

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

February 2022



From the Pastor's Study...

As we continue to learn about how we can be effective Ambassadors for Christ I would like to share with you an inspirational story from The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart by Charles R. Swindoll.

It is my opinion that the best evangelistic center in the greater metropolitan Boston area is not a church. It is a filling station in Arlington. It was owned and operated by a man named Bob who caught the vision early in his life that his vocation and his calling were to be welded together. As time passed, his station became known as the place to go for gas, new tires, or other car service. I have seen a half-dozen cars lined bumper to bumper near two pumps in front of that little station just waiting to be served by that man. He has no banners out, no "Jesus Saves" flags, no signs, no "ichthuses" [fish logos], nothing plastered all over the station or in the windows, no sign, "Bring your car to Bob and take your soul to Jesus." He simply *did his job!* He did it well and people knew he was in partnership with the Lord. He led dozens of people to faith in Jesus Christ.

First I would like you to notice that people knew he was a Christian. The story doesn't tell us how he communicated this fact but word got out. We need not be ashamed of our faith in Christ and we must find appropriate ways to communicate this reality. One simple approach is in how we answer the question on Monday morning, "What did you do this weekend?" Talk about the yard work, the home projects, the family time, the trips, and include that fact that you went to church or you couldn't make it to church. Another idea is that if someone shares a difficult situation in their life how about asking the question, "May I pray for you?" As your friends, neighbors, and co-workers begin to understand that there are spiritual elements to our lives it will open doors to who drives us spiritually and how Christ shapes and directs our lives.

We also learn from this short story to live lives of integrity. We must do our jobs and do them well. We must integrate our beliefs with our actions. People will notice our actions much more than our words and our words will have greater effect if our actions have already displayed the truth contained in those words. How can we share words about grace, mercy, justice, love, and peace unless we are living lives which reflect those words? No matter what we do or where life takes us we can be Christ's Ambassadors everywhere.

May God bless us all as we continue to learn to be Christ's Ambassadors!



Pastor Roger

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)*

FEBRUARY SCHEDULES AND EVENTS *

ACOLYTE

6 Sofia Roberts
 13 Nadia DeJesus
 20 William Stephenson
 27 Brock Nelms

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

6 Kristy Stephenson
 13 Eva Stephenson
 20 Barri Martin
 27 Miriam Lambert

ELDER OF THE MONTH

John Mott

GREETERS

Session

LAY LEADER

6 Jeff Wood
 13 Mary Ann Booth
 20 Kevin Creech
 27 Eric Faircloth

NURSERY

6 Lily Martin and Lilly Harrison
 13 Beth Pickens and Phoebe Creech
 20 Monica Jackson and Eva Stephenson
 27 Allison Nelms and Lily Martin

PRAYER TEAM

6 Allison Nelms
 13 Vickie Faircloth
 20 Barri Martin
 27 Allison Nelms

SECURITY

Bill Jackson

USHERS

6 Ryan Nelms, Pete Booth and Eric Faircloth
 13 John Kopanski, Donna Stolle, and John Pickens
 20 Pete Booth, Vickie Faircloth, and Kristy Stephenson
 27 Tony Bryant, John Kopanski, and Donna Stolle

*Please Note:

Changes to schedules may occur depending on PPC Policies. Please look for any special announcements or updates.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



February Anniversaries:

6 Ron and Pat Forren
 12 Worth and Patsy Bowman
 24 Payton and Angie Searcy

February Birthdays:

1 Payton Searcy
 2 Ava Wood
 4 Kristy Stephenson
 5 Johnny Wood
 6 Becky Kleaver
 7 Lily Martin
 8 Philip Cross
 Wayne Langdon
 Mark Nelms
 9 Kevin Creech
 10 JoAnn Creech
 14 Linda Roberts
 15 Andy Dupree
 Joyce Lamm
 Beth Wolak
 16 Cooper Nordan
 Jimmy Stuart
 18 Beth Pickens
 21 Wade Johnson
 Edsel Penny
 23 Donna Stolle
 24 Kelly Daniel
 25 Tony Bryant
 Barbara Walton
 27 Carly Hughes



February Upcoming Events



- Feb 2. PPC Men's Bible Study Breakfast 6:00 am
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Room
- Feb 4. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Feb 5. Dolls On Mission Ministry Workshop 9:00 am
- Feb 6. Sunday Worship
Communion Sunday
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
- Feb 7. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Feb 9. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Room
- Feb 11. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Feb 12. PPC Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am
- Feb 13. Sunday Worship
Installation & Ordination of Officers
Souper Bowl of Caring Carryout Lunch
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
- Feb 14. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 16. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Room
- Feb 17. Fellowship Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am Choir Rm
- Feb 18. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Feb 20. Sunday Worship
New Members Class after Worship Service
PPC Kidz Meet – Movie Night
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
- Feb 21. PPC Office Closed for President's Day
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Feb 23. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Room
- Feb 25. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Feb 27. Sunday Worship
New Members Class after Worship Service
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
- Feb 28. Worship Committee Meeting 10:00 am
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Mission & Outreach Com. Meeting 11:00 am

Pastor

Rev. Roger Korsten

Session

Class of 2022

Vickie Faircloth – Worship
John Kopanski – Mission & Outreach
Donna Stolle – Fellowship

Class of 2023

Kristy Stephenson – Christian Education
John Pickens – Personnel
John Mott – Property

Class of 2024

Kent Walton - Congregational Care
Jeff Wood – Long Range Planning
Don Sturgis– Financial



Church Staff

Administrative Assistant

Cindy Lynch

Custodial


Elizabeth Stock

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

Angie Searcy



Accounting Treasurer

Bob Stolle

Clerk

Rich Lambert

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Newsletter

Cindy Lynch

Sunday School Superintendent

Kristy Stephenson

AV Team

Sam Stephenson

Website

David Nelms



**PPC Youth Group
Souper Bowl of Caring
Carryout Lunch**

PPC's Youth Group will be hosting a Souper Bowl of Caring carryout lunch on February 13th after Worship. All donations received will go towards the purchase of food supplies for the West Johnston Food Pantry. The youth are taking pre-orders in the foyer before and after Worship through February 6th. Soups may be picked up in a drive through on February 13th after Worship from the lower fellowship hall. Thank you for supporting our PPC Youth and the West Johnston Food Pantry.

New Members Class

New Members Classes February 20th and 27th - these classes will meet after the Worship Services. Lunch is included. To sign up, please see Rev. Roger Korsten.



PPC BLOOD DRIVE

Was a success!

We received 37 pints and would like to thank everyone that came out and gave blood and those who helped set up and take down.

Please mark your calendars for our next **Blood Drive June 10th**.



**American
Red Cross**

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 Kent Walton at kw Walton1@nc.rr.com



Prayer Shawls Available

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 in your chair - they are cleaned after each use.*

Men's Fellowship Group Assistance

Small chores & household assistance is available by the Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, contact Eric Faircloth at aefaircloth70@gmail.com, or 919-201-2696.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast

Our PPC Men's Bible Study Breakfast Groups will be held on:

Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:00 am

Saturday, February 12th at 7:00 am



Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group

We would like you to walk and fellowship with us on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 11:00 am weather permitting in the upper parking lot, otherwise in the UFH

All are welcome!



2021 Financial Summary

Following up from a successful 2020 when we refinanced our mortgage with favorable terms, the year 2021 was another successful year for Providence Presbyterian Church. Motivated by an anonymous matching gift, we are able to raise sufficient funds to satisfy the terms of our dismissal settlement with the Presbyterian Church (USA). With the help of another anonymous donation, our General Fund receipts increased by 10% compared to 2020. Total General Fund receipts were \$344,405.67 and our General Fund expenses were \$43,548.71 under budget at \$293,620.64. The pandemic was a major factor in reducing expenses for the year. Including our Designated Fund, our total receipts for the year were \$512,528.17 and total expenses were \$435,681.99. For more information, please contact Sam Stephenson at 919-757-5869.



Flowers for 2022

**Save Your Date
To Honor, Remember or Celebrate!**

If you are interested in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary on any given Sunday in 2022, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. At the end of the worship service you provided flowers, you are free to then take them home. Beth Pickens is our Flower Coordinator and she will be glad to help with any questions; she is at 919-697-5663, or <bpickens80@gmail.com> Thank you to all who participate in this ministry that contributes to the beauty of our sanctuary!



Helpful Information on Finance and Donations at PPC



On-Line Donations - We accept electronic checks as well as debit cards and credit cards. Processing costs are lowest with electronic checks. We have added a “GIVE” menu option on the top right of the main page of the church website, <https://www.providencepresb.org>. Selecting this menu option will open a page entitled “ONLINE GIVING.” Pressing the “DONATE” button on this page will open our donation web page. Please consider selecting the option to add 2% to your donation to help the church with processing costs. These processing costs are less when using a debit card compared to a credit card but donations of any type are always greatly appreciated. You can also access the donation web page directly by following this link: <https://pay.xpress-pay.com/?org=B5432DBFE5A94E6>. (You may also copy and paste the link into your browser.) Please contact Don Sturgis at donaldwsturgis@yahoo.com or 540-903-2062 with any questions.

Finance - The finance committee would like to remind the congregation that you can mail your offering to the church: 14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501. Mailing your tithes and offerings will allow us to continue paying the mortgage and other monthly bills, like the light bill, without dipping into reserve funds. Providence will pick up mail directly from the post office.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Chic (Charles) Folkman at Avendelle Assisted Living at Garner; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court Nursing and Rehab Center, in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon** at *Litchford Falls in Raleigh*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Scott Barnes, Heather Benson, (Christiane Wright); **Joanne Boyle**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner**, (*Brittany Davidson*); **Shepherd Byrd**, (*Brenda Byrd*); **Paula Coates**, (*A. Benson*); **Tabitha Collier, Jamie Harris**, (*A. Jones*); **Consuelo Hawkins**, (*Sue Bryant*); **Sylvia Holbrook**, (*C. Johnson*); **Nancy Hults**, (*Carolyn Stevenson*); **John Husuley**, (*C. Johnson*); **Terasha McChann**, (*Bob Reed*); **Ryan Newnam, Bill Rice**, (*C. Johnson*); **Andrew S.**, (*Sonderfan*); **Carol Sawyer**, (*Ray Sawyer*); **Thomas Stephenson**, (*Haley Jones*); **Mike Stropich**, (*Shawn & Rev. Nadia*).

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

H. Andrews, (*Andrea Jones*); **Sara Barber**, (*V. Faircloth*); **Debbie Bender and John**, (*M. Lambert*); **Dean Benson**, (*Beck*); **Worth Bowman, Ronnie Boyd**, (*M. Lambert*); **Rufus Brown**, (*V. Faircloth*); **Evelyn Burdette, Joey Crocker, Junior Cassidy**, (*E. Newnam*); **JoAnn Creech, Ricky Denning, Norma & Charles Evans**, (*C. Johnson*); **Chic & Mary Lou Folkman, Pat Forren; Ronda Fullenkamp**, (*Rick & Margie Taylor*); **Jordan Kefauver**, (*B. Jones*); **David Guss**, (*A. Jones*); **Keith Hamilton**, (*Mott*); **Willie Hardison**, (*Carol Sawyer*); **John Harris**, (*A. Jones*); **Karen Cherry Houston**, (*C. Davidson*); **Brian Johnson**, (*Don Dupree*); **Tonya Johnson**, (*EPC, Galatia PC*); **Laura Kershaw**, (*Jonathan & Carole Kershaw*); **Harley Kremer**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Cathy Maddux, Roger McGee**, (*Allison N.*); **Ray Manuel**, (*Nadine Reed*); **Bill Massey**, (*Bob Reed*); **Bill McClandless**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Ken McGee**, (*A. Benson*); **Patsy McLeod**, (*Wendy S.*); **Elsie Nederhoff**, (*L. Roberts*); **Daphne Noles**; (*Christiane Nooney*); **Mary Tyler Nordan**, (*Nordans*); **Ed & Lou Penny, Mary Powell, Colton Reed**, (*Robert Reed*); **Caleb Reese**, (*A. Jones*); **Lycia Reese**, (*A. Jones*); **Jim Ricker**, (*Newnam's*); **Laeron Roberts**, (*Roberts*); **John Rogers, Marty Smith, Peggy Smith**, (*J. Mott*); **Mitch Sonderfan**, (*D. Sonderfan*); **Starr**, (*Zattieros*); **Stephen Southers, Ann K. Stephenson, Joseph Stewart**, (*Kathy Wood*); **Charles Tadlock**, (*P. Collier*); **Jean Yeager**, (*Rich Lambert*); and **Eva Younts**, (*Nadine Reed*).

For Our Nation and Our World, including:

The governments of the world, our school and church safety, our military, and first responders.

Our Christian sympathies are extended to the families and friends
who lost loved ones this past month.



Highlights of January 17, 2022, Session Meeting

Worship

Additional chairs have been purchased to replenish those borrowed from the meeting rooms and to replace some of the older chairs in the Upper Fellowship Hall for Worship services.

Due to recent virus reports the Session asked that additional signs be placed in the Church recommending the wearing of masks.

Mission and Outreach

The Session voted to tithe 10% of the \$45,609.91 of a recent gift to the Church. The Session will decide how best to distribute the remainder of the gift at a later meeting. The Mission and Outreach Committee will use the funds as lead by the Lord and consistent with the Church's mission. Church members contributed 55 toys to the Marine Toys for Tots campaign for Christmas. Thanks for your generous support.

Christian Education

Planning for events such as the ski trip, Caswell Youth Camp and Super Bowl Watch Party are well under way. Look for updates in the future.

Congregation Care

There will be a special recognition in a Worship Service to honor Margaret Massengill for her leadership in establishing the Historical Room at Providence to help preserve our history.

Property

Lighting for the Old Fairgrounds entrance has been improved by the installation of an additional light. The Church recently passed the required triennial fire safety inspection.

Financial Report as of December 31, 2021

Account Balances

Checking Account	\$ 97,250
Mortgage	\$ 560,803
Designated Fund	\$ 70,982
General Fund	\$ 11,655

Receipts and Expenses

<u>Category</u>	<u>December 2021</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 83,018	\$ 344,406
General Fund Expenses ¹	\$ 25,944	\$ 293,621
Net General Fund	\$ 57,074	\$ 50,785

Outgoing Finance Elder Sam Stephenson stated that the church finished 2021 in a strong financial situation and is blessed by the generous giving by the congregation and church community.

Other Information

Elders Vickie Faircloth and Jeff Wood will be accompanying Pastor Roger Korsten to the upcoming Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in Durham.

Congregational and Corporation meetings have been set for January 30 after the morning Worship. The Congregational meeting will be held to nominate Rich Lambert for elder for the purpose of serving as clerk to the Session. Installation of Elders will be held during the Worship service February 13.

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- Pastor Roger provided the following heading which incorporated the following items:

What is God Leading us to Do and What is God's Timing

Pay off Debt

Pre-School/Day Care/After School Tutoring

New Sanctuary

Family Pastor (Associate)

Evening Praise and Prayer Services

Community Outreach Events

Pastor Roger asked each Elder to consider and be in prayer with regards to the above-mentioned items. He indicated that an evening praise and prayer service could possibly begin the early part of 2022. The service would be presented in a contemporary style of worship.

Team Building

Pastor Roger provided each Elder the opportunity to voice any items they may have with regards to their committees. He indicated that the Session is a team and we are here to be supportive of each other and each committee ministry. The following items were presented by Committee Chairpersons:

Long-Range Planning: Scott Martin said it would be helpful for each committee to convey their ministry activities (current and projected) to the Long-Range Planning Committee ("LRP"). The committee could assist with ministry facilitation and implementation. Pastor Roger asked that Scott convey to the LRP Committee the items previously presented in this text under the heading of What is God Leading us to Do and What is God's Timing. *LRP Committee was removed as a standing Session committee in July of 2021. However, Pastor Roger believes that the committee is an integral component of church vision and achievement. Thus, it is the consensus of the Session that this committee will be reinstated as a standing Session committee.*

Christian Education Committee: Kristy Stephenson conveyed that the committee is in need of volunteers to assist with committee ministries. Session will assist in this effort. As well, Pastor Roger indicated he could express this need during worship service.

Financial Committee Report: Sam Stephenson reviewed the October 2021 financial report and provided the following information:

- The mortgage balance is \$585,150.89. Money Market Savings balance is \$85,973.34. Bank Checking Account balance is \$99,732.40.
- Designated Fund book balance is \$86,219.05. General Fund book balance is \$225.01.
- Remaining 2020 Homecoming Offering balance is \$20,783.30.
- Development Fund balance is \$100.00 (**As previously approved by the Session, the remaining balance in the Development Fund of \$100.00 will be applied to the principle of the mortgage*)
- Transfer of \$7,000 was made from Homecoming Fund 2020 to the General Fund.

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After the Congregational meeting a meeting of the Corporation will be held to elect new officers. Nominees are John Mott, office of president, Vickie Faircloth vice president, John Kopanski, secretary, and Don Sturgis, treasurer.

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.

If you would like to reach Rev. Roger
Korsten after office hours, please call
440-655-4351.

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 or address distribution
additions/deletions or other messages for
broadcast via email to the congregation to:
ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com
or call the office number, 919-894-4063.*



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"

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Donation Option

Providence can accept donations
of stocks and other securities. To
make a donation or obtain more
information, please contact Ann
Benson, Collections Treasurer.



Reminder!



Deadlines for the Month:

Bulletin and Friday Reminder Deadline: Wednesdays, 12:00 pm
Monthly Newsletter: 23rd of the month, 1:00 pm

Available on the website:

Church Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads"
Sunday Worship Messages and other updates also on Facebook:
Providence Presbyterian Church at McGee's Crossroads, Inc.

Food Donation Ministries

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

Backpack Buddies Most Needed Items:

Individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice
Fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, and pears)
Individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits
Soup, tuna, ravioli (Pop-Top Lids a Plus)
Granola bars

West Johnston High School Community Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, and soups (Pop-Top Lids a Plus)
Whole grain pastas, brown rice, dried beans, cereal
Peanut butter and other nut butters
Sugar-free puddings
Hygiene products

Thank You For Your Support, Mission & Outreach Committee

