

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church
September 2019



From the Pastor's Study...



*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.*

Numbers 6:24-26

September Scripture Passage

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Save me from the bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalms 51:10-15



CHURCH OFFICE



Office Hours
Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am -
1:00 pm and by appointment

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

Providence Presbyterian Church

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 neighbors as Jesus taught us.*



Encourage Each other and build each other up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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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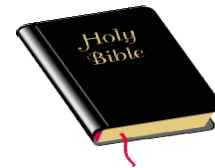
FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

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 ilucask222@gmail.com



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1 Doug Sonderfan
September 8 Wendy Stephenson
September 15 Mary Ann Booth
September 22 Jeff Wood
September 29 Beth Wolak



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 Jonathan Kershaw or the Secretary with your needs.



Save the Date!
PPC Homecoming 2019

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Sunday, October 13, 2019 is our PPC Homecoming. There is still a need of volunteers to assist with the plans for decorating and preparation. We invite youth and adults to participate. For questions contact Jonathan Kershaw at 919-639-0447 or email jlucas222@gmail.com



PROVIDENCE YOUTH BBQ

The BBQ will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 and proceeds support our PPC youth ministries. We will need everyone's help to pull this wonderful fundraiser off successfully for our youth. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Upper Fellowship Hall and on the PPC Bulletin Board. If anyone needs tickets to sell, please contact us!

Questions can be directed to
Scott Martin: 19smartin69@gmail.com,
Eric Faircloth: ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com
or Kevin Creech: kmocreech@gmail.com

September 27, 2019

11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Proceeds Support Youth Ministries

\$9.00 per ticket



Providence Women's September Event

Saturday, September 21, 2019

All PP Women are invited for another fun "B-I-N-G-O" day on **Saturday, September 21 at Noon** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for fellowship, laughs, prizes and good food.

We are looking for volunteers to bring sandwiches, snacks and desserts.

Please let Cathy Simmons know if you are able to help and if you will be attending at 919.275.4399 or email: cesimmons112@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Providence Women's October Event: Day Trip to Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. We are organizing a day trip to visit the Billy Graham Library on Saturday, October 5, 2019. If you are interested in going to see the Billy Graham Library on Saturday, October 5, 2019, please let Cathy Simmons know at 919.275.4399 or email cesimmons112@gmail.com.



Franklin Graham Decision America Tar Heel State Tour - Raleigh, Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek. Hear a powerful message of hope from Franklin Graham plus live music by Jeremy Camp and Dennis Agajanian. The event is free. No tickets required. If you are interested in carpooling, please let Cathy Simmons know at 919.275.4399 or email cesimmons112@gmail.com.



Providence Women's November Event: Upcoming play at Neuse Little Theatre in Smithfield: *Father Knows Best*, play dates: November 15, 16, 22 & 23 8:00 p.m. and November 17 (Sunday) 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in going to see *Father Knows Best*, please let Cathy Simmons know your preferred choice of date(s) at 919.275.4399 or email cesimmons112@gmail.com.



CARD MINISTRY

The next Card Ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team III will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on **Thursday, September 19 at 1:00 pm.**



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The next Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, September 10 at 12:00 (noon)** at **Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church.**

Please let Janice Parish know by Wednesday, September 4, if you plan on going so that the cooks have an accurate headcount for food prep.

You can contact Janice at janicep6471@gmail.com or 919-210-8751.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Joint Circle Mtg. is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, Sept 17, 2019, 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. 2019 - Aug. 2020 operating year.

Refreshments will be served at the beginning of the meeting time. We will be discussing Lesson #1 of our Bible Study.

There will not be a regular Day nor Night Circle Meeting in September due to the Joint Circle Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th!

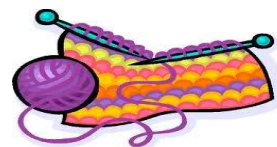


PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

The Prayer shawl Circle will reconvene on **Tuesday, September 24, at 10:00 am** in the UFH. 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.

We look forward to seeing you!



Food Pantry

Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bins near the foyer doors leading into the Upper Fellowship Hall.

While all donations are appreciated, the most needed items are given below.

BACKPACK BUDDIES MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice
- 2) fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)
- 3) individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits
- 4) soup

FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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|----------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1) sugar | 3) paper towels | 5) clothes washing detergent |
| 2) flour | 4) toilet paper | 6) dish washing detergent |



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



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Meeting Sunday September 22 at 7:30 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
Team C (Don Sturgis, Rich Lambert, & Steve Newnam) will provide breakfast.
(If unable to attend kindly change with someone)

All men are invited to attend.
Information please contact Jonathan Kershaw 919-639-0447



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.



PPC Cooking Class

Let's get cooking!

Letters were sent out in August for those who had signed up for our cooking class.

We will begin the 1st Tuesday of each month starting **Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the UFH kitchen.**

Please enter the building through the kitchen door if you do not have a key. There will be a follow-up reminder.



M&O

Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday,
September 10 at 1:00 pm.

M&O Committee Meeting

Is Monday, September 23 at 11:00 am



The Book of Order

of

THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

The Book of Government

The Book of Discipline

The Book of Worship

2018-2019



Now Available On PPC Website

<http://www.providencepresb.org/>

Look for link "EPC BOOK OF ORDER"

EPC BOOK OF ORDER

EPC Presbyterian Women's Fall Retreat 2019



AT

**CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMP
4756 CARAWAY MOUNTAIN ROAD
SOPHIA, NC 27350**

All Women Are invited to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, fun and breakout sessions to help us do amazing things with our churches!

*Registration for overnight attendees ends August 29, 2019;
For day guests only, registration ends October 16, 2019
At <https://www.pmawomen.org>*

If you would like to know more, please contact Ann Benson or Lisa Nelms.

Highlights of Minutes from August 12, 2019 Stated Session Meeting

Session welcomed Dr. Rob Evans as Moderator for the August Stated Session Meeting Correspondence

- Received Pastor Information Forms (PIF) of two EPC prospects for temporary (transitional) pastor. The email and forms were forwarded to the Transitional Pastor Search committee.
- Sent PIFs to Executive Presbyter Rev. Ted Churn and Rev. Tom Watkins, co-chair of the Commission on Ministry of New Hope Presbytery for consideration by the Commission. Received a response with Commission approval to move ahead with interviews of both transitional pastor prospects. (While we remain in PCUSA, we cannot hire a non-PCUSA pastor without New Hope's approval)

Open and Actionable Items

Transitional Pastor Search Committee – An update was received from the Committee Chair. Members of the committee have met and interviewed one of the two potential transitional pastors and are making plans to meet and interview the second in the near future.

Children's Sunday School – A motion was approved to begin using a curriculum by David C. Cook for classes of 5th graders and below. Materials by David C. Cook are currently in use by Jr. and Sr. High students.

Sunday School Teachers – A motion was passed to approve a list of Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year.

Greeters - Six individuals have volunteered as official greeters. They received instruction and identification pins. A motion was approved to house the committee under Fellowship.

Upcoming Events

- **Budget** – A date in late September will be scheduled for the Session to meet and develop the 2020 budget. A motion was approved for each elder chairing a committee to review and prepare budget needs in advance of the September Stated Session meeting.
- **Nominating Committee for the 2022 Elder Class** – The process was discussed and a decision made to follow the process that has been used in recent years. A motion was approved to have the retiring class of elders serve as the nominating committee along with 2 additional congregation members sought from among the adult Sunday School classes. The congregation shall be asked for recommendations of those whom they have spoken with and knowledge of a willingness to serve.
- **Homecoming** – 125 “Hold the Date” cards were sent to former members and friends of the church. The Homecoming letter is in process and will be ready for approval at the September Stated Session meeting.
- **New Hope Presbytery Meeting and Vote on Dismissal** – Session was reminded that the Presbytery vote on Providence's dismissal will be on Saturday, October 26. Dr. Evans, Moderator for the meeting, remarked that churches being dismissed often have a large representation of members present as observers for the vote.

Committee Updates

Financial Report – Copies of the July 2019 financial report were reviewed. General Fund giving was weak in July but the outlook remains positive thanks largely to gifts in recent months from the Presbyterian Women and Men's Fellowship. \$5,000 has been donated to the Development Fund. These funds are designated to assist with the settlement payments to New Hope Presbytery. Our long term mortgage liability stands at \$842, 881.87. As of July 31st, we are 58% through the year, having spent 55% of the budget.

	<u>General Fund Additions</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
July 2019	\$13,966.32	\$22,153.96
Year to Date	\$167,461.27	\$160,204.81

Youth Christian Education – Eight youth went to Camp Caswell with Kevin Creech and Cathy Wood as chaperones. Session was reminded that the Youth Barbecue will be held on Friday, September 27th, when the youth have a half day off from school.

Clerk Report – All 2019 Congregational and Sessional Minutes through July had been printed to acid-free paper and signed by Reverend Jim Davis

New Business – Dr. Rob Evans offered to serve again as Moderator if needed for September's Stated Session Meeting.

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 Pearl in Fort Mill*; **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 Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Jamie Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Harrold**, neighbor of *Wade and Carolyn Johnson*; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Tommy Lee** (and his wife *Judge Jackie Lee*), friends of the *Jones Families*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **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*; **Lauren Collier Bellissimo and family**, members; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Kay Bernier**, sister-in-law of *Pamela Collier*; **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; **Kelly Daniel**, member; **Linda DaLessio**, friend of church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of *Providence*; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **John Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Brian Johnson**, cousin of *Don Dupree*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Tommy and Judge Jackie Lee**, friends of the *Jones Families*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Melissa**, neighbor of *Wade and Carolyn Johnson*; **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; **Charles Tadlock**, friend of *Pamela Collier*; **Donna Walker**, 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.

Rosyval Walton, *Husband of Barbara Walton and Father of Kent Walton*
Earl Guss, *cousin of Andrea Jones*



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

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
Scott Martin - Long Range Planning
Carolyn Johnson - Congregational Care*

Church Staff

*Secretary
Cindy Lynch*

*Accounting Treasurer
Sam Stephenson*

*Collections Treasurer
Ann Benson*

*Music Director/ Organist/Pianist
Brittany Jones*

*Pianist
Angie Searcy*

*Newsletter
Cindy Lynch*

*Website
David Nelms*

September Upcoming Events

September Assisting In Worship

NURSERY

- 1 Laura Langdon and
Mary Elaine Wood
- 8 Barri Martin and Mary Wood
- 15 Jennifer and Roger Gilbert
- 22 Annah and Kevin Creech
- 29 Allison and Ryan Nelms

USHERS

- 1 Wayne Lamm, Scott Martin and
David Nelms (Back)
- 8 Ryan Nelms, Joseph Phillips and
Atlee Roberts (Back)
- 15 Jimmy Stuart, Rick Taylor and
Jeff Wood (Back)
- 22 Johnny Wood, Riley Wood and
Pete Booth (Back)
- 29 David Collier, Kevin Creech and
Ronnie Creech (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 1 Joey Crocker
- 8 Kolton Crocker
- 15 Connor Frickman
- 22 Landon Gilbert
- 29 Joey Crocker

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- 1 No Children's Worship
- 8 Jeff Wood and Haley Jones
- 15 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
- 22 Stephanie Wood and Rob Wood
- 29 Stephanie Wood and Rob Wood

ELDER

Scott Martin

SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE

Bob Stolle

UFH GREETER

Carolyn Johnson

September Upcoming Events



- Sep 1.** 12th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sep 2.** Labor Day, Office Closed
- Sep 3.** Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH
- Sep 4.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sep 6.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Sep 8.** 13th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sep 9.** Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sep 10.** Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 pm
Pleasant Grove Baptist Missionary Church
M&O Monthly Visit 1:00 pm
- Sep 11.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sep 13.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Sep 14.** EPC Ordained Elder Training
Christ the King Church in Durham, 9:00 am
- Sep 15.** 14th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sep 17.** Presbyterian Women Joint Circle 7:00 pm
- Sep 18.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sep 19.** Card Ministry Prep Team III
at LaVette Morgan's Home 1:00
- Sep 20.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Sep 21.** Providence Women's September BINGO
12:00 Noon in the UFH
- Sep 22.** 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Men's Fellowship Breakfast UFH 7:30 am
- Sep 23.** Newsletter deadline
- Sep 24.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am UFH
- Sep 25.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sep 27.** Youth BBQ 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
No Fellowship & Fitness Group
- Sep 29.** 16th Sunday after Pentecost