Richard Jones

USHERS

- 2 Ryan Nelms, Joseph Phillips and
Atlee Roberts (Back)
9 Jimmy Stuart, Rick Taylor and Jeff
Wood (Back)
16 Johnny Wood, Riley Wood and Pete
Booth (Back)
23 David Collier, Kevin Creech and Bob
Stolle (Back)
30 John Daniel, Ronnie Creech, and Eric
Faircloth (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 2 Meadow Creech
9 Gavin Annis
16 Langdon Gilbert
23 Phoebe Creech
30 Joey Crocker

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 2 Anna and Kevin Creech
9 Liz Annis and Jennifer Crocker
16 Barri Martin and Scott Martin
23 Allison and Ryan Nelms
30 Kristy and Chris Stephenson

ELDER

Vickie Faircloth

SAFETY/SECURITY

Kent Walton

June Upcoming Events



- June 2 Communion Sunday
June 4 Card Ministry 10:00 am
June 5 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
June 7 Blood Drive PPC 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
June 9 Pentecost Sunday
Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 10 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
June 11 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 at PPC
M&O Universal Visit 1:00 pm
June 12 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
June 14 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
June 16 Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
June 17 Personnel Com. Meet 7:00 Seekers Rm.
June 19 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
June 20 Card Prep Team III, LaVette's Home 1:00
June 21 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
Newsletter deadline
June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher
Rev. Jim on vacation through July 5
June 24 M&O Committee Meeting 11:00 am
June 26 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
June 28 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher
Rev. Jim on vacation through July 5