

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

May 2019



From the Pastor's Study...

Seems like the winds of March were in April this year! Never-the-less warmer and sunnier days are ahead of us and that means we look forward to: Mother's Day, Youth Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, Memorial Day, the annual Fish Fry, and our Logos Year End Celebration! This year's Easter celebration reminds us that our Lord God showers us with the rich blessings of the ministry of Jesus, family, church, love, scripture, Christian fellowship and our one true hope in this world ... saved by the blood of Jesus!

Let us remember those who have given their lives so that we can live in a free country. We are called to study and grow into mature Christians and are commanded by God to share God's love with each other – let us make time to take time with those God places in our path to share the true source of our hope and joy in this life.

In this month's scripture passage, John 20:18-23, we see our Christ Jesus encounter Mary Magdalene and the disciples. As so many times before, when God meets humanity, Jesus offers a familiar greeting in proclaiming "Peace be with you". Jesus then goes on to say "Receive the Holy Spirit" and bids them to forgive the sins of others. In this passage we also encounter Jesus as the recently risen Messiah heralds: Peace – the Holy Spirit – and forgiveness; these things are central to the Easter narrative and the nature in which our God seeks a relationship with each and every one of us.

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May Scripture Passage

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:22-27



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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Even though Easter has come and gone, there is a much larger narrative in our lives and the life of the church which we are called to pay special attention. That is evangelization. Our risen Savior calls us out of our comfort zones and into meaningful ministry and relationships beyond those we have in the present. I once heard someone put it this way ... think of all the friends you have yet to meet, now go out and find just one new friend today!

May God bless us with a deeper understanding of God's love through forgiveness purchased through the blood of Jesus. Please continue to support our church family and it's ministries in your thoughts, prayers, and actions.

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
jlucask222@gmail.com



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 5	Youth
May 12	Beth Wolak
May 19	Jeff Wood
May 26	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 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

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.





Youth Sunday is May 5, 2019

Please join us as the PPC Youth will conduct the 11:00 am Worship Service. The Worship Service message will be brought to us by two graduating seniors, Grace Martin and Justin Wood



COME JOIN THE FUN May 5 End of Year Celebration

LOGOS



Join us from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm in front of the Manse. Parents, please make sure that you have signed the Waiver Form and turn it in to Vickie Faircloth prior to May 5th at 3:00pm. Also, please make sure that you wear comfortable clothes and appropriate shoes. Please park in the Upper Parking Lot as the Lower Parking Lot will be roped off for activities. This event is open to the whole family, come out for a great day of Fun, Fellowship and Food! Please RSVP to Kevin Creech at kmocreech@gmail.com.

All are welcome to LOGOS. We ask for prior registration for safely and planning purposes.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Senior Luncheon for May will be held on the 14th at Johnson Memorial Church at noon.

If you are going, please let Margie Taylor know by the evening of Wednesday, May 8th so that the cooks know how much food to prepare. Contact Margie at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's Day Circle and Evening Circle will meet in a Joint Circle Meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

There are no PW Circle meetings scheduled in June, July or August.

Wishing everyone a most pleasant summer!



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet at on Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team II will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, May 16 at 1:00 pm.

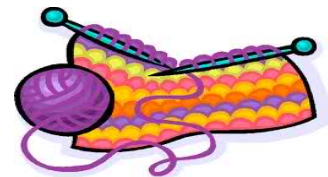


PRAYER SHAWL

Our next meeting time together will be Tuesday, 28 May 2019, at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget, we do not meet in June, July or August.

Enjoy your summer!



Confirmation Sunday is May 12, 2018

Please join us during the worship service for the confirmation of 8 youth who have completed their confirmation classes and will become members of PPC. Please be in prayer for these youth as they prepare their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, and mentors who have helped these youth along this walk of faith.



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



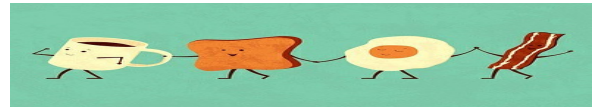
FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

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 Fellowship Breakfast

Men's Fellowship Breakfast will have a TBD date for May. Men meet at 7:30 but since it falls on Memorial Day Weekend a change date will be issued. Please look for the date to be sent out at a later time. All men are encouraged to attend & invite others to join. Breakfast Team B serving (Eric, Jeff, Ryan, & Kevin)



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.



PPC MEN'S FISH FRY



Men's Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser, Friday, May 17

Men's Annual Fish Fry - fundraiser on May 17 volunteer opportunities: Help is needed in all areas to make this a successful event. Contact Jonathan Kershaw at clkandjlk@yahoo.com or call (919) 639-0447 for questions.

Sponsors are needed for the May 17th Fish Fry and Bake Sale. If you are interested in being a sponsor or contacting someone for a sponsorship, please contact Rich Lambert (580-370-5913, summer1980@hotmail.com) for a sponsor packet which includes a form and tickets. Additionally, if you need tickets for the Fish Fry and Bake Sale contact Jeff Wood, Eric Faircloth, Scott Martin, or Rich Lambert.

Bake Sale Indoors & Drive-Thru at the Fish Fry, Friday, May 17 -

Please sign up for baked goods for Providence Women's Bake Sale. Pound Cakes, Brownies, Cookies, Pies, special cakes, candy or snacks. Signup sheets are in the Upper Fellowship hallway. Contributions will make this a successful event. Contact Arline Mott 845-401-3866 or Carole Kershaw 919-639-0447 for questions.



Highlights of the Minutes from the April 8, 2019 Stated Session Meeting

Welcome Center – Session approved in concept establishing a welcome center in the foyer of the Upper Fellowship Hall. Vickie Faircloth agreed to look for ideas for a desk. The need for a group of volunteer greets was discussed. It was agreed that going forward, the elder of the month will greet at the double doors near the upper fellowship hall.

Pianist for Early Service – A job description and terms of employment for the early service pianist position were reviewed and approved. Session agreed that the pianist would be paid once a month, after services are rendered.

Review of Membership Roll – The Clerk presented a list of individuals who are on the Inactive Roll. Some individuals have been in inactive status since 1994. With a few exceptions, the Session agreed by consensus to dismiss those on the list.

Committee Updates

Adult Christian Education – David Collier reported that he continues to work with members between the ages of 18 and 30 to develop a format for regular meetings on Wednesday nights.

Children’s Christian Education – Vickie Faircloth reported that there will be an Easter Egg hunt at the church on April 20, 2019. The upcoming LOGOS end-of-year celebration will be opened to the entire congregation.

Fellowship – A motion was made and approved to designate areas of the church to be used by bridal parties while preparing for weddings. Brides and their attendants will use the Choir Rehearsal room. The Youth Center will be available for use by grooms and their attendants.

Financial – Copies of the March 2019 financial report and reviewed. Sam reported that the 2018 Homecoming collection was paid against the loan principal bringing the principal on the loan down to \$860,679.34.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
March 2019	\$22,672.66	\$25,588.87
Year to Date	\$62,676.17	\$73,760.19

Mission & Outreach – The Girl Scouts intend to try again to establish a troop. Session previously approved permitting the Scouts to meet at the church. They will try to get the troop organized in late summer or fall.

Personnel – The pastor’s mid-term evaluation summary will be sent to the Session in the coming week for review.

Youth Christian Education – Eric Faircloth will take the church youth on a campout at Jordan Lake on the weekend of April 27th. Laura Langdon will assist as chaperone. Kevin Creech informed Session that Youth Sunday will be May 5, 2019. Confirmation will take place on May 12, 2019.

Clerk Report – Mary Ann Booth presented Session with a report on the status of negotiations for release from New Hope Presbytery. Session received a list of the individuals who were moved to the Inactive Roll as a result of Session action during the March Stated Meeting.

Pastor’s Report

- Met with Lester Bledsoe from Pleasant Grove Baptist concerning Easter Sunrise Service at their church - Rev. Davis is to preach,
- Provided an update on ailing members,
- Taught a makeup class for the Confirmation youth,
- Held Session Convocation on April 1, 2019, and
- Counseled with two engaged couples who will wed in the near future; Amanda McLamb and Adam Weaver, and Jennifer Crocker and Roger Gilbert.

Upcoming Schedule:

- Rev. Davis will be attending the Sprunt Lecture Series May 6 – 8, and
- Cindy Lynch, church secretary will be out of the office May 17 – 24 on vacation.

2019 Spring Softball League Remaining Game Schedule – PPC

Tuesday	5/7	7:30	Providence Pres vs Hollands UMC
Monday	5/13	7:30	Plymouth Church vs PPC
Thursday	5/16	6:30	PPC vs St Andrews UMC
Tuesday	5/21	6:30	PPC vs Fuquay-Varina UMC
Thursday	5/23	6:30	Fairview Baptist vs PPC
Tuesday	5/28	7:30	PPC vs Resurrection Life



We play at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church off Hwy 401 just a few miles north of Fuquay. The Ballfield is on Hilltop Needmore Road just past the Ford dealership coming from Fuquay. The address for directions is: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 10005 Lake Wheeler Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526. Come join the fun and support our Team!

Mark Your Calendars for the Next Blood Drive

Friday, June 7, 2019

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Donate blood



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



American Red Cross

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Graduate Recognition Sunday
Is June 9, 2019!

Congratulations!!



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VBS

Planning is underway for Providence's VBS and we need YOUR help!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 28th through Thursday, Aug 1st and volunteer for ROAR, where kids will learn that though life gets wild – GOD IS GOOD!

Sign up electronically at <http://bit.ly/PPCVBS2019>

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Judy Morris**, community; **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*.

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 Lamberts sister*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **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**, members; **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; **John Harris**; friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Ed & Lou Penny**; members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **George Roberts**, neighbor of *Steve and Eunice Newnam*; **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 of:

Jimmy Penny - brother of Timmy Penny and nephew of Edsel Penny

Joe Martinelli – Church family member

Mary Burke – Steve Wolak's mother



Birthdays & Anniversaries



May Anniversaries

- 3 Wayne and Laura Langdon
- 5 Ryan and Allison Nelms
- 13 Jimmy and Carolyn Stuart
- 14 Sam and Wendy Stephenson
- 19 Wade and Carolyn Johnson
- 21 Andy and Sheila Dupree
- 25 Mark and Pam Nelms

May Birthdays

- 1 Madeline Jones
- 4 Jonathan Kershaw
- 5 Mady Ennis
Julie Marley
Parker Smith
- 6 Shepherd Byrd
- 7 Todd Frickman
- 8 Will Dupree
- 10 Cathy Simmons
- 12 Kolton Crocker
Ron Forren
Kelly Nordan
- 23 Annah Creech
- 24 Heather Langdon
- 26 Christina Jones
Ryan Nelms
- 27 Greg Kornegay
- 28 Worth Bowman
Ronnie Creech
Brittany Jones

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

MAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

5 Annah and Kevin Creech
 12 Allison and Ryan Nelms
 19 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
 26 Elaine Wood and Grace Martin

USHERS

5 Tony Bryant, David Collier and
 Kevin Creech (Back)
 12 Ronnie Creech, John Daniel and Eric
 Faircloth (Back)
 19 Todd Frickman, Richard Jones and
 John Kopanski (Back)
 26 Wayne Lamm, Scott Martin, and
 David Nelms (Back)

ACOLYTE

5 Kolton Crocker
 12 Connor Frickman
 19 Landon Gilbert
 26 Joey Crocker

CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

5 No Children's Worship
 12 No Children's Worship
 19 Stephanie and Rob Wood
 26 No Children's Worship

ELDER

Cathy Simmons

SAFETY/SECURITY

Eric Faircloth

May Upcoming Events



May 1 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 May 3 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 May 5 Youth Sunday
 LOGOS End of Year Celebration
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in front of Manse
 May 6 Rev. Jim to Sprunt Lectures through 8th
 May 7 Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH
 Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
 Men's Softball Game 7:30
 May 8 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 May 10 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 May 12 Mother's Day, Confirmation Sunday
 May 13 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 Men's Softball Game 7:30
 May 14 Senior Citizen's Luncheon
 M&O Universal Visit 1:00 pm
 Women's Circles Joint Mtg., 7:00 pm UFH
 May 15 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 May 16 Card Prep Team II, LaVette's Home, 1:00
 Men's Softball Game 6:30
 May 17 Men's Fish Fry and Bake Sale 11 - 7pm
 Secretary out of office
 May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 May 20 Personnel Com. Meet 7:00 Seekers Rm.
 Secretary on vacation
 May 21 Men's Softball Game 6:30
 May 22 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 May 23 Newsletter Deadline
 Men's Softball Game 6:30
 May 24 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 27 Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
 M&O Meet 11:00 am, Seekers Room
 May 28 Prayer Shawl Circle 10:00 am UFH
 Men's Softball Game 7:30
 May 29 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 May 31 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00